



Seeing Eye Dog Zorro Carves The Path For His Handler, Local, Tony Clark

Moving to the country is a transition for anyone. When you're living by yourself and blind, having a Seeing Eye Dog makes navigating roads without footpaths and bush tracks possible.

For Tony, the decision to get a Seeing Eye Dog wasn't easy. *'I resisted a guide dog for thirty years. I perceived it as not being independent, which is really silly in hindsight',* he said. *'Then I questioned my thinking, those reasons aren't valid anymore. I needed to take that extra step for increased mobility, and to truly become independent.'*

Tony Clark was diagnosed with atypical Retinitis Pigmentosa at nineteen and declared legally blind at twenty. That didn't stop him developing a career that takes him across the country and travelling internationally for work. Zorro will now be Tony's partner in travel, guiding him to meetings in the city where Tony works on boards leading organisations providing strategic insights and looking after governance.

Having a Seeing Eye Dog has been an interesting transition for Tony, but means he can now go bushwalking safely and independently around St George's Lake and across the spillway.

'I couldn't do this sort of walk using a cane, it was too hard. Zorro will find the path, keep me there, avoid things and keep away from the more tricky falls', he said. *'I simply couldn't, do it not by myself. Zorro and I can now do that.'* Tony has big plans for Zorro including some overseas travel. Daily life like shopping independently is made easier with a Seeing Eye Dog.

'Putting all of your trust into a dog, isn't easy. People think that it's all easy and smooth sailing it's not, it's hard work. But it's worth it', he said. *'The things like visiting Smokeytown, IGA, the Post Office, Leaver's and all of the other shops, I wouldn't have done that by myself, not in the same way and certainly not as confidently. He did take me into the back of the deli at IGA once ... you can't blame him really!'*

Zorro has fit into Tony's family nicely. *'We're working each other out, he's training me well',* he said. *'I enjoy the companionship and it makes lots of things like country*



Tony and Zorro

roads, shopping in Ballarat and doing things with the Scout Group heaps easier.'

Harriet Moffat

(Vision Australia Seeing Eye Dog is the only national provider, trainer and breeder of Seeing Eye Dogs in Australia. It also offers a wide range of services, equipment and training so people who are blind or have low vision can live the life they choose. Visit the website at www.sed.visionaustralia.org).

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A WARM WELCOME TO CRESWICK

Community groups came together at the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, 26 March, to welcome new residents to the Creswick district. The event, sponsored by the Hepburn Shire, is regularly hosted by three local groups (Creswick Railway Workshops Association, University of the Third Age and Creswick & District Residents Association).

A welcome by Hepburn Shire Mayor, Cr Tim Drylie, was followed by short presentations from Liv Lorkin, SES Community Resilience Co-ordinator, and Nicole McGrath, CFA Community Safety Engagement Officer. Cr Don Henderson gave voice to a snippet of local history about Creswick and its current demographic. Red Fox Coffee Lounge and IGA provided the delicious afternoon tea. The recipients of the lucky door prizes, drawn randomly by Mayor Drylie, were Kathy, Carolyn and Heather.

Thanks are extended to PRD and Biggin & Scott for once again providing something special. In addition, thanks to IGA Creswick for the donation of gift cards to the fourteen new residents in attendance.

Judy Henderson

creswick Rainfall

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

	2020 mm	2021 mm	2022 mm
January	53.5	134.5	163.0
February	34.0	13.0	1.0
March	36.5	79.5	49.0
April	97.5	20.0	
May	60.5	79.0	
June	62.5	99.9	
July	35.7	106.5	
August	124.5	66.5	
September	67.0	70.5	
October	73.0	91.0	
November	52.2	66.8	
December	58.5	26.3	
TOTAL	755.4	853.5	213.0

Senior Cits News

Here we are, into the fourth month already. Another well attended Social Day, with a tasty meal and very nice entertainment. Next Social Day will be held on 29 April, with a meal and entertainment by the Celtic Band. Come along and enjoy.

Seniors Club was represented at the Town Hall, welcoming new residents to Creswick. New members would be most welcome at the Seniors Club.

Because of the lack of numbers for indoor bowls at the Club, the Saturday games have been put on hold.

Sincere sympathy to Shirley Sullivan and family for the loss of husband and dad, Mick.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray
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CRESWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE Change of Leadership

It is the end of an era for the *Creswick Neighbourhood Centre (CNC)* with its fabulous manager, Kim Gilliot, finishing up after twelve wonderful years. Kim has been such an incredible asset to the town's beloved Neighbourhood Centre and steered it through some very challenging times (including multiple lockdowns during COVID-19). She achieved a great deal with the support of both the staff and many wonderful volunteers.



Kim Gilliot

Kim played a pivotal role in connecting the community through classes, activities, programs, events and a listening ear to anyone who dropped in. She played a key advocacy role within the Creswick community and was very passionate in her desire for the CNC to be a welcoming place for all.

Kim will be sorely missed but her legacy of hard work and passion for the community will live on through the new Manager, Chrissy Austin. The Committee, staff and volunteers would like to thank Kim for her heartfelt efforts and commitment to ensuring the CNC is a wonderful community resource for all to cherish.

Best of luck Kim and thank you for everything!

Chrissy Austin
Manager

International Women's Day Award 8 March, 2022

The Heather Mutimer Honour Roll was established in 2005 to pay tribute to the women in Hepburn Shire whose contribution, courage and example have led to significant social change for women.

Hepburn Shire Council named Joanne Pegg, principal of Bullarto Primary School, as the 2022 inductee of the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll, recognising her tireless work for social inclusion and inclusive learning in the Shire. Ms Pegg was inducted at a special event in Daylesford on International Women's Day, which was attended by around 100 people.

PARK LAKE ART SHOW CALL FOR ENTRIES



Park Lake in Autumn, by Damian Talbot

FRIDAY 24 – SUNDAY, 26 JUNE, 2022

Artists, get started now. The Friends of Park Lake, in partnership with Pavilion Arts, are holding an Art Show using Park Lake as its theme. Prizes will be awarded and twelve finalists will be included in a 2023 Park Lake fundraising calendar, the proceeds from which will go towards Park Lake's Rhododendron Fund.

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CRESWICK GARDEN CLUB HOSTED 37th Western Regional Garden Clubs' Conference

What a weekend for Creswick with the Creswick Garden Club hosting the 37th Western Regional Garden Clubs' Conference at the Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve on Saturday, 2 April and the inaugural *CresFest* taking place throughout the weekend.

Eighty-two garden lovers from the Western District converged on Creswick to listen to four renowned guest speakers who were all well received by the participants. **Author and photographer, Alison Pouliot**, spoke on her specialist subject of the world of Fungi. Her beautiful photography added to the magical experience.



Speaker Alison Pouliot

Author **Jill Teschendorf** and **Hepburn Shire Biodiversity Officer Brian Bainbridge** gave an introduction into the *Gardening for Wildlife* program and were able to demonstrate how gardeners can encourage and co-exist wildlife with gardens.

The final speaker, **Dr Laura Murmaw**, continued with the gardening for wildlife theme which she expanded to the beneficial insects which can be attracted into the garden by being aware of what plants and flowers attract them.

Major events such as this are only possible through the generosity of local sponsors and the Creswick Garden Club would particularly like to acknowledge: *Creswick Woollen Mills; Creswick Pharmacy; Creswick Newsagency; The Farmers Wife; The American Hotel; Spring Park Nursery; Overwrought Garden Art; Lambley Gardens and Nursery; Seven Hills Nursery; Eastern Peake Wines; Davies & Rose Rural & Hardware and HG & Sons Emporium*. Their commitment is much appreciated.

Raffle winners: Lucky seat prizes - Margaret Buckland, Maree Potter and Margaret Smith. Other winners were Alison Boosma; Kerrie Smith; Carolyn Pinkowski; Jenny Jolliffe; Merilyn Urqhart; Jenny Kirkwood; Victoria Lovejoy; Jeanette Nelium; Lana Eichler; Meg Barry; Margaret Pym; Janja Miljestic; Ilila Orfon; Elly van Oirschot; Kathy Kerr; Chris Clayton; Susan Greenbank and Kevin Moneghetti.

Fiona Watson



CRESWICK LIONS CLUB Club Continues Community Assistance

Creswick Lions is still actively assisting people who were, and continue to be, displaced by January's storm. Vouchers to be used within the Ballarat and local business communities have been provided. This included vouchers to the recent *CresFest* event held in early April.

A number of local residents have generously contributed to the Lions Club Relief Fund. All funds will be used for ongoing support for residents impacted by the January event and any future disaster relief efforts. The Club sincerely thanks all who have contributed to the fund.

Community members who would like to know a bit more about what Lions do, can come and chat at the sausage sizzle stall held at any of the regular Creswick Markets. Assisting their local community is what Lions Clubs are all about. So, if you think that joining the Lions Club is for you, please contact our Membership Chairperson Maria Marco on 0410 499 007 or email creswick@lions201v1-4.org.au for further details.

Community members who would like to contribute to the Lions Club of Creswick Relief Fund can do so by making a deposit at the Bendigo Bank, or making an online deposit to the account **BSB 633-000, Account Number – 189 490 667**, include your name in the details section.


Barbara Urry, Secretary

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Vale – Geoff Rawson

Geoff Rawson passed away with calm dignity and minimal fuss at eighty-nine years of age, on 19 January, 2022.

As a father of three girls, he is remembered for his home workshop, smelling of resin and wood shavings where he created with recycled materials at minimal cost. Geoff made boomerangs and threw them with great skill. He was a Moomba Champion and champion of the local children who he patiently taught. Geoff also taught his girls to sail, fish, find lost golf-balls, play chess, 500 (the card game), table tennis, and most importantly, how to scrounge at the tip.

Geoff drove along winding, smoke-covered roads, then hitched a ride on a fire truck to get to his home in Gembrook to defend it during the Ash Wednesday fires. He later lived in New Zealand where he rediscovered his love of sailing and later in a commune in the Victorian Snowy Mountains. Finally, Geoff settled happily in Creswick, where he turned his attention to helping out in the community.

'He was the last of the scallywags', says his old and dear friend, Frank Walsh. Geoff was a man with a well-developed sense of humour. Gentle and kind, he helped many people in his community, even teaching carpentry to local primary school children. If you needed help with anything, he was there, often in his shed making a toy or practical object for someone.

Geoff facilitated the U3A Philosophy group, frequented the Men's Shed and was a tutor for the croquet group. He was a real whiz at the game and could beat everyone most of



the time, hands down. He became known as *Dead Eye Dick*.

For years Geoff rode his bicycle everywhere until recently, when he found it too difficult with his painful gammy leg. Refusing any treatment, he stoically soldiered on. Geoff was artistic and he made friends easily and his home was adorned with his paintings.

His earlier life was colourful and adventurous while he travelled the globe, working his passage on cargo ships or overland. His adventures took him to Japan to learn Judo and to America, where he worked in a circus as the elephant poo collector. Geoff was a thinker, philosopher and a prolific short story writer, reading

stories at *Words In Winter* and other events. He published an eBook about his life which can be found online.

Geoff never succumbed to the lure of fancy material possessions or sought social status. He quietly went about living a life that was embedded in principles that were true to him. His courage to do so endured to the end. He will be greatly missed, but he was the type of character who lives on in some way in everyone who knew him. Geoff chose, at the end, to use the Voluntary Assisted Dying Laws.

Kate Bindu and Fiona Rawson

CRESWICK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The 2022 Honour Roll Dinner will be held on Friday, 20 May at the Doug Lindsay Reserve from 6.30pm. Tickets are \$45 per person for a three course meal. Drinks will be available from the bar.

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Marj Poole

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Ernie Terry and the Art of Blacksmithing

There's a new warmth at the heart of Creswick. Ernie Terry - or the *Lucky Monkey Blacksmith* as he calls his business - has set up his forge just behind the old Pasco building in Albert Street.



Photo courtesy Peter McArthur

Ernie moved from Melbourne thirty years ago and now lives in Smeaton. Having worked as a forest firefighter with Forest Fire Management Victoria since 1986, Ernie is now channelling his energy and creativity into forging beautiful creations in metal.

The trade of blacksmithing came to Ernie later in life. He had an old forge at home and when he saw that the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre was offering weekend classes a few years ago, he jumped at the chance to learn. *'The opportunity came at the right time. I was always fascinated by metal, and those classes opened up a whole new world for me.'* He credits his early success to his teacher, Murray Shaunaghan from Horsham. Ernie's work is very organic in nature with forms inspired by the forests he worked in, as well as a love of sea creatures such as whales and sea dragons.

His works comprise commissions or whatever moves him. He can be found most days at his forge *'quietly learning about myself and blacksmithing...'* Ernie reflects: *'Creating stuff is great but letting go and passing it on to the right person has been hard'*. He now feels he has reached the point where he can sell his earlier pieces as his art has grown and evolved. There's certainly no lack of offers for his creations on show.

A visit to the forge where Ernie is always ready to show you his work is well worthwhile. Just follow that lovely ping ping of hammer and anvil as you walk down Albert Street.

Maria Taylor



NORTHERLY NEWS

This has been a wonderful term 1 with lots of engaging events happening at Creswick North Primary School.

The new After-School Program has begun with great success so far. Run by the Out of School Hours Club, this operates every weekday between 3.30pm - 6.00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The students attending love the wide variety of fun activities that are run each day.

Breakfast Club has also started up again this term and the students really enjoy arriving at school early some mornings to gather and socialise over hot toast and spaghetti or baked beans.

There are now three large playgrounds and the students all revel in the fun, inviting outdoor facilities and environment.

The school recently had a visit from Firefighter Phil to talk to all classes about Fire Safety. In addition, St John Ambulance visited to teach all the students about First Aid.

Both sessions were very informative and invaluable for the students in each grade.

The students have been busy training for the upcoming Athletics Day at Llanberris in early term 2, as well as the Cross Country held on 1 April. The school expects to take the largest team in many years to Cross Country as so many have qualified. The students have performed very strongly in Cross Country over the past few years with excellent results, and the school anticipates this will continue.

If anyone would like a tour to experience this fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012.

There is also a 3D Virtual Tour on the website www.creswicknorthps.vic.edu.au

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal

CRESWICK STRUCTURE PLAN

This year Council will begin works on a structure plan for Creswick. The purpose is to manage residential growth, provide land for employment opportunities and facilitate necessary infrastructure to 2040, whilst protecting and enhancing the town's unique historic character and biodiversity. Community consultation will occur to inform the plan. Initial consultation is scheduled for late April to hear what you value about Creswick, key issues, opportunities and challenges. Find out more at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>.

DR ROB GORDON RETURNS

As part of our storm recovery work, psychologist Dr Rob Gordon will once again visit our Shire to talk about recovering from difficult and traumatic events. Dr Gordon will be at Creswick on Wednesday 27 April at Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve; and Lyonville on Thursday 28 April the Lyonville Hall.

Refreshments will be available from 6pm, with both sessions starting at 7pm. We encourage you to attend this free event and bring along a neighbour or friend. Book at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/storm-and-flood-recovery.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Participate Hepburn is being updated regularly with opportunities for you to have your say. Current topics include the Western Victorian Transmission Network Program and Youth Strategy. Our Arts and Culture Strategy, Long-Term Asset Plan and proposed sale of The Rex building will also open soon for community input. Keep an eye on Participate Hepburn to find out how you get involved at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/>.

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Work is underway on the Hammon Park Trailhead, which includes a community space with additional parking, nature play, cycling jumps course, learn to ride circuit, shaded seating area, water bubbler and cycle wash area. To protect community safety, the pump track will be closed at certain points during construction. Effort will be made to minimise the length of closure and signs will be in place.

Sport and Recreation Victoria have provided \$2.1 million for this project through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program. The expected completion date is November. The trailhead will complement the 60km network of mountain bike trails planned as part of the Creswick Trails. A planning permit for the trails was issued in January. We expect to go to tender for construction later this year once we have secured a Consent to Construct from land managers.



PEARMAN STREET UPDATE

Works are underway to upgrade a section of Pearman Street in Creswick, between the supermarket and Water Street. The project also includes construction of a 2m wide bike and pedestrian path, which will connect the Pump Track to Calembeen Park. Works are expected to be completed in May.

PLANNING UPDATES

Our Planning Team has initiated a pre-application meeting to provide customers with advice on planning applications. This meeting will help to identify any planning issues prior to lodging an application, understand the information you need to include, and whether specialist consultants are required. Book an appointment online via the Planning button on our website and follow the link to Pre-application Service or email shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au. Planners are available to discuss other planning matters every weekday, from 1pm to 4pm. Call 5348 2306.

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Creswick Capers Cyber Safety Sessions For All

Last month Creswick Primary School was fortunate to have the opportunity of working with Susan McLean, Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cyber Safety for young people. Susan was a member of Victoria Police for twenty-seven years and was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to this role. She has worked to protect students by explaining the dangers that exist in the *cyber* world.



Susan McLean

Part of Susan's visit was funded through a Hepburn Shire Community Grant, which enabled a parent forum to be held in the larger venue of Mount Rowan Secondary College Theatre, opening up her expertise to all the community stakeholders of primary and secondary parents. This session included the topics of cyberbullying, online grooming, exposure to damaging content and top tips in keeping your child safe online.

Feedback from this presentation

included the increased understanding of what parents are required to adhere to by law in relation to age appropriate online programs.

Students themselves were quite surprised with the factual information that came from these sessions, as they did not realise the implications of some of the activities that they were engaging in online could prove to be so detrimental. Susan also worked with staff members explaining many of the legalities surrounding the role of a teacher in these matters.

The T.H.I.N.K. acronym sums up what we all should do before engaging in any online activity.

T – Is it thoughtful? H – It is helpful? I – Is it inspiring? N – Is it necessary? K – Is it kind? If you cannot answer 'yes' to each of these questions, then the comment is probably not warranted.

Vicki Hughes
Classroom Teacher



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St Augustine's School News

Swimming, Cross Country and Indigenous Food

Over the last month, the school has been going very well as the weather has turned colder. The storm damage is very close to being repaired with the rest being completed over the Easter holidays.

Recently, the school participated in the Eureka and Sovereign Swimming Carnival. This is very exciting because it is the first time St A's has participated in the event which was held this year at Eureka pool on 4 March. A handful of people from the senior years attended. It was an extremely enjoyable day for all, with one year 6 student, Will, coming out on top and progressing to the next stage. Cross Country was held on 1 April at the Clunes Golf Course, where the year 3s and above participated.



Students enjoying tasting the food

On Thursday, 24 March, five year 6 students attended the *Indigenous Food and Fibre Festival* along with students from various schools. They learned about Indigenous food, fibre plants and other things like bush tucker



Smoking Ceremony

sampling and a smoking ceremony. It was a very enjoyable and educational experience for everyone who attended.

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CresFest Committee: Neil Adam, Linda Carpenter, Carolyn Garvey, Pam Harris, Heather Ingram, Chantel Leaver, Shona McCreadie, Tony Miller, Mark Myers, Sue Scott, Jenni Sewell, Judy Turner and Rachel Turner.

Letter To The Editor Thank You CresFest

Congratulations to the Creswick community for hosting a first class festival of international standard.

Everyone involved should be proud of this event and what it achieved in the music community. As Gippslanders it also ticked all the boxes for us as a tourism success, and it was great to see the locals getting involved.

We visited Malmsbury, Melville Caves, Dunolly, St Arnaud, Stuart Mill, Talbot, Blue Pyrenees, Avoca, Maryborough, Clunes and then three nights in Creswick. To our delight on the Sunday afternoon, Garry the electrician and Jennifer, who live in the main street, welcomed us into their home for a chat. Totally random. As strangers we were walking past when they insisted we come in to meet Stella the kelpie.

Such a spontaneous gesture which we loved, along with their generous refreshments.

Thank you Creswick. We'll come back.

Barry and Carolyn

My Garden Post Storm

By Rhonda Cotsell

My current gardening hours are spent pruning back bushes that have tripled in height this year and attempting to control the grasses and weeds, particularly dandelions. I drove towards my house about a week after the storm and saw a floating cloud of gold in someone's front garden and thought how glorious it was, only to realise it was my house. All the impending dandelion plants had suddenly exploded into bloom simultaneously, despite hours spent annually yanking them or prising roots loose before they puffballed.

With the recent strange summer alternating rain and heat and culminating in the storm, once again my idea of what I would be doing this time of the year bears no relation at all to what I actually have done. The need to mow continued longer. Hours in the garden involved wearing long sleeves and occasionally gumboots with sunscreen, hats and no gardening at midday. Autumn now is a mix of cool to sometimes cold nights with winds, the same heat during the day and occasional promises or outpourings of rain but despite that, things still need to be watered.

My garden is still showing after effects of the storm, albeit in some unexpected ways. Like the feral tomato growing a few feet from my flooded compost heap in the suddenly deeply watered, rich soil.

My *viminialis*, reduced to a bare trunk half its previous height by the storm, has shot a swathe of fresh green sprouts from the base up to the shattered top, looking strangely like a lanky ballerina wearing tutus of frilly green tulle. My precious apple and apricot are now a vision of frothy fresh green growth in the shape of weirdly shaped bushes. Unfortunately, I hacked them back ruthlessly in the days post storm, planning to dig them out as they were obviously beyond saving, but that can't happen now. Time to locate experts.

My other decision, to create a wildlife friendly space, has resulted in all sorts of useful information from Kim at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Kim introduced me to Wombat Native Plants nursery in Bullarto which provides indigenous native plants tubestock for the Central Highlands region, and the Gardens for Wildlife course to be offered in Creswick in the future. Kim also directed me to Jill Teschendorff's excellent book *Grow wild: gardening to sustain wildlife in the Hepburn Shire*, which I have now from the library.

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As several councillors desire to be present at the Glengowrie State School on Thursday afternoon, on the occasion of the visit of the Prime Minister (Mr. W. M. Hughes), the Creswick Shire Council will meet at 10 a.m. **instead of in the afternoon.**

April 7, 1922

Borough of Creswick – For Sale by Tender –

Tenders for the purchase of the Glass House in the Botanical Gardens will be received up till 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th April, 1922. Dimensions – 15 ft x 10ft pine weatherboards, glass roof. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Arthur B. Grose, Town Clerk. Town Hall, Creswick, 6th April, 1922.

April 11, 1922

During the last week or two the Honor Room at the Creswick State School, No. 122, has been enriched by the addition of four volumes of the “Times” History of the Great War, and by two gas masks presented by the Rev. F. H. Ingamells. Mr. R. Gurr also presented a collection of native weapons, beautifully mounted. It is very gratifying to the committee and the staff to note the interest taken in the Honor Room by these gentlemen, and it is hoped that many others will follow so good an example. The room is always open for inspection by anyone interested.

April 14, 1922

The Botanical Gardens – “Deplorable Condition”

Speaking at the Borough Council meeting last Thursday evening, Cr. Tait said he had been awfully taken back with the condition of the botanical gardens. It had been one of the beauty spots of the town, but was in a deplorable condition just now.

April 21, 1922

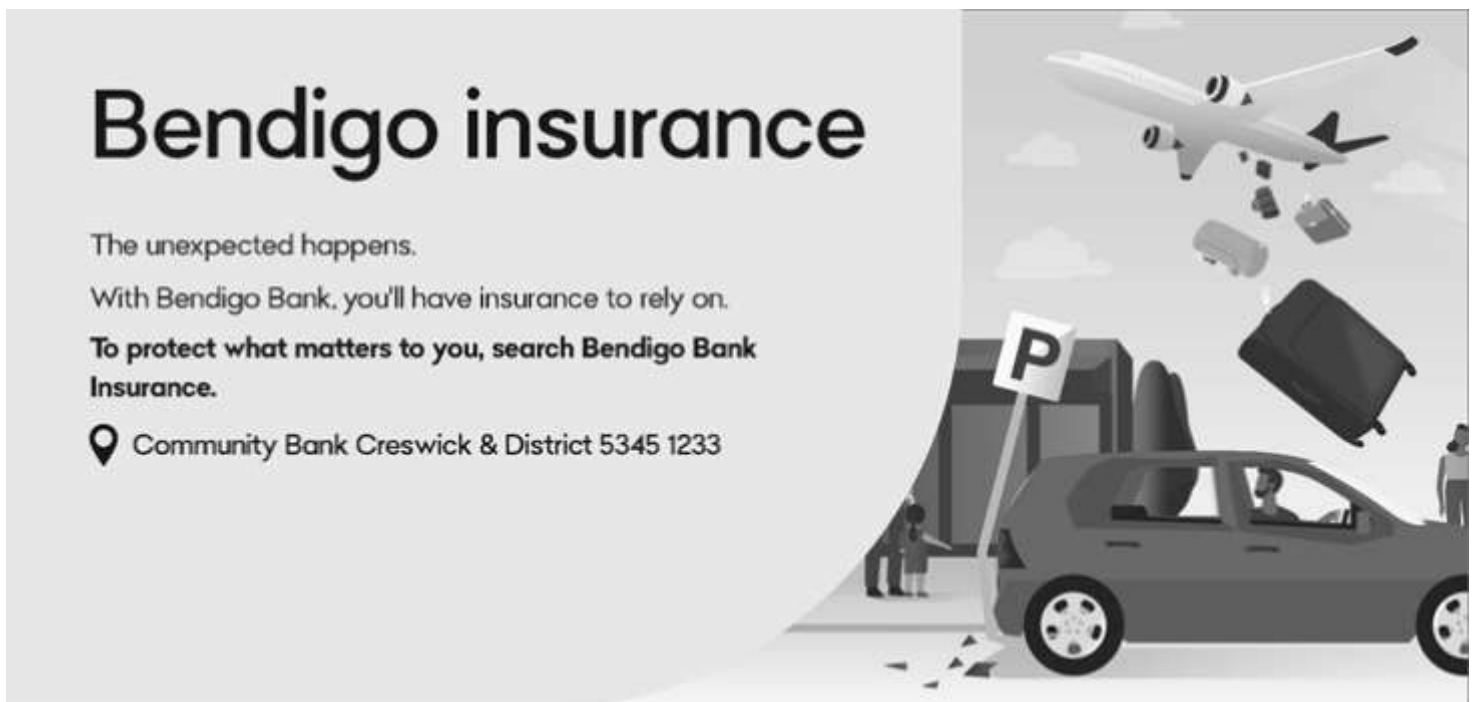
Notice appears in our advertising columns that persons desiring to take up shares in the Creswick Brick, Tile and Potteries Limited can obtain same through the Creswick representative of the company, Mr. Arthur B. Grose. All information concerning the company and copies of the prospectus, with application forms, are also obtainable.

April 25, 1922

A public meeting is to be held in the council chambers tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock to decide the form the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial in Creswick is to take. A large attendance is desired.

April 28, 1922

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The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett



Watching the nightly news horrors from around the world on my TV and wondering how do things ever change? What perspective on life do people need to see what is really important and what is not so?

Those two or three of you who may have followed my column over the years would know that I am a bit of a hermit who spends a lot of time on his own in his garden or bushwalking. That is where a lot of creative thoughts and insights come for me, (often at three o'clock in the morning).

The forest is a wonderful place to just listen to inner thoughts. One of my 'go to' places for contemplation in the forest near Creswick is Eatons Dam. I usually walk there from the poor old neglected Koala Park. The reasons that this place has become special to me are varied. I try to imagine the life of Dja Dja Wurrung people living along this waterway. There is the history linked to the Creswick mining days – the sheer effort needed to hand build this drystone wall and clay bank in the first place. There are the myriad water races through the surrounding bush that supplied water to the prospectors.

For me however, the really special thing is sitting on top of the old dam wall, just watching and listening. The height of the wall means that I have a view several metres up from ground level. To see the trees both up and down at the same time is magnificent. I watch ants climbing from ground level up and up a tree trunk till they disappear from

sight. What is up there that they reach for I wonder?

The exquisite Grey Fantails flutter all around me catching insects on the wing. The fantails come very close, they know I am no threat to them. Many other birds fly through or stopover in the tree canopy, wrens chitter their way through the undergrowth. I have a new mate out there now. The last few visits I have met with a Black Swamp Wallaby. He seems to tolerate my presence, as I walk slowly, quietly, and just sit. When mountain bike folk or walker groups or the dreaded awful noisy trail bikes come our way he scarpers damn quick – I would like that ability! Alas, I cannot hop so easily through the bush, I sit there and wait for their passing.

Which leads me to another thought that I had sitting up high on the Eatons Dam wall thinking about these dark days. Some words from the late, great George Harrison from his song *All Things Must Pass*:

'Now darkness only stays the night-time

In the morning it will fade away

Daylight is good at arriving at the right time

It's not always going to be this grey.

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CEMETERY NEWS

During March, Colleen, Wendy and Sally attended the Cemeteries and Crematoria Association of Victoria's Annual Conference in lovely Beechworth. The speakers were very good and it gave everyone the opportunity to speak with others in the sector.

When visiting the cemetery, please **DO NOT PARK** on graves. Stay on the roadways and drive slowly. We have had a few people driving quite fast through the cemetery and this puts visitors and workers at risk. **SLOW DOWN.** Please place all rubbish in the bins provided. Also, if something doesn't belong to you, leave it alone.

Wendy Ohlsen

Secretary

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Don Huntly Memorial Piano Recital,
Saturday, 30 April, 7.30pm,
Wendouree Performing Arts Centre

Honour Roll Dinner,
Friday, 20 May, 6.30pm

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue AGM,
Wednesday, 8 June, 7.00pm,
Commercial @ Kingston

The Friends of Park Lake Art Show,
Friday, 24 - Sunday, 26 June

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief – 2nd Tuesday of the month 10.30am – 12.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from St Johns Anglican Church Hall, Napier Street, Creswick.

Anglican Parish of Springmount:
St John's Church, Napier Street, Creswick.
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Short contemplative Eucharist: 10.00am most Tuesdays.
Contact: Fr Chris Keast 0427 911 792.

Business & Tourism Creswick - first Tuesday every month.
Old Creswick Railway Station 5.00pm Info 5345 2759 or contact via Facebook

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

Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church Parish
Every Sunday - 9.30am
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130 Albert Street Creswick
(The pretty pink church on the hill)
Contact Rev. Rosemary Carter 0431 286 285

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.

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

Creswick Lions Club second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall Secretary Barb Urry 0423 536 794 urrybarb@gmail.com

Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007 mariamarco3363@gmail.com

Creswick Market - First and third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm.
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A
happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356 creswickmarket.com.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

Cr Tim Drylie by appointment
Creswick Community Hub Ph. 0427 503 258
Email: tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au

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

Friends of Park Lake
First Monday of month, 10am, Creswick Hub Meeting Room. Enquiries: andrew@rairakang.com

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

Museum Research Centre - Closed until further notice Email requests only to info@creswickmuseum.org.au

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 1.00pm. RSL Hall Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

Tipplers - third Wednesday every month. email: barrymarj@hotmail.com

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



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the *CresFest* Market plant stall and also those who attended the recent Working Bee.

Please be advised that the flag at the Cenotaph will be flown only on special occasions. Thanks to Brian and Josie Reasons for continuing to care for the flags. Unfortunately, the flags which were provided, damage quickly. The availability of a sturdier flag is being investigated.

ANZAC Day Service – Monday, 25 April. Please arrive at 8.45am at the Cenotaph, corner of Victoria and Kingston

Roads, Kingston. This year, instead of having a guest speaker, presentations will be made to the five recipients of the inaugural *Outstanding Service Award*. Morning tea will be provided afterwards.

Save the Date – Wednesday, 8 June – Annual General Meeting, 7.00pm at the Commercial @ Kingston. Meetings are held every two months and new members are always welcome. Inquiries to kingstonfoa@gmail.com.

Julie Baulch

on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue, Inc

The Creswick community came out in force at the *CresFest* street parade to celebrate, cheer, applaud and thank performers and volunteers who participated in the inaugural *CresFest* over the weekend of 1 - 3 April. The parade was awash with colour, music, dancing and singing. Laughter and happiness radiated from the delighted faces of children skipping along with the *Morris and Bulgarian Dancers*, marching in time with the *Creswick Brass Band*, boosted by the *Invy Horn Jam* and *Kyneton Street Band*, while their parents joined in the joyous singing of the different choirs who entertained visitors over the weekend.



Eric Bogle and Festival Choir - Photo courtesy Fiona Watson

The street parade epitomised the aims of *CresFest* and the President of *Creswick Folk & Acoustic Music Club*, Mark Myers, could not have been happier with the results. 'Our aim was to showcase this wonderful Creswick community to a wider audience', Myers said, 'and this has been achieved through fantastic professional and community performers, hard work, commitment, much laughter and finger crossing. Events like this are not possible without the support of a whole range of people'.

'I would like to give a special thanks to Judy Turner and the CresFest committee, the sponsors, all tiers of government who supported our initiative, and to the volunteers who

made our visitors feel so welcome. I would also like to thank Stella Savy who worked with the students from the three Creswick primary schools as well as singers from Creswick and district in the creation of two choirs, which will be ongoing. And especially to the Shire staff and the Creswick community who showed support by their willingness to become involved. It is amazing what can be achieved when we work together. A sincere thank you to you all.'

CresFest has made its appearance – and by all accounts is here to stay!

Fiona Watson



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