



BACKYARD TREASURES

Leo Collins was four years old when he started digging along the borders of my backyard for treasures. Over the following year he has since unearthed pieces of old household china-ware, cast and wrought iron, and glassware, including an intact Milk of Magnesia bottle dating from around 1895.



Leo has not always been a demanding collector though. His friend Ryder Slade one day reproached him when his shards of plain window glass were becoming too numerous,

'Leo, you've got too much glass'!

But sometimes a small but beautiful piece of an old blue glass medicine bottle would turn up, like this one, covered in a rainbow sheen of Benicia iridescence, the result of the soil's acidic effect on its surface for over a hundred years. This is one of Leo's special treasures.

It's not unusual to find these shards of household chinaware on old Creswick properties. There being no garbage collection in 19th century Creswick, residents simply buried their own rubbish where they lived. But it is quite precious to later find them in your own backyard, as they give you a

small insight into the lives of those who lived long before you on your piece of Creswick. Is this part of a dish your great-grandparents ate from? Was it once held precious? Were tears shed when it was broken?

Leo continues to dig around the periphery of my backyard, and in between each excavation, asks me when he sees me, *'have you found any more treasures'?*

Andrew Bell



Creswick District News

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I wish to thank all my friends who helped me when I was unwell a number of weeks ago (before the present concern).

Their shopping list ability was great – the chocolate and wine, along with the medication they delivered to me, were very much appreciated! Thank you to others who offered to help me out. What a wonderful community we live in. Keep well, keep safe.

Maria Marco

The Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

creswick Rainfall

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

	2018	2019	2020
	mm	mm	mm
January	30	3	53.5
February	6.5	23	34
March	30	15	36.5
April	17	13.5	
May	93.5	161.5	
June	68	133.5	
July	79	65	
August	70.5	98	
September	22	57.5	
October	33.5	34	
November	40	71	
December	80	20.5	
TOTAL	570	695.5	124



ANZAC DAY in Creswick

Now that we are on Stage 3 restrictions, all ANZAC Day services, parade and Gunfire breakfast are cancelled.

Justin Wilbur from Ballarat has a great idea in asking members of the public to play the last post and light a candle in your driveways and we would encourage residents to go along with this.

We are doing this in an effort to protect all veterans and citizens from any possible threat from this virus.

Your cooperation in this difficult period is greatly appreciated.

Thankyou.

Alan Morris, President

Creswick-Smeaton RSL Sub Branch

LAST POST at 6.00am

The ANZAC Spirit gives Australians the opportunity to combine musically on 25 April. Listening to the **Last Post** simultaneously on the phone at the front gate at 6.00am, with whole streets participating, would be a powerful experience.

Bronislaw Sozanski

BAND NEWS

Outdoor Rehearsal

Well what a difference a few weeks and a global pandemic makes! Firstly, the Band hopes everyone is well and in good spirits given our current situation. Both Creswick Brass Band and Creswick Jubilee Brass have suspended rehearsals at the current time, and have cancelled the *Salute to the ANZACs* concert. The band has also postponed the Creswick Cup Fundraiser, and the *Night Out* with the Happy Band Concert.

The Band is staying connected via social media where we can, sharing videos and messages. We are looking at ways of collaborating online, and whether we can still provide music to all you good people.

For what turned out to be the last rehearsal on 19 March the members decided to rehearse outside to help with social distancing, but also to let the music spread through Creswick. We're so glad that many of you enjoyed it at that time.

We hope to be back soon!

Roger Clark

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Supporting Community and Business

The impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is being felt globally. The Hepburn Shire Council plays a key role in supporting our community during emergencies such as this. While Council operations are being significantly impacted by the pandemic, we are continuing to support the community and business by providing essential services.

The impact of COVID-19 on Council services is wide-ranging and the Council have changed the way they do business. These impacts vary and may change as new information comes to hand, and decisions are made by health authorities and governments.

All non-essential face-to-face meetings have been suspended and customer service offices around the Shire are closed to the public. Following are the ways you can contact Council as we continue to monitor the pandemic and plan for possible developments.

Online Customer Service Requests –

www.hepburn.vic.gov.au Phone – 5348 2306

Email – shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au

For a list of service delivery impacts visit

www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/coronavirus/.

Official information and advice about Coronavirus visit-

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirusdisease-covid-19.

Council has initiated a campaign called 'Helping Hepburn'. It is designed to let the community and business know how we can help them, or alternatively point them in the right direction for information on other support services.

Among other initiatives the Council is doing the following to support the community

- Council have written to all residents to ensure we are communicating with everyone
- Council has decided there will be no interest charged on outstanding rates balances for the 2019/20 financial year. This applies to all property types.
- We have enacted the emergency clause of our current hardship policy, as a result of this, any ratepayers who are suffering financial hardship can make an application for deferment of payment of rates and charges. This applies to all property types.
- We have called all residents on our Vulnerable Persons Register
- We have called all our clients who receive aged and disability services to ensure they are being supported
- We have redeployed staff to provide meals on wheels and community care
- We are developing online services for libraries
- We have called community groups to offer support
- We have increased cleaning of all public facilities
- We are posting regular updates on Facebook and Council website.

Council will continue to monitor both State and Federal Government advice and review its service delivery in accordance with any changes announced. For the most current information on how Council is responding to COVID-19 and how it is supporting the community and business, visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

Maria Abate, Communications Officer

Congratulations Creswick

Many of the towns organisations and businesses need to be congratulated for the way they are handling the various restrictions at present.

The Creswick Brass Band was seen, and more importantly heard, practising outside the Club rooms a number of weeks ago. This was a great way to continue practising as well as giving local residents the chance to hear their pleasant music. Well done.

In the early days of restrictions the **Creswick Library** had offered, in outside containers, free books for residents to take and enjoy during their extra free time.

Various businesses have adapted their normal trading including take aways, phone orders and extra little services to customers.

Various caring, thoughtful, encouraging and uplifting signs have been seen around town especially those taking part in *Going on a Bear Hunt* where teddy bears of all shapes and sizes are appearing in people's windows and gardens.

Congratulations to all.

CRESWICK DISTRICT NEWS

What Now!

The CDN Team hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter. The ever-changing situation in Victoria at present is bringing many challenges. Therefore, it is unclear what the future holds for the *Creswick District News* and whether it will still be possible to publish further editions or whether the CDN will need to go into recess until these challenging times are over.

If this happens information will be posted on *Creswick Online Noticeboard* on Facebook.

Advertisers please note that you will be looked after and decisions will be made when the situation is clearer. If you have any concerns or queries please contact the CDN by email at cdn@cbl.com.au

Stay safe and well.

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JUNIOR ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Local Teenager Wil Barbary



Creswick teen, and Ballarat High student, Wil Barbary has wrapped up the 2019/20 Athletics Competition calendar with a recent win in the State Championship U16 400m.

Wil 14, last year's Creswick and District Sportsman's Club Junior Sportsman joint winner, backed up his 2018/19 win with a Personal Best run of 50.26 seconds. After a ten-week hiatus last October, due to a stress fracture in his pelvis, Wil returned to training in January with a goal to see out the season.

However, after taking gold in the 400m at the Vic Country Championships, backed up with silver in both the 200m and long jump, as well as bronze in the 4 x 100 relay, Wil approached the State Championships with a bigger goal. Over the two weekends, the Wendouree Athletics Club sprinter added a bronze in the 200m hurdles to round out the championship season with six medals in total. While Wil was preparing to challenge for the U16 400m National titles these titles have now been called off.

Adam Barbary

Friends of Park Lake

The Friends of Park Lake advise that the *Rake & Burn* days scheduled for May have been cancelled.

MUSIC NEWS

Last Post on 25 April

Music is always at the centre of human experience, functioning on many levels. It can excite, relax, enhance spirituality and develop the brain among many roles in our lives. The COVID-19 pandemic has put a stop to live performance, presenting challenges for performers and audiences.

Some of the big local events which have been cancelled include the Ballarat Symphony Orchestra's Easter concert, the annual Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital and many significant concerts at Her Majesty's Theatre and the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts. Add to these the large number of smaller venues contributing live music in the community and the impact is quite dramatic.

Fortunately, recorded and streamed music is readily available, with the ever-present ABC Classic complemented by online music, most recently the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, and of course the humble domestic CD.

The ramifications of this health crisis suggest that societies will not exactly return to the recent past and that we will live in a different world. But our ability to make music ourselves will remain, with song available to all. Images, from Italy and Spain, of communities singing from their balconies are a testament to the strength of the human spirit and how music can lift that spirit.

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2020 will be remembered for many things, including the cancellation of all ANZAC Day Ceremonies. Please conduct your own service as an individual or as a family. Take time to reflect and remember all those who have made the supreme sacrifice in various conflicts and all those who have served; the troops and nurses in the front line, the peace - keepers, those on the home front. Please remember also today's 'army' who are fighting the war against the COVID-19 virus ... our frontline health workers, defense force personnel, leaders, scientists, essential services and emergency service workers and volunteers of all kinds.

Trace Williams

We hope that Ross Dimond will be our guest speaker on Remembrance Day. In the meanwhile keep well and take a look at the Kingston community moving the 'Kingston State School Roll of Honor' from the Creswick RSL Hall to the *Kingston Remembers Resource Centre* at the Commercial at Kingston. <https://youtu.be/m2cAo9ls8BU>.

Julie Baulch



Victorian Electoral
Commission

Final report for Hepburn Shire Council representation review published

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has published its final report following an electoral representation review of Hepburn Shire Council.

The report puts forward a recommended electoral structure for the local council. The VEC recommends Hepburn Shire Council continue to consist of seven councillors elected from five wards with adjustments to the current ward boundaries.

As well as detailing the recommendation, the report summarises the review process, matters raised through submissions, and other findings that informed the VEC during the review.

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Adem Somayurek MLC, will decide whether to accept the recommendation. Any changes to the electoral structure will take effect at the next local council general election in October 2020.

The final report is available from the VEC by visiting vec.vic.gov.au or calling 131 832.

Although the VEC notes the passage of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the provision ceasing electoral representation reviews has not yet commenced. Accordingly, and pursuant to the timeline established under the *Local Government Act 1989*, the final report for Hepburn Shire Council has been published.

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Being church in a time of pandemic!

I'm writing this just before Palm Sunday in a time of social distancing. This is one of the most important times of the year for Christians. It's a time of communal gatherings. Not this year!

For Christians, Holy Week begins with a peace protest parade, challenging oppression, injustice and domination that kills life, and ends with the love, forgiveness, justice and mercy that brings life not just to one person, but to a whole community!

In Creswick & Clunes Uniting Church we're discovering that nourishing our spirits draws us into a deeper care for each other. We're sharing worship together through letters and emails, sending and receiving messages of encouragement, phoning one another, and using our solitude to strengthen the common-unity that is essential to be fully human, and fully alive.

We are keeping faith! We can't break bread together, walk and pray the *Stations of the Cross* or eat hot cross buns with our brothers and sisters in faith on Good Friday.

We can tune our lives to peace, justice, forgiveness and love. We can act in a multitude of ways, letter writing, smiles, gift-giving, advocating for love and grace to be received, and putting care for others before self-interest. We can plant little signs of hope and life, not only in our gardens ...

It's still our task to practice the humility, determination and hope that will bring peace to nations, and life to the earth. It's still our calling to live the forgiveness, justice and love that turns strangers into friends. It's still our challenge to find ways to confront the fear, terror and self-centredness that harms others.

If you want to talk or need support we're here ... Give us a call!

No virus can stop us loving as we have been loved! No pandemic can stop us creating communities of kindness and hope.

Rosemary Carter (Rev'd)

*Minister, Creswick and Clunes Uniting Church Parish
on behalf of the local Christian Churches*

St Augustine's Parish Creswick

As we know all churches are currently closed and Fr Gary Jones has advised that the weekly bulletin for St Augustine's Parish will continue to be prepared and can be viewed online at ballarat.catholic.org.au/

Go to *Parishes and People* and put in Creswick, this will take you to the Creswick parish page and the link to the newsletter is on this page.

Mass online is available via these links.

bit.ly/MassOnDemand

melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

wordonfire.org/daily-mass

The number to contact St Augustine's Parish
if needed is 5301 8161.

BARRY GRIFFITHS - My life as a semi-retiree



My life as a semi-retiree? It's busier than I expected. It is now ten years since I was Principal at St Augustine's, Creswick, and I can't believe how quickly time has passed. It's been a pleasure to see our community of children grow into such great adults.

Following a holiday or two it was time to decide what I was going to do. Upon reflection, I realised that I still enjoyed teaching, (just not the paperwork, endless meetings or corrections) and so I started thinking what next? Cynda Strange, another teacher who is also a family friend, and I, decided to start an Incursion business – which is a business that brings an experience for children into a school thereby saving the school time and money going outside the school as an excursion.

Our passion is History; and so began ***The History Box Ballarat*** bringing Australian history to children in the form of dress ups, storytelling and hands on activities. It's been all the fun of teaching and no responsibility – ideal!

On a personal basis, Christine and I have welcomed eight grandchildren into our family – SO much joy! We are very lucky that they all live within an hour's drive from Creswick. I almost find it difficult to believe the change in our village over the last ten years. We find it difficult to find a car park on occasions and it's just great to see the shops, eateries and café's going so well.

One of the best things about living in this village is being able to chat with so many people just walking down the street to get the paper and have a coffee. My only recommendation to people would be to stop and take your time to appreciate what a fantastic community that we live in. Enjoy it!

PS: I write this last paragraph in the light of our recent COVID-19 outbreak. I wish everyone wellness and best wishes. We live in an extraordinary town and we'll get through these extraordinary times.

From Barry, a happy Creswickian

Senior Cits News

Creswick has never known such a sad time as when the Seniors' Club closed its doors for an unknown time. Hopefully this horror virus will soon pass and seniors will once again gather to enjoy the company and activities which we look forward to each week.

Members must not let this horror deter us from keeping in touch by phone at least. A talk to a friend will help us to cope with the isolation that has been imposed upon us.

Take care and keep well until we can all get together again.

June Gray, 53346 526

GARDEN CLUB — Cancellation

With regret, the Garden Club joins the queue of cancellations. Please note that for obvious reasons, all club meetings and other activities have been cancelled until further notice. We hope this period of enforced isolation means that you are able to get out into your own garden and that the fruits of your labours will be evident in the Spring. Keep well.

Phyllis and Vicki

Mother's Day greeting

*The CDN Team wish all Mothers
a Happy Mothers Day*

LOOKING FOR EXTRA COPIES OF THIS MONTH'S CDN?

With the closure of the Information Centre, if anyone is after an extra copy of CDN, there are several other places around town where they will be available. Check out the Chemist, IGA, Smokeytown Cafe, Davies & Rose and of course the Post Office will have their usual supply.

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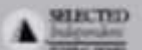


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Creswick Probud Club Update

The Probud Club of Creswick is in recess for all meetings and activities for the foreseeable future.

Any monies submitted by members will be held until the situation is clearer. The executive would appreciate the payment of membership fees as soon as possible.

The executive is endeavouring to stay in touch with members and is developing some online activities for the interest of members. We look forward to being able to get back into the Club's busy schedule. Members can contact the executive team for any enquiries, as published in the newsletter.

From the Probud South Pacific Facebook page

There are lots of brilliant gadgets available to help the aging with certain tasks.

On the smaller end, there are smartphones, TVs and laptops assisting seniors in day-to-day tasks such as banking, shopping and communicating. On the larger end, there are mobility devices to aid seniors in moving around the house such as stair lifts.

Ultimately, becoming smarter and safer can improve the way you stay at home.

Read more here: www.probusouthpacific.org/09786.../Stayathome_gadgets

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Joan McMillan Secretary

Probud Club of Creswick. P.O. Box 500, Creswick



Cemetery News

The Cemetery would like to welcome Rob Edwards to the working crew. Rob does a wonderful job of whipper snipping, amongst other jobs and helps to ease the load. This help is much appreciated.

In these difficult times we ask that anyone wishing to pre-purchase or organise ashes interments, to follow the up to date rules recently announced by the Government regarding COVID-19. Please phone the secretary first, and we will help the best we can and check the restrictions. Keep well and safe all.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary

The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett

Nobody told me there'd be days like these – strange days indeed. A line from a song by John Lennon many, many years ago. And now, we certainly live in strange days.

As our days follow one after the other, we seem to think everything has always been the same, and, will be the same – we just get a little older and slower. Not so on any level. From my own experience, absolutely every major event in my life I did not see coming. From travels, exhibitions, work opportunities, marriage, divorce, moving from the fast paced St Kilda to lovely Creswick. None of it I foresaw. In fact, all my own planning and scheming always came to naught. Things have always just seemed to happen in spite of my design, not because of it! So now, here we all are in a world that just seemed to have changed overnight. We are seeing the best in some people and the worst in some people.

Those of you who have read my articles of the past couple of years, (yes, both of you), know that I often refer to and find my solace in nature. And yet again I turn to nature for my guidance. You also both know that I just love rocks. Rocks tell us so much about an enormously long past, with all its changes - both sudden and ever-so-slowly.

They tell us about a world before humans, they tell us about a world with humans, and they will tell somebody else about a world beyond humans. I read with great interest recently about the discovery of an aboriginal stone axe found beneath the ash layers of the ancient volcano that we call Tower Hill near Port Fairy. People were living in that area when the volcano erupted. How their lives changed overnight.

Gold, diamonds and other gemstones tell their own stories of course, but the rock stories that I really love, most people would not look at twice. I have in my hand one sample I collected of a rock we call Gneiss, (pronounced 'nice', which it is). This rock has undergone a tremendous amount of pressure, very deep below the Earth's surface, under extreme conditions to transform it from its former state to its present state. Then it took forever and a day to be lifted up and placed right in front of me on my bushwalk. And isn't it beautiful? What a story.

We are all undergoing a lot of pressure one way or another these days. We will all be transformed by that very pressure and we will all still be beautiful in the end. Best wishes to all.

www.craigbarrett.com.au



Woolly Thoughts

Events are very unsettling but time spent in isolation at home offers opportunities to explore past and present interests and find some new ones. And, yes, what follows is yet another well-meant list of suggestions for online browsers, but with a focus on sites for those with an interest in knitting and crochet.

Many of you will be familiar with *Ravelry* (ravelry.com), a vast international online community of helpful, friendly folk who love all things yarn-related. There is a huge catalogue of patterns, many of them free, some eye-popping. Pattern and yarn reviews are helpful, ideas and advice are shared, new techniques are explored and special interest groups are many.

Some local retail outlets are closed, but are maintaining an online service. A personal favourite is *Sunspun* (sunspun.com.au), which has a chocolate box array of luxury yarns. These can be very expensive but, nonetheless, it is a treat to look and feel inspired. *Morris and Sons* (morrisandsons.com.au) is another great resource and also stocks embroidery needs.

Bendigo Woollen Mills (bendigowoollenmills.com.au), an old favourite for many, stock very reasonably priced yarns and also have a good range of patterns and customer service is excellent. Looking further afield, *Quince and Co* (quinceandco.com) and *Purl Soho* (purlsoho.com) are two American sites that have an interesting range of patterns and yarns. The latter has a number of tutorials clearly explaining different methods and stitches.

Hopefully some of these suggestions will be of value.

Miriam Tonkin



Boredom Busters!

With extra time now let's all get around to the unfinished projects we have whether it be knitting, patchwork, embroidery or tapestry. Don't forget gardening! Put together a hanging basket and/or succulents are great and easy to strike now.

As well the Creswick local Kaszazz consultant Fiona Hocking can help with card making kits. Phone her on 0401 940 753 for details. Or give Robyn from Cascade House a ring on 0422 989 744. Robyn has threads of all sorts suitable for a large variety of crafts. Speak to her regarding delivery arrangements.

As well other stores still open in town include the Creswick Newsagency with their range of craft ideas and Mindful colouring books. Books and journals are available at the Creswick Pharmacy along with pamper products of soaps and bath bombs.

Check out the free crochet and knitting patterns at *Pintrest* at www.pintrest.com.au or for a small cost check hellohappy.net for crochet patterns such as a llama mini planter.

Maria Marco

DISCOVER CRESWICK

The small team from *Discover Creswick* will continue to post to the Facebook page daily throughout the current upheaval. The team will try to find positive posts, images and notifications that will benefit the Community. Feel free to share photos.

Discover Creswick wishes businesses, groups and organisations, all the best as everyone grapples with the challenges ahead. Creswick is a strong Community and will continue to be!

Stay safe, stay strong. See you all on the other side!

Sandy Campbell



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Creswick Imperials Cricket Club — Cricket Success

The Creswick Imperials Cricket Club (CICC) has had a very successful 2019/20 season. The Club's top team in the Maryborough and District Cricket Association (MDCA) A Reserve competition finished Premiers in both the one day and two day competition. In trying circumstances the Grand Final was called off a few days beforehand. CICC was declared the winner after finishing on top of the ladder.



Creswick Imperials A Reserve

The Club's juniors have been the highlight this year - with teams fielded in the Under 11, two in Under 13 and an Under 15 in the Ballarat Cricket Association (BCA) competitions. A weather affected season saw games rained out, then called off for heat in the space of one week! Throughout it all the teams practised hard and increased their skills and learned the value of teamwork.

Under 15s finished third on the ladder and played off in the semi final against East Ballarat. The young team played a determined game but it was not to be. Congratulations to every player during the season and thanks to Justin and his assistants Will and Peter for coaching the team.



Creswick Imperials Under 15 Semi Final

The Under 13 Black team missed out being in the finals by the smallest of margins – great season by all. Thanks to Coach Will and his assistants Dave and Justin. The Gold Under 13 team finished the season third and headed to Sebastopol under threatening skies for the semi-final against Napoleons-Sebastopol. The Imperial players were determined and disciplined in their approach to the game and supportive of each other. In a nail biter the boys passed



Creswick Imperials Under 13 Gold

the opposition's total with all wickets still intact. Unfortunately the Grand Final was called off and the Gold team were declared runner up as they had finished lower on the ladder. Thanks to coach Dale and his assistant Wayne for their mentoring of the team. Congratulations to all the players on a magnificent season.

Personal achievements during the year include:

Jayda Wright selected to represent Ballarat Cricket Association Under 13 Female Country Week team. Jayda tried out for the State Schools Victoria 12 & Under State Cricket team and has been selected as a representative of the Central Highlands Region to go to the next stage. **James Griffin** (U/13) took two five wicket hauls throughout the year and won the aggregate bowling award for the BCA U13 Spratling competition. **Congratulations Jayda and James!**

The Club's Junior Co-ordinator Miranda Chalmers was announced winner of the Central Highlands Region Junior Co-ordinator of the Year. Fantastic to see our people recognised.

Grants from Hepburn Shire Council and Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch helped to kit out the new Under 15 team, and a Grassroots grant from Cricket Victoria helped purchase a bowling machine for use at training. A big thank you to the players, parents, coaches and supporters.

Miranda Chalmers



Jayda Wright



James Griffin

Youthrive Victoria was pleased to receive funding from the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch to conduct Dream Seeds workshops with local primary schools. The Dream Seeds workshop is designed by Youthrive alumni, themselves young rural Victorians, for Year 5 and 6 students. The focus is on building aspiration, resilience and connections and assisting with transition to high school.

In late February, a team of five Youthrive presenters ran successful workshops with the Year 5/6 students from Creswick Primary School, St Augustine's Parish PS, Creswick North PS and Newlyn PS. The team was warmly welcomed by all the schools and the students were very engaged and great contributors. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and there were many comments about the fun and interactive activities. The primary students loved talking with older young people!

Brock McFarlane from Hamilton led the Youthrive team, joined by Sophie Fontaine from Hernes Oak, Dominic Miesen and two first time presenters, Evana Miesen from Bacchus Marsh and former Creswick Primary student, now Federation University Environmental Science student, Brayden Crutchfield. The volunteer presenters, all inspiring role models, are trained facilitators and most have completed Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

Youthrive are always happy to have local presenters working with students from their former primary schools. Brayden was thrilled to be at Creswick Primary School and shared his memories including his enthusiasm for playing soccer when he was at school. The teachers were interested to catch up with Brayden and hear about his success at university.

Another highlight was three students from Newlyn Primary



St Augustine's students at Dream Seeds workshop

joining with the Creswick North workshop and meeting other students they will join at High School in years ahead. We are looking forward to the final workshop at Clunes Primary in the near future.

This series of workshops represents our local community, through the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch, supporting local senior primary students and providing development opportunities for our alumni, other rural TAFE and university students. Youthrive Victoria is focused on supporting young rural people and their communities. This series of workshops was a win, win, win... all have benefitted from the wonderful interactions. Thanks again to Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch for providing funding for the workshop series.

Maryann Brown, CEO Youthrive Victoria



Maryann with students from Creswick PS



Creswick North PS students at the Dream Seeds workshop





CRESWICK MUSEUM

As is the case with many museums and galleries, Creswick Museum decided to temporarily close both the Museum and Research Centre. These closed in mid-March for an indefinite period.

The Museum has decided to cancel the *Gold Fever* exhibition until next year and will continue with *Settlers of the District* until the staging of *Daryl Lindsay: a man of many faces*, hopefully in time for the 50th anniversary in November 2020.

The Museum can be contacted by email at info@creswickmuseum.org.au. When a decision has been made on a date to re-open, it will be posted on the Museum's Facebook page and the Website.

Margaret Fullwood



Family Memorial Crosses Creswick-Smeaton RSL

In 1964, Creswick RSL member Arthur Bellingham proposed the setting up of a Field of Crosses. ANZAC Day 1965 saw the first crosses set up at the Cenotaph. These crosses represented RSL members who served and died in peacetime.

The criteria was later changed to include non RSL members who lived in the town, served and died in peacetime. The new crosses for WWI representing those from the Borough and Shire of Creswick were included in the Field of Crosses in 2015.

Since then the RSL has been approached by members of the Community who have moved into the area and asking about having a cross for a family member who served, and either made the supreme sacrifice or died in peacetime, so as to have somewhere to be able to come and remember them.

For ANZAC Day this year, the RSL had proposed to include a new section – Family

Memorial Crosses. These crosses will now be included for the 2021 ANZAC Day.

Families who wish to have a cross in this section, can make a \$5 donation to the RSL by direct deposit to Bendigo Bank BSB 633-108 Account No 1353 20364 Add Reference: Crosses – Soldier's Surname.

The RSL would also like the history behind the name on the cross, by completing the **Stories Form** at the following link on the RSL's Website creswicksmeatonrsl.org.au/form---stories-from-family-memorial-crosses.html. The form can be emailed to creswicksmeatonrsl@gmail.com.

Please include your name and contact number and the first name, initials for middle name/s and surname to appear on the cross.

Phil Greenbank

Creswick-Smeaton RSL, Keeper of the Crosses

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CENTRAL HIGHLANDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

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Creswick & District Historical Society BACK TO CRESWICK 2022

On Saturday, 22 March an advert was placed in the *Herald Sun* under *Desperately Seeking* inviting a response, from anyone with ancestors connected to Creswick, who may be interested in coming to the **Back to Creswick** that is planned by the Creswick & District Historical Society (C&DHS) to take place in 2022. There has been a good response so far with emails arriving daily.

A list had been placed in the Creswick Visitor Information Centre asking visitors with family connections if they would like to register their interest in this weekend. Because the Centre is now closed we wish to invite anyone interested to contact the C&DHS with the following details:

The name of your Creswick ancestor, years in Creswick, your name, email address, and phone number.

Please email to Marj at barrymarj@hotmail.com

The Historical Society is also working on a register of Pioneer families who settled in the area in the early 1850s. If you think your family should be on this register, please also email Marj with details as above.

Marj Poole

CRESWICK CIVIC HONOUR ROLL DINNER 2020

Creswick & District Historical Society

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic and the fact that all venues have closed, the Honour Roll Dinner which was to be held at the end of May, has been cancelled until next year.

Marj Poole

The Creswick & District Historical Society hosted the first quarterly meeting for 2020 of the Central Highlands Historical Association on Saturday, 7 March. The meeting was held at the Creswick Heritage Railway Station. Over thirty people attended with delegates from twenty three different Societies and Museums from Avoca, Bacchus Marsh, Ballan, Ballarat, Carisbrook, Daylesford, Invermay, Landsborough, Learmonth, Maldon, Newstead and Talbot.

Creswick & District Historical Society President, David Preston, welcomed the delegates and gave a short history of the Railway in Creswick which was operational in 1874 and its importance in the district as being one of the busiest regional stations.

Councillor Don Henderson, who is also President of the Creswick Railway Workshops Association Inc., then spoke on the Miners' Union and the Shearers' Union, both originating in Creswick. Don also mentioned the work in progress to have World Heritage Listing of the Victorian Goldfields. All the City and Rural Councils in the Goldfields area are working together to bring this about, though this is a huge undertaking and could take several years. Creswick has some unique historic sites not found in other areas.

Following the Association's business meeting, the group visited the site of the Australasian No. 2 Deep Lead Mine, where the worst mining disaster in Australia took place in 1882 with the loss of twenty two men.

Lunch took place at the American Hotel followed by a visit to the Creswick Museum and an historic walk around Creswick, pointing out important buildings as well as mentioning people who made a significant contribution to early Creswick. There is so much in Creswick of historic importance and all those in attendance commented on what an enjoyable visit they had.

Marj Poole



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Enjoy Autumn in the Garden

By Rhonda Cotsell

Trying to think of what the main issue in the garden is for April and I can't seem to move past the wonderful fact that we have reached lovely autumn. Warm days, cool nights, still need to water but it's the one season of the year I feel on top of things garden, rather than facing and dealing with a tsunami of problems I need to get on top of.

My mower has moved out, as sons do, so I employed a lovely local couple to do a thorough mow and whipper snip, and my garden moved from dry, messy, tatty and dandelion ridden to something smooth and awesome. My theory that simply keeping at it, aiming to do something, anything, in the garden daily despite the little impression it seemed to make, paid off.

Months ago I decided to concentrate on the soil and plants themselves, new and old, healthy and sickly and let the 'lawn' and edges go. Which they did. Weeds everywhere and grasses congregating against the fences, beside and inside the beds. A garden of baby feral lobelia, Australian native violets, yarrow, marigolds, and a saltbush flourished between the bricks at the back door and around the bbq. Dandelions everywhere too, though the bees didn't mind.

Once that overall weedy first impression went the plants and their arrangement and health and variety - the bones of the garden perhaps? - emerged and a vision of peace and serenity reigned. It's already gently reverting to that original state of course; kikuyu coming up through the carefully laid newspaper and mulch, dandelions lifting their heads from where they were flattened but - winter will come and slow that all down.

So, for now it's not forgetting to turn the tank tap off after hours of slow drip, and getting things in pots into the ground if they have been there too long - once I find that elusive perfect place which has evaded me so far. And maybe try cuttings of my glorious yellow buddleia and my favourite red and white spotty geranium to share like we gardeners always do. Keep well everyone.



THOUGHTS ON BUSHFIRES

When I was young, most people relied on firewood for heating and cooking. Wood cutters entered the forest and selectively thinned the trees on the advice of Forest Rangers. They then carefully cleaned up bushes and branches. Any dead trees, either standing or fallen, were quickly pounced on as real prizes.

I can remember calmly walking to a couple of 'bushfires' in the Creswick forest where flames reached thirty centimetres and burned about a hectare before being extinguished by the brigade's ancient truck and a few human beaters using spud bags or tree branches. Very little damage was done to the remaining trees, which after a short time sent out shoots even after a fairly serious fire.

No more. Professional loggers don't clean up behind them and places in the Otways, for example, can be metres deep in rubbish even though logging is being banned. People no longer rely on firewood and if they did, the authorities would punish them severely if they were caught removing dead timber - after all, that is a habitat for ants!

The bush is dying, as the native trees are suffering from a deadly virus which is decimating large swathes of them. Even trees such as the cyprus are getting a disease called *canker*. Of course the drought is not helping the bush either. These all provide fuel for fires.

Under these conditions, the flames of bushfires now exceed thirty metres instead of thirty centimetres and are unstoppable and completely destroy everything for up to millions of hectares. Don't forget, before all the trees were cut and the rains stopped, there were once settlements right through what is now the Sahara Desert.

Don't let our trees be destroyed or burnt.

David Henderson

CATS COME TO CRESWICK (But Not This Year)

Sadly the Art Show has been cancelled for June 2020! It will return but at date yet to be decided.

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April 2 1920

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April 9 1920

The Creswick Shire and Borough Local Repatriation Committee will meet in the local town hall this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Soldiers desiring the assistance of the committee in any way are requested to notify the secretary (Mr. R. H. Down).

April 13 1920

Broomfield- the quartz reefs known to exist close to the surface in the timbered ranges to the south of the township, are being occasionally operated upon by prospecting parties, who have mainly to rely upon the data supplied by miners who are now advanced in years, but whose vivid records afford encouragement to these parties to test the reefs.

April 16 1920

Allendale- School Honor Board- This (Friday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, the honor board of the Allendale State School will be unveiled. Sir Alexander and Lady Peacock will be present, and other prominent speakers have been invited. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of parents and others interested.

April 20 1920

Messrs Early and Co., hotel brokers, of Dana Street, Ballarat, report the following sales in the Creswick district:- Springmount hotel, E. J. Cleary to Charles Burns of Buninyong; American Hotel, Creswick, W. D. Walsh to T. M. Haines, the former proprietor.

April 23 1920

Next Monday is to be observed as the Anzac Day holiday. The business places in Creswick will be closed.

April 27 1920

A meeting of the Creswick Anti-Liquor League will be held in the Rechabite Hall this (Tuesday) evening. All who are desirous of securing prohibition of the liquor traffic are urged to attend.

April 30 1920

On Wednesday evening all the members of the committee appointed to prepare a report in connection with establishment of industries in Creswick – under the auspices of the newly formed branch of the Country Townspeople's League – attended a meeting at the town hall.

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Creswick Neighbourhood Centre News

We want to tell you about a fantastic art program which was recently run at the Centre – Tank Team. Art teacher Di Lehne and her fantastic assistants – Jaqueline, Annaliese and a few other lovely helpers, taught ten local children all about art. They created ‘paint a mate’ portraiture, artistic landscapes and still life art works. They worked together on a painting about caring for our environment, an image of which will be posted on CNCs Facebook page soon, along with other pictures from the program.

That’s not all, they wandered through the Community Garden with the Centre’s home grown garden guru - Norm Beshara - and found frogs, worms, spiders, chickens, and even some fresh vegetables to pick and eat. They learned about composting, growing food and seed collecting. It was so much fun! But there’s even more. They worked with Di and Jaqueline to paint an amazing mural on the water tank at the back of the hall. This depicts the four seasons in the garden. Annaliese made delicious and healthy snacks for every session and the kids got to help make pizza in the final week. Annaliese then put a thoughtful package together of cooking equipment for the children to take home including a cook book, bowls and utensils. The Centre is so proud of this program and hope you get the chance to check out their lovely work on the tank.

Thanks to all involved including Hepburn Shire Council for the funding and especially to Di and her team for their passion and talent. Hopefully a similar program can be organised as soon as we’re back. So many talented and generous folk in our community. It makes your heart warm!

The Centre is closed but you can still talk to us. Send us an email to info@creswicknc.org.au, or if you use Facebook come and visit there. There will be lots of interesting posts and lovely stuff to lighten your day. This is a difficult time and The Neighbourhood Centre is trying to celebrate all the good things we can think of to do and enjoy during this down time. We certainly miss our community so please do come and say hello to us online if you can.

Thanks also go to our dear friends at *Creswick District News*, who have made publication of this much loved newsletter possible even more recently under difficult circumstances – great joy.

Kim Gilliott
Manager



St Augustine's News

Camp Program

Throughout the first term, the students have spent time examining the theme of ‘community.’ Each level has examined a different concept relating to the topic, with the foundation level focusing on their class as a community, with the year one/twos gaining a solid understanding of how a community works together, our three/four class gained more respect for the different cultures and beliefs found in our community. Finally, the school’s seniors have a better understanding of the values and principles of democracy that guides the communities in which we live.

On Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 and Friday 13 March, the junior school completed their camp program. It started with a sleepover in the school for the year two students. The event started with some activities outside to sharpen the appetite, time to pick that particular spot to set up a bed, take in a quick movie while waiting for the light to disappear and finally a night walk around the neighbourhood.

A huge thanks to Emma Paterson and Estelle McLean who were the lucky ones sleeping over, thanks also to Maria Grawich and Angelique Greene for their assistance, ensuring all was spick and span after the event. The year three class had their camp at Adekate on the Thursday and Friday, stepping up again was Emma Paterson and Estelle McLean with help from Courtney Righetti. Thank you, ladies, for an excellent camp experience. Finally, on the Friday, the Foundation class and the year one students finished their camp experience with a fun day at the Ballarat Wildlife Park, thanks to Maria Grawich, Nikki Miller, Estelle Mclean, Chenoa Thorpe, Carlyn Hall and Ginny Crilly for making the fun day a day to remember. Enjoy the Month.

Terry Brennan, Principal



Creswick Primary School
(L-R) Briley, Reilly, Ben



CRESWICK CAPERS

What a challenging time we are experiencing throughout the community and none more than in education. Not long ago, we could not have imagined that we would be planning to teach our students through Distance or Remote learning channels. Staff have been compiling both hard copy and online lessons for students to use should they be unable to return to school in the immediate future. Each child received a Work Pack before the end of term to utilise after the official school break should that prove necessary.

Creswick Primary is fortunate to have a school community which has been so understanding and flexible in this time of constant change. All parents, students and staff have pulled together to make the transition as smooth as it can possibly be for the children – thank you!

Prior to the term changing so dramatically, the annual House Athletics Sports were conducted at Llanberris Reserve (BRAC), Ballarat. From a *bird's eye view* it was so pleasing to see what a school community event it was. Many families (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends) supported students throughout the day which saw so many smiles on the children's faces. With Drummond, Napier, Raglan and Victoria Houses competing for the shield, many children achieved their Personal Bests, cheered on team-mates and demonstrated positive sportsmanship.

For the Foundation students, it was their initiation into the athletics program and for the 12/13 year age group it was their final time at representing their House in athletics. Drummond House (green), were the victors on the day, but from my perspective EVERYONE was a winner, again making note that these days can't exist without volunteers and our school community certainly came together to create this for our children.



To everyone in our Creswick community, stay safe, look out for each other wherever possible and we will 'see you on the other side of this challenge'.

Vicki Hughes

Left: Tom



Northerly News

There were nine students from Grades 3-6 who competed in the Cross Country Run at Russell Square recently, over the 1km, 2km or 3km courses. Eight of the nine students finished in the top six competitors of each age group, with two first placings. This was an outstanding result and reflected the hard work and practise the students had been doing for this event.

The Life Ed Van visited school again and the F-2 students learnt about Health and Safety. The 3-6s did a session on Relate, Respect, Connect. All of the students were quite excited to see Harold the Giraffe again.

Ecolinc also visited and the students from F-2 had a great time studying minibeasts. The 3-6 students looked at renewable energy then built and tested mini solar houses.

Although the school has been affected in minor ways by virus prevention measures, (that is no assemblies or excursions), regular school programs have been running effectively at Creswick North P.S. It has been an ideal time to focus on the well-being of students and learn more about health and hygiene.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal



Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District

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REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

Please note that
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Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email nstubbbs3@bigpond.com

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

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

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

Phone 0434 071 185

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Creswick Ward meeting - second Monday every month. Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm Creswick Railway Station

CRWA Members Meeting - First Sunday every month 1.00pm after Working Bee. Railway Workshops Precinct Judy 5345 1374

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website scoutsvictoria.com.au

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

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

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

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

RSL meeting - Last Wednesday each month 12 noon. RSL Hall Alan Morris 0428 119 420

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