



Good Result For Local Bowlers



Photo: Debbie Matthews

Creswick Division 3 bowlers, who finished top of the ladder only losing one game during the season, had a much deserved win in the recent Ballarat District Bowls Division (BDBD) Grand Final. The result was Creswick 75 defeated Ballan 70.

The Creswick Premier Division, Midweek BDBD, also played in the Grand Final but unfortunately went down to Central Wendouree 47 to 63. Perhaps a disappointing result but reaching the Grand Final after finishing sixth last season is still an achievement worth celebrating.

Congratulations to all the bowlers concerned.

(CDN thanks Debbie Matthews for the photo and Steve Pope for the match reports, which have been condensed.)

GRAND FINAL WINNERS - CRESWICK DIVISION 3

*Back Row: Ross Prictor, Rob Ohlsen, Peter Howell, Jason Ryan, John Purcell, Don Riordon, Dale Chalmers, John Matusik, Bill Hetherington.
Front Row: Ray Lethlean, Stephen Pope, Barry Yates (Manager), Alan Penrice, Ken Neil, Lance Keen, Beth Huntley.*

ANZAC DAY

PLEASE NOTE AMENDMENTS TO ANZAC DAY PROGRAM

9.45 am Wreath Laying. RSL Hall Memorial Stones
10.15 am Assemble for March: Creswick Splash Park,
Albert Street.

***Those attending the march MUST register at
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Senior Cits News

How many times have we said '*If I could turn back the time*'. Well we did. Cold mornings will have time to warm up. HA HA.

March Social Day went well. A tasty lunch was followed by entertainment by Ricky Lea. The next Social Day will be 30 April, also lunch and entertainment. The Club managed to go to a movie, more like old times.

The news that saddened us all was the passing of Ralph Slade, a valued member who will be missed by most of our activity groups. Condolences to Margaret and family.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray 5334 6526

LOCALS TO BE MISSED

Recently, the local taxi service, which for many years has been provided by Amanda and Grant, ceased operation due to family ill health. The friendly and caring service offered to locals, which often went above and beyond what would normally be expected, is definitely being missed around town.

All the very best to Amanda and Grant for their future.

VICTORIA STREET CRAFT GROUP

Catch Up

As this is the Group's first notice for the year, a Happy New Year to all and thanks also to everyone for their support throughout the year in which it was hard to fundraise due to COVID-19.

Despite the difficulties, the Group still managed to raise \$6000 for charity which has been donated to Shannon's Bridge, Riding for the Disabled and the Royal Flying Doctors (Vic). The raffle was very successful. Thanks you to all the sponsors who donated raffle prizes.

Winners were:

1st prize Fire Pit, Meg Chandler

2nd prize Basket of Gifts, Sue La Franchi

3rd prize Night in Tiny House/Wine,
Jo Slater

4th prize Pamper Pack,
Stephen Hepworth

Thank you again to all who supported the Group throughout the year and also to 'our girls' who knit and crochet – a big thank you.

Rita Flapper



Rainfall

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

| | 2019 mm | 2020 mm | 2021 mm |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| January | 3 | 53.5 | 134.5 |
| February | 23 | 34 | 13 |
| March | 15 | 36.5 | 79.5 |
| April | 13.5 | 97.5 | |
| May | 161.5 | 60.5 | |
| June | 133.5 | 62.5 | |
| July | 65 | 35.7 | |
| August | 98 | 124.5 | |
| September | 57.5 | 67 | |
| October | 34 | 73 | |
| November | 71 | 52.2 | |
| December | 20.5 | 58.5 | |
| TOTAL | 695.5 | 755.4 | 227.0 |

International Women's Day

Local Women Honoured

*Congratulations go to the three women who were recently inducted onto the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll as part of the Hepburn Shire International Women's Day celebrations, **Frances Fiddian and Verena Doyle from Creswick and Betty Woods from Hepburn.***

Frances Fiddian and husband Geoff moved to Creswick on their retirement in 2005. Geoff's family has had a long association with the town and they had visited and spent holidays here over the years. Frances has long been involved with the Nursing Mothers Association of Australia (NMAA) now known as the Australian Breast Feeding Association (ABA). As Frances said, *'This wonderful Association was formed in 1964 by six young mothers. In 1979, when I became National President, it had 18,000 members'*.

On returning home with her first baby son in 1969 Frances experienced some of the anxiety, like many first time mums, caused by the accepted practice at the time of a strict four hourly feeding schedule and emphasis on weight gains of the baby. Frances contacted a member of NMAA and was immediately reassured and given guidance and information. When attending meetings and gatherings she recalls the care, friendliness and empathy shown to all mothers.

The NMAA began as a self-help group which encouraged, educated and supported mothers wishing to breastfeed their babies. Frances' own experience motivated her to volunteer, beginning as an administration assistant and helping with fundraising efforts. She qualified as a Counsellor becoming a Group Leader for one hundred members, personally contacting all new members and holding regular meetings.

As a Counsellor she assisted in training new Counsellors, conforming to the strict *Code of Ethics*, and relaying current information to assist mothers in making decisions on breastfeeding best-management. One involvement at this time was visiting schools as part of the program *For Tomorrow's Mums and Dads* where the mums bathed and fed their babies.

Due to the increased demand in phone calls received, at any time of the day or night, Frances was involved in setting up a roster system and became the Co-ordinator for two years. Other States adopted the roster system which has grown and now developed into a National Telephone Answering Service financed by a Federal Government grant, available free to all mothers, Australia-wide.

The Association was mostly self-funded, existing on a

shoestring budget. Frances' involvement in the Finance Committee led to her becoming Treasurer of the National Executive Committee. In 1979 she was elected National President which required many hours of work per week and travel both within Victoria and interstate. Some of the achievements of the Association over time included selling lambskins for infants' sleeping comfort; introducing the use of the Meh Tai baby-carrying sling; writing the well-known *NMAA Cooks*; publication of the successful song book *Merrily Merrily* and producing the film *Breastfeeding. A Beautiful Thing to do*.



Frances Fiddian

During Frances' term as National President in 1981, the first International Breastfeeding Conference was held in Sydney where Frances welcomed the delegates from fourteen different countries along with Lady Cowan, wife of the then Governor General. Around this time NMAA endorsed the World Health Organisation's statement that breastmilk was the optimum for babies up to six months of age and gave support to other organisations struggling against multinational companies promoting baby formulas.

In 1989 Frances was made an Honorary Life Member of the Association. In 2004, on moving to Creswick, she offered assistance to the Association, now known as the ABA, in personal contact and assistance in the organisation of a Ballarat breastfeeding seminar and mentored a Trainee Counsellor.

Finally, in 2010 after much lobbying Australia-wide, breastfeeding in public became lawful under the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act 1984. Frances continues to work advocating for adequate facilities for breastfeeding mothers within Creswick and the Hepburn Shire. This honour is well deserved by Frances for her many years of dedicated community service.

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HATS OFF TO ALL THE LOCAL TRADERS

During those months of lock down and restrictions on travel, it was very obvious that the local café trade depends very much on visitors to the area. The happy throngs enjoying the hospitality at any of the local eateries were sadly missing.

YET ALL THOSE TRADERS SURVIVED.

Congratulations to them all. Amongst them was the happy couple of Willy and Russell at the Red Fox. Willy, and that is her full name, (same as her Dutch grandmother), is the happy face behind the counter, usually singing to herself some old favourite of years ago. Russell is the strong silent one working the dough machine or plating up one of his famous pies, for it is those pies that have made the Red Fox famous. Even Barry, the butcher, when he worked in town, lauded the pies from the Red Fox. They surely do look so attractive in the show cabinet with their golden puff pastry. No wonder folk come from out of town to buy them.

Willy, born in the Netherlands, came here by aeroplane, at the age of nine, with her parents, five brothers and two sisters. Friends had a house and employment was waiting for her dad. No migrant camp, nor hostel experience for this family. Her dad's employment was in the local butter factory so he arrived home every night smelling strongly of butter. Surely that rich inviting aroma had something to do with Willy's decision to go into catering. She gained experience working in a patisserie in Ballarat then went on to run the Red Fox.

Having met Russell in an Aussie pub they formed a team. Russell's contribution was his training as a baker. He is the strong quiet worker in the background, turning out all those delicious indulgences. In his spare time Russell enjoys playing tennis. Willy claims that the business keeps her so busy that there is no time left for indulgences but her great love is music.

With pride in her Dutch family, she admits that there have been family functions where she has squeezed them all into her little shop and a merry and happy lot they are. One brother is her special pride and has been seen on TV, *Demolition Man* - *Bennie the human crane*. Watch for him on those re-construction programs.

Willy is very happy to support local talent, hence, the variety of paintings that adorn the walls.



Friends of the Avenue

Sincere thanks to all who volunteered their time on Saturday 10 April to spruce up the Avenue for ANZAC Day. Suckers were pruned, rubbish collected, and plaques adjusted. A BBQ lunch was enjoyed afterwards at the Fire Station.

The Friends would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank two quiet volunteers - Tess Suckling for mowing the Obelisk and James Lindsay for mowing the area around the Cenotaph. These two young ones have been doing this work for many years.

Thanks also to Council for their assistance in keeping the grass trim. If anyone notices a fallen branch or damage to the trees, please contact:

hepburn.vic.gov.au/contact-council.

From there you can lodge a Service Request or phone 5348 2306.

ANZAC Day

Please come along for the 9.00am Service and a cuppa afterwards. There will then be time to join the commemorations in Creswick. Brian Reasons will conduct the Kingston Service and the guest speaker this year will be Ross Dimond from Mollonghip. Trumpeter, Doug Slater of Burrumbeet, will play *Reveille* and the *Last Post*. A date to remember, **12 May, 7.00pm** – General Meeting at the Commercial@Kingston.

Julie Baulch

CRESWICK BAND

Creswick Brass Band and Jubilee Brass Band have been back rehearsing following a forced hiatus in 2020 due to COVID-19. During the break, you may have seen some videos posted by the band of music being made together from afar but the players are glad to finally play as a group in person! With the current COVID-19 guidelines the new challenge is being too big to socially distance in the band room. The Creswick Senior Citizens have generously allowed the use of their clubrooms where the band can safely socially distance. Both bands are very grateful for this support as moving a band's rehearsal space and equipment is no easy feat.

The band was fortunate to receive a kind donation from the Creswick IGA in November 2020, which has assisted greatly. A big congratulations to Creswick IGA too for their recent award wins. The band is thankful to have such wonderful groups and organisations able to provide support in some challenging times.

Since returning to rehearsing, both bands participated in Creswick's annual Australia Day breakfast and enjoyed a workshop and street performance in Creswick with Glenferrie Brass. As the band is ever growing, they've welcomed Andrew Power who has taken on the role of musical director for Jubilee Brass Band whilst Katrina Bird continues as musical director for Creswick Brass Band. A big thank you to Katrina for contributing her time to both Jubilee and Creswick Brass Bands.

Of late she has been testing a range of reasonably priced garments while, due to restrictions, she could not have tables and chairs in her café. Would they be an added attraction? The shop did not look quite so empty, with racks of colourful clothing filling the space. Most of it was sold by the time Willy could replace those tables and chairs.

Now, all is back to normal with people able to sit and enjoy the service of the Red Fox. Willy is still behind the counter, singing quietly to all those old songs that she enjoys, a pleasant and friendly hostess as she queries, 'Do you want salad and relish with that?' The relish is house made too! Is Willy a fan of the *Dutch Swing College Band*? Judging by the era of music she enjoys, it appears so. Ask her when you are in the shop some time. She does strum a guitar on occasions but has little time as the business consumes her daylight hours, but whatever work Willy is doing, the accompaniment is music. What a happy soul and what a happy disposition. She has dabbled in a few hobbies over the years but always came back to music and believes there is nothing interesting about her. Yet to be so successful there must be a very wily Red Fox indeed behind this modest persona.

Along with Willy and Russell, well done all Creswick traders. You did the town proud under the worst retailing conditions possible. May your doors be ever open to an increasing public!

Val Lawrence



Photo courtesy Peter McArthur



Creswick Brass Band and Glenferrie Brass joint street performance, Sunday , 28 March 2021

Both bands are preparing to play for the upcoming ANZAC Day ceremony in Creswick where they will participate in the march and morning service. The annual *Salute to the ANZACs* Concert is being planned to adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines so keep an eye out for further information.

If you'd like to speak to someone in the band you can see them at rehearsal on Thursday nights at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms from 6.00pm onwards.

Meredith George creswickbrassband@hotmail.com

A Friendly Local Face Behind The COVID-19 Fight

The outstanding local success in containing the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic can be attributed in no small part to the initiative, professionalism and hard work of hundreds of Central Highlands Rural Health staff working tirelessly throughout Creswick, Clunes, Daylesford, Kyneton, Trentham and surrounding districts. Central Highlands Rural Health is supported by specialist infection control staff who provide the organisation with expert guidance.



Erin Lowe

Erin Lowe is one of the infection control experts. She has previously worked against the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa. Erin recently sat down to offer some insight into what motivates one of our local healthcare heroes: *'I started my nursing career on the infectious diseases ward at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and was immediately fascinated*

by some exotic diseases such as Tuberculosis, Malaria, Measles and Dengue Fever. I then completed a Master's in Public Health and Tropical Medicine. I was fortunate to travel to Tanzania as part of my university course and my experience in a Masai Hospital sparked a passion to help others'.

'In 2015 I jumped at the opportunity to go to West Africa and work in Ebola treatment units. I was in Sierra Leone and Liberia for nine months working in various roles including providing direct patient care to Ebola patients as the head nurse of an Ebola treatment unit and also lead trainer for all staff working in the red zone of an Ebola treatment unit. It was then I realised I wanted to specialise in infection control and so I undertook further post graduate study.'

So how does Erin escape the daily demands of fighting this persistent invisible viral enemy? *'I enjoy long walks on my days off, in preparation for the next mountain to conquer post coronavirus. I have trekked Mount Everest Base Camp and Mount Kilimanjaro, with Mount Everest and other peaks on my bucket list.'*

High on Erin's wish list is the ability to purchase more equipment to efficiently screen people to protect all local residents. In order to achieve these aims, Central Highlands Rural Health now asks the wider community to help maintain our enviable local safety record. Please consider offering a tax-deductible donation by visiting <https://www.chrh.org.au/get-involved/donate/>.

Direct enquiries to Peter McConvill, Fundraising, Events & Marketing Manager
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Hammon Park Survey and EOI

The Hammon Park Trailhead Community and Youth Hub has been awarded \$2.1M in funding from the State Government. It is grateful for this support and, when combined with the Creswick Trails Stage One, it is a transformative project for Creswick and the region.

As part of improvements to the reserve, the Shire would like to understand what experiences and activities people would like to see at Hammon Park. Please take the survey to suggest how Hammon Park can be improved.

During April 2021, Council will be undertaking an Expression of Interest to identify user groups or community organisations/clubs for the licensed use of the Hammon Park Pavilion. If you would be interested in participating in this EOI, please email your contact details to abreach@hepburn.vic.gov.au and we will contact you with more information when the EOI is launched. For more information visit www.creswicktrails.com/progress.

Alison Breach, Project Manager Creswick Trails

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Jared Tallent

The race is finished for this talented walker

Olympian Jared recently announced his retirement as a race walker. Jared grew up on the family potato farm at Dean and was frequently seen training on the country roads of the district. Part of a sporting family Jared's wife Claire, also a race walker, competed at Olympic level and is a Commonwealth Games Medallist.

Commencing his career in race walking at a young age Jared has gone on to become Australia's most decorated Track and Field athlete. In his thirteen years competing at international level Jared has won four Olympic medals; one gold, two silver and one bronze. Over the years he has won two gold Commonwealth Games medals, three World Championship silver medals alongside three medals in the National Titles.

Jared, partnering with the Creswick & District Community Bank® has continued to encourage young sportspeople of the district through the Annual Jared Tallent Award.

The *CDN* Team and readers wish Jared and family all the very best in the years ahead where he has expressed the hope to continue his involvement and contribution to the sport of race walking.

Congratulations on a remarkable career!



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Nicholas Roche Kennedy

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Nicholas was assisted into the world by Dr John Gray at the Creswick Hospital on 3 May 1961, the much loved third child of Ron and Lois after Russell and Christine and followed by Julie and Natalie.

Nick lived next door to his Nanna and Pa and had a wonderfully happy childhood. The outdoors was full of adventure and shaped his life and his love of animals, flowers, birds and all nature.

Each day Nick walked the mile to and from St Augustine's School, often accompanied by the family border collie dog. Although shoed and yelled at to go home, he just kept coming and would end up in the classroom, whereupon the nuns would send Nick home with him – which suited Nick just fine.

Nick had a good singing voice and played the clarinet with the Creswick Brass Band. After school he always visited his Nanna who loved to join him in a game of cribbage. The Creswick swimming pool at Calembeen Park was a regular summertime activity. Nick was the only kid who was not happy to just dive off the top tower; no, he had to climb the rail of the tower to add an extra metre. He was a committed pool player and encouraged his younger sister to join him in the local competition at the Farmer's Arms Hotel.

Nick attended St Patrick's College and later the School of Mines. His first job was at Barrett's structural steel manufacturers. Later he joined the army as part of the catering corps. He completed his training at Puckapunyal and served at Rockhampton and Queenscliff. However, life in the army did not suit Nick and he resigned at the end of his tenure. He went on to become a furniture removalist and started his own company in Queensland. Feedback from clients was that he was caring, reliable, passionate and proud of his achievements. The lifestyle suited him as he loved driving and exploring much of our great country. Nick experienced some health problems that eventually prevented him driving trucks and he came home to be with his mum and dad where he remained until his death. Home became a trio of Dad, Mum and Nick. It was a special and loving relationship where we all looked after one another and made certain that home was a happy place to be.

Nick trained in Melbourne for twelve months to become a traffic controller. He enjoyed his new job and took pride in his responsibilities; popular with his co-workers, one of

whom wrote, *'I know that heaven has the best gardener and gentleman there is.'*

Nick loved his three sisters and was always the first to respond when they needed a helping hand – moving house, painting, and gardening – and was very generous with his time. He pretended to be grumpy when his sisters playfully gave him a kiss and a cuddle, but they knew that deep down

he really enjoyed it. Nick never married but took great delight in his family and many nieces and nephews. He would put on his monster voice and try to scare them, but they worked him out and knew that he was a toothless tiger.

Nick and his dad were best mates. When he was young his dad would take him fishing and into the bush to cut firewood. In recent years they shared a great love of fishing, gardening and a friendly glass of beer by the barbecue before dinner. Nick noticed little things around the house and would always go the extra mile to make his mum and dad's life

a bit easier. He was a friend to his aunty Lorraine and husband Max next door, and spent many hours sitting with Max companionably outside their aviary just watching the birds.

Although Nick was a loner, he liked to chat with the neighbours on Camp Hill and was first in line when they needed any assistance. He mowed, collected mail, put out the rubbish bins for them and plied them with garden produce, cuttings he had struck and eggs when the chooks were laying. Many people on Camp Hill commented, *'I don't know what I would do without Nick'*.

Nicks greatest joys were feeding his friendly kookaburras and magpies, tending his beautiful flowers and camping and fishing. Whenever he had the chance he took himself off to Gunbower Creek for a few days where he met his mate Ron and landed many Murray Cod, although the majority of them were either too big or too small to keep.

Nick died suddenly and tragically in a work accident. He is remembered as a good, kind and thoughtful man, hardworking, fulfilled and happy in his job. Thank you for the past fifty nine years mate and we hope the fish are biting in heaven.

Lois and Ron Kennedy

Photo Courtesy Kennedy family



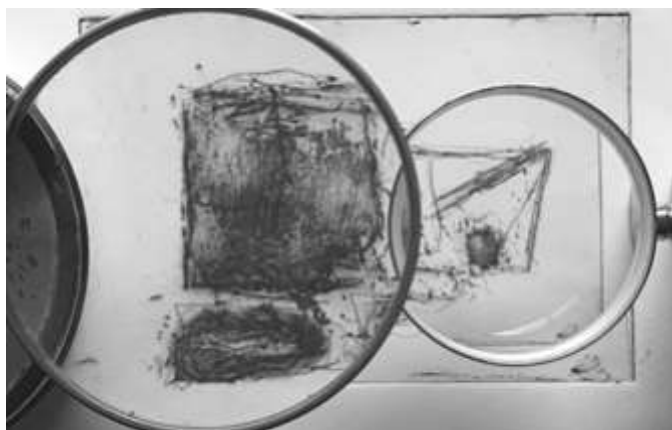
The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett

I have, amongst the various tools and aids in my studios, two particularly useful implements; a magnifying glass, and a reducing glass. Yes, you did read that correctly. Surely everyone has a magnifying glass, but *reducing* glass. What on earth is that? So, for both of you who have read my Art of Living articles over the past two years (you secretly know who you are), here is a new tale.

A magnifying glass, as we all know, makes things appear larger than they really are. We often use one to read fine print more easily. I use mine regularly to study rocks or plants, or to look at the detail in my drawings and etchings – just to be sure that I am happy with the result.

The *reducing* glass, on the other hand, does the exact opposite to the magnifying glass. It makes things look further away than they really are. This is a very useful tool in a small studio, especially when I am working on a large painting. The reducing lens enables me to see my painting from a distance, as a viewer might in a gallery, although I am only a couple of metres from the easel.



This photo of an etching I have recently finished of the mighty little 1933 Jacques Excavator at Lake Goldsmith shows how with one lens I can inspect the detail, while with the other I see the whole picture.

If only our own two eyes were like that we could cut out the middle man. Better still, imagine if in our *mind's eye* we could see the world and our lives this way. For most of us here in the Lucky Country, the problems in the rest of the world are too remote for us to have much empathy. We read about, or see on the TV, the wars, the famine, the disease, the refugees. But these are all *somewhere over there*. Apart from when the fires or floods are on our own doorstep, our level of concern is far too often fleeting. That is when we need our magnifying eyesight, to get a really good idea of how things actually are out there in the wider world.

On the other hand, sometimes our own personal issues can seem overwhelming and all-consuming - me at the dentist today, for example. THAT is when we really need our reducing lens – to be able to see the bigger picture and where we really are placed in it. Is my problem really the biggest problem in the world today? I look once more through my reducing lens, and the world is a lot bigger than me. After all, we do live in a world that is both enormous and tiny at the same time ... depending on how you view it.

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At the time of this notice going to print, regulations relating to Club meetings have not changed.

The May meeting will be on Tuesday, 4 May at the Senior Citizens Club rooms, starting at 1.15pm. Please arrive early to allow time for registration. As usual, there will be a guest speaker. Since numbers able to attend are still limited to fifty-six, RSVP is essential. That can be done by a telephone call to President Phyllis on 0418 303 405, **by Tuesday, 27 April.**

Vicki McArthur, Secretary



KINGSTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Another year goes by. The AGM is on Sunday, 16 May, 7:30pm at the Showgrounds with a light supper, COVID-19 permitting. All are welcome.

The Society hosted a Rover Car Club visit in April and have several events planned for this year. More to come on that soon. Remember, the grounds are a community resource. Come and visit us!

The Society relies on community support and is open to new ideas and uses for the grounds. If anyone would like to assist in any way, join the committee, become a member, or help out at a working bee, please contact the Secretary on 0419 527 734. Consider using the grounds for a family, club or group event. Check out the heritage listed grandstand.

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Last month I looked at fire retardant gardens, provided a link to a fabulous CFA resource and committed to checking my entire garden using the workbook as a guide. <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/landscaping>.

It was a shock. As I found, it is not simply a matter of identifying the physical characteristics of individual plants and ticking yes or no.

What I optimistically thought would be a casual walk around with a notebook and a pencil and the guide in hand stalled at the first attempt. I started with a favourite spot just outside the front where two bushy diosma grow beneath a gently draping silver birch providing shade and privacy to a window overlooking the street. Two geraniums in pots sit on thick mulch and nearby there is a tap alongside a row of thickly overgrown seaside daisies which conceals the crawl space under the house. I often sit and watch our native birds perch on the branches, picking at the catkins dripping from the branches.

None of this related at all well to what would happen should the house be swept by an ember attack from the hills opposite. It was a litany of sins – the diosmas (flammable) are located under a tree (bad location), and the lower birch branches which draped over them (worse). It is too close to the house; the mulch is highly flammable. The geraniums are fleshy but in plastic pots, which are not. The silver birch leaves were the sort that would catch easily. The long row of seaside daisies growing across the bottom of the house were good as they would prevent embers going into the crawl space beneath but it is un-thinned and scattered through with dead sections which would catch easily.

And that was not the worst scenario I found in my garden, nor the easiest to fix. Dangerous planting and instant action is required in more than one place.

But, ending on a positive note – it was great being able to do it without knowing the names of all my plants as the CFA approach only requires looking at the plant itself and its location. Finally, an interesting fact for you: aggies are highly fire retardant.

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc.

On Friday, 26 March, Pavilion Arts had their AGM at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. People gathered beforehand for a tasty BBQ served by super cook Tim Drylie on behalf of Transition Creswick group. Thank you so much Tim and Isaac, the happy gofer.

Following the AGM, Malcolm Sanders, from Regional Arts Victoria, spoke with enthusiasm on the future plans for the Pavilion Arts Group. As always, he offered his continued interest and assistance.

The new committee elected at the AGM is as follows:

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| President- | Andrew Bell |
| Vice President - | Jennifer Powell |
| Treasurer | Russell Bowey |
| Secretary | Glynis Edwards |
| Special IT member | Frank Thompson |
| Assistant Treasurer | Audrey Winther |

Ordinary committee members were Ian Kronberger and Anne Schembri.

The new members, full of enthusiasm, energy and expertise are keen to work towards building a sustainable community. The aim is for Creswick district to be known for sculpture and other arts as Clunes is as a Booktown. There is a new opportunity for Community Art Space and a sub-committee will work towards this. If you want to know more, you are welcome at all meetings, or email pavilionarts3363@gmail.com

The Bendigo Bank Art Exhibition 2021 will happen in October/November with a \$1000 prize and \$250 community prize, the brainchild of Bruce Kronberger. With Bendigo & District Community Bank® sponsoring this event, promotion will become more professional. Creswick is most fortunate to have this generous sponsor.

As Creswick district artists will have even more exposure and opportunities, interested participants should immediately let us know. Decisions need to be made regarding judging, curating and costs. Last year the Art Show was managed by contributing artists. The template is available and Shirley Birkett was an excellent curator. The artists raised money for a prize themselves.

Future plans include a festival, *Words & Visions* as part of the Shire wide *Words in Winter* and much more. We all look forward to a wonderful invigorated 2021.

Audrey Winther



BALLARAT DISTRICT GROUP CWA ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Ltd Ballarat District Group, comprising branches from Melton to Daylesford-Hepburn and Scarsdale to Ballarat, will stage its Art and Craft Exhibition in the Creswick Town Hall on Friday, 30 April and Saturday, 1 May, from 10.00am each day. Over 100 categories, highlighting the skills of the almost 200 group members, will be judged on the Thursday. Categories include; Arts, Crafts, Cooking, Photography, Preserves and Floral Art.



Competition will be keen as members aspire for the individual trophies and Branch aggregates.

Group Exhibitions held around the State culminate as part of the 2021 State Exhibition in the Ararat Town Hall on 20 - 21 August.

It is hoped that the Exhibition will attract the women of Creswick and surrounding towns to reform a branch in the area and join us in the aims of the Association.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. is Victoria's largest women's organisation. Join us in our network of support to each other, the Association, and the community as we provide assistance to women, children and families in need and advocate for change.

Rosalie Sylvie Ballarat District Group President

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It has come to The Trust's attention that visitors are moving flowers, small statues and other items from graves and putting them on other graves. This is most concerning and it is asked that visitors cease this behaviour as it is most disrespectful.

On a brighter note, work has started on the gateway into the Chinese garden and if all goes well the front gates will be back very soon. Works have also begun on a new roadway behind the Methodist section. This has been quite rough and unusable during the winter months. It will be wonderful to have the roadway straight and gravelled.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary



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What's on at the Creswick Hub?

All library services have resumed after COVID-19 closures and limited services. We would like to thank our community for their understanding during that time.

Library programs are being slowly re-introduced into being onsite.

For updates on programs and what is available, please follow our Facebook page or contact Hub staff directly on 0428 964 419. Home Library Services will resume in due course and we will advise those who use this service when it becomes available.

Creswick Hub,

68 Albert Street. Phone: 5345 2145

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MUSIC NEWS

A fundraising soiree for the Zonta Club of Ballarat was held at Newlyn on 13 March. The guests were entertained by Zara Sadhai and Sophie Zhang, students of Bron Sozanski. Zara also performed at the March Grammar School Board dinner and at the Sunday evening discussion at the Anglican Cathedral in Ballarat. She will perform at the Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital. Bron's students are thoroughly prepared for public performance by their attendance at regular performance classes. They are much in demand for public events.



Zara Sadhai

The Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital will be held on Saturday, 1 May, in the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts at 7.30pm. The guest recitalist is acclaimed pianist Hoang Pham whose performances are regularly on ABC Classic FM. Hoang has won many awards locally and internationally including ABC Young Performer of the Year 2013 and best Australian Pianist at the 2008 Sydney International Piano Competition.

There will also be a free masterclass conducted by Hoang Pham at 11.00am on 1 May. Community members are welcome to attend. Bookings for the Recital are open at wcpa.com.au or on 5338 0980. For any further information contact Bron Sozanski on 5345 7522.

Bronislaw Sozanski



Central Highlands Rural Health Get Moving!

Central Highlands Rural Health is running a three-week **Virtual Reality program for young people** who live in the Creswick area and are aged twelve to fourteen years. Funded by the Creswick & District Community Bank®, the program aims to enhance physical activity by entering a virtual world full of fun and interactive video games and activities that get you moving.

Registrations are essential as limited spaces are available! To find out more details and register go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GYMBVQM>.

Taletha Rizio, Senior Health Promotion Officer


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Creswick Capers

Ollie! Ollie! Ollie!

First term has gone quickly as the school looks forward to the Easter Holidays to spend time with family and friends. There have been many special events throughout the term, with new students, new families and new teachers joining Creswick Primary School.

However, the school did welcome back a very special old friend during term 1, who has joined us permanently, Ollie, the school support dog! Ollie arrived at Creswick Primary School as a pup and trained through Vision Australia to be a Seeing Eye Dog during 2019. He spent twelve months here and then in Melbourne at Vision Australia, learning specific tasks. He was much loved around school and everyone was very sad to see him leave, although it was completely understood that it was all part of his program.



Ollie, the school support dog

Unfortunately, after passing all his training, it was discovered that Ollie had a minor medical issue. This can be controlled by medication, but means he cannot be paired with a vision impaired client. The school was then offered the opportunity to adopt Ollie. So in February, Ollie returned to Creswick Primary School and can now be seen regularly in the classrooms, working in the office area, greeting visitors, helping to supervise the crossing duties with Jan and teachers, being part of the School Wide Positive Behaviours Reward system or taking a well-earned nap from time to time. One of his most important duties though, is working with school Chaplain, Georgie Coulson, who sees Ollie as having a calming effect on students when they are upset or in need of some extra reassurance. Ollie sidles up for a pat or just lets the students know that he is there for them. Past students who knew Ollie as a pup have been back to visit.

Ollie is quite the celebrity being featured in the Ballarat *Courier* and on National Nine News and recently, he has gained sponsorship from *Goldfields Veterinary Practice* and *Tame the Mane Dog Grooming*, which will assist significantly with him *working* at school.

Everyone looks forward to all the learning that Ollie will assist with over the coming years and the many hearts that he will impact along the way.

Take care.

Vicki Hughes, Grade 5/6 Teacher

100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

April 1, 1921

The Borough of Creswick shares in the allocation of war trophies to the extent of a trench mortar, which has now arrived. The council has decided that it be placed in the small garden in Raglan street, close to the fountain, and the Mayor, Crs. Oswin, Northcott, and Tait were deputed to arrange for same.

April 5, 1921

For some years past it has been thought by a number of subscribers to the Smeaton, Spring Hill and Bullarook Agri-cultural Society that the annual shows of the society have been deteriorating owing to the lack of railway facilities at the Smeaton yards, the nearest railway station being that of Allendale, and they point to the reduced gate takings also as a reason why the shows should be held close to the railway. (it was decided at this meeting that the grounds at Kingston be obtained)

April 8, 1921

Dancing, Dancing, Dancing, Dancing. Mr. Phil Cartledge, Refined class in the A.N. A. Hall, Creswick, every Monday evening at 8. All the latest dances taught during the evening. Those attending my classes soon obtain proficiency under my tuition. My method being so very simple that you cannot possibly fail. Attend- Fee 1/6.- success sure!

April 12, 1921

Allendale- Motor Service

The motor service that has been established between the local railway station and Smeaton by Mr. H. P. Evans for the conveyance of passengers and mails meets with cordial appreciation of the travelling public and the postal department.

April 15, 1921

Back to Creswick

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above will be held at the Town Hall Tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 8 o'clock. A large attendance of members is requested. C. W. Jebb, Secty.

April 19, 1921

Anzac Memorial Service

The Combined choirs will meet for practice on Wednesday (tomorrow) evening at the town hall at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. D. Dimsey, R. J. Keddie, Secretaries.

April 22, 1921

Sir Alexander Peacock, M. L. A., proposes visiting and inspecting the following schools this (Friday) morning: - Wattle Flat, 9.30 am; Dean, 10.15 am; Newlyn, 11 am; Springmount 12 noon.

April 26, 1921

Smeaton

A meeting of the Smeaton branch of the Farmers' Union will be held in the Mechanics' Hall next Thursday afternoon. A full attendance of members is desired.

Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

Anglicare Emergency Food

Relief - every 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.00am till 11.30am for Pension, Health Care and Centre Link card holders. All welcome @ St Johns Anglican Church Hall; Napier Stree Creswick

Australian Red Cross - first

Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email nstubbs3@bigpond.com

Business & Tourism Creswick - first Tuesday every month.

Farmers Arms Hotel, 5.00pm 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 2065

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) 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 11.00am Parents' Club Tue 11.30am Story Time 11.00am Wed

Creswick Lions Club

second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Pat Tacey 0429 581 591, 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 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

7.00pm on the 1st Monday of month Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

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

Tipplers - third Wednesday every month. email:

barrymarj@hotmail.com

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