



## **WE WON! NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!** **Creswick Brass Band and Creswick Youth Brass**

*Creswick* Brass Band and Creswick Youth Brass have returned from the Australian National Band Championships in Melbourne with a swag of trophies, with Creswick Brass Band being crowned 2018 National D Grade Champion Band. The Band swept the pool, winning Best Hymn and Best Stage March, as well as having the highest scores in the Test Piece and Own Choice musical selection. The win has capped a fine string of placings in other contests in the last few years, and is a fine way for the Band to head up the ladder to C Grade, with confirmation of their promotion earlier in the month.

Creswick Youth Brass can also claim the mantle of National Champions, with a fine display of drill and marching winning them the title of National Champion Junior Marching Band, led by National Champion Junior Drum Major, Benjamin Gray. The Youth Brass followed that up with a strong Second place in the Junior C Grade competition.

With over sixty Brass Bands attending, the National Band Championships, held in a different State each year is the premier contest in the country for Bands. D Grade was strongly contested by bands from as far away as Queensland.

Musical Director of the Creswick Brass Band and Creswick



Youth Brass, Katrina Bird, said of the results 'I'm so proud of both bands; they both worked very hard to master the repertoire and worked well together musically. The Youth Brass had a huge day of marching and playing, and kept their focus well, while also having a lot of fun.' Katrina went on to say, 'I knew the Senior Band could put up a strong performance. We now move up to C Grade and we can look back with pride and happiness on a fine win.'

Band President Rob Ohlsen was happy with the win – 'This group of players has made history for Creswick Band, this is the first time we've ever been placed, and we made a clean sweep of the stage titles on offer. I'm so happy for the members of the Band, especially the Youth Brass, whose enthusiasm and sense of fun have been a joy to watch. I'd like to thank Katrina for her dedication to the Band. I'd also

like to thank parents and partners of both Senior and Youth Brass Bands, who have patiently driven members to rehearsal and supported them in their endeavours.'

The Band will be on show next in Creswick on ANZAC Day, where they will participate in the March and Service in the morning, and present their annual *Salute to the ANZACS* Concert at 2.00pm in the Town Hall. You can also see them at Clunes Booktown on Saturday 5 May at 11.00am.

Roger Clark



## Creswick District News

The CDN is a community newsletter imparting local information. Copy is invited from individuals and community groups reporting or advising on local events.

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Many thanks to the anonymous *Creswick District News* reader who made a generous donation towards the production costs of *CDN*.

**Congratulations** to Smeaton resident, Aaron Sedgwick who was recently awarded The Master Builders Ballarat Section Apprentice of the Year Award. Best of luck Aaron in the State Apprentice of the Year. Awards to be held in May.



### Happy Mother's Day

The CDN Team wish all Mothers a  
Happy Mothers Day



## Tribute to Mothers

### *Creswick Honours Mothers of the District* Pavilion Arts

Look closely, be surprised in Creswick on Mothers' Day, 13 May. Visit the town and give all mums an opportunity to sample the diverse and fabulous foods available in take-away shops, restaurants, pubs and in the many cafes which also display works of local artists.

Take a stroll along both sides of Albert Street to discover your surprise.



### Creswick & District Historical Society

Creswick & District Historical Society will hold their next Meeting on Thursday, 26 April at 2.00pm in the Seniors' Club Rooms, Water Street, Creswick.

This is the AGM so come along and maybe land a job on the committee!

Don't forget the Honour Roll Dinner on Friday, 25 May at a cost of \$40.

This is always a great and interesting night and our main event for the year.

*Hon. Sec. 5345 1310*



### Rainfall

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

	2017	2018
	mm	mm
January	34	30
February	37	6.5
March	44.4	30
April	106.5	
May	39.5	
June	12.5	
July	72.7	
August	59.3	
September	51.5	
October	64	
November	55.1	
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## Creswick Brass Band

### SALUTE TO THE ANZACS

**ANZAC Day 2.00pm**

**Creswick Town Hall**

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**Enquiries please contact**

**President Robert Ohlsen  
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# Creswick Garden Club

## Local Honoured with Name of New Cultivar

The Creswick Garden Club grows from strength to strength as it celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Over 100 lovers of gardens, plants and possibly anything to do with horticulture attended the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Creswick Garden Club at the Creswick Town Hall recently.

Amongst the guests there was probably none so overcome with emotion as foundation President Val Lawrence. Following the welcome by current President Phyllis Wright, and a short history of the Club by Val Lawrence, guest speaker David Glenn from Lambley Nursery gave an entertaining talk on his family. He must surely be one of Victoria's foremost gardeners and nurserymen.

At the conclusion of his talk he stunned the guests, and certainly overwhelmed Val, by announcing that to acknowledge a stalwart of gardening way beyond the boundaries of Creswick, he was naming a new cultivar of the *Salvia* Species *Salvia Val Lawrence*. There were tears and rapturous applause at this generous gift of David's to name the plant in Val's honour.

David said that the new plant was tough, resilient and beautiful so it made sense to name it after Val!

The development of this new cultivar took many years, from trials to propagation and finally planting out for two years to ensure its unique characteristics were permanent. The result is a low growing plant of about 40 cm, densely clothed in beautiful grey leaves with flower spikes of silver-mauve, poised well above the foliage.

David first met Val when she arrived in Creswick from Melbourne, which was five years after he and his wife artist Criss Canning moved to Ascot.

'We hit it off immediately and I've long admired her indomitable spirit, her enthusiasm and her organisational skills. When most rural and many city garden clubs are in serious decline, Val, along with her band of volunteers, has gone against the trend and made the Creswick Garden Club a beacon of hope for those of us who have made gardening our life,' David said.

'It is volunteers like Val who make rural towns decent places in which to live. Volunteers quietly go about their tasks with no expectations of reward. So it really wasn't hard to find a name for our beautiful new *Salvia*. We needed to look no further than Creswick.'

The Creswick Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.15pm in the Senior Citizens Centre. For further information, contact President Phyllis Wright on 5345 2514.

*Fiona Watson*



*David Glenn and Val Lawrence with a picture of the new *Salvia Val Lawrence**

### Dr Hepper Retires after Forty Years in Creswick

After more than forty years as a GP in Creswick, Dr Brian Hepper closed his surgery door last month. Dr Hepper originally started his practice with Dr John Gray in South Street, before moving to his Albert Street surgery. For quite some time, they were the only two doctors in Creswick.

The CDN Team and readers thank Brian for his years of service to the Creswick community and wish him and his wife Marg a long and happy retirement.



### ANZAC DAY 2018-CRESWICK

06.00 am	Cenotaph Albert St Creswick - Dawn Service
06.30 am	Gunfire Breakfast - Creswick Town Hall
09.00 am	Wreath Laying - Kingston Avenue of Honour Memorial
09.20 am	Wreath Laying - Soldiers Section Creswick Cemetery
10.00 am	Wreath Laying - Memorial stones RSL Hall
10.15 am	Assemble near Splash Park on Albert for ANZAC March
10.30 am	March Step Off - near Splash Park on Albert St
10.45 am	Cenotaph Creswick - Remembrance Service
12.00 pm	2 UP at American Hotel - Albert St. 2.00pm – 6.00pm
02.00 pm	Creswick Brass Band <i>Salute to the ANZACS</i> Concert - Creswick Town Hall





## Kingston & District Pony Club - At the Crossroads

The Kingston & District Pony Club commenced in the mid-1960s with the first rallies held in Creswick on Bald Hills Road, now the Prestons' residence and transport business. Permission was sought by the Club to use the land behind that block but was refused by the Creswick Shire and Public Lands Victoria as the land had been set aside for a secondary school. This site is now the Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve. The Haintz brothers then made available part of their farm and a room in an old farmhouse. The property known as *The Firs*, now *Adhado Estate* at Springmount, became home for the Club.

In the late 1960s a formal request was made to the Pony Club Association of Victoria to become a member club and the name put forward was the Seven Hills Pony Club. This was rejected as it was not a known town or place on a map. Thus the closest town was Kingston and a new pony club was formed with the name Kingston & District Pony Club. In the late 1970s there were many wet years and the ground became unsafe so the Club transferred its rallies to the Kingston Showgrounds. Kingston Agricultural Society members approached the Pony Club members to remain and make the grounds their permanent home. With the help of Agricultural Society members, they then built the present clubrooms/kitchen and canteen facilities. Kingston Pony Club was incorporated on 28 August 1984.



*Kingston Pony Club members 1990*

*Above L-R: Amanda Dawe, Alex Giles, Tess Woodward, Alicia Giles, Brendon Dorricott, Nicole de Bever and Amanda Phillips.*

*Photos supplied by Margaret Giles*



Some of the earliest member families were Lex and Judy Frazer, Wally Boyd, John Delimer, Stan Haintz, Carol Hawkins and Mr White, with Judy Frazer the first District Commissioner followed by Carol Hawkins. Don and Joyce Williams were stalwarts of the Club and Don was District Commissioner from 15 May 1977 until his death on 25 June 2006.

Hundreds of local children have spent hours of enjoyment learning to ride and care for their horses, competing in cross country events, dressage, show jumping and games at all levels. Lasting friendships and a love of horses has been the outcome of this wonderful organisation supported by family, friends and riders over the years.

Unfortunately, for the past twelve months, the Club has been in recession with the Pony Club Association of Victoria due to a lack of riders and parent participation. However, there has been some interest of late in reviving the Club so that local families can continue to enjoy the benefits of belonging to a pony club.

**If you are interested in joining the Club** or have ideas about how to keep it going for the continued enjoyment of local families, please come to a meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 16 May, 7.30pm at the Kingston Fire Brigade Station, 376 Kingston Road, Kingston.**

For more information please contact Margaret Giles on [rossmore@netconnect.com.au](mailto:rossmore@netconnect.com.au) or 0419 326 453 or Darryl Williams [darryllwilliams6@bigpond.com](mailto:darryllwilliams6@bigpond.com) or 0419 890 654. You can also visit the Club's website and Facebook page - [www.kingston.ponyclubvic.org.au](http://www.kingston.ponyclubvic.org.au) or [www.facebook.com/groups/716350991789131](https://www.facebook.com/groups/716350991789131)

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*Margaret Giles*

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## Creswick's John Curtin Aged Care - Development Over the Years

Since first opening as a thirty-six bed aged care hostel in February 1987, many changes have been made to Creswick's community owned John Curtin Aged Care. In 1990 the John Curtin building was extended to increase its capacity to forty-six beds. A further extension was added in 2003 to increase the capacity to sixty-five beds and provide additional lounges and a function room for resident use. In between, during and since these times other alterations, some minor and some major, have been made within the building to meet the changing needs of the facility and its residents.

The most recent alterations made were commenced in 2017 and are now complete. These included the construction of six superior quality rooms for residents, the redevelopment of former administration offices into an expanded laundry and a gymnasium for residents, extension of the kitchen and its facilities, consolidation of reception and administration offices together in a central location at the main entrance to the building. Also the redevelopment of an under-utilised lounge area into a café for residents, their visiting relatives and friends, and members of the public generally.

In constructing the superior quality rooms, John Curtin's



*Residents have ample space for treasured belongings in John Curtin's new rooms.*

capacity was not increased and remains at sixty-five residents, their construction involving the loss of some of the facilities original rooms. Apart from being significantly larger than the original rooms, the new rooms are fully equipped to cope with the frailer condition of people coming into residential aged care now compared with earlier times. The new rooms are also intended to show the standard of accommodation John Curtin hopes to provide for its residents in a new facility in the future.

In conjunction with the recent alterations and extensions, much of John Curtin has been refreshed with new carpet, new furniture and the repainting of public spaces. All rooms in the facility are refreshed as necessary before receiving new occupants.

John Curtin Aged Care added a retirement living activity to its functions in 1992 when it purchased four two bedroom villas adjacent to its property for use as independent living units. Subsequently, in four stages between 1995 and 2014, it has built a further fourteen independent living units on land purchased from the Creswick District Hospital, and in 2002 purchased another villa unit adjacent to those purchased in 1992. These are all made available for occupation on a licence arrangement. As units become vacant they are renovated as necessary to ensure that they are maintained in an up to date condition. Three recently vacated units are currently being renovated and are expected to be available for new occupants within the next few weeks.

In view of the continuing demand for independent living units, John Curtin has recently acquired additional land and intends to proceed with the construction of additional units in the near future.

Individuals and couples interested in gaining occupancy of a John Curtin Aged Care independent living unit are invited to contact CEO Jenni Sewell for further information.

*Bob Orr*



*Steve Hall buys lunch while Graeme Mitchell (Community Bank Board), and Jenni Sewell (John Curtin CEO), inspect the Creswick & District Community Bank® funded Curtin Café.*



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# Words in Winter

## Expressions of Interest

Words in Winter is an annual Literary and Arts Festival held in August each year in the Hepburn Shire and surrounding districts. Words in Winter is a celebration of words, stories and ideas in all their forms. The 2018 theme is *Change and Chance*.

In Creswick the Pavilion Arts Group is co-ordinating activities other than the Crossword Challenge, which is organised through the Creswick Library. As part of Creswick activities it is proposed to hold a spoken word night at the American Hotel. At this stage the organisers are looking to determine the level of interest to participate, attend or help organise.

The Spoken word night or open mic night as they are sometimes called involves reading or reciting a poem, a short story, or just telling a good old yarn, to an appreciative audience. Performances will be limited to five minutes. Material does not have to be original; it could be a favourite or something inspirational you have read but should be connected to the theme of *Change and Chance*.

An exact date has not yet been confirmed, however it would be midweek and run between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

Send the organisers an email ([creswickwordsinwinter2018@outlook.com](mailto:creswickwordsinwinter2018@outlook.com)) or find and like us on Facebook @creswickwordsinwinter.

Frank Thompson

## CRESWICK THEATRE COMPANY

Auditions for cast for the Children's Panto, *Cinderella*, have been held. There will be six children's performances on 10, 11 and 12 July, and two adult nights on 13 and 14 July. Look out for booking information closer to the date.

In other news, Creswick Theatre Company (CTC) were very grateful to receive a grant from the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch, to refit the back room for extra storage and space for our performers preparing to go on stage. They will be calling for volunteers soon to help assemble cabinets!

### Committee members wanted

CTC is also looking for volunteers to take on Committee roles. The President will be retiring after fourteen years. While surrounded by a great Committee, some new blood and enthusiasm is needed to carry on the great work already achieved.

Interested people are invited to come along to the AGM in August and get a feel for the roles, before taking anything on. Be advised - no experience of theatre is required!

If you are interested, please contact  
[creswicktheatre.com.au](http://creswicktheatre.com.au) or phone 0458 516 275.

Meg Ford, President



## CRESWICK MUSEUM Upcoming Exhibition

The main ANZAC exhibition for 2018, opened earlier this month, *Far From Where The Golden Wattle Blooms*, will feature the names on the memorial in Creswick. Before it became known as The Cenotaph it was called the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial. The twenty-five names on the memorial are by no means the number of AIF personal killed in the Great War from this area. The idea of the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial came for the mothers and widows to have a place to mourn. For many families the shores of Gallipoli and the fields of France were beyond their means to visit.

At the unveiling comments were made that if the Government could bring guns from the war they should be able to send the widows and mothers to visit the fallen soldiers' graves.

Caeli Greenbank has visited graves and memorials and her photographs form part of the exhibition which will finish on 8 July, 2018.

Margaret Fullwood

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So what is the way more mature persons can keep fit and active and at the same time enjoy the company of others in the outdoors? *Cycling, of course.* Creswick and surrounds is a wonderful cycling area for both young and old which is one of the most effective ways of increasing overall fitness and cardio health, irrespective of age. Creswick's own cycling club, the VOGA Cycle Club, is introducing 'Seniors Cycling', to help develop and maintain a healthy, fit, and enjoyable lifestyle.

**Advance notice for potential senior cyclists** – a meeting will be held on **Sunday, 22 April**, 2.00pm at the Creswick RSL in Albert Street. Local doctors have donated their time to address this meeting. Bring your bike to have it inspected by a professional bike mechanic. If you are interested in keeping fit by cycling come along and join the cycling fun. Details of rides around the area will be discussed.

For more information, contact: Ray Martin, Secretary, VOGA Cycle Club. Phone; 0409 388 222 or Email: [vogasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:vogasecretary@gmail.com). You are not too old to cycle.

## MUSIC NEWS

### The Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital

The major musical event coming up in April is the *Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital*. Internationally renowned pianist Kristian Chong will perform Liszt and Busoni arrangements of Bach and the breathtaking final sonata of Schubert in the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts on Saturday, 28 April at 7.30pm. This prestigious annual event brings the best pianists to Ballarat. Bookings: 5338 0980 or [www.wcpa.com.au](http://www.wcpa.com.au)

On Sunday, 22 April, senior students of Bron Sozanski will perform in the *Piano for Pleasure* series in the Art Gallery of Ballarat. This is a free one-hour concert commencing at 2.30pm.

The *Four Seasons Festival* continues with the following:

5 May: Australian Chamber Choir  
St Paul's, Clunes at 5.00pm

6 May: Chamber Brass Concert  
St. Paul's, Clunes at 2.00pm

*Bronislaw Sozanski*



## Kingston Friends of the Avenue

### March Working Bee

Many thanks to all those who helped out, enduring the rain, wild wind and even a dust storm. It is amazing what a group of twenty-five can achieve in two hours.

**Poppies:** We are still seeking knitters, crocheters and crafters to make Remembrance poppies. Please collect a pattern from the Creswick Library/Hub or use your own. Wool and completed poppies can be donated at the Hub.

**April 25 at 9.00am:** The Anzac Day Service will be held at the Monument at the corner of Victoria Road and Kingston Road. Please stay for a cuppa afterwards.

**May 9 at 7.00pm:** Kingston Friends of the Avenue Inc. AGM will be held at the Kingston Fire Station.

**May 12/13:** Heritage Weekend at Anderson's Mill.

**June 6 at 7.00pm:** Quiz Night at the Farmers Arms.

If you are able to donate an item or service to be raffled, please contact Claire on 0458 835 493.

*Leah Armstrong and Julie Baulch*



### The Interpretive Sign and new Obelisk

The new sign and obelisk are located at the corner of Alcorns Road and Kingston Road, where the Centenary event will take place on 11 November.

*Photo: Leah Armstrong*

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## Farewell

### St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Clunes

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Clunes are having an afternoon on Sunday, 29 April at 2.30pm to farewell their French harmonium organ before it is moved to the Clunes Museum. This organ is a rather rare instrument and the church community are delighted that the Clunes Museum have accepted the offer to put it on permanent display for future generations to view. It was purchased after the church was built and has been the church organ ever since.

Also, it will be the last opportunity people will have to come to St Thomas Aquinas Church Clunes as the church is being sold. The pews and fittings from the church have been removed so if people coming need to sit for this short event, please bring a chair.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Any inquiries, please phone 0432 390 314 or 5476 6233

*Irene Martin*

## Senior Cits - Social Days

A jolly day was had by all at the last Social Day with lively songs and music by the *Home Brew* couple, Barry and Margaret. The next Social Day on 27 April, will be lunch at noon followed by entertainment from *The Celtic Band*.

It has been suggested that during any performance mobile phones be put on silent; this would be much appreciated.

The Seniors Club was represented at the Town Hall for the recent welcome afforded to new Creswick residents. I hope everybody had a wonderful Easter weekend; not too many choc bunnies.

*June Gray*  
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## Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner

The Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner will be held in the Creswick Town Hall on 25 May, 2018. Tickets are \$40 per person for a three-course meal and drinks. Tables seat eight people and you can book as many as you need for family and friends. Don't be put off if you wish to come with a partner or on your own, you will be welcomed and placed on a table.

It's a great way to catch up with friends you may not have seen for many years and also to hear about some of the remarkable people who helped make Creswick such a great place to live.

Mark the date and contact either Jack van Beveren on 5345 2658 or Marjorie Poole on 5345 2065 for bookings.

*Marj Poole*

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# St Joseph's Church, Blampied - 144 Years of History



*Congregation at the final Mass held at St Joseph's, Blampied  
Photo by Steve Demeye Photography*

**O**n Sunday 11 March 2018, 144 years of history came to an end when the final Mass was celebrated in St Joseph's Catholic Church Blampied. There was sadness when preparing for the Mass and barbecue knowing this was to be the last opportunity to do so.

Sadness turned into delight when approximately two hundred people attended Mass, most being descendants of the settlers and others who began their formal and faith education in the tiny school attached to the church. They joined with the local people from other denominational churches in the area, who were there to support and share in the dignified Mass celebrated by Bishop Bird of Ballarat and to enjoy an informal barbecue lunch. It was a delight to witness a church yard filled with so many happy people renewing friendships, discussing school days and of course family life; exchanging stories of the younger family members who have all left the area.

At the end of the day two past parishioners, Mrs Marie Lewis, a descendant of the Lafranchi family and Mrs Eunice Cleary, both having contributed so much to their church, cut a beautiful cake made and decorated by Hayley Torpy.

Gold was discovered in the area in 1852. Many mines were opening and advertising for workers. This brought an influx of multi-cultural Europeans to the area creating a huge population increase. Roads were often impassable creating isolation in the area. This did not deter the people. Many often rode or walked to Corinella Station in Eganstown. Their meeting place was a paddock owned by the pastoralist Mr Egan and in groups they prayed. The area chosen for them to meet is now the Eganstown Cemetery.

In 1862 a renowned missionary priest Rev. Slattery was sent from Melbourne to form a parish and build churches for the huge population throughout the mining districts. The first church built was in the heart of Daylesford, a

beautiful parish church named St Peters.

When the mines in the Eganstown and Allendale areas were at their peak of prosperity the wise old missionary chose to build one church for people from both areas to gather and worship. The area chosen was on top of a hill in Blampied and so began St Joseph's. The foundation stone for the new church to hold 200 plus was laid, with great celebration and expectation.

The entire church was built by local people. The chosen style was Gothic with the dimensions drawn up by a local school teacher Mr Shephard and a builder Mr Martin. The church was built from local bluestone, horse drawn from quarries in Dean and Blampied. Among

the workmen working as stone masons under the direction of the builder, were Mr G Tomasetti, and Celeste and Andrea Lafranchi, Swiss-Italian settlers to Blampied, assisted by many other locals.

Music was very important to the Irish, Swiss-Italian and German community. Many recitals and balls were held throughout the local districts to raise money to build the church and St Joseph's was always renowned for its choir.

For many years Mass was held at 9.00am in St Joseph's each Sunday. It was not only a place for worship and faith nurturing, it was a weekly social gathering place where no one was ever in a hurry to go home. The women would be inside the church chatting about school or family news, the sick, decorating the church for a forthcoming marriage and much more, whilst the men outside talked football, potatoes, market prices and weather. The children had a lovely time together playing both inside and out of the church. Each family had a deep respect for the other and together shared the happy and sad times that are felt in a small community.

Over the years Priests, who have ministered at Blampied, have resided in Daylesford but have always been very supportive and welcomed by the people of the district of Blampied and surrounds.

Why then has St Joseph's closed? Maybe it's the fast moving world where times must be kept up with or the generational changes in farming that takes our younger folk from the country areas to follow education and employment coupled with declining numbers of both church goers and clergy.

St Joseph's, an outstanding bluestone Gothic building, now stands in state on the hill just waiting ....

*Carmel Rieniets*

# THE ART OF LIVING

By Craig Barrett

Beauty can be found in many and sometimes strange places.

Over the years I have drawn my inspiration from many diverse sources – from classical Greece and Rome to coal mines, from farming landscapes to the solitude of the outback. I have painted and drawn from Flinders Island in Bass Strait to the deserts of Central Australia, from Amsterdam through France, Spain, Morocco and countless other places.



I can always find something of interest to my eye.

On the long weekend in March, I found myself back at the Bullarto Vintage Tractor Pull. I have been there several times now. I love everything about that day. I enjoy the people who come there, and the sense of community. I especially enjoy the tractors. The colours are fantastic. The burnt orange of the old Chamberlains and Allis Chalmers, the royal blue of the Fordson, the Paynes grey of the Lanz Bulldog, the green and yellow of the John Deere, the red of the David Brown. Together they make a tractor rainbow!

I prefer the look of the tractors that have not been restored. Their colours have taken on a beautiful dusty hue as their paintwork has experienced countless years of hard slog in baking sun and driving rain. Some of the really old and weathered machines have little or no paintwork left, just rust. I have to say however – I'm pretty fond of rust as well. By the way, I'm not the only one fond of rust – you may have noticed in architecture, highway artworks, sculptures and signage the growing use of a product called corten steel. It is a form of steel that was developed to avoid the need for painting. It has a stable rusty surface that becomes more beautiful as it ages.

Many years back, I had the opportunity to paint and draw at the Loy Yang coal mine in Gippsland. The open cut mine itself was visually interesting, but it was the machines that really caught my eye. The coal dredges are massive in size and great shapes to draw. Many of those drawings and paintings are now in the collection of The State Library of Victoria.

Back to the tractors. The older ones from the 1930s to the 60s have so much character when you take time to really look at them. Such great lines. You get a real sense of volume and weight – and the raw power of the machine. Some look serious, some look a little awkward, and some just make me smile – but they are all wonderful subjects for me to work with.



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*Sea of Hands. See Creswick Capers on page 14*







## NEW BRANCH MANAGER

### Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch

Local man Ian Flynn has been appointed the new Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch Manager. Ian has had extensive experience working for Bendigo & Adelaide Bank for over thirty years; one year in Werribee, twelve years in Williamstown and most

recently eighteen years in Wendouree.

Ian was born in Creswick and grew up in Springmount. He attended the Creswick Primary School and has very fond memories of growing up here.

Ian assisted in the running of the Clunes Agency and played a role in establishing the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch some twelve years ago. Ian believes it is the right time to return to the district to continue the great results that the community, the Board and staff of Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch have achieved to date.

'I am very passionate about the community I grew up in, and along with my thirty years' experience in Bendigo & Adelaide Bank, I am looking forward to being a part of the success of our Community Bank,' Ian said. All new and existing customers, organisations and businesses are welcome to drop in and make themselves known to Ian.

*Louise Jennings*

*Customer Relationship Officer*

## John Curtin Residents Support Angel Blankets



John Curtin Aged Care residents and friends from Probus Clunes have been busy knitting and crocheting baby bonnets, booties and blankets for *Angel Blankets*. *Angel Blankets* is a not for profit charity that supports families dealing with miscarriage and still birth. The garments and blankets are given to grieving families to help prepare their babies for burial. The John Curtin residents are very eager to continue knitting and crocheting for this wonderful cause.

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*Pam Morgan*

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# Wright, Porter, Mann Family Reunion



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A Wright, Porter, Mann family reunion will be held at the Creswick Town Hall - on Saturday 26 May from 11.00am till 5.00pm, and then Sunday 27 May from 9.00am till 12.00pm.

We look forward to meeting lots of relatives over the two days. Some of the surnames related to the above are: Canning, Preston, Dickson, Hovey, Porter, Garrett, Ohlsen, Pollard, Williams, Romeo, Pullbrook, Wright, Paterson, Booth, Robinson, O'Dea, Bree, James,

Lawrence, Lucas, Waugh, Retallick, Langham, Keen, Ashmore, Iles, Morris, Anderson, Slade.

If you think you may be related come along and find out. Bring along photographs and certificates to be scanned and a USB stick so you can get copies also.

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For further information, check out our Facebook page: *Wright-Porter-Mann Family Reunion*.

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Wendy Ohlsen Secretary Cemetery Trust



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## CRESWICK CAPERS

### Busy Term in and Out of School

March has been busy for all at Creswick Primary School. The everyday curriculum learning had been complemented by extra-curricular activities.

The Whole School Family Picnic was an opportunity for the community to come together in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy a sausage sizzle cooked by staff. House Captains showed leadership organising a variety of sporting activities for the students.

Year 5/6 students attended an excursion to the Bio Lab Centre in Geelong. Activities focused on how maths and science assists with sport, in particular AFL, and included the Vertical Jump, 20 metre sprint, strength test and an Amazing Race. School would like to thank Bio Lab for fully funding the trip, including buses.



*Bella doing the Vertical Jump*

This year Creswick Primary School registered to become a National Day of Action (NDA) school. This program is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. Creating a safe learning environment and discussing bullying prevention is a great way to make it clear that bullying is not okay. A multi-age day activity saw discussions which covered what bullying is and strategies to assist individuals cope with bullying and how friends can support one another. Students wrote messages on a hand template which, when put together, created the *Sea of Hands* to show a united stand against bullying. [see photo of the *Sea of Hands* on page 10]

The weather was kind for the Cross Country and many came to help with the running of the event. A wonderful afternoon was had by all, with students showing great resilience and trying their personal best. Congratulations to all students.

*Melanie Stewart, Acting Principal*

## NORTHERLY NEWS

### A Busy First Term

It has been a busy Term 1 at Creswick North. All students and staff have settled in extremely well and there has been a lot of great learning going on. This term we have had Foundation assessments, volleyball clinics, parent/teacher interviews, trivia fundraising night, cross country, and mountain trail bike (MTB) training. As well, Mathematics and literacy professional development for staff, the mobile library van and some great performances at school assemblies. Next term looks even busier with our swimming program, district athletic sports, MTB, local ANZAC services and lots more.



We congratulate our Junior School Councillors for 2018. They are Max, Nash, Nellie, Kaden, Nathan, Blake and Kaley. These students will be responsible for organising a series of fundraising and special events throughout the year.

We recently had 6 students represent our school in the Wathaurung District Cross Country. All students should be proud of their excellent performances, as they all finished within the top ten of their age group. All the best to Jackson who will be progressing to the next level of competition.

Next Term the school will be working with Friends of the Kingston Avenue of Honour, as well as Newlyn and St Augustine's Primary Schools, to learn more about the impact that World War I had on our community. We will visit the Kingston Avenue of Honour, the RSL Hall and Museum. Julie Baulch, from the Kingston Friends, recently visited our school to talk about this project and presented the school with the book *Sentinels of Service*.

Lastly, Creswick North is now taking enrolments for 2019. If you would like to book a personalised tour of the school or receive an enrolment pack, please contact the school on 5345 2012 or [creswick.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:creswick.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

*Marcus Murrell, Principal*





## ST. AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Focus on the concept of Identity

The term has certainly slipped away and all are ready for a well-earned rest. It has been a very busy term with our senior classes completing an intensive learn to swim program at the Shayne Reese Swim Academy. All classes have been focusing on the concept of, 'Identity'. In this unit of work students examined the following:

- Level 1 Our feelings and how they make us act.
- Level 2 How we change and grow over time.
- Level 3 Who are we and what support is available for personal wellbeing?
- Level 4 Physical, social and emotional changes during adolescence.

The school's newly formed Parents and Friends Committee met for the first time to begin to plan activities and fundraisers that will take place across the year. The first fundraiser was an Easter Raffle stocked with eggs donated by our community. This raised \$1,250, which is an awesome start to the fundraising efforts. The P&F Committee this year are: President – Amanda Sewell; Secretary – Fiona Bullen; Fundraising – Kyra Winduss, Annalise Robinson and Emma Preston.



The school finished the term's work with a celebration of Holy Week by enacting the fourteen Stations of the Cross. Our Year 5/6 students were awesome.

*Terry Brennan, Principal*



## National Trust

### Heritage Weekend 12 – 13 May

Anderson's Mill, an historic five storey bluestone mill located at 9 Alice Street, Smeaton, is taking part in the National Trust Heritage Weekend on 12–13 May. This event is free and is a part of the Australian Heritage Festival. The aim is to raise community awareness of Anderson's Mill at Smeaton and its history, and to attract funding to complete the restoration of this unique state owned heritage industrial complex.

Over the weekend there will be:

- The circus **Asking for Trouble** with a daily performance and workshops for children
- Heritage engines at work
- Victoria Quilters Inc display
- Wimmera Flour stoneground organic flour and hand milling demonstrations
- **Mills on the Air** amateur radio groups linking up around Australia and world-wide
- Ballarat Spinners and Weavers demonstration
- Art displays
- Victorian doll house rooms
- Anderson's Mill tours, talks, working waterwheel, food and coffee

#### Light Show - *Now You See It*.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday night, 11 – 13 May, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, Anderson's Mill will be the backdrop of the light show *Now You See It*. Visitors should wear warm clothes, sensible footwear and bring a torch for safety. This event is part of the Regional Centre for Culture, a year's celebration of the four Victorian centres of Bendigo, Daylesford, Castlemaine and Maryborough. The RACV Goldfields Resort, Creswick & Community Bank® Branch, Regional Centre for Culture, and Hepburn Shire are some of the organisations supporting this event.

*Cheryl Just, President*

*Anderson's Mill Heritage Weekend Inc.*



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Today we know that most fungi don't suffocate or strangle the eater, nor

cause problems in gardens. Although fungi are often maligned by gardeners, clandestine fungal networks beneath the soil provide supportive architecture and increase resistance to drought and disease. Most fungi form beneficial relationships with plants or recycle organic matter.

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With leaves so green and sky so blue,  
As your eyes pass over each magnificent view.

Breathe in the air, it's fresh and clean,  
And the view can be nicer than you've ever seen.  
Of course if you don't feel like a walk,  
There's another place of which I can talk.

It's not far from the centre of our town,  
And as for its beauty it should wear a crown.  
I go past this place when I walk my dog.  
You couldn't miss it unless you jog.

Our lovely creek so deep and serene,  
With trees, leaves and bushes so green.

One little place that I love to see.

I wonder if anyone notices but me.

Next time you are out, uphill from our town,  
Find this quiet spot (not a place of renown).  
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## CRESWICK HOSPITAL AUXILIARY says 'Thank You'

The Creswick Hospital Auxiliary Annual Summer Luncheon held on 8 March was a tremendous success with plenty of lovely salads and sweets provided by Auxiliary members for the enjoyment of all those present. The event was a fundraiser to enable the Auxiliary to purchase a \$2,400 *Steady Eddie* for the patients at the Creswick District Hospital who need help to stand or are unsteady on their feet.

Following an announcement that the day's takings fell short of the target by \$200, several generous donations from amongst those present quickly covered the shortfall and enabled the Auxiliary to proceed immediately with the purchase.

The Auxiliary was delighted with this outcome and extends a sincere thank you to everyone who supported it by either or both being at the luncheon and donating to eliminate the shortfall.

The Creswick Hospital Auxiliary is a relatively small group of women who help to raise money to purchase the little 'extras' for Hospital patients and staff that are not supplied by the Hepburn Health Service. During the past year the Auxiliary has donated in excess of \$4,000 worth of equipment and services to the Hospital including a nebulizer, a *Rest and Relax* chair, an air mattress, the *Delta Dog* visiting dog program and furnishings and plants for the palliative care garden.

The Auxiliary meets at the Hospital at 7.30pm on the fourth Monday of each month.

Anyone interested in joining is invited to contact either President Margaret Orr on 5345 2165 or Secretary Joan Lafranchi on 5338 2584 for further information.

## World Day of Prayer in Creswick Focus on Suriname

A harmonious gathering of Creswick's Christian communities was held at St John's Anglican Church on Friday, 2 March to celebrate World Day of Prayer.

The 2018 service focussed on prayer support for the Republic of Suriname on the north-eastern coast of South America. Members of St John's, St Augustine's, St Andrew's, a local organic church, and the Ballarat Salvation Army Community Church led the service. The St John's choir, The SJ Singers, were joined by friends from other churches, to lead the singing of the hymns.

The diversity of the ethnic groups in Suriname were visually displayed by a procession of seven local women dressed in traditional costumes and a colourful photo board display.

The prayer service highlighted the need to care for all of creation and to appreciate the abundance of food that the earth provides. As these issues are not confined to the focus country, Suriname, but are of universal relevance, those who attended were challenged to make their own personal commitment to be more responsible inhabitants of planet Earth.

Also, during the service many home gardeners took the opportunity to share the abundance of their gardens with fellow Creswick residents by donating excess fruit and vegetables to *Food is Free Creswick North*.

After the service *A Taste of Suriname Supper* featuring many of the commonly eaten foods of Suriname was enjoyed by those who attended. The 2019 service will be hosted by St Augustine's and focuses on the country of Slovenia and the theme, *Come, everything is ready*.

*Beth Rule*



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### April 5, 1918

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### April 9, 1918

Last Friday afternoon Mr. Wm. McIver, a member of the Closer Settlement Board, paid a visit of inspection to the State Forest reserve to the south of Creswick, where there is an area which the local Borough Council desire should be used for the purpose of settlement. The suitability of the land for fruit growing, etc., has been favourably reported on by departmental officers, and the council has repeatedly pointed out that it should be put to better use than growing timber.

### April 12, 1918

A challenge has been issued on behalf of the Clunes State School, to the Creswick State School having for its object a competition in the purchase of war Savings Certificates. Mr. D. Dimsey, the head teacher, has accepted the challenge on behalf of the local school. Whilst the object lesson for the children will be an excellent one, it is hoped that the parents will give their hearty and generous support.

### April 16, 1918

Kingston – Sunbeam Club - A meeting of the Sunbeam Club took place on Thursday last. There was a full attendance of members. It was decided to hold a sacred concert on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, particulars of which will be advertised later on.

### April 19, 1918

Public Notice – Dissolution of Partnership – Notice is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto existing between WOOD Bros., Butchers, Albert Street, Creswick, is about to be DISSOLVED. It is therefore requested that ALL ACCOUNTS BE PAID before or on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1918. WOOD BROS.

### April 23, 1918

In connection with the Anzac Day services, a wish has been conveyed to the Mayor that the shops be shut from 1 pm to 2 pm as a mark of respect. That will give an opportunity for a considerable number to attend the prayer services to be held at that time. The Mayor therefore requests shopkeepers to accede to this request. He also would be pleased if all flags were flown at half mast from 1 pm to sunset.

### April 26, 1918

Kingston – Shooting and Angling- Quail are still plentiful around here at present, and good bags are being made. Some good perch are still being taken from Hepburn's Lagoon, fish up to 2 lb having been landed.

### April 30, 1918

The race meeting of the Creswick Turf Club takes place next Saturday afternoon on the course at Cattle Station Hill. The entries exceed 50 for the six events, so the racing should be satisfactory. The handicaps have been framed, and these appear on our fourth page.

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# Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday April 21**, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market [creswickmarket.com.au](http://creswickmarket.com.au)

**Saturday April 21–July 8**, Creswick Museum Exhibition ANZAC 2018 *Far from where the Golden Wattle Blooms*

**Saturday April 21**, Garage Sale, Creswick Havilah Lodge, Albert St. 9.00am–3.00pm, furniture, crockery, sundry items

**Thursday April 26**, Creswick & District Historical Society AGM 2.00pm Seniors' Club Rooms, Creswick.

**Saturday/Sunday May 5**, Four Seasons Fine Music Festival, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Clunes, Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 2.00pm

**Wednesday May 9**, Kingston Friends of the Avenue Inc. AGM at Kingston Fire Station 7.00pm

**Saturday May 12**, Women's Skills Session, Junior Brackenbury, Saturday CX hosted by VOGA Cycle Club, RACV Goldfields 10.00am–5.00pm.

**Sunday May 13** The Brackenbury MTB Challenge. 20, 40 & 60km Includes 20km gravel grind category VOGA Cycle Club Hammon Parkl, 10.00am–4.00pm [www.vogacycleclub.com.au](http://www.vogacycleclub.com.au)

**Tuesday May 15**, Hospital Auxiliary, Coffee Party, Danny Blume Fashion Parade, St. Andrew's Uniting Church Hall 10.00am Entry \$10. Enquires Beth 5345 2543 Margaret 5345 2165

**Saturday May 19**, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market [creswickmarket.com.au](http://creswickmarket.com.au)

**Friday May 25**, Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner Tickets \$40.00 Jack Van Beveren 5345 2658 Marjorie Poole 5345 2065.

## 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 [jackandnorah@vic.australis.com.au](mailto:jackandnorah@vic.australis.com.au)

**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. Ph 5345 1310

**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](mailto:u3a3363@gmail.com) or [www.creswicku3a.com](http://www.creswicku3a.com)

**Creswick Garden Club** - first Tuesday every month (except January) Seniors' 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 and Wed 11.00am Parents' Club Tue 11.30am

**Creswick Lions Club** - second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall. Fourth Monday location to be advised Carolyn Garguilo Pres. 0417 349 049

Pat Tacey Sec. 0429 581 591

**Creswick Market** - Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Third Saturday every month 9.00am–1.00pm. A happy small town market, Bookings 5345 2356 [creswickmarket.com.au](http://creswickmarket.com.au)

**Creswick Museum** - Open 11.00am–3.30pm Saturday and Sunday every week and Public Holidays 5345 2845 [creswickmuseum.org.au](http://creswickmuseum.org.au)

**Creswick Pre-School Childcare** Fridays - School Terms. 9.00am to 1.00pm Bookings ECKA 5339 5055

**Creswick Probus Club** - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am. Inquiries Bob 5345 2165

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

**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

**Folk and Acoustic Club** - Second Friday 7.30pm American Hotel; fourth Friday 7.30pm Creswick Railway Station. Enquiries Kate 0409 179 481, John Harris 5345 2095

**Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers** - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website [scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://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 7.00 - 9.00pm Neighbourhood Centre Audience welcome

**Playgroup** - John Curtin Function Room every Wednesday 9.30am Amanda 0427 502 568

**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 Michael Clark 0409 421 547

**Tipplers** - third Wednesday every month. email: [wheeler@cbl.com.au](mailto: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](http://www.vogacycleclub.com.au)

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