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## Faye Hards – Harcourt's Community Member of the Year



Bruce Bickford, Lady William (Ruth Hay), Faye Hards, Scott Victor-Gordon and King Jonathon (Phillip Hay).

THIS YEAR'S APPLEFEST, held on March 12, had a new highlight added to the program which was the presentation of the service award to Harcourt's Community Member of the Year.

In front of the large crowd gathered at the Applefest stage in James Park, the Lions Club President, Scott Victor-Gordon said, 'The Harcourt Lions are pleased to be able to present the award of Harcourt Community Member of the Year to Faye Hards for her tireless work within the sporting community of Harcourt. Faye has been involved with both the Harcourt Football/Netball Club and the Harcourt Tennis Club for many years. It was clear from the information we received

about Faye that she has made significant contributions on a number of levels. These efforts have not only brought improvements to physical assets at the clubs but have also lifted and maintained the spirit of those who belong to the clubs. Congratulations Faye.'

Scott then called on Bruce Bickford, a member of the Harcourt Tennis Club to speak about Faye's work at both clubs.

Bruce said, 'It is with great pleasure that the Harcourt Tennis Club congratulates Faye Hards for being this year's recipient of the Harcourt Community Member of the Year Award.'

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### DEADLINES & PUBLICATION DATES

We aim to publish by the 6th of the month. The deadline for submissions is the 24th of the month prior. Advertisers and community groups will be sent reminder emails. **There is no edition in January.**



# Highlights of Harcourt Applefest 2022

What a great day it was! The sun shone, the wind (which had blown strongly all week) dropped and families came out in force to savour the delights of a post-lockdown public happening in Harcourt's very central James Park. 'Brand Harcourt' was on show in a big way and shone brighter than ever.

The usual post-Applefest review meeting will be held at the Heritage Centre at 7.00 pm on Monday 11 April so this report can only be a partial view. The committee is sure to learn a few lessons at the review meeting, from the point of view of those attending the event.

Let's recall some of the highlights of the day.

## **Numbers Up**

The committee has counted the takings after the great day and is thrilled to announce that attendance of ticketed adults was 47% above the crowd numbers recorded in 2021.

## **Children's Entertainment**

The folk seated at the entry assure me that nearly 500 children came through the gate to see the dinosaurs, hear the storyteller, get their face painted and show their proud parents their art work. In what proved to be a highlight for the day, we saw Andrew Blake, Harcourt Valley Primary School Principal, glow with pride after the on-

stage performance by the school choir, an animated rendition, led from the grass in front of the stage (in the absence of a music teacher) by two children from the senior grades. Thanks also to Scott Sanders for working his magic with the microphones and the sound system. The children were heard clearly and proved to be a crowd favourite.

## **Cookery Competition**

Another first this year was to provide a microphone to the judges of the cookery competition. Thanks to Mike Rule for his help with this. When I walked past, the onlookers were engrossed in the judge's comments, picking up cooking tips given by expert judges from that most competitive of arenas, the Royal Melbourne Show.

## **Plenty of Shade – Thank you Visit Victoria**

An innovation this year was the provision of shade umbrellas, funded by Visit Victoria through the Regional Community Events Fund. Because there was plenty of seating in the shade, the crowds stayed all day, soaking up the vibe and relaxing to hear the on-stage entertainment, which commenced with a superb, all-too-brief recital by Thompson's Foundry Band and finished with a popular performance by local-boy-

makes-the-big-time Oliver Northam and the Elsewheres.

## **Community Member of the Year – Faye Hards**

The announcement of Harcourt's 2022 'Community Member of the Year' by Harcourt Lions Club's Scott Victor-Gordon and Harcourt Tennis Club's Bruce Bickford was greeted with applause by the hundreds seated in the audience as Faye Hards came forward to receive the acclaim of the community for her long and sustained service to tennis and football in Harcourt. Congratulations Faye!

## **Engine Club and VMR**

It was heartening to see an Australian-made tractor, a Chamberlain C6100, in the Engine Club's compound. The enthusiasts from Mount Alexander Vintage Engine Club have regularly appeared at the Applefest to show off their treasures. The VMR exhibit was also a magnet – a harbinger of another great step forward for Harcourt when the Miniature Railway can be opened to the public. We live in hope!

## **Personalities**

'Aussie Apple' and 'Packy Pear' mingled happily with crowd and brought a smile to



Judy Rees-Thomas, with her three watercolours.



Marieanne Heard with her Pen and Ink work, Wombat (bottom left).



'George', Watercolour, by Neil Gude.



the faces of those they met. Lady William and King Jonathon were resplendent in their robes. Thank you to Ruth and Phillip Hay for all your enthusiasm and your gracious endorsement of all that the Applefest represents. Thanks once again to Katie Finlay and the orchardists for organising a well-received apple and pear display. Kerry Douglas gave a great Welcome to Country and it was good to see our elected representatives, Lisa Chesters and Maree Edwards come along. The electors have chosen Ms Chesters and Ms Edwards to stand among our national and state leaders; it is heartening to feel that they are accessible to the crowds at a community festival.

## Art and Crafts

Crafts of every description were on show at the Applefest and we recall, in particular, the marvellous array of skills demonstrated by the members of the Country Women's Association, who were definitely out in force at the Applefest. The surprisingly detailed canvasses created by the kids at Harcourt Pre-school provided a great backdrop to the Fruitgrowers' Tent. Inside the Heritage Centre we found artwork produced by the children of every grade at HVPS. The artwork showed great engagement with the apple/fruit growing theme. The Annual Art Show attracted

high-quality 'smaller works' from the creative members of the community. The organisers tell me that sales of paintings were at a record level.

## Apple Pie Eating Competition

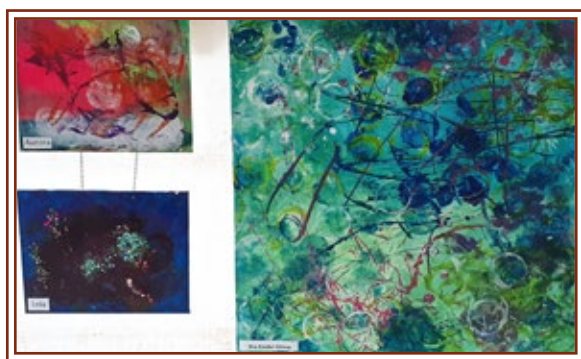
For the first time in many years, your correspondent was able to gain a front-row seat at the Apple Pie Eating Competition. It was good to see the genial smile on Paul Mizzi's face as he doled out the individual apple pies ('Hands off, you boys!') then lathered the pies with a rather generous amount of whipped cream. The judge's instructions having been given; the contestants went into action. Parent onlookers groaned as table manners were forgotten and cream-smothered fingers were licked assiduously. 'My son is being particularly feral!' said one mother standing near me. The whole spectacle made for a good belly-laugh for the spectators.

## Thank you

Perhaps it was the layout of the festival, or the provision of shaded seating, or the all-encompassing presence of friends and loved ones but, whatever the cause, I was happier and far less exhausted after the day out at the Harcourt Applefest 2022 than I had been for many a year.

A big thank you, on behalf of the committee, goes to all who planned, who contributed and who volunteered to make Harcourt Applefest 2022 such a great success.

George Milford



Above and below – some of the students' works.



Kindergarten paintings.

## Applefest Art Show Awards 2022

<b>Best in Show</b> (Chairman's Award)	\$300
Artist: Bruce Ramage,	Title: 'Harcourt View'
<b>Highly Commended Oil/Acrylic</b>	ASQ voucher \$50
Artist: Russell Annear,	Title: 'At the Point'
<b>Best Oil/Acrylic</b> (Cameron Lang Memorial Award)	\$150
Artist: Stephen Phillis,	Title: 'Impressions around Harcourt'.
<b>Highly Commended Watercolour</b>	ASQ voucher \$50
Artist: Carolyn Marrone,	Title: 'Can't Beat a Good Book'
<b>Best Watercolour</b> (Shirley Stewart Memorial Award)	\$150
Artist: Peggy Shaw,	Title: 'Farm Shed'
<b>Highly Commended Other Medium</b>	ASQ voucher \$50
Artist: Helen Wakefield,	Title: 'Stony Creek'
<b>Best Other Medium</b>	\$150
Artist: Jill Reid Connors,	Title: 'Gum Blossom Brilliance'

<b>Highly Commended Local Subject</b>	ASQ voucher \$50
Artist: Linda Newton,	Title: 'Budgerigar Trio'
<b>Best Local Subject</b>	\$150
Artist: Neil Gude,	Title: 'George'

## STUDENT AWARDS

<b>Highly Commended Junior 12 years &amp; under</b>	\$20
Artist: Archie West,	Title: 'Dancing in the Apple Orchard'
<b>Best Junior 12 years &amp; under</b>	\$40
Artist: Rhys Auhl:	Title: 'Huggy Wuggy'
<b>Highly Commended Senior 13 to 18 years</b>	\$30
No entries	
<b>Best Senior 13 to 18 years</b>	\$60
No entries	

# Harcourt Progress Association

The past six weeks have been busy for the Harcourt Progress Association. A huge amount of work was done around the proposed amendments to the local planning scheme (Plan Harcourt). Between engaging with Council in the months preceding and then preparing the written submission (available at [harcourtprogress.org.au](http://harcourtprogress.org.au)) this was the HPA's single focus for a long time. I believe the HPA did an honest job in collating and representing the community's views. Our submission was practical and balanced, delivering an actionable set of requests that support sustainable and resilient community development. We hope this will receive serious consideration from Council and the independent review panel.

## Harcourt Railway Station

The Harcourt Railway Station renovation project also began in earnest with the Council/HPA working group meeting for the first time. There are many issues for the group to consider – chief among them being the establishment of an appropriate and sustainable governance and people management model to deliver a programme of activities which meets community needs. The momentum after the last meeting is towards a Community House model, which is preferred by VicTrack. Such a model is tested, well understood and offers a clear pathway to funding. It also provides a solid foundation for any community aspirations while remaining flexible enough to allow Harcourt to project its own identity and priorities.

## The Roundabout

The roundabout redesign also progressed this month with a presentation from Regional Roads Victoria, in cooperation with Council and HPA, held in ANA Hall. A robust conversation reviewing the design occurred on the night. RRV recorded the feedback, and a response will follow in due course. The process



*RRV representative Barry Green and Karen Evennett, Manager Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities for the Shire lead the discussion about the proposed landscape plan for the roundabout on 31 March.*

must be concluded before July to ensure restructuring within RRV does not interfere with the project. More information, including a preview of the proposed design can be found here: [harcourtprogress.org.au/initiatives/roundabout](http://harcourtprogress.org.au/initiatives/roundabout)

## Gather Harcourt

Finally, the HPA is most likely going to proceed with hosting a second Gather Harcourt event on the Saturday 21st of May 2022. The event will follow the same format as the previous with Music, Market Stalls and HPA bar. See our website for more information.

*David Foley*  
President

## NEW STAFF WANTED AT THE CORE

The Core is looking to expand its editorial and reporting team.

Thank you to those who have stepped up! We will still gratefully accept any volunteers.

Are you interested in reporting, taking photos, proofreading or editing?

If you have an interest in our community – sports/ events/issues etc, please consider joining us.

You will need some confidence in talking to people, taking notes and using computer skills.

Training and support will be on hand and paid for when needed.

Attendance paid for the annual Community Newspapers Association of Victoria Conference – learn more about community newspapers!

Contact the editor, Robyn Miller: 0467 670 271 or by email: [news@harcourt.vic.au](mailto:news@harcourt.vic.au)

The Core online has live links – Click a link to go to the website or to open your email software.



## Harcourt ANZAC Day Observance 2022

Residents wishing to pay their respects on ANZAC Day are invited to assemble at Harcourt Heritage Centre (ANA Hall) High Street, Harcourt at 2.30 pm on Monday 25 April.

The Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band will be in attendance and will lead the march from the Heritage Centre to the War Memorial at Stanley Park, arriving at 3.00 pm for the formal service of remembrance, wreath laying, recital of *The Ode to the Fallen*, 'Last Post and Reveille'.

Service medals are to be worn. District organisations are invited to bring wreaths.

All are welcome.

## Have Your Say on Council Buildings

The ANA Hall and the Leisure Centre are important to the Harcourt Community. If you use these buildings or any other building maintained by Council in Harcourt you will be familiar with their condition. Now is your chance to give information to Council as it is calling for input about the conditions of Council buildings.

Council is encouraging residents to complete a quick, online survey to inform them on how these spaces are used.

Feedback provided will help Council build a stronger case for more support and greater investment in these valuable community assets.

By way of background, in December last year Council undertook an audit of hundreds of buildings and structures throughout the shire as part of their asset management process.

Council is continuing that work through this survey, which is hoped will provide useful information as to how people use community buildings, and also how they feel about the condition of these facilities.

To have your say: [shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/community-buildings](https://shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/community-buildings)

## Community Member of the Year

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'Faye is the kind of person who is always willing to give, and takes time out of her busy schedule to meet all of the Tennis Club's administrative needs. Faye performs above and beyond and has been able to navigate and execute several opportunities to facilitate the development and improvements to our club. Faye's persistent endeavours have enabled the club to have plexi-surfaced courts, storage shed, shelters, light installations, the new change rooms, tank and all manner of maintenance, just to name a few.

'Fondly known as the 'go to' person for most things at our club, Faye is helpful, caring and resourceful, and is always so well organised. Our club is a very happy place due to her substantial contribution. Faye takes it upon herself to provide exceptional support to all our teams.

'Faye is a wonderful ambassador for our club and recently I heard her say she has been playing for over 50 years. In the time that I have known Faye, she has been a fantastic team mate and administrator, she is always cheerful and exceptional in everything she does.

'Her attention to detail and loyalty to the club have endeared her to her team mates. She is a true champion for tennis, with her tireless commitment to servicing our club. Through many years, Faye has made a difference in our tennis community, exemplified by the number of teams Harcourt has had and their successes. Faye has positively impacted the people of our club, with her skills, not only in the 50 years of playing but, also with her tireless dedication to the committee.'

Faye was brought onto the stage to be presented with her certificate, accompanied by loud applause from the crowd.

Bruce then continued to read comments supplied by Max Murphy, past president of the Harcourt Football Netball Club.

'Faye has been a dedicated Harcourt Football Netball Club supporter, member, committee member and office bearer. In fact, the Hards and Wilkinson families have been staunch supporters of the Harcourt Football Netball Club for generations.

'Faye was a hard-working committee member of the club during the multiple premierships years from 2000 to 2008; she was treasurer for seven of those nine years. Faye was made a Life Member of the club to recognise her contribution during this time. Faye continues today to be an active supporter of the club. As a past President, I would like to congratulate Faye on her well-deserved award.'

Members of the Tennis Club had intended to present the award to Faye in 2021, but COVID intervened. In the meantime, the Harcourt Lions decided to switch the date of the Award Ceremony from Australia Day to Applefest, a move which has proved a great success. The heightened profile for the Community Member of the Year Award and the Harcourt Community Youth of the Year Award should see plenty of nominations in 2023.

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## Radio Waves Hit Harcourt Bowling Club

It's 40 years since 3CCC hit the air from the Harcourt railway station in 1982.

To celebrate the anniversary, Ian Braybrook will launch his new book **Radio Waves**, a history of Community Radio in Central Victoria.

These days Community Radio and FM are commonplace, but back then, few people in the bush had heard of it. The beginning of 3CCC at Harcourt had a massive impact.

**When:** Anzac Day, April 25, starts at 12.30 pm.

**Who:** Everyone – former-volunteers, families, listeners, interested people.

**Where:** Harcourt Bowling Club.

## Chesters Slams Government's Cuts to Services Australia

Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters has slammed the Morrison Government for announcing 2,719 job cuts to Services Australia in the recent Federal Budget.

She said, 'It's outrageous that the frontline safety net provided by Services Australia is being slashed by almost 3,000 workers. Over the last few weeks my office has received a number of reports of delays with Services Australia payments because they are short staffed following the floods in Queensland and New South Wales. These natural disasters have exacerbated the pressure on resources which the ongoing pandemic has caused.'

'Everyone from pensioners to parents receiving childcare payments, to students on youth allowance, will be affected by these job cuts. It is not acceptable that thousands of people living in the Bendigo region who rely on Centrelink payments to survive are being forced to use an overstretched and under-funded service. These cuts will lead to increased waiting times and deteriorating support for a broad section of the Bendigo and Central Victorian community.'

'The most obvious and immediate impact of this decision is that local people who work at Services Australia will lose their jobs. These workers and their families now face an uncertain future.'

Ms Chesters concluded by saying, 'The agency's budget for 2022-23 will be \$4.6 billion, down from \$5.3 billion last year.'

*From a Press Release 4 April, 2022*



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## Harcourt Valley Primary School

### A 'Full On' First Term at HVPS

By the time some Core readers obtain this month's edition, it is more than likely that HVPS students will have begun their first term holidays. I feel sure students and teachers are looking forward to their break too. The last day of term is Friday 8 April; second term begins on 26 of April. We wish all staff and students happy and safe holidays.

Staff, students and parents certainly put in a massive effort at the Applefest. Many of you will have heard the school choir sing and viewed the students' art work at the Art Show. Apple pies and other goodies made by parents and others raised \$4,473.27 towards improving the school oval, which was a great effort. Sale of apple pies was running hot and they were sold out early in the afternoon.

Student leadership positions were announced on 3 March. Congratulations to the students who are now the school's captains and vice captains, Grade 6 council representatives and house captains. Elections for the School Council have been held and most positions have been filled, however, there are still a few vacancies. The Council will be holding its AGM on 4 April.

The week beginning 21 March was Harmony Week. Students were encouraged to engage in inclusive, meaningful conversations with their peers during this week. Grade 5 and 6 students have submitted pieces they have written on the topic to this edition of *The Core*. The Core editorial team is working with Ms Rowlands, the Grade 5/6 teacher, to feature a student article in each month's edition of *The Core*. At the end of the year, the Core team and the school staff will work together to select an outstanding student contribution to *The Core* from the graduating Grade 6 class. This will be The Core Literary Award.

On Tuesday 29 March, the school will be hosting a House Cross Country Sports Day at the school. As it is an outdoor event, parents and carers will be able to attend. The three school house teams, Lang, Mitchell and Barker will be wearing their house colours and competing against each other. Students are now able to participate in school excursions. On Thursday 31 March, Grades 5/6 will be visiting Quantum. How much more interesting does this make school? Out-of-class activities are probably a lot more exciting than doing the NAPLAN tests, which grades 3 to 5 will be undertaking next term!

There have been, and are about to be, some staff changes. Mrs Field has taken up a position at Bendigo Special Developmental School, Mrs Stearne is the new Literacy and Numeracy teacher and Mrs Fields will be moving to White Hills Primary School at the end of this term.

We wish everyone at HVPS a happy term break.

*Lois Denham*



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# Students Write

## Grades 5 and 6 –Harmony Day – Everyone Belongs

Harmony day occurs every year. It is a day to celebrate all the different cultures of Australia. It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the original inhabitants of our country, the Indigenous Australians as well as celebrate people who have come to Australia from different countries in order to find a beautiful place to live and live in Harmony.

### What does 'Everyone Belongs' mean?

Everyone belongs means we are all part of this world and despite our differences and all come together to celebrate and bring us closer to each other. It is about acceptance and understanding of everyone and promoting equality with all cultures, race, religion, gender, sexuality and beliefs.

### Our Projects:

Our class is creating a harmony piece on Minecraft Education about what Harmony day means to us and what 'Everyone Belongs' looks like to us. We are creating these pieces because we are trying to teach others what Harmony Day and the different ways it looks. We are using what we already know about Harmony Week and using our Minecraft skills to learn more but about what we already know just more depth. I learnt what everyone belongs in all different languages.

Our creations on Minecraft are based on a range of topics around everyone. Our whole class is contributing to that topic and is learning about the different ways that harmony is represented.

*Authors: Isabelle, Reagan, Libby, Jorja Grade 5/6, Harcourt Valley Primary School.*



We are creating a village that represents LGBTQ+ in a jungle-themed area. (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer.)

Our examples of different sexuality for our Minecraft world are:

- In the middle is our village/huts for our LGBTQ+ citizens that Emma has made.
- On the left is our rainbow roofed shop area for different LGBTQ+ outfits so everyone feels loved that Gemma has made.
- And all of the jungle themed trees and the LGBTQ+ sign was made by Celene.

I believe that if you're Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Queer you are loved and you belong in this world even if others think different. Always remember that no one is perfect and you are you.

*Authors: Celene Marsh, Emma Mills & Gemma Hartnett*

'Our topic is about religion and how all religions should be treated the same. We are building a monument for each religion. For example a church for Christianity and a monastery for Buddhism.'

*Authors: Jack and Archer*



We have created a destroyed village to represent the refugees and a church to represent how the refugees survived. Jaycob has done the village and I have done the church.

*Authors: Jaycob and Darcy*



1st The army because they made Australian humans stay alive/ the army sacrificed themselves for us humans to stay alive.

2nd No matter who you don't like it doesn't mean you can try and kill the world.

3rd We all belong, it doesn't matter what we like or care about.

4th No matter what gender or sexuality we are, it doesn't matter.

5th No matter what skin colour, we all belong.

6th It doesn't matter where we are from we all belong.

*By Makenzie & Phoebe*



Sam and I have been building a farm land that was based on the aboriginals' tribes and villages in Australia. We have farm land, Cattle, houses, hills and bridges.

*Authors: Sam and Kale*



This is Jorja's and Ryah's Scottish based village as both our dad's originated from Scotland. We have managed to put all the heritages together to make a great big village.

*Authors: Jorja and Ryah*

**Note: This text has not been edited. It is as written by the students.**



## Harcourt CFA Fire Restrictions Have Ended But ...

Fire restrictions for Mount Alexander, Greater Bendigo and Central Goldfields Shires ended on Monday 28 March for the 2021/22 fire season. While this now means that burning off is now allowed without a permit, local council bylaws with regard to burning off apply. It is important that you know what is applicable to where you live and relevant to the size of your property. Also what other responsibilities you must undertake.

**If burning off, please register your burn by phoning 1800 668 511** to avoid the brigade being turned out unnecessarily. Prepare for your burn by checking on weather conditions for the duration of your burn. Ensure you have all the equipment required to keep your burn under control as well as sufficient adults to assist if doing larger burns. Most calls around this time of the year are people burning off before restrictions have finished, burn offs that have got out of control and are threatening buildings or neighbouring properties and unregistered burns.

Do the right thing and you will not become a statistic in the CFA's incidents database.

Note also that there will still be areas of Victoria that could still have fire restrictions. It is your responsibility to be aware of restrictions that are still current. The CFA website maintains a list of the status of all local government areas.

### Reduction in Turnouts

March was a quiet month with only one turnout to support Lockwood Brigade to a washaway in the predawn hours of the 21st. The location was in the vicinity of the Ravenswood roundabout. The Lockwood Brigade arrived first on the scene and it was determined very quickly that we were not required. A quick lap of the roundabout and we were on our way back home.

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### Preparing for Winter

It seems that the transition from summer conditions to cooler conditions has been quite sudden. Preparing your home for the cooler months of winter should also be part of your fire safety plan. Basic steps and checks can help to reduce the risk of a fire starting in your home. The different types of home heating you use have different risks. So whether you use solid fuel, gas, electric or an alternative energy source, ensure proper maintenance is carried out before any seasonal use.

### Applefest Fundraising Activity

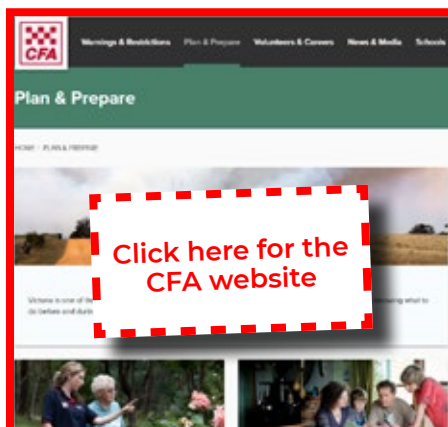
Thank you if you supported the brigade at Applefest with our spinning wheel fundraiser. All CFA brigades were given the opportunity to take up a generous donation offer from Levatine Hill Estate in the Yarra Valley. I cannot say how it stacks up against our local fine labels as I was not lucky enough to win one, but congratulations if you were one of our winners. We are still patiently waiting for our new replacement

tanker 2, which has been delayed due to parts procurement and affected production schedules. Hopefully, in the next issue of *The Core* we can share some positive news about the new tanker.

### End of Daylight Saving – Change of Smoke Alarm Battery

If you are still using the older type smoke alarms then the end of daylight saving is the trigger to change your smoke alarm battery. Smoke alarms do save lives so maintaining your smoke alarms is a vital part of your home fire safety. Do not ignore these little life savers. Look after them and they will look after you. Check the use-by date on them and replace if they have expired.

*Tyrone Rice*  
Brigade Community Safety Coordinator



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## The Benefits of Nordic Pole Walking

Ruth Hay (this year's Lady William for Applefest) has brought with her to Harcourt her love of Nordic Pole Walking which she embraced when she lived in Melbourne. Ruth said, 'I find it is a very successful answer to some ongoing arthritic and auto immune health issues. Because of extreme side effects, I could not take my prescribed medication and thought I was doomed to a life of pain and poor mobility. When I discovered Nordic Pole Walking my pain and mobility became less and less of an issue.'

Ruth is now a group leader for local Nordic Pole Walking groups and as well as its biggest fan, Ruth puts her money where her mouth is and is a great advocate.

Ruth said, 'Compared to regular walking, Nordic Pole Walking involves applying force to the poles with each stride. Nordic walkers use more of their entire body (with greater intensity) and receive fitness building stimulation (not present in normal walking) for the chest, latissimus dorsi muscle, triceps, biceps, shoulder, abdominals, spinal and other core muscles that may result in significant increases in heart rate at a given pace. Nordic walking has been estimated as producing up to a 46% increase in energy consumption, compared to walking without poles.'

Research has shown that both Nordic walking and conventional walking are beneficial for older adults. However, Nordic walking provides additional benefits in muscular strength compared to conventional walking, making it suitable for improving aerobic capacity and muscular strength as well as other components of functional fitness in a short period of time.

*From information contained in a speech by Ruth to the Castlemaine Rotary Club*



**An opportunity to learn**

### Nordic Pole Walking

**Term 2, 2022**

Groups start after Anzac Day and continue for the school term.

Nordic poles will be available for participants to use during sessions, though participants may choose to buy their own.

There is no cost involved.

**CASTLEMAINE** – Botanical Gardens Tea Room:

Mondays, 9:30–10:30 am

Tuesdays, 2:00–3:00 pm or 6:30–7:30 pm

**HARCOURT** – Leisure Centre:

Wednesdays, 9:30–10:30 am

**MALDON** – Railway Station:

Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 pm

**NEWSTEAD** – Rotunda Park:

Thursdays, 9:30–10:30 am

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.**

For more information or to book, call 5479 1000



## Nordic Pole Walking Group now in Harcourt

Nordic Pole Walking classes have proven to be extremely popular so are now offered in Castlemaine, Harcourt, Newstead, and Maldon.

A team of volunteers have recently had their qualifications updated by the Nordic Academy and as a result are enthusiastic to offer this opportunity in more locations across Mount Alexander Shire. Healthy Heart of Victoria funding provided this opportunity to volunteers.

Volunteers lead the groups and teach participants Nordic Pole Walking skills over a school term, which is about 10 weeks.

Nordic poles are available for use in classes for the duration

of the course, and volunteers can assist participants to purchase their own discounted poles if they choose to continue.

Limited spaces are available in all the groups which are kept purposely small to maximise participant safety. There is no cost for the groups which start after Anzac Day.

See the poster for group days and times.

This Nordic Pole Walking program is a Castlemaine Health program which was developed in partnership with Castlemaine Community House.

For further information and bookings, please call 5479 1000.

ADVERTISEMENT

# Maree Edwards MP

STATE MEMBER FOR BENDIGO WEST

Listening Posts are postponed until further notice.  
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## Councillor Comment

### Budget Preparation and Delegations to Council

Hi all,

I hope this finds you well. It seems like a busy time here. Thanks to the team at the *Core* what a great job they do!

Councillors have been busy working with staff to finalise the Council budget. There are some interesting projects in the pipeline, so watch this space. When the budget is out for comment it is a good opportunity to tell Council what we have got right and suggestions for things that may have missed out. Council will have a special meeting to hear from people who want to speak to their submissions.

We have had some interesting delegations at our councillor briefing sessions. This includes representatives from Business Mount Alexander and My Home Network.

Councillors would like to do something in the social housing or affordable housing space. It is a complex area and we hear lots about State Government money but will we see any of it? I wonder ...

*Best regards Tony*

*AG Cordy*

0439 742 434

## MICA GRANGE

2022 Autumn Opening



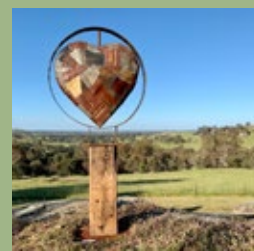
The spectacular gardens of Mica Grange with their panoramic views across the Sutton Grange valley will open for their Autumn Sculpture Exhibition on Saturday 2 April and run each weekend to Sunday 8 May with the exception of the Easter weekend. Mica Grange is closed over Easter. Group bookings are available during week days

The exhibition provides garden lovers with an abundance of creative ideas to enhance the beauty and enjoyment of their own garden. The open garden features sculptors from Victoria, South Australia and regional NSW.

Morning tea, light lunch, afternoon tea, and soft drinks can be purchased and enjoyed on the spacious decking or on seating located around the garden. In addition to the sculptures, there is a vast range of garden art, plants and preserves for sale.

Whether your interest be in traditional gardens, rose walks, proteas, native gardens, fairy gardens, vegetable gardens or simply meandering and enjoying the space of a large rural garden, Mica Grange is the place to be when you are out and about this autumn.

## MICA GRANGE Open Garden Sculpture Exhibition



**When:** Each weekend from 2 April to 8 May (Mothers Day) except Easter.  
Mica Grange is closed over the Easter break.

**Group Bookings:** Available on weekdays only.

**Contact:**

**Where:** 373 Faraday Sutton Grange Rd  
Sutton Grange

**Email:** [micagrangegarden@gmail.com](mailto:micagrangegarden@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 0499 897 242 or 0409 322 413

**Cost:** Adults \$8, Children U18 free

**Web:** [www.micagrangegarden.com.au](http://www.micagrangegarden.com.au)





# Chatting with Harcourt CWA

## CWA Branches combine for Applefest

Well, what can I say about Applefest except that it was absolutely fabulous.

What a wonderful day it was for our branch to be back with a trestle table full of baked goods, preserves, beautiful knitted dolls and an assortment of other items to tempt the many visitors who stopped at our stall. One lady said she comes to Applefest every year just to buy our preserves. High praise indeed!

Our raffle was very popular; it seems everyone wanted to win Marvellous Marlene's fabulous fruit cake with many tickets being sold, and everyone loves a CWA Hamper. I think it's because a hamper is full of delicious surprises and everyone can do with the occasional nice surprise. No one could have been more surprised than one of our very own members who not only won Marlene's Magnificent Fruitcake but the third prize as well. Second prize was won by a very happy lady from Strathfieldsaye.

This year the CWA was very well represented at Applefest by other branches in the Central Victoria Group. The Sutton Grange ladies had a very successful stall and were kept busy all day. Ann Marston, CWA and Royal Melbourne Show Cookery Judge from Maryborough Branch, had the crowds listening intently to her every tip and hint for making the best apple pie, apple cake, muffins, preserves and chutneys.

Our Harcourt Branch ACWW representative, Bev Orgill together with Group International Officer, Helen Johnstone and our Group President, Dallas Giles from Phoenix Chewton, set



*The Sutton Grange stall had many visitors.*

up a very informative ACWW display. Also, Phoenix Chewton Branch had a continuous supply of sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and, of course, the essential tea and coffee for the many visitors wanting a traditional CWA afternoon tea.

As in previous years, we once again had the CWA Rest Area. How lovely to see mums taking a break and relaxing while their little ones enjoyed a quiet time drawing and eating apples in the Big White Tent. Many thanks to members from Castlemaine, Newbridge, Newstead and Sutton Grange branches for manning the Rest Area - a great success once again!

Last year our Country of Study was Indigenous Australia but, due to COVID, our activities were very restricted. Many thanks to Vic Say for, once again, providing a Listening Tree and excellent information on the local aboriginal culture and heritage.



*Ann Marston explains what makes a good chutney.*



*Our visitors from the Malaysian Consulate in Melbourne.*

Our Country of Study this year is Malaysia so what a delight it was for the Group ACWW to have a visit from a Malaysian family from the Malaysian Consulate in Melbourne. I'm sure our Malaysian visitors will always remember Applefest. Many thanks go to our own Ayrone Teed from the Harcourt CWA Branch for believing in her dream.

*Lyn Rule  
Publicity Officer  
CWA Harcourt Branch*

## Grace Church

**Service: 11.00am Sunday**  
**All Welcome**

**Pastors: Roger & Glenise Thurecht**  
**0422 605 897**  
[gracecastlemaine.org.au](http://gracecastlemaine.org.au)

**30 Buckley Street, Harcourt**



## WALKING TOGETHER

### Towards Makarrata

*Makarrata is 'coming together after a struggle, facing the facts of wrongs and living again in peace.'*

## Dja Dja Wurrung and the Mindi

In the spiritual and religious belief system of the Dja Dja Wurrung people, two ancestral beings are the totems for the two moieties that determine the pattern for social relationships and marriage partners. The all-powerful Creator Spirit Bunjil takes the form of an eagle, and Waa the trickster that of a crow.

Snake-like Mindi also figures in their Dreaming but is not like the Rainbow Serpent in some other Aboriginal nations. This law and lore enforcer, many miles long, punishes lore breakers, and hisses poisonous dust on people bringing plagues like smallpox, and death.

Smallpox had swept through the Dja Dja Wurrung in 1789, probably introduced by Macassan traders in the north and travelling along the trade routes. The second epidemic decimated the population in 1825, when colonial settlement was expanding in eastern Australia. By 1840 there were 282 Dja Dja Wurrung, all that remained of one or two thousand estimated by Major Mitchell when he passed through their territory in 1836.

There is a stone arrangement, a representation of Mindi, on the land of the Liarga Balug clan, on Mount Barker north of Leanganook (Mount Alexander).

In January 1840, men of that clan and another clan were preparing for an

important ceremony, probably involving the stone arrangement. The charismatic clan leader of Liarga Balug, Munangabum was highly respected for his effort in shaping his people's response to European settlement.

A squatter, Henry Monroe, hoping to extend his Campaspe Plains run near present-day Heathcote, had sent some assigned convicts with a flock of sheep to two remote huts near Mount Alexander. These men felt menaced by the Dja Wurrung warriors setting up for the ceremony, and returned to Monroe with a concocted story of stolen sheep.

Monroe vowed retribution, and set off next morning with a posse to hunt down the 'sheep stealers'. Assistant Protector Edward Stone Parker was staying at the station, and fearing slaughter was about to happen, pursued the armed men. When they opened fire on the Dja Wurrung, Parker jumped down from his horse and intervened to save the leading man's life. One young man was killed, and at least one more as Monroe's rampage moved further afield.

The man Parker saved was Munangabum, who was then taken into custody in Melbourne charged with sheep stealing. The Dja Dja Wurrung leaders went to the Chief Protector, George Augustus Robinson, to plead for his

release. They feared he had the power to move Bunjil the Creator Spirit to release Mindi the snake to bring about a plague on Blacks and Whites alike. But it was Assistant Protector Parker who persisted until he managed to have Munangabum released from gaol.

A year later, Parker established the Loddon Aboriginal Protectorate Station at Franklinford, north of Lalgambook (Mt Franklin), to oversee the welfare of the people living in the area. Buildings, including a school, were constructed; some Dja Dja Wurrung worked on the farm but few became literate – or Christian. When the station was closed at the end of 1848, Parker continued to provide a safe home for the Dja Dja Wurrung, operating it as a pastoral run.

Today, descendants of the families that lived on the Franklinford protectorate live and work in Castlemaine and Bendigo districts.

**Nalderun Education Aboriginal Corporation** is a service that supports the Aboriginal Community, led by Aboriginal people. Many people and organisations in the Mount Alexander Shire contribute to Nalderun; the name is a Dja Dja Wurrung word meaning 'all together'.

More information can be found at [www.nalderun.net.au](http://www.nalderun.net.au)

## Harcourt Carpet Bowls Winter Season Starts 27 April

### Annual Meeting

Wednesday 20th April 2022

Harcourt District Leisure Centre, Bingham Road, Harcourt

7.30 pm in the kitchen meeting room

All intending players from eight years old and upwards are most welcome to attend this meeting.

Carpet bowls is an inclusive association and all will be made welcome.

If you have never played carpet bowls before, the game rules are easy to learn and member players will make sure you are shown the ropes.

We meet at the Harcourt District Leisure Centre, Bingham Road, Harcourt on Wednesday nights at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm

start. The games usually finish by 9.00 pm so it is not a late night.

### Costs

#### Registration:

Adults \$6.00

Under 17 \$3.00

#### Nightly games fee

Adults \$5.00

Under 17 \$2.50

Costs cover hall hire and insurance of players with VCCBA.

The hall is heated on the colder nights. The winter playing season will start on 27 April 2022 provided we have enough interested players to make up the teams. Come along and join in the fun of this social competition.

If you are interested in playing Carpet Bowls, but are unable to come to the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 20 April 2022 or require further information, please contact either:

Loretta 5474 2453, John 5474 2226 or Tyrone 5474 2126.





## Harcourt Uniting Church Eastertide

Easter is a time of excitement for children as they wake up to Easter eggs beside their bed or have an Easter egg hunt in the garden. When our children were young they would enjoy hunting for eggs in the garden but we had to make sure our Labrador didn't find the eggs first!

Easter is a very important part of the Church year, when we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday, with people waving palm branches to welcome him and we remember the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday, followed by his resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Easter story can be found in the Bible in the books of Matthew Chapters 27 and 28, Mark Chapters 14 and 15, Luke Chapters 23 and 24 and John Chapters 19 and 20

No doubt you've enjoyed eating some hot cross buns already as they appeared in supermarkets not long after Christmas! The hot cross bun reminds us of the cross Jesus was placed on. Easter eggs symbolise 'new life' and when broken up to eat them, we are reminded of the empty tomb where Jesus was placed before his resurrection. There are also Easter bunnies everywhere. In Australia we even have Easter Bilibies. The origin of the Easter bunny is not clearly related to the Bible stories.

We send our sympathy to the family of Marion Rennie who died recently at 93 years on her birthday. Marion was a regular member of our Church and Adult Fellowship for many years.

Members of the Harcourt Uniting Church (in Buckley Street) welcome you to join us any Sunday at 9 am. Our Good Friday Service will be a combined service at the Castlemaine Uniting Church at 10 am. Easter Sunday will be at the usual time of 9 am in the Harcourt Church.

**Johnny and his family were having Easter Sunday lunch at Grandma's. Everyone was sitting at the table as the food was served. Johnny started eating straight away. Dad said: 'Johnny we have to say a prayer for our food before we eat.' 'No' said Johnny: 'That's only at our house - this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'**

*Jan Jenkin*

## MAY DAY CONCERT

A pleasant Sunday afternoon is happening at Harcourt Uniting Church in Buckley Street on **1 May at 2:45 pm.**

Singer-songwriter **Fay White** will bring her beautiful voice, students **Thomasina** and **Mannie** will play violin and cello pieces and **Solway** will make a brief appearance on baroque flute.

To finish on a high note, the quartet **Brasslemaine** will regale us with numbers they practised during COVID times. They called themselves 'a church service' in order to abide by regulations, making sure they played a hymn or two, and practiced on Sunday afternoons for a year or two. Bigger bands can practice now too, but these four can't stop playing together.

**Afternoon tea** will follow.

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** - phone: 0410 799 297 or email: [solway@mmnet.com.au](mailto:solway@mmnet.com.au)

Admission is free on showing your COVID vaccination certificate, and audience is capped at 50.



## Tennis Finals Win for Harcourt

Harcourt won the Grand Final: 13 sets, 98 games to defeat Newbridge: 5 sets, 57 games.

It was a wonderful day for tennis with everyone playing well. It has been a very trying year with COVID and teams have had to use many different players all season, especially after Christmas. It was very difficult to get a full team each week.

Thank you to Sharon Blake for all her hard work. Our best player on the day would have to be Katrina Walters with only two games against her for the day. But it was definitely a great team effort by all. Hopefully we can get a hat trick next year!

**Anyone who is interested in playing tennis next season please call 0403 967 918. We would love to have some new players join us.**

*Faye Hards*



*Team Captains Bruce Bickford (Harcourt) and Andrew Broom (Newbridge) with the shield.*



*Harcourt Tennis Team (A Grade and B Grade combined) with the shield for 2022.*





# Harcourt Heritage Centre

## One Man's War – HA Struhs

The gunshots were sudden and unexpected. The men were on the back of a truck taking them to construct a new road through the jungle. They had travelled into unfamiliar country about two and a half kilometres from the prison camp. Without warning the work party came under heavy fire from close range. The gunfire seemed to be aimed at the Japanese. The Australian prisoners scrambled for cover. About 100 armed Chinese swarmed out of the dense roadside forest, surrounding the truck. Cautiously looking around, the POWs saw that their Japanese guards were all dead. Some of the Australian prisoners had also been killed or injured in the burst of gunfire. What was to happen next? The men had rushed frantically into the scrub at the roadside. Now they watched from their hiding places as the attackers searched the Japanese dead and took their weapons. Should they wait till they had gone and then make their way back to the prison camp? Obviously, the Chinese attackers hated the Japanese. After all, the Japanese had invaded this Chinese province. It was time for the Australians to choose. Was this to be their deliverance from two years of internment?

The date was 8 April 1944. Harcourt's Howard Arthur ('Harry') Struhs was among the Australian Prisoners of War who had survived this unexpected attack. Imagine his feelings as he looked out of the jungle at the bullet-ridden truck and its attackers.

Howard was born in 1904 and married Dorothy May Sheehan in Castlemaine when they were both 23. Times were tough; it was the height of the Great Depression. However, Howard found work at Harcourt and eventually raised six children. To get a sense of the times, we can do no better than dredge up a memory of a phrase then in common use when people met with hard times or things were broken. The saying was, 'Don't worry, little apples will grow again.'

Little apples certainly grew again (and again) throughout the 1930s in Harcourt, despite the economic depression, despite the gloom and despite the weather conditions. Unusually for Victorian towns, Harcourt provided stable employment to its workers. The export of apples was sustained, and there was an expansion of apple-related industries in the vicinity of the railway station. Locals knew that little apples would grow again, even after

the depths of winter, when the trees were bare and frosts were hard. And another of life's lessons for the people of Harcourt was this; if there were few apples on the tree this year, next year's crop would be a heavy one. Harcourt folk, including the Struhs family, endured the year 1938 when Harcourt had the lowest rainfall on record. Then the phrase was heard 'Don't worry, little apples will grow again.' And they did.

When Australia went to war, Howard Struhs enlisted (on 11 June 1940) and commenced rudimentary training. On 11 July 1940 at Trawool, near Seymour, he became a member of the 2/21st Battalion of the Australian Army. Approximately 900 men were formed into the battalion. Most were from the country areas around Central Victoria. Basic training was hampered by limited supplies and a shortage of equipment. After two-and-a-half months, the battalion was ordered to Bonegilla, near Albury. The distance, 235 kilometres, was covered on foot; the journey took eleven days. More complex training was undertaken during the next six months. Meanwhile, the Australian Government sensed that war with the Japanese was likely and earmarked the 2/21st Battalion to reinforce Dutch troops on Ambon Island to Australia's immediate north. The Australian Government did not immediately deploy the men to Ambon for fear of provoking the Japanese.

The battalion was moved to Darwin, arriving in April 1941. The men spent the next nine months training and on garrison duties at an isolated and uncomfortable camp. For the men in their out-of-the-way camp it seemed that they were on endless run-of-the-mill training, and the men began to grumble.

However, on 8 December, the Japanese invaded the British colony of Malaya, and five days later the battalion was on the move. Within four days the entire 2/21st Battalion had arrived at Ambon.

The spice-producing island of Ambon had been famous since Tudor times as the source of cloves and nutmeg. It is due north of Darwin, is mountainous and is covered in rainforest. The monsoon season runs from October to April and the average temperature is 27 degrees.

The battalion was posted to a major Dutch military base at Ambon City on a peninsula on the south-east of the island.

Japanese Imperial forces landed on Ambon on 30 and 31 January 1941 and the island's Dutch defenders soon capitulated. Despite brave and determined resistance,

the men of the 2/21st could not hold back the Japanese. Outnumbered and lacking air, naval and artillery support the 2/21st Battalion's commanding officer surrendered on 3 February 1942. Howard Struhs was among the 791 men of the battalion who became Prisoners of War, interned in their former barracks. Their conditions were poor and they suffered the highest death rate of any group of Australian prisoners of war in the period 1939-1945.

Howard Struhs withstood the poor conditions. In October 1942, he was chosen, with some other POWs of the 2/21st Battalion, to be moved to POW camps on Hainan to work at constructing port facilities, building roads, railway sidings and machine-gun pits.

Hainan is an island off the southernmost tip of mainland China. The Chinese Central Government in Beijing did not have tight control of its far flung province, nor could it help to defend the island. Left to their own devices, the native Hainanese and the newly organised communist Chinese united to fight a vigorous campaign against Imperial Japanese forces that were thus only able to occupy the coastal areas of Hainan.

After eighteen months of heavy, monotonous work and unrelenting violence from their guards, some of the Australians, including Howard Struhs, welcomed the chance to go on a working party at Hoban, on the very fringe of the Japanese-held area. The local Japanese commandant warned the Australians that there were hostile Chinese forces in the district. It seemed that the POWs were 'between the devil and the deep blue sea.'

On 8 April 1944, twenty-four POWs, including Howard, were assigned to work on a new road under construction about eight kilometres from the camp. At 9.00 am the twenty-four POWs left Hoban on a truck, accompanied by fifteen Japanese guards. At about two and a half kilometres from the camp, Chinese guerrillas ambushed the vehicle. Nine POWs were killed in the initial volley of bullets, along with all of the Japanese guards. The guerrillas stripped the Japanese and took their weapons. Some POWs were wounded and made their way back to the internment camp. Eight Australians, including Howard Struhs, were left alive and uninjured. These eight men were never seen again by their fellow POWs.

For Howard, this was the moment



## One Man's War – HA Struhs

*Continued*

of decision. After twenty-six months of brutal captivity, of monotonous and depressing imprisonment, many men would have become apathetic, succumbed to a death wish or been so conditioned to their lot that they would have, somehow, returned to the familiar institutionalised life of the prison camp. Many in this situation would have been paralysed with fear and indecision. However, the battalion historian, Joan Beaumont, in *Gull Force* writes that, despite homesickness and the depressing effects of long dreary days of work, the Victorian POWs had maintained a cheerful outlook and occupied themselves well.

Howard Struhs knew that 'little apples will grow again' – It was the moment to choose. It is the duty of a POW to escape. The Chinese were as much at war with the Japanese as had been the Australians. The battalion history suggests that the eight men willingly accepted the Chinese guerrillas' offer to become soldiers in the fight against the Japanese. It is certain that the eight Australians went away with the Chinese. In the official records of the Australian Army, they were posted as 'missing'.

In August 1945, when the Japanese surrendered, the remaining prisoners on Hainan – too weak to do other than be sent home – were refused permission to search for their eight mates. The 1949 Chinese Revolution strained relations between China and Australia and it was not until the late 1970s that a search party (including Harry Struhs' son) was permitted to go to Hainan. Upon questioning the village elders, the Australians were told of the big-nosed Australian who had a soft spot for the local children, who had joined the Chinese struggle against the invader and who had died of disease. The Australians were shown an unmarked grave said to be that of the big-nosed Australian. At last the family, and the battalion, could have closure. In the nominal Roll for World War Two, Howard Struhs' date of death is now given as 1 May 1945. This suggests that Howard Struhs spent the last twelve months of his life doing what he had signed up for – fighting the Japanese aggressor.

In the wartime circumstances in which Howard Struhs found himself, his response to a shocking event won freedom for this particular prisoner of war. Harry Struhs is held in grateful remembrance among those with whom he threw his lot. He seized the moment with the full vigour of sturdy Harcourt folk. He was one of our own and we should be proud of him.

This thumbnail sketch was compiled for *The Core* by Harcourt Heritage Centre. Readers seeking fuller particulars are recommended to read *Gull Force* by Joan Beaumont. Harcourt Heritage Centre is grateful to Howard Struhs' children for the information as to their father's life after the events of 8 April 1944.

George Milford

## VMR Update

Speaking with Andrew Mierisch, President of the Victorian Miniature Railway, is always a good experience. He and his members remain positive and focussed as they mark significant milestones in the building process.

Andrew said: 'The retaining walls are 95% complete; these are necessary to support the tracks and stop erosion. Drainage has been constructed under the walls, with all the run-off being directed to the dam. Once the walls are complete, we can commence the track work from the station to the storage sheds underneath the station. The steel standing above the walls will be cut off, but the top wall will have a hand rail which will be completed "railway fencing style" with square tubular steel on the top.

'We have also started fitting the batons to the underside of the platform stanchions. Once the batons are on, we can roof the platforms. We are aiming to concrete the platforms before winter. The roof will provide vital protection for the concrete and will help it set.'

The project continues to amaze all and sundry, not just for the work itself, but for the dedication of the VMR volunteers.



The three retaining walls will follow the curve of the tracks above, once they are in place. Roofing of the platforms has begun with the installation of batons under the stanchions.

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# Harcourt Bowling Club

## Club excels in 2022 Finals

Harcourt Bowling Club has a proud history on the green. This year our Pennant sides again excelled, with four of our five teams contesting finals. Now it has to be said that's pretty good for a small club with 70 bowling members – filling 44 Weekend Pennant positions and 20 Midweek Pennant positions each week.

As we get to the pointy end of the bowling season there is still much happening at the club even after the end of Pennant, which is when the Club Championship finals are complete. As we go to print, a number of Championships are still to be decided: Women's Nominated Pairs; Men's Nominated Pairs; Men's (Gough) Drawn Pairs; Men's 100-Up. Results will be in the May Core.

The results of what has gone and what's to come are outlined in the articles below.

### Pennant

**Midweek Pennant Teams** had great success with the Division 3 convincing win over Eaglehawk with an overall score of 74 to 46. Division 3 has shown all season that they had the skills to go all the way and deserve the accolades. Well done and congratulations!



2021-2022 HBC Midweek Division 3 Pennant Winners.

Division 5 also contested the Grand Final, but was not able to overcome a determined Inglewood going down by 2 points - overall scores 39 to 41. The team worked hard for their wins all season and did well to make it to the grand final after finishing in fourth ladder position. Well done!



2021-2022 Division 5 Grand Final Pennant Runners up..

**Weekend Pennant** Division 8 competed in the Preliminary Final on Saturday 19 March against North Bendigo, but were unable to get on top of their opponents. Well done though; they also won their berth in the Preliminary Final from fourth ladder position.

Division 6 competed in the first semi-final against South Bendigo, but were unable to progress further.

### Ladies 100-Up Final

On March 7, Wendy Chaplin and Judy Ewing played off in the final of the Ladies 100-Up competition in perfect bowling weather. A close game over 21 ends gave the spectators a good display of championship bowling. The game was won by Wendy in a close finish.



2022 100-Up: Judy (Runner up) and Wendy (Winner).

### Ladies Triples Tournament

Harcourt Ladies had perfect weather for the Triples Tournament on Thursday March 3.

For the past three years, Di Selwood of Property Plus has been a generous sponsor of this tournament and we were pleased that she was able to be a sponsor again this year.

The day started with the usual ditch to ditch and winners being: Lead, Sheila Oxley; Second, Lois Bell; Skip, Maureen Harris.



Triples Runners Up 2022.



Triples Winners with Di.

Outright winners on the day with three winning games was the Castlemaine team of Maureen Fletcher, Regina Saville and Patti Devereaux

Runners Up on a 3-way countback was the Harcourt team of Di Marsh, Sheila Oxley and Fran Corstorphan. The day concluded with a delicious smorgasbord of afternoon tea delights.

### Grant 3 Bowls (mixed) Pairs

On Sunday 20 March the very successful Annual Grant's (3 bowl) mixed Pairs Tournament was held. There were three 3-game winners with just one point separating them all. Overall winners on the day were Jean Pogue and Brett Jenkinson on 47 points. On 46 points were Libby and Rod Harris and Dave Jeffries and Chris Anderson and, on a count back, the runners-up were Libby and Rod Harris.



Grant pairs Winners Jean Pogue and Brett Jenkinson with John Grant.



Grant pairs Runners Up, Libby and Rod Harris.



# Harcourt Bowling Club

While the perpetual shield was presented to Jean and Brett by last year's winners – Joe Candy and Sheila Oxley - John Grant gave a short talk about some of the history of the Club and the extent members had to go to for construction of the green. It was pleasing to see that Club Life Member, Grahame Hill, who featured in the talk, is still bowling on the green which he physically and financially helped to build.

## Ladies Drawn Pairs

Harcourt Ladies had a very successful evening of bowls for their Drawn Pairs championship on Thursday March 24. Sixteen bowlers competed over 3 games of 8 ends with 3 bowls. As is the custom the evening ends with dinner provided and served by the men. This year they excelled, treating us to two courses of delicious food and a glass (or two) of bubbles. We dined at a beautifully decorated table festooned with autumn leaves - it really was special.

We thank President Ken Tribe, Brian Buchanan, Barry Marsh and John Grant.



*Wnners ladies drawn pairs Championship Wendy Chaplin and Chris Anderson.*



*Championship Drawn Pairs Runners Up Kathy Harding and Kay Francis.*

Winners on the night with 3 games were Wendy Chaplin and Chris Anderson.

Runners Up were Kay Francis and Kathy Harding.

## Jackpot Bowls returns

Jackpot bowls will start on Wednesday 6 April and is planned to run each week for six weeks, weather permitting.

Names in at the club by 11.30 am and be at the club by 12.00 pm for a 12.30 pm start.

## What's On in April/May

- **Tuesday March 29**  
Sponsorship Final
- **Thursday evening March 31**  
Men's Drawn (Gough) Pairs
- **Saturday April 9**  
Rice Memorial Mixed Triples
- **Saturday April 9**  
End of Season Presentation and Breakup
- **Sunday May 15**  
Harcourt Bowling Club AGM

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## Happy Birthday – 23 Years of Community Banking

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Over the last 23 years we have provided funds to the community through partnerships with community groups and clubs, community grants, and also a wide range of ongoing programs and smaller projects.

One of the longest running and most successful programs we have offered, and continue to offer, is our Driver Training Program which is offered to learner drivers as a 5-day course with a qualified instructor across a range of different environments and conditions. We take three students for each course and more details can be found on our website at [maldoncb.com.au/helping-the-community/sponsorships-grants](http://maldoncb.com.au/helping-the-community/sponsorships-grants)

Another program we have added to our offerings more recently is aimed at small business owners. Our Small Business Action Plan program was born out of COVID, with the aim of helping local small business to recover, and possibly to reshape for success. Previous local small business participants include Twisted Snake Distillery, Purrs on Pinjarra, Orchard Keepers Collective, Goodness Flour, Blume's Historic Bakery and Pauline's Real Estate. The specifically designed program is raved about by participants, and given its success, we will offer it again later this year.

The best way to keep up with announcements about upcoming funding opportunities, programs and community projects, is to sign up for our monthly newsletter when you visit our website [www.maldoncb.com.au](http://www.maldoncb.com.au)

*Nicki Renfrey  
Communications Officer  
Community Bank Maldon & District*



*Pictured is Branch Manager, Paul Simmons, with newly promoted Customer Relationship Manager, Lara Mulholland. Lara has been with Community Bank Maldon & District for almost five years and began work with the bank as a Customer Service Officer.*



## Harcourt Football Netball Club

The Football and Netball season is getting underway on 23 April and will hopefully continue uninterrupted after two seasons affected by COVID.

First up is a home game at the Den against Dunolly where we aim to have a full schedule of Junior and Senior footy and netball for the first time for many years. The junior development team deserve a round of applause for their work.

### *Can you lend a hand?*

On April 23 there will be continuous footy and netball action from 9.30 am through to 5 pm, and everyone is invited to our first at-home game. Setting up for games at home is a huge task for all club members. If you plan to attend, can you lend a hand? Please approach a club member and offer to assist. There are many small tasks where we would appreciate your help. After all, we are all trying to make a better Harcourt community through team sport participation and the benefits that it gives.

### *Junior Footy Players Wanted*

Junior and senior training is now on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please bring a son/nephew/neighbour etc. who is 14 to 17 years old to a training session. New players and their families are most welcome.

### *Important Dates for your Calendar*

**Thursday April 21:** Everyone is invited to first selection/meal night at the Den.

**Saturday May 28:** A home game (against Natte Bealliba) and 50-year Premiership Reunion – a big weekend.

Get along and support your local Lions!

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## Grace Church

Many of my readers will be familiar with the parable of the Good Samaritan...

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, and took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you any extra expense you may have.'

'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?'

The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

The phone rang; it was a neighbour informing me that a tree branch had crashed onto our side fence, and that our sheep might escape. Glenise and I rushed to the scene. Then the neighbour appeared, seemingly clearing the fence in a single bound, with trusty chainsaw in hand.

He proceeded to slice the offending branch in two such that the fence was released from its agonies. Later in the day he returned to fix the fence. He would not accept any payment for his labours.

Truly the spirit of the Good Samaritan lives on in Harcourt. As Jesus said, may we all go and do likewise.

*Ps Roger Thurecht at Grace Church*

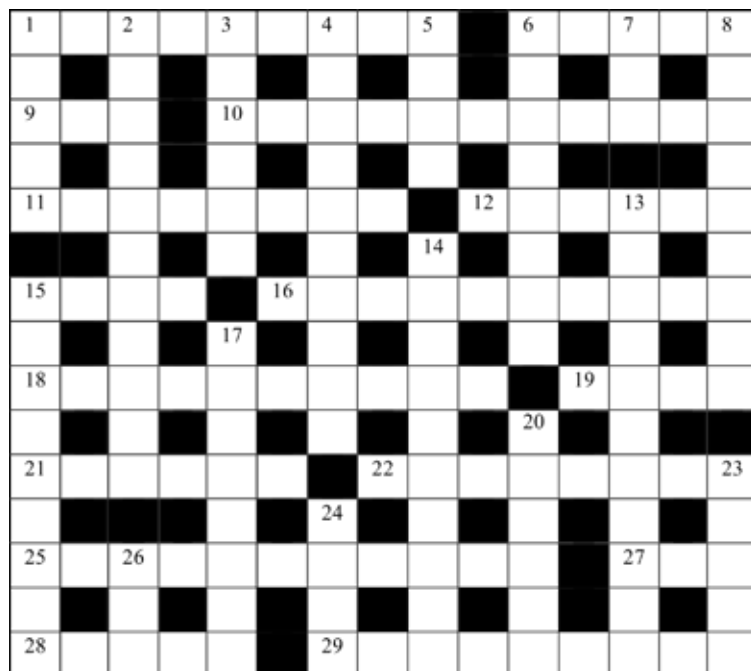


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## Down:

1. Where the total was when it was derived? (2,3)
2. Perhaps Soviet Vinci would have used this technique? (11)
3. Pamper with lettuce in aspic? (6)
4. The spy dressed as a plumber to fit latrine, in order to find a way in... (10)
5. Honourable man, and you as well? (2,2)
6. Backward 24 town shows its liveliness. (8)
7. Modern commentary on the trashing of sentiment? (3)
8. You can speed-peel a kiwi-fruit to induce it, apparently. (4,5)
13. To succeed pejoratively? (4-7)
14. Good king looking absolutely equal on a feast-day. (4,6)
15. Will El Toro jam murderous percussion back for him? (4-5)
17. Universal diurnal is too often infuriatingly joined as usual... (5,3)
20. Personal attendants can sound a little down in the dumps, geologically speaking... (6)
23. Are these the athletes that doctor examples of sediment in their tests? (5)
24. Tell to lose a beginner here, and begin. (4)
26. I have a bee-box without aspiration. (3)

## Across:

1. Don't think I won't come up with diatribes on twitter just because I've "vic.net" on my email, okay? (9)
6. **All men are pigs**  
**All pigs are women,**  
**Therefore, All men are women.**  
Despite everything being false, this argument is logically sound, and therefore... (5)
9. Opposition leader's reference to common glass receptacle, and what its contents could conceivably be poured upon... (3)
10. A savvy fleet knows just how important shore leave can be! (6,5)
11. Even the least dim can occasionally be given the wrong cards. (8)
12. Read horizontally... (6)
15. Avoid tough white strides. (4)
16. Green Penguin mag? (7,3)
18. Gutter-language for A.B. (10)
19. Full-on flirt defuses Transylvanian anger. (4)
21. Manipulate fertiliser by moving without 4th, 5th and 7th letters. (6)
22. What might have been enclosed in 1970? (8)
25. Derive Bon Jovi from his ebullience. Is that good, or not? (4,2,5)
27. She was last in before Jan 1st. (3)
28. Thin voice from the swamp? (5)
29. Lady disappears with the right for those who put her there. (9)

# March Xwd 2022 solution © McW April '18



## Down:

2. He played music for arsonists. [Well?]
3. Lettuces not in the dictionary, but sounding like you'd have snails with them if you got the Spanish flourish [ole] out... (9)
4. Observe [NOTICE] how the region of mind reorganises. (6)
5. And, bringing up the rear, but still considerable, the "Total Talents Bus"! (4,3,3,5)
6. Shoot timber to keep out the chill. [Well?]
7. We hear there's a gradual thinning-out of the nocturnal vegetation-chomper. [Well?]
8. Many people don't like them, so some quit the verandah as the day wears on... (10)
12. They could steal their different way into the compound because, comparatively, they were better at it... (10)
15. Jack [Davey, of Redex Trial fame]. You'd get a bundle for the Customline these days! (9)
16. A nervous [tic] and a very nervous heist makes it most likely to scratch. (8)
19. Fire rages over the Christian centuries for savage. (6)
21. Vague [trace] of packaging. (5)
22. Diabolical scheme for the vegie patch [Well?]

## Across:

1. Would be a rare opportunity indeed if it came thus unhyphenated... [Well?]
9. Goes forward with the takings. (8)
10. Meal about [re:] bygone era. (6)
11. Heavenly French arch [arc-en-ciel = rainbow] and a piece of Schubert reveal a lovely denizen of some Oz flowers. [Well?]
13. After a literary lunch, perhaps, the other authors came back [late]... (2,2)
14. Denizens of the 4. [Well?]
17. Sort of voice to sing 18? [Well?]
18. Spoke [false] first 5 of 17. (Maybe a German counter-tenor? [big clue to 17?]). (4)
20. Told shocking news about shares. (5,7)
23. I get stuck into commerce [trade] to deliver a rant! (6)
24. Dra! Skilfully mixed with [oily] bits. (8)
25. Absolutely well-equipped military oral surgeon? [Well?]



## Katie Finlay's Fruit Growing Tips For Autumn



Hi everyone,

Welcome to autumn. It's been another mild, late season and autumn is no different, with fruit ripening slowly and the trees only just starting to change colour now. It looks like we'll be in for a stunning display this year.

We're reminded that it's just on a year since we announced that the Orchard Keepers would be taking over running the orchard at our place, so they're just finishing their very first fruit season. They're still picking and selling, so it's too early to do their season review, but they've done an amazing job to go from complete newbies to running a 4,000-tree orchard in just one year. Huge congratulations to them.

We hope to be running a Farm Open Day this autumn, so keep your eyes peeled for the chance to come and meet them (and all our other lovely farmers) in person.

### Second Season of Fruit Fly in Harcourt

**The biggest risk for fruit fly in Harcourt is unmanaged and feral fruit trees**

2021 has been the second official season that Harcourt has had to manage fruit fly, and we've escaped relatively lightly. We've had it here on the farm but it turned up quite late in the season so didn't do too much damage (this year!). It's also been in a few backyards around Harcourt.

However, please stay diligent! Do you want to know what the biggest risk is? It's unmanaged and feral fruit trees. If fruit flies are allowed to get established in fruit trees in backyards, on roadsides, and in the bush (or the mountain bike park, in Harcourt's case) - that's when the pressure can really start to build up.

We can manage our own trees, but we can't manage the ones that are not on our farms. If you've got a fruit tree please keep monitoring your traps right until the end of the season. Follow all the hygiene recommendations, which is mainly about cleaning up ALL your fallen fruit at the end of the season. This can make a big difference to how hard we'll be hit next season, so you can definitely still help to make a big difference to how easy it is for all of us - orchardists and backyard growers both - to keep being able to grow our own fruit into the future.

**And if you have a fruit tree you can't look after, please have a think about getting rid of it this winter and replacing it with a beautiful ornamental!**

### This month's tips

Now is the time to put away your nets if you used them on your fruit trees over summer. Nets get damaged and wear out much faster if they're left out in the weather all year. Early autumn is the perfect time for this job because they slip off more easily while the tree still has leaves, so don't wait too long to get the job done. Of course if your apple or pear tree still has fruit leave the nets in place for now, because the birds will take advantage of the free feed if you take them off early.

If you've used drape netting (as opposed to having put up some sort of frame to hold the net off the tree) a handy tip is to use a long stick to push the nets off the tree, being careful not to damage the ends of the limbs if possible. Disentangle any twigs, branches, leaves, or rotten fruit before you pack them away. If you can pack and store them so they're rat-proof, you'll thank yourself next summer when you go to put them out again. If the net has any holes (from persistent kangaroos, for example), your future self will thank you very much if you repair the nets now, before you put them away. This is usually a simple matter of sewing the holes up with UV-stable nylon thread, or tying the edges together with cable ties or even hayband (baling twine).

On another note, if you're noticing some of your fruit trees flowering (despite the fact that it's not spring and we'll soon be descending into winter) don't panic. It's not uncommon for fruit trees to have a last ditch attempt to produce some fruit. It might be an indication of a sick or stressed tree, but it is also common in perfectly healthy trees - it's just the genetic drive to reproduce. The flowers or tiny fruit that form will most likely just drop off as the weather cools down.

**Hugh and Katie Finlay are certified organic orchardists and offer Grow Great Fruit organic home fruit growing courses. They're also founding members of the Harcourt Organic Farming Co-op. Head to [growgreatfruit.com](http://growgreatfruit.com) to sign up for their free Weekly Fruit Tips newsletter, and register for one of their free online workshops.**



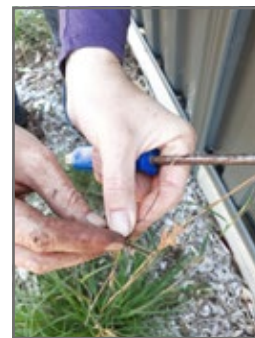
## Harcourt Valley Landcare 25 Years Old in September 2022

The group began the year with a major piece of work: the submission for Plan Harcourt. Now it's back to the nitty gritty of hands-on working bees and plans for the rest of the year.

Work is continuing behind the scenes on a new five-year plan and brochure to be launched after mid-year. At the same time, a small group is working on plans for the celebration for 25 years of Landcare in Harcourt. Details will become available by mid-year.

Our first working bee took us back

to Pippin Court to maintain the plantings, which were put in over the last two years. We concentrated on the walkway between the houses where native flowering plants and grasses make a pleasant area; however, the weeds are also thriving! We'll be back during the year because there are three other areas needing attention at this site.



Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm Thursday 14 April at the Heritage Centre, ANA Hall and our next working bee will be Sunday 24 April at the wetlands.

See our Facebook page for updates or for more information contact the Secretary, Robyn Miller, 0467 670 271.

*Landcare President, Bonnie Humphreys, shows how to find a Kangaroo Grass Seed in order to propagate the plant.*



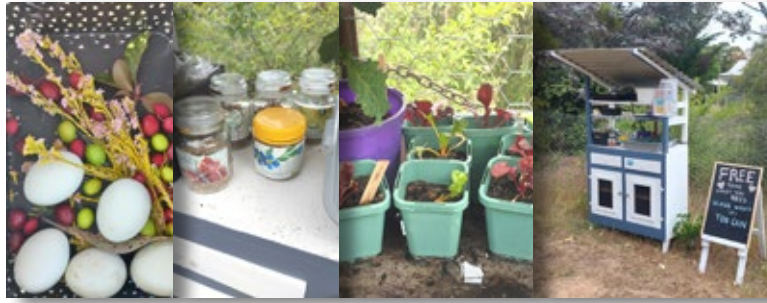
*There were weeds a-plenty removed from the walkway at Pippin Court at the recent working bee.*



# The Community Produce Stand

Robyn Pryor, the person responsible for the community produce stand at the west end of Bagshaw Street, has been living in Harcourt for about six months. Robyn is passionate about community development and sustainability. She said, 'The community stand brings together three things of importance to me – gardening, sharing, and community. I also have an interest in food security. A changing world, and climate change means we need to think about sustainability, and I like to think that the stand starts a conversation about community reliance. That is, we don't have to do everything ourselves; we can share.'

'I've had good feedback about the stand on Facebook and positive comments and chats with people walking by. There over 90 likes on the first post, and there's been good engagement every time I post. I hope that it will be used



consistently. In springtime there were a lot of seedlings placed for exchange; in summer there were plenty of eggplants, tomatoes, eggs, zucchinis etc. Summer produce is on the way out, and now I'm hoping that there will be plenty of winter veg. People can share seeds as well as produce; there are envelopes for seeds and a box for storage.'

'I hope people take it on and feel some ownership of it - it's not mine - it's for everyone. It's not intended to take the place of anything else. There are a lot of people with small enterprises of their own and it is not intended to be in competition. It's my contribution to

my new community; it's my way of participating in the community in a positive way.

Robyn has a vegetable garden in the backyard and has started another one out the front. She said, 'I have planted nearly 30 trees, and intend to plant more, to improve the habitat and also to give a

selection of flowers and 'fill' for flower arrangements.

Work in Community Development is Robyn's focus, and her interests lie in policy and influencing programs that input into large structural challenges. 'I am studying a Masters of Social Work at RMIT and will use it to keep across developments in the field. Prior to working regionally, I worked in Marketing in Melbourne, and now feel privileged to call Harcourt home. ; I appreciate the slower pace and peacefulness after living in Melbourne.'



*This mushroom was picked on the 11 March, which I consider early. However, a neighbour at the north end of the valley tells me they were picking mushrooms in the last two weeks of February.*

*Many think that wattles flower only in spring. This is a Willow Wattle (Acacia salicina) which flowers from February to July. It makes an attractive addition to the garden with its weeping habit and soft lemon-coloured flowers. It is not indigenous to the Harcourt area.*

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## Mount Alexander Shire Council Council News



### Discover something new this autumn

Celebrate our local arts community at the Village Square in Frederick Street, Castlemaine and Maldon's Old Bank Corner.



An eclectic mix of local artists and musicians will show off their talent over the next few months through a fantastic program of free, family-friendly experiences. Stop by to hear some great music, learn to dance, watch films and discover something new.

Find out about upcoming events at [getlost.org.au](http://getlost.org.au).

### Calling all film-lovers!

Get along to the Village Square on Friday 8 April from 6.30pm to catch films made by local young people. It's all part of the COscars Youth Film Festival.

Learn more at [bit.ly/COscars2022](http://bit.ly/COscars2022).

### Have your say with Shape

Do you want to provide input on Council projects and initiatives happening in the shire? Sign up to our online engagement platform, Shape, to have your say.

Register up at [bit.ly/MountAlexShape](http://bit.ly/MountAlexShape).

### Council services over Easter

Council offices will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, and will resume regular operating hours on Tuesday 19 April at 8.30am.

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## How was your summer at the Harcourt Pool?

### Have your say in a survey at:

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'We've had a fantastic pool season across the shire, and with the end of summer, outdoor pools have closed. If you have used our pools over summer we're keen to hear your feedback on the season, activities and facilities,' said Karen Evennett, Mount Alexander Shire Council's Acting Manager of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities,' said Ms Evennett.

'I'd like to say a big thanks to our lifeguards, YMCA Victoria and everyone who visited over the summer.'

'Hopefully everyone was able to take advantage of their local pool with swimming lessons, special activities and inflatable fun and we appreciate everyone's effort in complying with COVIDSafe practices,' said Ms Evennett.

'I'd also like to thank the community for their patience and understanding while we worked around lifeguard shortages in the final weeks of the season.'

**Note: At the time *The Core* was being prepared the survey was still open. No closing date is shown.**



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# Community Diary Dates

**Monday April 11:** 7 pm Applefest Review Meeting; all welcome. Heritage Centre, ANA Hall.

**Thursday April 14:** 7.30 pm Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall.

**Friday April 15 – Tuesday 19:** Easter holidays (this year Easter is contained within the school holidays).

**Sunday April 17:** 9 am Easter Sunday Service at the Uniting Church, Buckley Street.

**Saturday April 23:** First home game for the Harcourt Lions Football team.

**Monday April 25:** 12.30 pm 40th Anniversary of 3CCC Radio. See page 20 for details.

**Monday April 25:** 2.30 pm ANZAC Day Gather at the ANA Hall for a march to the cenotaph.

**Wednesday April 27:** Carpet Bowls, winter season commences. See page 12 for details.

**Saturday May 21:** Gather Harcourt – details in the May edition of The Core.

**Saturday May 28:** 50 Year Premiership Reunion, Harcourt Lions Football Club, Leisure Centre, Harcourt.

**Carpet Bowls:** 7 pm Wednesdays, Carpet Bowls, Leisure Centre, Bingham's Road, Harcourt.

**CFA:** Brigade meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8.00 pm. Sunday morning equipment check and maintenance run at 9.00 am. Siren tested at 9.15am. Contact: Captain Andrew Wilson for details 0428 387 339. CFA is in Bridge Street, Harcourt.

**CWA:** First Thursday of the month, 1.00 pm at Harcourt Leisure Centre, Bingham's Road, Harcourt.

**Grace Church:** Sundays 11 am, 30 Buckley Street, Harcourt.

**Harcourt Bowling Club:** See page 16.

**Harcourt Lions Club:** Meetings every third Friday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Victorian Miniature Railway, Harmony Way.

**Heritage Centre:** Every Wednesday at the ANA Hall from 9 am–3 pm or by appointment: 0400 916 527.

**Pony Club:** Second Sunday of the month. Contact Peggy Mills, 0419 902 400. The Pony Club is next to the swimming pool.

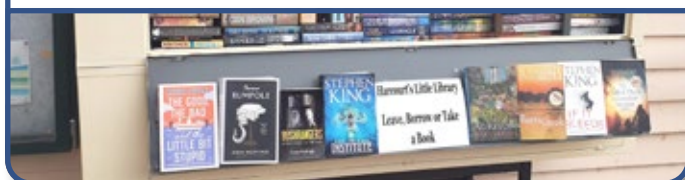
**Uniting Church:** Sundays at 9 am in the Uniting Church, Buckley Street, Harcourt. The service is followed by morning tea. All welcome. Donations of food and other household needs for St Vinnies can be left at the Church door on Sunday mornings 9–10 am or contact Jan on 5474 2226 to arrange for collection.

**Walking Group:** Monday and Thursday at 9.30 am. Meet at the ANA Hall. The one hour leisurely walk is usually followed by morning tea. New members are always welcome.

## Harcourt's Little Library

For some years now, Harcourt's Little Library has been inside the ANA Hall and only available when the Hall was open. Now, the Little Library has grown up, so to speak, and moved outside, into a repurposed office locker. And it's available any time.

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Coolstore Road/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:57	12:12	2:27
Blackjack Rd/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	9:03	12:18	2:33
Halford St/Barker St (Castlemaine)	9:05	12:20	2:35

### From Castlemaine to Harcourt Monday to Friday

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Wimble St/Barker St (Castlemaine)	8:48	12:03	2:18
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Coolstore Rd/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:54	12:09	2:24
Market St/Harmony Way (Harcourt)	8:55	12:10	2:25



