

# Creswick District News

Still Priceless

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## ***CresFest24 – The Best Yet!***

CresFest Director Judy Turner, could not be more pleased with the outcome of this year's festival.

*'It's been a knockout event. Pretty much full houses at every venue, the weather was perfect, the musicians were stunning, our sponsors and audiences alike were happy to be there, and our volunteers were remarkable. What's not to like in this Creswick community?'*

Ms Turner pointed out the number of Creswick businesses supporting and getting involved was increasing, and that their contributions have professionalised this community run event. *'Our artists are thrilled to be able to stay at local hotels and homes, to eat at local restaurants and cafes – many commenting that the welcome they received at Creswick was second to none.'*

Highlights included: the University of Melbourne Flood Opera, a completely packed event in the free program with over 200 locals queuing to hear the songs based on Creswick stories. The free KidsZone was buzzing with activity all weekend, as was Albert Street, where buskers and magicians combined with choirs and street bands.

The Town Hall finale was a spirited concert with the 100 strong Festival Choir adding their voices to three headline acts of *Gina and Guy Ghouse, Mélisande* and the *Spooky Men's Chorale*, at the conclusion of which the audience

erupted with cheers and applause. It was a fitting end to a fantastic weekend showcasing the buildings, the bands,

the businesses and, importantly, the warm and generous community of Creswick.

Planning for next year's festival (April 4 - 6), will start as soon as reviews and feedback have been collected from



*Kat Mear - Old Commonwealth Bank*

local businesses, musicians, ticketholders and volunteers. This year's program reflected key suggestions from last year's review and the outcome was that *CresFest* delivered an even more successful festival, setting it up to flourish for many years to come.

Judy Turner said that she couldn't be prouder of what a small committee and team of dedicated volunteers had achieved. *'It just goes to show that when you work with people who are passionate about what they do, great things can be achieved.'*

Fiona Watson

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*VIP Event - Neighbourhood Centre*

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## Creswick District News

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## MUSIC NEWS

### Don Huntley

#### Memorial Piano Recital

The 2024 Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital will be on Saturday, 27 April, at the new starting time of 3.00pm. Outstanding pianist Timothy Young, Head of Piano at the Australian National Academy of Music, will perform Chopin, Liszt and Rachmaninoff. This recital series, in the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, was created to remember Don Huntley, son of well-known former Creswick identity Bill Huntley. Bookings at [wcpa.com.au](http://wcpa.com.au) or 5338 0980.

*Bron Sozanski*

### CHANGE OF DATE FOR HONOUR ROLL DINNER Friday, 24 May

Please note that the Creswick Civic Honour Roll dinner has been changed. The new date is Friday, 24 May 2024. This is due to the football club having an event on the date previously booked. As before – contact Jack van Beveren on 5345 2658 or Marjorie Poole on 5345 2065 to book tickets.

## creswick Rainfall

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

0.0	2022	2023	2024
	mm	mm	mm
January	163.0	9.5	97.0
February	1.0	28.8	4.0
March	49.0	45.0	0.0
April	65.5	116.0	
May	39.3	70.0	
June	104.5	125.0	
July	51.0	45.0	
August	156.0	46.0	
September	82.0	25.5	
October	214.1	67.5	
November	129.1	29.0	
December	40.2	23.0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,094.7</b>	<b>630.3</b>	<b>101.0</b>

## Creswick Garden Club



On 7 May, the members of the Creswick Garden Club will meet at the Senior Citizens Club Rooms for a talk and demonstration from the Ballarat Bonsai Group. Talks such as this are always informative and helpful. This one will interest those wanting to learn how Bonsai is done and others who wish to improve their skills.

On 29 June, the annual Learning Day will take place at the Doug Lindsay Reserve. The guest speaker this year will be Sophie Thompson from *Gardening Australia*. The cost per person is \$60, which includes morning tea and lunch. Seats will be limited for this event, so get in early to secure your place.

Tickets can be purchased through Vice President Jenny Jolliffe on 0408 735 068.

*K Morgan*

*On behalf of Creswick Garden Club*



## Creswick Cemeteries News

Thank you all for your patience while the main roadway has been repaired. By now, visitors will be able to drive in through the main gates again. Thank you to Wayne Horne for the great job and the Department of Health, Cemetery Sector, for a grant towards the works.

While the cemetery allows dogs on leads, when visiting family graves please remember that the cemetery is NOT a dog park and dogs should NOT be let off their leads at any time.

*Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary*



## Red Cross Collections

The Creswick Branch of Red Cross Australia collected over two weeks in March outside the IGA supermarket. The total amount donated during that time was \$1900. Red Cross would like to thank all those who gave so generously.

*Marjorie Poole, President*

## Central Highlands Rural Health Local Nominee for Prestigious Award

The Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA) announced the winners of the Fundraising Champion of the Year with Creswick's Robert (Bob) Orr OAM, being one of the esteemed finalists. The Excellence in Fundraising Awards were presented at the Fundraisers' Gala Awards Dinner in February. Bob and his wife Margaret, along with Central Highlands Rural Health's Fundraising Chair, Kate Redwood and Fundraising Manager, Kathryn Kosloff, attended the dinner and were inspired by the hundreds of enthusiastic fundraisers in attendance.

Bob's passion and commitment to rural health care in Creswick was recognised by experts in the fundraising sector from across the country. The Fundraising Champion of the Year category was established in 2021 to acknowledge, *'The importance and highly valued contribution of non-traditional fundraising advocates and supporters'* and is *'designed to recognise that effective fundraising doesn't happen in isolation.'* (Fundraising Institute of Australia).

Kate Redwood congratulated Bob on the incredible honour of being nominated amongst the nation's best fundraisers. *'Bob has accepted the challenge to fundraise for the Creswick hospital on more than one occasion and is always willing and able to rise to the occasion. It is wonderful that he was recognised by the Fundraising Institute of Australia as a finalist. We are thrilled that Bob has been acknowledged for his incredible contribution to rural health care!'*

Former Creswick & District Hospital president, Bob continues to be an incredible leader within the Creswick community. In 2023, he accepted the challenge of raising \$150k for his local health service which he achieved with the assistance of the Creswick Health Upgrade Appeal Committee. In the 1990s, Bob successfully campaigned to raise \$1 million to save the Creswick Hospital and has continued to guide and support the future of health care for the town.

Bob has created an incredible legacy, along with his wife Margaret, who has been a member of the Creswick & District Hospital Auxiliary for fifty years. They have inspired many in their community to see the value in supporting and advocating for their local health service. Bob said, *'We want the township of Creswick to continue to thrive into the future. Rural health care continues to need community support and we do what we can to contribute.'* Central Highlands Rural Health would like to express their profound gratitude to Bob for his ongoing support.

*See photo on page 8*



## Shannon's Bridge *Care for the Carer and Valuing our Volunteers*

Shannon's Bridge is organising a special pampering event for volunteers and caregivers on 22 May in Creswick. This event aims to show appreciation for the hard work and dedication of volunteers and carers by providing some well-deserved relaxation and pampering.

### *Care for the Carer and Valuing our Volunteers*

**Date and time:** Wednesday, 22 May from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

**Location:** 94 Albert Street, Creswick.

**Services offered:** Aromatherapy, hand massage, foot massage, and music therapy.

**Free and open to all!**

For more information, email [shannonsbridge@gmail.com](mailto:shannonsbridge@gmail.com). Shannon's Bridge plans to offer more events in the coming months.

## Gift to Creswick Museum *The Masthead, by Ruby Lindsay*

In February, the Creswick Museum was the recipient of a gift from the Reverend Jennifer Preston, elder daughter of the late Douglas and Margeurite Lindsay, in memory of her parents and in recognition of the friendship between the two Lindsay families.

The drawing was given to Marguerite and Douglas on the occasion of their marriage in June 1941 at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Creswick. Doug Lindsay was the editor of the *Creswick Advertiser* for over fifty years and worked alongside Robert Lindsay, Secretary of the Creswick Hospital. There is no familial relationship, rather a recognition of good friendship over many years.

The drawing, by Ruby Lindsay, is the original for the masthead of the *Daily Herald London*, when it was established in 1912 by the London Society of Compositors who decided to continue their strike bulletin as a daily paper. Ruby Lindsay and her husband Will Dyson, were associated with the venture.

Reverend Preston said she *'hopes that the visitors to the museum will enjoy seeing the drawing'*.

*Reverend Jennifer Preston*

*See photo on page 8*

**NATIONAL TRUST  
ANDERSON'S MILL  
HERITAGE WEEKEND SMEATON  
May 11 and 12  
10.00am to 4.00pm  
FREE EVENT**

# CresFest 24 Thanks the Community for its Amazing Support

Another amazing *CresFest* has concluded, and what a wonderful three-day event, which is only possible through the support, engagement and contribution of the whole community. *CresFest* particularly acknowledges:



(Vic), Pavilion Arts, Paula and Richard Nicholson, Ross and Liz Wilkie, Street Performance Australia, University of Melbourne.

**Principal Partner:** Community Bank Creswick & District;  
**Government Partners:** Multicultural Festivals and Events Victoria, Hepburn Shire Council.

**Event Partners:** ABC Ballarat, Ballarat Times News Group, American Hotel, Creswick Pharmacy, Creswick Woollen Mills, Farmers Arms Hotel, Gaia EnviroTech, IGA Creswick, Log Cabin Camp, Miles Electrical, Odessa @ Leaver's Hotel, PRD Creswick, RACV Goldfields Resort, Robert Salzer Foundation.

**Other supporters:** Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Creswick Masonic Lodge, Creswick Primary School, Creswick Theatre Company, Creswick Smeaton RSL, Dean Recreation Reserve, Girl Guides Vic – Ballarat District, Great Dividing Trail Association, Kingston & District Agricultural Society, Multicultural Festivals and Events

**Volunteers and hosts:** to the over 150 volunteers who devoted hours, enthusiasm and professionalism to make *CresFest* a joyous event and to the people who hosted musicians – they'll all be back again next year!

**Behind the scenes team:** to the forty plus people (paid and unpaid) who contributed their skills and expertise to ensure that the *CresFest* story was told, the tickets were sold, the stage was set, the performers were housed and the punters enjoyed another fantastic *CresFest*.

**Media:** thanks to ABC Ballarat, *The Ballarat Times*, *The Courier*, 3BA, VOICE FM, *The Local*, *Creswick District News* and other media outlets for broadcasting *CresFest's* story.

**The Local Community:** the support of the Creswick community and local businesses makes this a very special festival.

*Fiona Watson*

## The Team that Brought you *CresFest*:

Buwani Hemachandra  
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\* Committee | **Bold**, paid team

## New Residents Welcome

**Saturday, 25 May 3.00pm – 4.00 pm Senior Citizens Centre, Water Street, Behind the Town Hall.**

The event begins with an afternoon tea whilst the CFA, SES, Parks Vic, VicPol and Hepburn Shire present valuable information.

Local representatives from a wide range of community groups will also be there to let you know what is available and advise on community resources. It is a great way to connect with the township in a friendly informal gathering. Please register at the Shire Office in the Hub, or email CRWA (Creswick Railway Workshops Association Inc.) secretary Judy Henderson, at [railwayworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:railwayworkshops@gmail.com).

Register by 21 May for catering purposes.

**This is a free event funded by the Hepburn Shire Council.** Community representatives who wish to attend, please contact U3A Secretary, Anne Chamberlain, at [info@creswicku3a.com](mailto:info@creswicku3a.com).

Come and hear more about Creswick and what it offers.

*Judy Henderson 0407 622 463*  
*CRWA Secretary*

## Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson Award for 2023

Local triathlete, Oscar Wootton, was presented with the Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson Award for 2023 at the recent Community Celebration hosted by the Community Bank Creswick & District.

Oscar represented Australia at the 2023 Junior Commonwealth Games and was the Australian team's co-flag bearer for the opening ceremony. He achieved fifth in his individual race and fourth in the mixed relay.

Oscar was selected from a strong group of nominations including:

**Sigrud Black** who represented Australia at the Mounted Games in Denmark in 2023 as an Under 12 rider.

**Leiarinna Ferguson** who is the Australian Jiu Jitsu champion for her age group and won fifteen gold medals at national events during 2023.

**Charli McLennan** is an all-round sportsperson. She plays cricket in the U16 and U19 Victorian Country Squad and competed in the Women's Premier League finals in Melbourne.

**Ella Culvenor** is an athlete who competed at a state and national level in 2023. Ella achieved a bronze medal in the triple jump, jumping a massive 10.35m.

**Kipp McLeod** is a passionate footballer and has played inter-league football. He was runner-up in the league Best and Fairest last year and also won his club's Best and Fairest award.

**Zahra Winduss** is a basketballer and netballer. She plays basketball for the Lady Miners and has been selected for the Country Victoria Development Squad. Zahra also plays netball for the Ballarat Pride Team and has been selected to try out for the Central Highlands State Title team.

All the finalists received financial support to assist them to achieve their sporting goals.

What an amazing array of junior talent there is in the district.

*See photo on page 8*

## Milestone reached – over \$2 million donated to Creswick and district

At a special community celebration held on 13 March, Community Bank Creswick & District reached a milestone by making a donation which took them in excess of \$2 million donated to many worthy recipients in Creswick and district. The Community Bank has contributed to many large infrastructure projects, many small projects and everything in between in their nearly seventeen years of operation.

Community Bank Creswick & District Chairman, Marcus Walsh said, *'We are excited to reach this milestone with a donation being allocated to the hard-working and dedicated Birch Group of CFA Brigades. Members volunteer their time and skills to keep our community safe and we are pleased to support them in their quest for a new forward command vehicle.'*

There was overwhelming support shown by the community with 138 people from over sixty different community groups and organisations attending the event.

During the evening attendees heard that the Community Bank's parent company, Creswick & District Financial Services, has achieved certification and is now a registered Social Enterprise. There were also presentations from local community groups and Sally Walsh from Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute shared some fundraising tips. A new process for applying for grants and sponsorships from the Community Bank was explained.

The Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson Award was presented. Overall, the event was a wonderful celebration of the community.

*See photo on page 8*

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## Creswick Scouts Finding Ghosts in the Bush

On a scout night in early March, Creswick Scouts come across ghosts in the bush near Creswick. Scouts Hayden and Bing had organised a hike around the 3.4km La Gerche Track, approximately a sixty minute loop walk, longer if some of the forty-five odd information signs are read. Bing and Hayden planned for each Patrol to walk in different directions crossing over somewhere on the track and collecting information along the way such as gold mines, types of trees from all over the world, pines from USA and Europe, corks from England and including Australian trees and the local Creswick apple box.

During the hike both Patrols discovered the ghost of John La Gerche who imparted a lot of information. He had come to Australia from the island of Jersey in the English Channel in 1865 at the age of twenty. In 1882, he was appointed Crown Lands Bailiff and Forester to supervise the Ballarat and Creswick State Forest. The job not only involved the prevention of illegal timber cutting but re-growing the bush destroyed during the gold rush. He would often sleep in the forest at night to prevent the theft of young trees. Over the years, he experimented with a range of seedlings to introduce to the bush. La Gerche planted some 19,000 trees, all by hand. He also started the Creswick Plant Nursery.

Another ghost encountered by the Patrols was the ghost of the first Creswick Scout Leader, the Reverend Robinson from the local Presbyterian Church in Victoria Street (not there now). He started Scouting in Creswick in 1909 in the church hall which is still there today. The Reverend was pleased to meet up with the scouts but was somewhat confused by the colour of their uniform, blue and green. And scouts wear short pants all year round, never long pants! Plus, the Rev didn't know what a woggle was. *'What's the thing holding the scarf together? A gumnut should be used like Baden-Powell, our great Leader. There should be a (hang over) knot at each end of the scarf, one for the scout law and one for the scout promise. What's happened to scouting?'*

The Reverend's best activity in 1909 was hiking and tracking and his best game was British Bulldog, a game that has long gone from scouting today.

There was a lot of information learned on the hike. Both ghosts wish the scouts all the best in the future.

Congratulations to Bing and Hayden .

Neil Hunt

*See photo on page 8*

**Vacancies are available for children to join  
Creswick Scouts**



## CRESWICK MARKET Congratulations on the Win!

Creswick Market has been given the nod as **Highest rated market in Australia**. This accolade was voted by tourists on Trip Advisor, with the results published in the magazine *Time Out Melbourne*. While people of Creswick and surrounding areas have known this for quite a while, the secret is now out!

Proudly running on the third Saturday of the month, rain, hail or shine, the Creswick Market, nestled in the grounds of the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, 19 - 21 Victoria Street, boasts a mix of fresh produce, home-made pantry and bakery treats, cured meats, eggs, honey, local wine and beer as well as handmade craft items, hats, clothing, plants and seedlings. There is also a variety of food vendors including coffee and who can forget the Creswick Lions Club ever popular BBQ!

Patrons can enjoy free music and entertainment, kids can have their face painted or enjoy themselves in the *playscape* area filled with toys and sandpit tools, while parents enjoy a coffee and chat with friends. The Creswick Market is not to be missed!

Huge thanks to all the people who over the years have made the Creswick Market what it is today. All of the staff, volunteers, stallholders, entertainers and of course – the visitors both locals and tourists. THANK YOU!!

See everyone at the Creswick Market soon – bring your friends and family along so they can see what all the fuss is about.

*Chrissie Austin*

*Manager, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre*

*See photo on page 8*

## Justices of the Peace

On behalf of the Ballarat branch of the Royal Victorian Association Honorary Justices (RVAHJ), I would like to thank everyone involved with the production of the *Creswick District News* and for the inclusion of the small advertisement which informs the people of Creswick of the contact details for the local Justices of the Peace who are available should they need documents witnessed and certified.

If that service does not suit, there is always a JP on duty at the Ballarat Police Station from 11.00am to 6.00pm every business day.

Once again thank you for the printing of that information for the past fifteen years. Certainly a free service for the Creswick and district community.

*Harry Gibcus JP*

*Chairman Ballarat branch RVAHJ.*

## BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

The weekly food and garden organics collection is underway, with general rubbish bins now collected fortnightly. Food and garden materials are being processed locally into high-quality compost to improve soils. This is great for the environment and it also means reduced landfill fees and transport costs. So let's love our compost! For more information visit [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/organics](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/organics)

## GLASS AND FOOD DROP OFF

As part of our work to improve waste management, residents and ratepayers can now drop off food scraps (up to 120L - food scraps only, not garden clippings) and glass (clean jars and bottles, lids removed) to our transfer stations for free. This free trial will be in place until 30 June.

While we continue to accept glass in our mixed recycling collection, broken glass is a major contaminant of other recyclables, especially paper. Under the Victorian Government's circular economy policy and plan, Council will need to remove glass from the mixed recycling and determine how glass is collected prior to 2027.

## REUSABLES VOUCHER

Council is offering households a \$50 discount voucher to help residents transition from disposable to reusable nappies, training pants or period products. The voucher is valid until 31 May or until allocated funds are exhausted. Find out more at <http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/reusables-discount>

## DAYLESFORD TOWN HALL PAG

Community members are invited to apply to join an advisory group to help determine whether Daylesford Town Hall could be refurbished to include a community hub with a library and multi-purpose spaces. Find out more and complete an expression of interest at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/daylesford-facilities>. EOIs close at Wednesday 24 April at 5.00pm.

## COUNCIL PLAN FOCUS AREAS



A resilient, sustainable & protected environment



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Embracing our past & planning for the future



Diverse economy & opportunities



A dynamic & responsive council

## CRESWICK TRAILS

Thank you to everyone who suggested a name for a segment of the Creswick Trails. Half the trail segments will carry names in Dja Dja Wurrung language, with half based on submissions from the community. A panel will review the names for compliance with State Government principles, which will be considered by Council. Geographic Names Victoria will have the final say. Construction of the 60 km mountain bike trail is well underway, with the full trail on track for opening in December.

## END OF POOL SEASON

Thank you to community members who joined us during the aquatics season at our pools and splash park. We invite you to complete a short survey and let us know about your experience at our aquatic facilities over summer. Feedback closes on Friday 26 April. Complete the survey at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>

## HAVE YOUR SAY

**Structure planning** - One of the major components of our strategic planning project, Future Hepburn, is the development of structure plans for five local townships - Trentham, Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford/Hepburn and Glenlyon. Council will be hosting a number of community drop-in sessions across the Shire in May to get feedback on the draft structure plans. The draft structure plans will be available for community review in late April. We look forward to your feedback!

**Health and wellbeing survey** - This survey will measure health outcomes in the region, helping to identify areas for improvement and report on changes. The survey will be available to complete in the coming weeks.

Have your say at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>

## STAND FOR COUNCIL

Council elections will be held in October. The Municipal Association of Victoria will run information sessions for prospective candidates. Topics will cover information about the roles and responsibilities of a councillor and their council, the election campaign process and much more. Visit [www.mav.asn.au/council-elections-2024](http://www.mav.asn.au/council-elections-2024)

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# PHOTO GALLERY

## Central Highlands Rural Health Local Nominee for Prestigious Award



*Kate Redwood, Margaret Orr, Robert Orr OAM and Kathryn Kosloff*

## Gift to Creswick Museum *The Masthead*, by Ruby Lindsay



*Reverend Jennifer and John Preston*

## Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson Award for 2023



*Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson Award 2023 finalists:  
L-R Zahra Winduss, Ella Culvenor, Sigrid Black, Leiarinna Ferguson, Kipp McLeod (kneeling) and Oscar Wootton. Not pictured Chari McLennan as she was training in Melbourne for cricket finals.*

## Milestone reached – over \$2 million donated to Creswick and district



*Marcus Walsh – Board Chair presents Alan Hives - Birch Group Officer from Kingston Brigade with a large cheque. Also pictured are Alicia Hand - Creswick Fire Brigade Captain, David Freelove - Clunes Fire Brigade Captain, Tom Toose - Deputy Group Officer from Smeaton Brigade and Ken Muller - Deputy Group Officer from Ullina Brigade.*

## Creswick Scouts Finding Ghosts in the Bush



## A new leadership team

The 2024 School Captains were presented with their leadership badges recently at a special assembly.

At Creswick Primary School, the student leadership team consists of students from Years 5 and 6. In addition to School Captains and Vice Captains, there are Sports House Leaders and Playground Mentors. They all play important roles within the school.



*2024 School Captains and Vice Captains*

Captains and Vice Captains lead the assembly each fortnight and represent the school at special events, within the school and in the greater community. Captains and other students from Creswick Primary School performed the Acknowledgement of Country at the Area Principal Forum in March.

House Captains proudly lead each of the four Houses: Napier, Victoria, Raglan, and Drummond. They lead athletics practice on Friday afternoons in preparation for the Athletics Sports Day.

Playground Mentors perform an essential role in the school. They support students in the yard by playing together and sorting out minor problems. The Playground Mentors also look out for students who are showing the school's values in the yard.

Creswick Primary School is fortunate and proud to have outstanding students who lead the school with pride.

*Helen Romeril*  
Principal



*Dance Ballet Workshop*



*Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse*  
Town Hall



*Ben Adler violin Chutney Band*

## Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church Celebrates Easter

Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church conducted Easter Services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, where the cross inside the church was draped with black cloth signifying the death of Jesus Christ. An Easter Sunday service was also held. All were led by Rev Kate Tierney. The services were well attended with some visitors adding to the regular members of the congregation with all enjoying the morning tea with hot cross buns which followed.

The culmination was the usual Easter Sunday Flowering of the Cross Service. During this service, congregation members took flowers and decorated the cross, which was now draped in white cloth, signifying the Resurrection of Christ. A joyous time for all.

*Robyn Shaw*

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# Creswick Bowling Club News



Ross Prictor—Life Member 2024  
Photo: Debbie Matthews

The club's latest Life Member, Ross Prictor, transferred from Smeaton. Ross joined the club in 1999 and quickly established himself, not only with his bowling but also as a willing volunteer, helping where he could. His early interactions with the club were through the bar, eventually taking on the role as Bar Manager, a position which he still holds today.

He became Treasurer of the Men's Bowls Section at the old club and continued as Assistant Treasurer keeping thorough and meticulous accounts. His Bar Manager role involves many duties and occupies a vast amount of his time ordering, purchasing and collecting stock, not only for the bar, but the kitchen too.

Ross's other achievements are too numerous to mention in this edition. He was presented with his Certificate of Life Membership by Chairperson, Gerry Flapper, at the recent Presentation Night. His name will join other worthy recipients on the Honour Roll. Congratulations to Ross on this well-deserved recognition of service to the club.

Awards were also presented to the following: Women's Club Champion Rebecca Cooper and runner-up Beth Huntley; Men's Club Champion Stephen Hepworth and runner-up Greg Peel.

*(A correction from last month's CDN. I had inserted Dale Chalmers as the runner-up to Stephen Hepworth. This was not the case and apologies to Greg Peel.)*

Women's Pairs Champions Eileen Franklin and Chris Boyd; Men's Pairs Champions, Bruce Andrews and Stephen Pope. Men's Pairs runners-up Alan Annear and Greg Peel.

Friday night dinners will revert to the first Friday of the month from 3 May, everyone is welcome.

The new electronic scoreboard is positioned in the western corner of the green but it may be a while before it can be used. This is another example of the club utilising the funds collected from members to improve the experience of bowling.

### Indoor bowls for both women and men

The ladies Division 2 and Pennant start on 15 April with practice on Thursday mornings from 10.30am – noon. New players are most welcome, please ring Eva Mitchell on 0402 036 348.

The men's Indoor Bowls Pennant, Division 1 and 2 commences Tuesday, 16 April.

The club hosted a tournament on 27 March which was proudly sponsored by Davies & Rose of Creswick. The club is very appreciative of their support and kind donation. Organised by Barry Yates, it attracted a full complement of teams from all over the Ballarat region. Lunch and afternoon tea were provided by a very dedicated bunch of volunteers. City Oval won the day and Learmonth secured second and third places.

Judy Rieniets is in the planning stages of organising a **Book Sale** to be held at the RSL Hall on 19 and 20 April, 10.00am – 4.00pm each day. Books will be on sale for \$1.00 per book – some real bargains. All monies collected will go to the club.

The club is always looking for new bowlers for next season. There will be regular practices over the coming months for anyone interested in becoming a member. Contact Bernie on 0437 102 059.

Bernie O'Malley

## Senior Cits News

Did Peter Rabbit find your place with lots of chocolate goodies? Seniors will get back to the usual routine with Scrabble on Wednesdays and bingo on Fridays.

The next social day will be 26 April with a yummy meal and entertainment by the *Harmonies*. As movie day comes around, word will pass onto interested members and friends.

Get well message to anyone on the sick list.

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# Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.



**ANZAC Day** - please assemble early for the 9.00am service at the Cenotaph on the corner of Victoria and Kingston Roads. This year everyone will learn about the life and war service of Sister Ella Madeline Redman, known as Tot to her family and friends. Pam Lockhart will tell her story. Morning tea will follow allowing time for people to join the Creswick commemorations. The March will assemble at the Splash Park for the 10.30am ceremony.

Sincere thanks to the twenty-four volunteers who assisted with the Avenue working bee in March and to the cooks and the chef for preparing the BBQ lunch. Special thanks to the Kingston Fire Brigade for providing *home base* as always.

Many thanks again to Council for their mowing and clean up in preparation for the ANZAC Day service. The Avenue looks terrific, and the autumn leaves look spectacular.

**Ongoing works in the Avenue** - the work has continued to replace nine of the trees in the Avenue that were in very poor health. The last three trees have been removed and Friends are working with Council about the best time to replant this season. Twenty-seven plaques have been ordered to replace those that have been damaged or due to incorrect spelling. Many thanks for the grant Veterans Affairs Victoria provided to fund this work.

## Save the Dates

Saturday, 20 April - Creswick Market plant sales

Thursday, 25 April - ANZAC Day service 9.00am

Sunday, 12 May - Bunnings sausage sizzle (Central Ballarat)

*Julie Baulch*

*on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.*



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There are a variety of group activities: a walking group, a craft group, a gardening group and a book club. Residents are encouraged to maintain their social activities in the wider community by attending the Senior Citizens, Men's Shed or using the Library.

Many personal care assistants are employed to facilitate this lifestyle. Residents are encouraged to come out of their rooms and interact with each other. It is not unusual to find new friendships forged and, in some cases, re-established.

Visiting entertainment and bus outings are the icing on the cake and what a bonus Cafe Curtin has been to enhancing the lifestyle of residents.

This transition is one most of us will face one day and we must all ask ourselves what we want at that stage, or are we happy to leave it to others to decide for us?

*Susan Craven, President*

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# 100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

## April 1, 1924

We recently quoted reductions in telephone trunk line calls caused through the new method of charging on radial instead of route mileage, which comes into operation today. To be added to the list are Kingston, Allendale, and Broomfield, for which trunk line calls from Creswick will be 1d, in lieu of 2d previously charged.

## April 4, 1924

Fallen Soldiers' Memorial – it is the desire to erect a Fallen Soldiers' Memorial in the Creswick borough, and a decision has been arrived at to place a monument in Cooper's Reserve. If sufficient funds are available, an honor board containing the names of all Creswickians who enlisted will be erected in the town hall.

## April 8, 1924

A grand carnival is to be held in the new show yards at Kingston next Saturday afternoon. It is being held with a view of putting the Kingston, Smeaton, Newlyn and Dean agricultural Society on a sound financial footing. A large sum of money has been spent in improving the grounds. It is hoped to liquidate the debt of about £100 by means of the carnival, and if possible to have a credit.

## April 11, 1924

Blampied – District farmers are now effecting a clearance of last season's hay at £3/5/ per ton, and they are anxious for a continuance of fine weather to allow them to proceed with the delivery to the mills. Many of the stacks have suffered much damage through the recent rain.

## April 15, 1924

Miss M. Parker, teacher of Pen, Painting, Pastel, Oil Painting and Stencilling, intends opening classes shortly.

Intending pupils leave names and addresses with Miss Hutchinson, Albert Street, Creswick.

## April 18, 1924

Allendale – A dance and re union for the benefit of those who are home in the old town for the Easter holidays will take place in the Mechanics' hall on Saturday (tomorrow) evening, at 8 o'clock. There will be a good programme of dances and music.

## April 25, 1924

Anzac Day will be commemorated in Creswick by the holding of a service in the town hall this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Business people are requested to close their establishments at 7 o'clock. Cr. Alex Broom (Mayor) will preside, addresses will be given by Sir A. J. Peacock and the Rev. R. Whitford, whilst the Revs. D. H. Teale Gosper and S. A. Eastman and Ensign Illingworth will also take part in the service. A combined choir, with Miss Malton as pianiste, will lead the singing of hymns and also render "Across the Bar"; Mr. W. Fullarton will sing "The Throne of Grace"; and Mr. P. H. Northcott is to sound the Last Post. A collection is to be made in aid of the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Fund.

## April 29, 1924

The first public appearance of our member, Sir Alexander Peacock, after his choice as Premier of the State of Victoria, in succession to Mr. Lawson, was at the service in the town hall last Friday night in commemoration of Anzac Day. On entering the hall Sir Alexander was applauded. The Mayor (Cr. Alex Broom) said Creswick people felt greatly honored that their member should be Premier for the third time. On behalf of the residents he congratulated Sir Alexander on the position he had attained and hoped he would have a pleasant time in the office.

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The inaugural evening was held on 8 March and what a success! The evening was so well supported that Smokeytown organised two sittings. At each there were in excess of twenty-five patrons with Jake and Jorja ably helping to serve.

The evening started off with a choice of vegetarian samosa or chicken tikka, washed down with a refreshing mango lassi. For the main course patrons were offered a vegetarian shahi paneer, butter chicken or beef vindaloo! It's known for its fiery flavour! Each delicious. However, Nepalese chef Manjul, did tone it down for those whose palates prefer a milder flavour, by adding less chilli. Each meal was served with rice, papadum and naan. For the final touch, everyone was offered gulab jamun. For those who fancied something more traditional, a regular menu was available.

Joban, Raj and Pam couldn't have been happier with the outcome. *'We were delighted to see so many people enjoying our food from India'* Joban said.

Raj said that for the time being the locals' night would be once a month, *'but I hope to see it expand. Our next night is Friday, 12 April and from then on, the second Friday of the month. Interested people need to come in and book soon as places are filling up already'*.

As there are no Nepalese restaurants in the district, future culinary adventures will include menus based on chef Manjul's Nepalese background.

For the sake of transparency, the writer, that's me Fiona, enjoyed the evening – and paid for my own meal.

Fiona Watson



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**New Residents Welcome**  
 Saturday, 25 May 3.00pm – 4.00 pm in the Senior Citizens Centre.  
 RSVP to Creswick Shire Hub by 21 May.

**CHANGE OF DATE FOR HONOUR ROLL DINNER**  
**Friday, 24 May.** Booking details remain the same.

**Shannon's Bridge, Care for the Carer and Valuing our Volunteers**  
 Wednesday 22 May, from 10.00am to 2.00pm  
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**Anglican Parish of Springmount**  
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**Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc.** - first Wednesday Feb. Apr. Aug. Nov 7.00pm  
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**Creswick & District Historical Society**  
 fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm. Phone 5345 2065

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

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