



TOP NURSING AWARD TO DAUGHTER OF CRESWICK COUPLE The Red Cross Florence Nightingale Medal

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Yvonne Ginifer in Myanmar (left) and in Pakistan (above) Photos courtesy of Red Cross



Creswick Bowling Club

Under 18 Victorian State Bias Bowl Champion

Indoor Pennant is well underway, five games in, and both Division 1 and 2 have three wins and two losses. Division 1 sit in third place and Division 2 in fourth position.

Jarrold Matthews (left) won the Under 18 Victorian State Bias Bowls Singles Championship.

Joyce Head



New Residents Welcome Saturday 22 June

Come along to New Residents Welcome Event on 22 June at the Creswick Town Hall. Lots of information about activities and resources supplied by friendly locals, plus short presentations from agencies such as Police, CFA and SES. Fabulous Surprise Door Gifts for three lucky attendees, supplied by local Real Estate Companies! Call in for morning tea at 10.00am, session 10.30am - 11.15am. Please let me know if you can make it: call/text 0407 622 463 or leave your name at the Creswick Hub.

Judy Henderson, railwayworkshops@gmail.com

Creswick District News

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Congratulations to Cheryl Kennedy and Linda McLean from Castlemaine who won the Prestige Art Award at Wangaratta. Cheryl is the daughter of Shirley and the late Steve Tennant from Smeaton. Cheryl went to the Smeaton Primary school. Some of her art work is displayed at John Curtin where her mother is a resident.

SENIOR CITS Birthday Celebration

Senior Club members and members from seven other Seniors' Clubs, were treated to a fabulous afternoon of entertainment by *The Hoffmans* followed by a yummy afternoon tea. The birthday cake was cut by Shirley Tennant and Alan Kinnersley. Shirley passed on best wishes to the club members.

The next Social Day on 28 June, will be a hot lunch followed by entertainment from *The Celtic Band*. A reminder that July is the Annual General Meeting.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526

Farewell to Local Residents

The district has recently farewelled two well-known local residents with the death of Ben Lockyer and Shirley Seamons.

Ben Lockyer, a long time Allendale resident, a retired school teacher, had a wealth of knowledge about Allendale's history including the gold history of the area. Ben 92, was farewelled recently by family and friends at St. Augustine's Church.

Shirley Seamons also died recently. She maintained her good humour during her years of ill health. Shirley was an active member of the Creswick Proboscis Club and in earlier years enjoyed playing tennis and darts. She was a Home Care worker for the Shire for a number of years. Shirley is survived by husband Bob and children Andrew, Michelle and Daryl and their families.

The CDN Team and readers extend sympathy to their families.

CRESWICK GARDEN CLUB

A Rainy May

Hello Gardeners and Welcome to Winter. The rain has finally come with over 160mm for the month of May, some areas received over 200mm. It fell on twenty-six days, so let's hope there is more follow up rain and some sunshine to keep the gardens looking good.

The Annual Fees for the Creswick Garden Club are now due. The Club's next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 2 July, and the Guest Speaker will be John Blake (Proteas and Leucodendrons), 1.15pm, Senior Citizens Rooms, Water St, Creswick. Stay warm and happy gardening.

Phyllis Wright

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Monthly Totals as sent to Bureau of Meteorology by Frank Slade.

	2017	2018	2019
	mm	mm	mm
January	34	30	3
February	37	6.5	23
March	44.4	30	15
April	106.5	17	13.5
May	39.5	93.5	161.5
June	12.5	68	
July	72.7	79	
August	59.3	70.5	
September	51.5	22	
October	64	33.5	
November	55.1	40	
December	58.5	80	
TOTAL	635	570	216

Cyclocross? What's Cyclocross?

A bit of History Compliments of Hepburn Shire

Better known as a horse racing event, the term 'steeple chase' originated from contestants racing from one village to another without following roads or a designated route. Often the only visible landmark would be the next village's church steeple so the racers would aim for that, negotiating everything from rivers and muddy slopes to farmer's fences and fallen trees.

Take away the horses, replace them with road bicycles and you have the first Cyclocross competitions. France is credited with originating the sport in the 1900s but it became widely recognised in the early 20th century after the 1910 Tour De France winner, Frenchman, Octave Lapize, attributed his win to off-season Cyclocross training. The difficult and varied race conditions proved an excellent sport for refining bike handling skills and body conditioning for competitive road cyclists. That and they were a great spectacle!

Skip forward to the modern day and Cyclocross (also known as 'Cross' or 'CX') is one of the fastest growing cycling disciplines, due largely to its accessibility, competitiveness

and fun atmosphere that is readily enjoyed by racers and spectators alike. Based on traditional road bike geometry and drop down handlebars, Cyclocross bikes feature light but strong frames, powerful brakes, dirt tyres and low gear ratios more often seen on mountain bikes.

Today, Cyclocross races are held on short (usually 1–3km) courses and usually at wetter times of year. Man-made obstacles like logs, hurdles, sand-traps and steps are combined with steep slippery slopes, grass, asphalt, gravel and mud. Races are generally run for thirty minutes or one hour, plus a final lap. Courses must be at least three metres wide to allow room for passing but are made deliberately difficult, forcing riders to repeatedly get on and off their bikes.

In Australia, a sport that initially enjoyed just a cult following now has a National series, two rounds of which are coming to Creswick on top of the State round which was held here in May.

Maria Abate Communications Officer

Hepburn Shire Council 5321 6451

VOGA Cycle Club : Brackenbury and Cyclocross



During May, the VOGA Cycle Club hosted two events at Hammon Park which saw nearly 400 riders attend and enjoy all that Creswick has to offer.

The first event was the Brackenbury on 11 May, a Mountain Bike race that takes place in the hills above Creswick. After 25mm of rain the day before, the race was a little muddier than it has been in past years but was still the most successful race to date with a large contingent of riders.

As a Tier 2 event which is part of the Mountain Bike Association of Australia (MTBA) National Cup, riders came from Victoria as well as NSW and QLD.

Creswick riders featured on the podium with local Jude Jonasson winning the 25km Open Women, Chris Quain the 25km Open Men and Xanthia Chatham placing second in the U/17 Women. Ballarat riders also featured on the podium across all events which shows the strength of the locals, particularly when you consider that there were current and past age group World Champions and World Cup representatives competing.

On 25 May, the Club, in conjunction with the Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club, hosted round four of the Victorian Cyclocross (CX) Series. This event took place on Hammon Park, some nearby sections and incorporated part of the Pump Track. Over 220 riders from across the state (and interstate) attended in near-perfect CX conditions. Competing was current Women's National Champion April McDonough, U/23 National Champion Ben Walkerden and Lisa Jacobs who has won the CX National Championships three times. Add to this a long list of elite level riders and the racing was super exciting.

The beauty of CX is that there is a category to suit anyone. There were many riders, including a lot of women, making their CX debut. It's exciting to watch riders competing over a 2km course for up to fifty minutes which means lots of interaction with the crowd. Local riders again raced well and overall the event ran exceptionally smoothly.

CX returns 22 and 23 June

Rounds Three and Four of the National Championships.

There will be over 250 of the very best riders in the country coming to Creswick each day which is an opportunity for local businesses and will be a great injection into the local economy. Locals are encouraged to come down and watch or if you are able to assist with some parking support, please contact the Club on vogapresident@gmail.com or follow via the Facebook page.

Chris Chatham, VOGA Cycle Club

TOP NURSING AWARD TO DAUGHTER OF CRESWICK COUPLE

The Red Cross Florence Nightingale Medal



What a wonderful Mother's Day gift was given to Mrs Ailsa Ginifer, mother of Yvonne Ginifer, with the news that her daughter had been awarded the highest world-wide honour for nurses - the Red Cross Florence Nightingale Medal.

Only four of these medals were awarded to Australian nurses this year, one being to Kristy Boden who lost her life helping victims of the attack on innocent people on London Bridge. These nurses are acknowledged for their exceptional work in such high risk areas as the Sudan and Afghanistan, or the challenging work amongst victims of cholera and the Ebola virus in Liberia. In many cases there is no pristine hospital ward and minimal hygiene. They cope with whatever situation confronts them. Thoughts of endangering their own lives do not occur.

It is no new situation in the Ginifer household for Yvonne to announce that she is taking off for some underprivileged country for a year or more. One can empathise with the family's concern, but full and interesting communications come home and Yvonne absorbs as much of the local culture and geography as she has time to do, including adopting the local dress code - mandatory in many countries.

Yvonne is totally humbled and surprised by the receipt of this award. *'We all work with the support of volunteers and local staff, whose communities have been devastated by natural disasters or wartime conflicts'* she said.

Yvonne did her nursing training at Mildura. It was while she was running the clinic at Pooncarie that her dedication to rural community nursing was awakened. Remote nursing with Aboriginal communities in outback Australia, confirmed her passion. Yvonne completed midwifery training and a Master's Degree in Rural Health and Public Health. Overseas travel and work increased her nursing skills and experience.

Yvonne said, *'I have been working with the Red Cross for more than fifteen years, starting in 2003, when I went to Myanmar to manage a community based health program in the remote Eastern Shan State.*

We worked with several minority groups who had very limited access to health services and had no knowledge of how to prevent health problems like malaria and diarrhoea. We worked on protecting their water sources and building storage tanks so that they had reliable and clean water. We also trained up dozens of volunteers to learn and then teach their own communities about health education and prevention of disease. We taught the communities how to build toilets and distributed mosquito nets to prevent malaria. It was very rewarding to see the changes over time and the health of these villagers improve dramatically.

Pakistan experienced a devastating earthquake late in 2005 and I travelled to Pakistan to work for one year, managing a rural health centre that was the only clinic for communities in a remote part of Kashmir. Very sick patients would be carried to the clinic on their beds, sometimes taking up to six hours across mountainous terrain where only footpaths existed between villages. Our tented clinic was three hours away by road from the nearest hospital, but the roads were often cut by landslides after rain and were too dangerous to travel at night. Our team included a doctor, midwife and nurse along with the local Ministry of Health staff. We saw health emergencies that don't exist in Australia.'



Yvonne Ginifer in Liberia. Photo courtesy of Red Cross

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on being recognised for this great honour.**

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Creswick Community Park Outdoor Fitness Space

Hepburn Shire Council is excited to announce that the Creswick Community Park Outdoor Fitness Space is coming soon to the rear of the Splash Park in Albert Street. Weather permitting installation of equipment should have commenced by now.

Council is delivering this project in partnership with the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch. Community input has been an important part of the design process for the fitness space. It will offer a range of cardio, strength, flexibility and mobility exercise opportunities through a mix of dynamic and static fitness equipment. This will include a leg press, wheelchair friendly hand cycle, box jumps and a pull up bar. Each piece of equipment will have an instructional panel which includes basic user information and a website link for more detailed use instructions. There will also be suggested individual fitness plans.

The outdoor fitness space is designed for adults of all abilities, free to use and a great opportunity to further improve health and wellbeing in the great outdoors. The delivery of the Shire's first dedicated outdoor fitness space helps to achieve a key priority in the recently adopted

Hepburn Shire Active Women and Girls Strategy to promote a healthy lifestyle, reduce social isolation, and increase female participation in structured and unstructured physical activity.

For further information on the project please contact Kathie Schnur on kschnur@hepburn.vic.gov.au.



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The winter wood raffle was won by Creswick local, Helen Tuo. Helen then selflessly donated the wood to a local family in need. Thank you Helen for your support and thank you for thinking of others doing it tough this winter.

Assistance is being sought from the community to acquire some shed space for storage for the Lions BBQ trailer and associated property. If you have a secure space and are interested in helping Lions with this request, please contact President, Peter Cowie, on 0419 899 810.

On Thursday, 30 May, the Club celebrated their annual changeover dinner at the Farmers Arms. The evening was very informal due to no changes to the committee for 2019/20. Welcomed to the gathering were outgoing Zone Chairman Simon Jess, incoming Zone Chairman Des Jones and their partners to help celebrate. Everyone enjoyed a great night and if you feel as if you'd like to be part of this fantastic club, and the biggest service organisation worldwide, then please contact our membership chairperson Bernardette on 0419 581 052.

Carolyn Gargiulo, Secretary

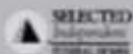
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Storytime: 11.00am every Wednesday

Book Babble: First Wednesday of the month at 1.00pm for a book club with a difference. No set book lists, just bring along whatever you are reading to discuss, share or dispute!

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Rachel Ellis, Team Leader Creswick Hub

Four Seasons Fine Music Festival

Autumn Series

The Autumn Series of Concerts for the Springmount Parish was full of vibrancy and more beautiful music. Two concerts were presented, the first, an evening of Argentinian music and dance with La Busca Tango, a group of six musicians who played and sang traditional songs of love and passion, typical of the Spanish Latin countries. They accompanied two Latin dancers who tangoed their way around the hall with grace and rhythmic Argentinian style.

Have you ever seen or heard a Bandoneon - something like a cross between a concertina and an accordion? This ancient instrument was demonstrated.

On the Sunday afternoon, *St. John's Passion* by J.S. Bach was presented by the Australian Chamber Choir and Orchestra - beautiful voices and instrumentalists, who filled St. Paul's Church at Clunes with their pure sound. What a treat for Clunes during the Book Town weekend! The Parish catering ladies did not let the team down, with their luscious spread when all was finished. The attendance at these concerts is increasing with every event and we look forward to the Winter series which will be held in Creswick.

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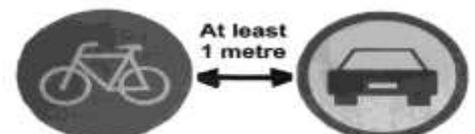
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DITC, despite its low profile within the Australian Defence Force (ADF), is in many ways the driving force behind the ADF's quest to enhance its international engagement with its nearest neighbours in the South-East Asian and South-West Pacific regions, and increasingly beyond, as the ADF seeks to forge new relationships with the Middle-East and Africa in particular.

DITC welcomes, hosts and trains more than 1000 international military personnel who are nominated for training courses with the complete spectrum of ADF training schools and units, as well as providing a range of specialist Australian English training itself.

The unit acts as a welcoming 'soft landing' reception centre for international military personnel into the often bewildering world of Australian culture and language by providing a one-week Administration and Reception Period program before they embark on their ADF training course, while also assisting them to complete important administrative tasks.

DITC also provides specialist English language courses for a variety of English proficiency levels as well as training English as a Foreign Language (EFL) instructors from

neighbouring countries. Without this vital link in the international engagement framework, military trainees from these countries with which Australia is so keen to forge close ties would not be able to take up training opportunities with the ADF.

Finally, DITC has devised and administers a rigorous series of English proficiency tests in speaking, listening, reading and writing to ensure military training candidates from our regional neighbours have the required English language proficiency in order to successfully complete the ADF target course they have been nominated for.

The extended DITC family spans the world - from a corporal attending a two-week training workshop to the future leaders of the region's navies, armies and air forces who attend a year-long staff officer's or strategic studies courses. Nothing gives DITC and its staff greater pleasure than to welcome past students back to Australia and to assist them in their training for the next stage of their career.

DITC's first steps as an offshoot of the Defence Force School of Languages (DFSL) began in 1982. Since then, tens of thousands of military members from over sixty countries and four continents have passed through its doors, many to return years later to once again train with the ADF and strengthen ties at many levels with Australia's servicemen and servicewomen.

The DITC alumni, whether they are here for one week or eight months, have become enthusiastic ambassadors for DITC, Australia and the blooming of international friendship through understanding.

*Russell Allthorpe,
Staff member DITC*



CEMETERY NEWS

Many thanks to Elaine, Daphne and Claire for their hard work in helping Wendy and Ryan weed and raise the Chinese garden at the Creswick Cemetery recently. It has a new lease of life. A few more plants will be put in over coming months as well as a new brick border on the interior edge.

Thank you also to Colleen for raking and reseeding the top lawn graves and Carmel for helping to weed and replant in the small garden at the front of the cemetery. Your help is much appreciated.

Winter has set in again and so people are asked not to drive on grassy areas as they may get stuck. The grounds get very soft during the wet months so please stick to the gravel roadways or park on the bitumen road.

*Wendy Ohlsen,
Secretary, Cemetery Trust*



Baldhills-Creswick Landcare *AGM approaching*

Landcare is a community based volunteer movement involved in action that cares for our land.

For years, Baldhills-Creswick Landcare has helped property owners with grants for gorse and blackberry eradication, collected seeds to propagate native trees and planted trees in community precincts and on private properties.

Landcare is a vital community asset with many advantages for members. Baldhills-Creswick Landcare group is holding its Annual General Meeting at 4.30pm on Sunday, 28 July, at the Neighbourhood Centre. Members are not required to be landowners to be involved in Landcare activities.

For catering purposes, please contact Maureen on 0409 702 532 or Carmel on 0400 049 670 if you wish to attend.

Interview with Major Heri Ristanu, English Instructor in Indonesia (Who participated in Creswick's ANZAC Day service this year)

By Warrant Officer Rex Trow



When did you join the Indonesian Air Force and what training was involved?

I joined in 2006 and graduated in basic military training in 2007. The training was conducted in Magelang and consisted of practical, theory and physical components as well as weapon handling. My training to become an English instructor was held at Pusdiklat Bahasa.

When did you arrive at the Defence International Training Centre (DITC)?

I arrived in January 2019 to take up a two year posting as the Indonesian Seconded Officer. This is my third time to DITC in Laverton.

What challenges have you encountered with moving you and your family to another country?

There was culture shock when my family and I first moved to Australia. For example, the language barrier for my family means they can only have limited interaction with Australians speaking English. Also, even though I brought my children's Indonesian immunisation record, this was not

accepted by the school and the children were required to be revaccinated prior to starting school. Overall though, we are enjoying life in Melbourne.

What were the highlights of moving to Melbourne for you and your family?

This is a joyful opportunity with many new experiences for us while staying in Melbourne for two years. We are making new friends and we also enjoy the team environment in the workplace. We are expanding our knowledge and also learning how to adapt and manage our finances and lifestyle in Australia.

What was your first impression of Melbourne?

In 2013 I came to Melbourne for training. This was my first opportunity to travel overseas. The people here are friendly and there is much diversity and multiculturalism. After returning from my first trip to Australia I dreamt of returning. I enjoyed visiting local tourist attractions such as the Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Mansion and Sovereign Hill.

Please tell me your thoughts on ANZAC Day in Creswick and do you have a similar commemorative service in Indonesia?

This was my first time to attend an ANZAC Day Service. I was impressed with the annual event which remembers and acknowledges the sacrifice soldiers made during the war. It is impressive that families introduce their children to the history of ANZAC Day. Also, seeing the school children demonstrate their public speaking skills was remarkable. A similar commemorative service is held in Indonesia, called Hero's Day, which is held on 10 November annually and remembers the soldiers who died in the war.

What are your main activities outside work?

I study part time at the University of Melbourne where I am studying a Masters in Applied Linguistics. This course has an extensive amount of assignments to complete. I help my wife and sons on the weekend. I take my family to show them local tourist attractions around Melbourne and plan to do more travel around different parts of Australia.

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Creswick Football Netball Club 150th Anniversary

What a History! Part 1

The Creswick Football Club, founded in 1869, is one of the oldest clubs in Australian Rules history. From this time through to 2011 the Club played all of its home games at Hammon Park – (formerly known as Prince Leopold Park and before that the Creswick Recreation Reserve). The first game was against the Kingston Football Club with Creswick's colours blue and white hoops. The club colours have changed numerous times since, going from the original blue and white to plain navy blue, then maroon with navy blue 'V' and finally the more recognisable colours of red, white and black stripes in 1953.



Photo supplied by Creswick Football Netball Club

The Creswick floods of 1870 and 1871 were the biggest seen in the town at that time. They caused devastating damage to Hammon Park and surrounds. This resulted in no football being played there for five years. The Club restarted in 1876 with a successful undefeated season.

The Club was at its strongest in 1878-79 with this being seen as the golden years, when they played games against Geelong and Essendon. In 1877 the Commercial Bank transferred an employee named Wheeler Sparrow to their Creswick branch. Wheeler had been playing for the Geelong Football Club, the colonies premier football side at the time. Wheeler taught the Creswick side to play fast possession football and in the three years he was here, the Creswick team were a match for the best playing the game. Sides played were Ballarat, Geelong and East Melbourne among others, with the club's record of winning more games than they lost.

Dressing room facilities were lacking at Leopold Park. The Club complained that they were the only one in the Ballarat Association without suitable changing rooms with players using facilities away from the ground. Years later this was partly rectified when a dressing shed was built, which was used by visiting players, though the local team continued changing away from the ground. Eventually a former Air Force hut was moved onto the site and ample changing space was available.

In the late 1880s dozens of sides sprung up around the Creswick district including Bald Hills, Hollinwood, South Creswick, Mount Prospect, Sulky Gully, Cabbage Tree, Smeaton, Newlyn, Springmount, Allendale, Clementston, Jerusalem, Kingston, Eganstown and Rocky Lead. Many gold miners from around Allendale and district played giving these teams a distinct advantage.

Important and really good games of football are

Creswick Football Club—Premiers 1914

Back: H. Chalmers, A. New, H Bowley, W. Horn, R. Featherston, M. Harris, M. Curtin, H. Hovey, T. Harvey, W. Lambert, F. Bowley; Centre: R. Harris, R. Pasco. W. Winter, J. Harris, J. Coughlan (VP), C. James. H. Peacock, M. Heagney, S. Spargo, S. Bush, J. Williams; Front: P. Kane, R. Chachley, C. Jebb, B. Fox (Capt), Sir Alex Peacock, D. Clark (VC), A. Johnson, S. Hender, Baby Hender, T. Whelan, A. Cleary, Sitting: H. Bush, J. Peacock, J. Coughlan, J. Nedwell.

Looking at the 1914 Premiers photo it is interesting to see many names which are still evident in the district today.

The Captain Bernard Fox, is local residents Anthony (Ant) and Michael Murphy's Grandfather and Dave Clarke is the Great Uncle of the Olympic athlete Ron Clarke. Ron's grandfather also played for Creswick.

remembered for years. However, when a game is remembered and spoken about for generations – it must have been truly great! A match to become a legend within the Creswick Football Club was the **Allendale Rovers V Creswick Football Club**.

Extracts from the *Ballarat Star* reported. 'Saturday, August 25th, 1894 saw the greatest game ever played by Creswick as it challenged Allendale to a match at the 'Old Saxon Paddock' - (now the City Oval in Ballarat).

The match was played in Ballarat . . . because it had a boundary line ... and the players didn't have to contend with supporters being in the middle of play and thus there were less obstacles to confuse the game. . . . The purse was agreed at 40 pounds. Considering that a house could be purchased for 90 pounds it was a considerable amount of money.

The contest aroused keen interest... The mines closed early ... Extra carriages having to be put on to the train to Ballarat to accommodate the partisans of the teams and every buggy within miles of Creswick was requisitioned to bring supporters to the scene of the conflict. Before proceeding to the Saxon Paddock, the Creswick men and several of the leading members of the club, were conveyed in a four-in-hand and other vehicles in processions through

Sturt Street ... the occupants sang lustily of the victory they intended to win over Allendale. The supporters of the latter club were even more confident, and ... looked upon the match as already won.

Brutal play was not allowed on this day. Miners were tough in those days! A crowd up to 3,400 was in attendance. . . . Urged on by the cheers of their supporters Creswick again attacked. . . . A moment later hats, umbrellas, and sticks were flying in the air, and cheering, which could be heard at the City Hall, announced that a goal had been scored.

Off again, the supporters did not have to wait long for another sensation, for Revill, the Creswick skipper, showed his men the way the game should be played, and carried the ball opposite the Allendale sticks, where Montgomery obtained possession, and calmly potted the second goal. This feat was the signal for another remarkable demonstration by the blue and white supporters, who manifested their delight by shouting, yelling, shaking hands, turn head over heels, and other antics.

The final struggle was entered upon with great determination. . . . A desperate assault by Allendale, and Creswick were in danger, but the shot for Goal was futile, and the bell ringing, Creswick were hailed victors. The scores were – Creswick 2 goals 7 behind Allendale 0 goals 1 behind The conclusion of the match was marked by a scene of excitement . . . The Creswick supporters rushed the ground, and shouldering their warriors, carried them triumphantly to the dressing room, the procession being greeted with terrific cheering. (Ballarat Star, Monday 27th August, 1894, p3)

In 1901 with North Creswick United at the top of the ladder and one game to play, all the Creswick side had to do was win against Broomfield to claim the premiership. On a torrential wet day when the final bell went neither side had scored a goal, North Creswick United winning 0-5 to Broomfield 0-3, but their celebrations were short lived when it was found the bell had been rung a few minutes early. After a protest from Broomfield the game was replayed the following Saturday. North Creswick United was victorious 3-4 to 2-2; Creswick's first Premiership.

A report in the *Creswick Advertiser* on Tuesday 10 November, 1914 stated that in recognition of winning the district football premiership undefeated, the Creswick players were tendered a complimentary social in the Town Hall. Among those present were the State Premier, Sir Alexander Peacock (who had played for Creswick in the 1870s), Lady Peacock, the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr and Mrs C W Jebb). Being premiers entitled players to gold medals, funded by contributions of £5 5s from Sir A J Peacock and £3 from each association club. Medals were presented by the Premier.

Effects of World War I

The 1915 football season saw some clubs not participate through insufficient players. At the end of the home and away games Allendale had disbanded and other clubs were facing the same situation as many players had enlisted.

After a meeting held to discuss the completion of the season the resolution appeared in the *Creswick Advertiser*, Friday,



*Captain of 1914 Premiership team
Bernard Fox and his medals*

23 July, 1915 – ‘Consequently it was deemed becoming to curtail the season by playing one final match – Creswick v Newlyn tomorrow. The entire proceeds will be devoted to the Wounded Soldiers Fund’. These were the two top teams. The match was to be played at Allendale, but, when everyone arrived, Allendale announced it wanted all the proceeds. A discussion took place but with no agreement reached the two teams and their followers headed to Smeaton.

The *Ballarat Courier* reported on Monday, 26 July that – ‘... Before the game both teams lined up, cheered each other, sang God Save the King and gave three cheers for the lads at the front.’ The game was fast and lively and the large crowd was well entertained. Darkness set in as the final quarter was played, making a good game turn into a scrimmage on the greasy ground, with barrackers invading the field, but Creswick proved too strong. Final scores were Creswick 36 points to Newlyn 31.

There was no great joy in winning this match. There was no photo taken, no medals presented, no great celebration.

History shows the development of the local game with regular reports in local newspapers. Different names of the Creswick Club included Wanderers, Rovers, Imperial, North Creswick United and even Creswick Bohemian Football Club.

Player numbers were used for the first time in 1913, there were no behind posts in the early days with finals being decided from the top four teams, a system used then discarded, until eventually brought in permanently. Associations varied including Victorian Football Association, Ballarat Football Association, Creswick District Football Association, Clunes Football Association.

Other interesting facts emerged - unregistered players being expelled; teams refusing to play finals; disorganisation and bad management which led to finals dragging on sometimes for months; Clubs disputing with each other.

In good years clubs were strengthened by miners in the area and then weakened as the mines closed. Many Clubs were in recess during World War I and II. The Depression years had an impact with some local players leaving the Club.

Thanks go to Club historian, Peter Fontana for his research as well as from newspaper reports including the Creswick Advertiser, The Ballarat Star and The Ballarat Courier. The next part of this story will appear in a future CDN edition.

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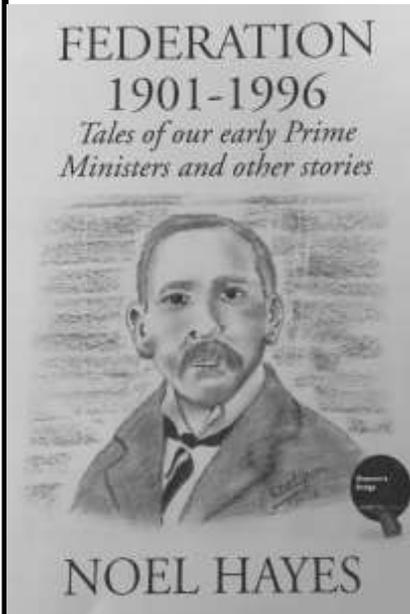
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**Creswick Football Netball Club to
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Creswick Football Netball Club is among a number of sports clubs
across Victoria to share in the State Government's Sporting Club
Grants Program. Creswick Football Netball Club will use its grant of
\$970 to purchase new uniforms.

Creswick wins local history funds
**Creswick Museum and Railway Workshop
to benefit**

The efforts of two Creswick organisations to preserve community
history for future generations has been recognised as part of the
2019 *Local History Grants Program*.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, announced
Creswick Museum and Creswick Railway Workshops Association
have received funding under the *Local History Grants Program*.

Creswick Museum will receive \$4,350 to purchase a new, lockable
Compactus storage unit to protect historical items while Creswick
Railway Workshops Association will receive \$8,330 to record the
stories of older members of the Creswick community.

The *Local History Grants Program* is part of the Public Record Office
Victoria's ongoing support for community organisations and
volunteers who work to preserve, record or publish our shared local
history.

BAND NEWS

Downtime After Nationals and Small Group Performances

The Band has settled down after the National Championships and ANZAC events but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy. The Band had a great turnout for Clunes Booktown, filling the Bandstand and creating a great sound. A group of players was provided for the 2019 Honour Roll Dinner which is one of the highlights of the Creswick calendar and they had a lot of fun!

Another small group played on Saturday in Ballarat for the combined one-man shows *Stardust + The Mission*, starring Joel Carnegie (of ABC Classic FM) and Tom Molyneux. A mix of brass band pieces, wartime melodies and some swing numbers were played. It was a lot of fun and Joel and Tom were very appreciative of the Band's efforts.

Regular readers of this column would remember the wonderful donation the Band received from Creswick Havilah Lodge earlier this year. Thanks to this donation the Band was able to jump on a top-of-the-line Tuba that came up for sale second-hand in Maryborough for a good price. It's now in the hands of Sammy, a member of Creswick Youth Brass, and she's loving it! Our Youth Brass is beginning to think about their South Street performance in August and some of the members have just completed Grade Four exams on their instruments and are eagerly awaiting their results.

At this stage the Band doesn't have any engagements in June but we'll see you out in the streets soon!

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The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett



Many years ago I saw a most wonderful film, *Into Great Silence*.

Actually it was a documentary, filmed over a period of six months with the Carthusian monks at the Grande Chartreuse monastery high in the French Alps.

The Carthusian emphasis is on contemplation through solitude and silence. I get that.

As with many fellow artists, I spend a lot of time alone, in the silence of the studio. It can feel like a monastic experience. I often refer to myself as the atheist monk from Macs St!

Sometimes creativity comes naturally, quickly – as though by its own force. More often it requires great attention and hard slog. A lot of just sitting quietly and looking and listening takes place. A very meditative process.

Many of the artists that I personally admire produced their greatest works silently contemplating very simple humble objects and scenes. The quiet intimate rooms painted by Vermeer, the studies of bottles by Morandi, and the exquisite small flower paintings by Manet executed in his last dying weeks, to name but a few.

The ancient poets and painters of China would have on their desk a *Scholars Rock*, a perfectly formed found stone set on a plinth, that they could contemplate the magical mystery of nature.

I see very much a part of my creative process not in the studio, but never the less in solitude and quiet.

The reason that there was no *Art of Living* in the CDN for May was that I had taken myself off for a period of solitude and contemplation – camping on my own in the Mallee.

I saw very few people, and spoke to less.

However, I was very much not alone. Immersed in that greatest of all cathedrals, Nature, I spent my days just sitting and watching, or wandering in communion with the birds, animals, trees and grasses.

Dawn and dusk were a cacophony of birdsong. Sweeter than bells. Lullabyed to sleep with the gentle hoot of a boobook owl perched in the tree above my tent.

I studied footprints in the sand and the rainbow coloured peeling bark of the mallee trees. Walking along the banks of the now dry Outlet Creek looking at the endless number of scar trees where countless generations of people lived for thousands of years and cut from the bark dishes and shields and canoes and shelter. Alas so much water is now taken out of the Wimmera River it very rarely gets to flood all the way up to Outlet Creek.

I did take copious amounts of drawing materials, but did not produce a single line. It was enough just to be.

Here in Creswick we are fortunate indeed to be surrounded by places we can walk or sit alone.

The reflection of the sunset over a salt lake is sublime.

Being under such a big sky helps to remind us of how small we are.

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Carry On – Creswick and District Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A.
A Public meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Creswick, on Wednesday, 4th June, at 8 p.m.

Speakers- Mr. D. G. McGrath, M.P., President, and Mr. N. Dalton, Secretary of the Ballarat Branch.

All citizens invited to attend. Object TO GET A MOVE ON Election of officers will take place at the close of the meeting.

F. H. Ingamells, President H. Wood, Secretary

June 10

The annual meeting of the Creswick branch of the Australian Women's National League will be held in the bank chambers this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, not at 2.30 as previously announced. A good attendance of present and intending members is desired.

June 13

Tenders are invited for the purchase and removal of the picket fencing at the old Australasian nursery, North Creswick and must be sent to the Conservator of Forests, Melbourne, not later than Saturday, 21st inst.

June 17

Members of the Smeaton Coursing Club are notified that a meeting will be held in the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday (Tomorrow) evening, at 8 o'clock, to make arrangements for the July field meeting of the club.

June 20

The first meeting of the sub committee of the Creswick Shire Avenue of Honor was held at the shire hall, Kingston, on Saturday evening, 14th inst. All members were present, these being Captain T. Parkin (in the chair), Cr. A. R. Stewart, Messrs W. H. Gore, G. Archibald, and W. H. Thomas (hon., secretary).

June 24

Holders of tobacco licences are informed that the present licences expire on 30th inst. Those desiring renewal should apply on or before that date to the clerk of courts in the prescribed form, supplies of which may be obtained at the "Advertiser" office at the cost of 1d each.

June 27

The old established grocery business of Branagan and Son (Smeaton) has changed hands, the purchaser being Mr. Fred Muller of Ullina. The business was established by the late Mr. Michael Branagan nearly 40 years ago, and has been successfully conducted by different members of the family ever since, and only the failing health of the present occupier, Miss M. C. Branagan, compels her to dispose of the property.



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Hydrophobic soil - What is it and what to do?

By Rhonda Cotsell

The first summer I moved to Creswick I watched in disbelief as water went racing down the slope of my hot and bare block while around the base of new plantings dry earth floated on top of sitting pools of water underneath which the earth was bone dry.

I found other Creswickians had this problem and that it had something to do with wax and that detergent helped. The wax bit sounded too technical so I decided to just water carefully, mulch and compost, and persevere.

Six years on it is still a problem. I realised I needed to understand the bit about wax. What I found was that it was the nature of the soil beneath the mulch, and the conditions that caused it to develop, that was the problem.

Basically hydrophobic soil happens when high temperature dries out the soil rapidly and damages its organic content. This explained the grey, fine-grained look of my soil and also why advances made one year were gone by the next as every summer my treeless block baked.

Extreme heat dries out the soil, destroying organic matter and leaving a waxy residue behind. This is usually broken down by fungi and other natural processes in soil but when it builds up and coats more and more soil particles the soil becomes water repellent.

Hydrophobic soil is fixable. This summer I tried harder to avoid my soil drying out. I sprinkled the ground beyond the plants, on soil that was mulched, or part shaded by the house or other plants. I slow dripped systematically. My tank and tap timer became my new best friends. And it worked. Even on baking days the soil beneath stayed moist for longer.

However, hydrophobic soil still needs its organic content increased. So: mulch, compost, worm pee, animal manure, mushroom compost, garden and lawn clippings, coir, blood and bone. One suggestion was to fork the ground, not digging or turning it over, watering, and adding three – four layers of any of the above finishing with a layer of mulch, then letting it sit undisturbed for two – three weeks. My plan is to use some unused coir and mushroom mulch in my shed along with kitchen scraps, and I will follow up on an offer of horse poo made recently.

It is pelting down as I write, and I would like to share a new word – anaerobic – which is the name of soil that does not dry out, like my sodden backyard at the moment. Creswick has it all in more ways than one!

More possible solutions to follow.



CRESWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE NEWS

Right, well, um, yes, it **is** cold and it **could** well be wet ... but no need to hibernate! It's warm and cosy up at the Neighbourhood Centre and plenty going on.

For instance, if a website is looking a little tired and ready for an uplift, web designer, Morgan Williams, has two sessions in June that might do the trick. He will include *Making Google Happy* - meta data, keyword; *Page Structure* - looking at welcome text, calls to action; *Mobile Friendly* - most sites are accessed by mobile. The first session is 19 June from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

Creatives might love a full day Sunday workshop creating a handcrafted spoon – maybe a future family treasure to be passed down through generations on 23 June from 10.00am – 4.00pm.

An especially warm invitation is extended to those new to the Creswick district. Drop by, have a cuppa and a look around.

Trish McMahon



Kingston Friends of the Avenue Inc

Kingston Remembers - Resource Centre

The Steering Committee met recently to make a start on the project. People are invited to loan or bequeath items of interest. Items could include photographs, postcards, trench art, letters or medals. A register will be kept of all items with contact information and type of agreement for the loan/donation. If you have items that could be scanned or photographed which could be incorporated into the display in some way, these would be appreciated too. In future temporary displays are being considered if you wish to loan an item for a limited time. Please call Trace on 0408 007 464 to make arrangements.

Sentinels of Service

The Friends research and updates are nearly complete for the second edition of *Sentinels of Service*. Apologies for the delay however in order to minimize errors in this revised edition it takes time. Thank you for your patience.

Kingston Friends of the Avenue Meeting. All are invited to attend the next meeting to be held on 10 July.

Leah Armstrong and Julie Baulch

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CRESWICK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Creswick Honour Roll Dinner 2019 Inductees

On Friday, 24 May, three more worthy Creswickians were added to the Honour Roll at the Annual Dinner which took place in the Creswick Town Hall.

Thomas Joseph Dean (Joe) for his dedicated work with the Creswick Football/Netball Club over many years.

Marie Whitfield, BEM, who worked and volunteered at the Creswick Hospital for many years, as well as being involved in Church activities, Elderly Citizens, the Golf Club, Bowls Club and numerous other community groups.

Finally, **John Riordan** who came to Creswick from Tasmania in 1865. He was a successful gold prospector and hotel owner and became involved in many associations in the town including Creswick ANA, the Mining Exchange, Havilah Lodge, the Creswick Hospital, Fire Brigade and sporting groups. He also helped to establish the Gas Works.

To read the full details of those honoured, the Citations will be available at the Creswick Museum and the Creswick Visitor Information Centre.

Nominations for 2020 are now open and the committee would be grateful if they could be sent to the Creswick & District Historical Society, PO Box 317, Creswick by the **end of August** if possible. If you have a person you think is worthy of this honour but don't think you can prepare a submission for next year then you can still obtain a form with all the requirements and detailing the information needed. Forms can be obtained from the Historical Society 5345 2658.

Marj Poole



Probus Club of Creswick : Guest Speaker and Outings

The speaker for the May Probus meeting was Quentin Turner. The title of his talk was *My Life as a Troubleshooter*. He described his working life which began as an electrical apprentice in Ararat at the textile mill moving through to being a manager with Timkens in Ballarat. The culmination of his career was being appointed an Industrial Commissioner for the Victorian State Government.

Mother's Day was celebrated with a special morning tea which was enjoyed by all. Thirty-eight members enjoyed lunch at the Ballarat Golf Club with the next Sunday lunch to be held at the Wallace Hotel on 16 June. As well as the Sunday Lunch outings, members were entertained by the film *The Aftermath* at the Regent theatre followed by a lovely luncheon. Some members also enjoyed a toe tapping evening at the *Taste of Ireland* while other members enjoyed their day at the Arts Centre in Melbourne seeing *West Side Story* whilst yet another group enjoyed *Muriel's Wedding* at Her Majesty's.

Upcoming outings include *Beauty and the Beast* by the local BLOC group on 4 July followed on 18 July by a film luncheon. July also sees a David Hobson and Marina Prior show, *The 2 of Us*, on the calendar.

The craft group has changed venue and now meet weekly at St. Andrews Church hall.

For information on joining Probus, please contact the Secretary Joan McMillan on 5334 4207.



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St Augustine's News

The month started with a visit from a Japanese drumming master to the school who spent the day introducing each class to the wonders of Taiko drumming. Two weeks later the students spent two days visiting the Life Education Van. Life Education assists students to acquire age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices, develop and practise skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions and to recognise the values and attitudes that may influence lifestyle choices and behaviours.

At the start of each term, Year 9 students from Wesley College embark on an eight-week journey of discovery, in Clunes. As part of that community involvement, they also visit schools in the area. On May 30, St Augustine's was lucky to host a concert performed by the Wesley College Band made up of musicians and singers from their year nine campus. They performed a variety of pieces, which had students engrossed for more than forty-five minutes.

Mother's Day breakfast was held on Friday, 10 May. Mothers were treated to a variety of croissants, also fruit, yoghurt and cereal. It was an awesome opportunity to celebrate just how special mothers are.

Senior students participated in the Schools Cross Country at the Clunes Golf Club early in the term. Paige Robinson, Daisy Donovan-Clancy, Grace Davis, Zac Allen, Christian Morrison and Callum Penhall delivered standout performances on the day. These students will go on to represent the school at the zone finals. To continue the sporting theme, the senior school also participated in the Senior School Sports at Llanberris. The day was well organised by Daylesford Primary. St. Augustine's students performed well in all relay events, the sprints and field events.

Enjoy the month

Terry Brennan, Principal



Northerly News

Activities Planned

Indigenous Experiences/Olive Harvest



Recently, grades F-2, Mrs McLennan and I went to the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre as part of Reconciliation Week. The children witnessed a smoking ceremony and heard some traditional stories. It was also great to travel by bus with children and teachers from the Creswick Children's Services.

It is that time again to pick and brine the olives from the school's trees. Students harvested just short of 4kg with the brining process taking about twenty days.

Grade 3-5 students have been working with Mr Mooney on the Environment. They have looked at their Ecological Footprint including ways to reduce this. Some suggestions have included, turning lights/fan off when not in the room, using less water in the bath, drying clothes on a clothes horse instead of the dryer and walking/riding to school instead of using the car.

Enjoy your month!

Marcus Murrell, Principal

Descendants of Michael and Mary Kiely Family Gathering

On Sunday, 19 May, Kiely family members met at the Farmers Arms Hotel, Creswick for lunch and then gathered at the Creswick Cemetery to celebrate the life of our first immigrant ancestor, Michael Kiely.

Michael Kiely died on 7 December, 1881 and until recently lay in an unmarked grave. A family appeal raised sufficient funds for a memorial plaque to be erected in his honour. Now that we have found his grave future generations can pay their respects. The next family project will be to repeat the process for his wife Catherine (nee O'Brien), who died on 14 July, 1900 and also lies in an unmarked grave at the Old Ballarat Cemetery.

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Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Sunday June 22/23, Cyclocross, Hammon Park, National Championships
vogapresident@gmail.com or follow via the Facebook page.

Sunday June 30, Creswick Uniting Church (St Andrews) Frontier Services focus - worship
10.00am (note change) followed by BBQ lunch, Donations to UCA Frontier Services All welcome call 5345 2806

Thursday July 4, Creswick Bowling Club Annual Casserole Luncheon \$18 head, info or reserve table of 8 phone: Beth 5345 2432

Saturday July 20, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market
creswickmarket.com.au

Friday July 26, Creswick Theatre Company presents *Creswick Livid*, performers wanted, 0425 716 544, music, poetry, stories, song and more. Tickets 0458 516 275 \$10.

Sunday July 28, Opera Vam Diemensland presents Greatest Hits from Opera and Music Theatre, 2.00pm St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Creswick Featuring Martin Thomas Buckingham, Principal Tenor with Opera Australia

Sunday July 28, Baldhills-Creswick Landcare AGM 4.30pm Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Maureen 0409 702 532 Carmel 0400 049 670

Friday August 2, Spit Roast at St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Creswick. 6.30pm. All Welcome. Bookings 5345 2165.

Thursday August 8, Creswick Hospital Auxiliary Casserole Luncheon, Creswick Senior Citizen Clubrooms. 12pm Enquiries 5345 2165 or 5338 2584

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief - second Tuesday. Centrelink card holders. Blankets available winter months. St Johns Anglican Church Hall, Napier Street 10.00am-11.30am

Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email *nstubs3@bigpond.com*

Business & Tourism Creswick - first Tuesday every month. Farmers Arms Hotel, 4.30pm Info 5345 2759 or contact via Facebook

Creswick Cemetery - Gates Open 9.00am to 5.00pm - Daily

Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc. - first Wednesday Feb. Apr. Aug. Nov 7.00pm Phone 0434 071 185

Creswick & District Historical Society - fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm. Phone 5345 2658

Creswick & District Hospital Auxiliary meets at hospital last Monday monthly 7.30pm. No meeting in June. New members welcome.

Creswick & District U3A - 0459 981 066 or email *u3a3363@gmail.com* or *www.creswicku3a.com*

Creswick Folk Club Second and fourth Friday 7.30pm, Creswick Railway Station, Contact John Harris 0428 842 234

Creswick Garden Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) Senior's Club Rooms 1.15pm. Phyllis 5345 2514

Creswick Havilah Lodge - fourth Thursday every month meeting 7.30pm Bob Orr 5345 2165

Creswick Library Baby Rhyme Time Sessions, Tues 11.00am Parents' Club Tue 11.30am Story Time 11.00am Wed

Creswick Lions Club second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Peter Cowie 0419 899 810, Secretary Carolyn Gargiulo 0417 349 049, Membership Chairperson Bernardette Tacey 0419 326 052

Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, Bookings 5345 2356 *creswickmarket.com.au*

Creswick Museum - Open 11.00am – 3.30pm Saturday and Sunday every week and Public Holidays 5345 2845 *creswickmuseum.org.au*

Creswick Probus Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am. Inquiries Joan 5334 4207

Creswick Senior Citizens - last Friday each month members enjoy social day and \$5 Lunch at Seniors' Clubrooms 12 noon

Creswick Senior Cyclists - meet Sundays and Wednesdays, 10.15am Creswick Band Rotunda. All casual cyclists welcome.

Creswick Visitor Information Centre - volunteers meet first Thursday every month 10.00am RSL

Creswick Walking Group Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am. Meet Albert Studio, Cnr Ballarat Rd and South St. All Welcome, Rain, Hail or Shine.

Creswick Ward meeting - second Monday every month. Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm Creswick Railway Station
CRWA Members Meeting - First Sunday every month 1.00pm after Working Bee. Railway Workshops Precinct Judy 5345 1374

Goldfields Spinners - every first, third and fifth Friday from 10.30am at Railway Station, Creswick Rebecca 0416 843 847, Fiona 0402 181 925

Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website *scoutsvictoria.com.au*

Museum Research Centre - Cnr Raglan and Cambridge Sts. Friday and Saturday 11.00am – 3.00pm every week

Music Jam for music lovers - every Friday 7.00pm-9.00pm Neighbourhood Centre. Audience welcome

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc meets second Wednesday of month Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 7.00pm

Pole walkers - St Georges Lake car park. All ages \$2.00 week. Tuesdays 8.00am – 9.30am Info. Eliz Rhook, Hepburn Health Service 5345 9150

RSL meeting - Last Wednesday each month 12 noon. RSL Hall Paul McGuinness 0407 928 570

Tipplers - third Wednesday every month. email: *wheeler@cbl.com.au*

VOGA Cycle Club Regular group rides that may be road, CX or MTB. Details on VOGA Facebook page. Free club membership via *www.vogacycleclub.com.au*

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