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Music News

Performance by Renowned Pianist, Anthony Halliday

On Saturday, 19 August at 2.30pm, internationally renowned pianist Anthony Halliday will perform Beethoven, Chopin and more in an exciting recital at the Anglican Cathedral Synod Hall. Piano recitals of this calibre are not often heard in this region so do not miss this opportunity.

Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1091543>.

Anthony has performed in international music festivals in Cologne, Bonn, Rome, Bochum and Bocholt. In London, he has performed in the Wigmore Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral and has performed concertos with soloists from the BBC Symphony Orchestra and the St Cecilia Chamber Orchestra.

Anthony won the *ABC Commonwealth Concerto Competition*, playing Bartok's second piano concerto with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and has recorded all thirty-two Beethoven sonatas. This program will include Andrea Lucchesi - *Sonata in F*; Beethoven - *Variations on God Save the King*, *Sonata in Ab Op.110*; Chopin - *Sonata In Bm Op.58* and Anthony Shafton - *Fantasy for Piano*. Tickets also available at the door, limit permitting.

Bron Sozanski

Dean Kite Festival - Sunday, 3 September 12 Noon to 4.00pm

The Dean Kite Festival is back and will be held at the Dean Recreation Reserve, 1370 Daylesford/Ballararat Road, Dean. A fundraiser will take place during the day with all funds raised going to a local charity.

Entry is free and activities will include: kite demonstrations, extreme kite buggying demonstrations and kite making workshops (\$10). A sausage sizzle and afternoon tea will also be available.

For further information contact John Rofe on 0428 340 596 or email rofe@bigpond.com.

creswick Rainfall

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

	2021	2022	2023
	mm	mm	mm
January	134.5	163.0	9.5
February	13.0	1.0	28.8
March	79.5	49.0	45.0
April	20.0	65.5	116.0
May	79.0	39.3	70.0
June	99.9	104.5	125.0
July	106.5	51.0	45.0
August	66.5	156.0	
September	70.5	82.0	
October	91.0	214.1	
November	66.8	129.1	
December	26.3	40.2	
TOTAL	853.5	1,094.7	439.3

Senior Cits News

Seniors' socialising was very busy! The Annual General Meeting was first on the agenda with Ray Martin presiding over the announcement of office bearers and committee members for the next twelve months. Not a great change in the committee, so we will leave it at that.

A yummy lunch was then served and enjoyed by all, followed by entertainment from Malcolm Heid and choir. The next social day will be 25 August. Do come along and enjoy the day out. New members are welcome.

Another of our members has reached that special milestone of ninety years. Congratulations Tina and many happy returns.

June Gray
5334 6526



Probus Club

Busy, Busy, Busy

The members of Creswick Probus Club have had a busy first half of the year with lots more planned over the coming months. During the past few months there has been the celebration of the club's 19th birthday which involved the sharing of a very impressive cake. Various guest speakers have provided interesting listening on a wide range of topics and several outings have been enjoyed.

The club has also seen the incredible work produced by members of the weekly craft group, some very talented ladies. Club members joined with some U3A members for an interesting and informative visit to *Buda House* and the *Mill Vintage Market* in Castlemaine. Others enjoyed local talent when they went to see *The Sound Of Music* in Ballarat and members regularly enjoy a visit to the movies. Eating out is always a popular activity and combining this with good company just adds to the occasion. Recent meals have been shared at the North Star Hotel, The Grand and Ballarat North Sports Club.

While not everyone is eager to attend a regular meeting when the general routine is combined with some quality guest speakers, it does add considerably to the experience. Recent speakers have included locals Dr Elizabeth Bolton, who spoke about her time with the Australian Armed Services as well as her environmental studies, and Bill Morrison who shared his knowledge of succulents, which is considerable. Members have also learnt about the use and impact of Australian trees on an international level from Glen Kile who has previously spent time at the *School of Forestry Creswick*. For something different the *Ballarat U3A Ukulele Group* entertained with their playing and singing talents which all present were invited to join in with.

While the past few months have provided some great opportunities for friendship and social interaction there is a lot more planned for the remainder of the year including a train trip, several theatre events, a caravan and cabin trip to Swan Hill, dining opportunities and more interesting guest speakers. If you would like to learn more about Probus in Creswick please feel free to come along at 10.00am on the first Tuesday of the month at St Andrew's Uniting Church Hall or email creswickprobus@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome.

Aileen Dellar, Secretary



Creswick Bowling Club News

Last month, work commenced on the reconstruction of the green and it is hoped that the weather will be dry enough for the foundations to be completed by December.

Meanwhile, both the ladies and the men have completed the Indoor Bias Bowls Pennant Competition.

Eileen Franklin won the Women's Singles Club Indoor Bowls Championship and will now compete in the Regional Championships in Ballarat. Well done Eileen! In the Men's Creswick Club Championship playoffs, Matt Blackburn had a great game against Travis Hedger and eventually came out the winner. Minor championships were played over the last weeks of July.

In Division 1 the men's competition finished on top of the ladder and are looking to make it eight years in a row to win the premiership. Division 3 finished second and are looking forward to a very tight final series.

The Bowls Section is now preparing for the 2023 - 2024 outdoor bowls season with decisions being made about which Divisions to enter. Teams are usually entered into the Tuesday Pennant Competition, Division 1 and Division 3. The latter two are competitions which are open for teams comprising both ladies and men. In the Saturday competition it is hoped to have teams in Division 1, Division 4 and another Division depending on numbers.

The club is always looking for new playing members and if you would like to participate, then by all means contact Bernie at the club or by mobile phone 0437 102 059. The club will make you most welcome. Junior players, from about twelve years of age, are also welcomed to learn the game of bowls and perhaps, one day, play Pennant bowls.

Recently, the club had to replace the defibrillator. A successful submission was made to the *Community Bank Creswick & District*. We appreciate the support and generosity of the Creswick Branch.

In July the Creswick Indoor Bowls Division conducted an Indoor Bowls Open 4s Tournament in the Wendouree Badminton Stadium. Teams from Warrnambool, Geelong, Bacchus Marsh, the Northern Districts and Ballarat entered. Congratulations to the winners: Yvonne Clark, Trish Speechley, Sandy Grano and Joan Worth. Runners-up were Helen Slater, Greg Peel, Alan Annear and Dean Cooper. Well done to all competitors and a special thanks to Webbcon Bowling Club for allowing us to use their facilities for lunch. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day a success.

Bernie O'Malley
Administration Director

Gilbert (Gil) Taylor 26/1/1872 - 13/2/1941

For service to his community, to agriculture and to his country.

Gilbert Taylor born on 26 January 1872 in Tingwall, Shetland Islands, was the first child of Walter Taylor and Agnes Tait, who married on 24 January 1871. The couple had three more children born while living in Tingwall – Catherine, Jane and Thomas.

In 1876 Gilbert, known as Gil, while still a young child, left from Gravesend, England, with his parents and siblings on board the ship *Somersetshire*, arriving in Port Phillip Bay on 25 August, 1876. Walter and Agnes began farming on a property at Dean named *Tingwall*. The couple had another son, Thomas Joseph who was born in Dean. Gilbert was educated at the Dean State School and later the Creswick Grammar School situated in Cambridge Street. Each day after school he worked for his father on the family farm.

Gilbert married Jane Neuss in July 1896 at Mollonghip with the ceremony performed by the Rev Charles Robinson. Jane was the daughter of George Neuss and Mary Ann McKendry from Happy Valley. The couple had seven children – Walter, George, Thomas, Mary Ann (Dolly), Robert, Arthur and Gilbert.

After the marriage, Gilbert and Jane at first leased a farm in Dean, then in 1903 purchased a farm at Dean named *Fairview*. Gilbert was a progressive farmer being among the first in the district to use a Jelbart tractor. He was an expert self-taught mechanic and was often in demand to diagnose and repair farm machinery among the local population. He was a champion ploughman, winning a competition at Smeaton Agricultural Show in November 1893. His expertise at growing potatoes was to hold him in good stead when he spent World War I in England as an Agricultural Instructor.

Later in life, Gilbert was a successful breeder and exhibitor of Clydesdale horses, including the champion stallion *Lord Dunbar* from imported stock. He was a gifted civil engineer in the construction of roads, dams and drains. One achievement, it is recorded, was the construction of the Dean-Creswick Road.

He was a Board Member of the Creswick District Hospital and served as President during 1906-07.



Gilbert was a dedicated public minded citizen, taking an active role in local civic affairs. In September 1910, he was elected as a Councillor for the Shire of Creswick after a close contest with Mr Henry Collins. Gilbert won by one vote. He served as a Councillor until 1921.

The *Creswick Advertiser* reported on 4 September 1914, that Gilbert was elected President of the Shire. At the same Council meeting, the President's allowance was fixed at twenty-six pounds on the motion of Councillors Fletcher and Nase, being an increase of one pound from the previous

year, equal to ten shillings a week.

Gilbert's term as President of the Shire of Creswick was an anxious time for a district largely dependent on agriculture, being in a drought and with conditions made more difficult by the First World War.

Other positions held by Gilbert were as a Justice of the Peace, President of the Dean Mechanics Institute, Committee member of the District Agricultural Society, the Higher Elementary Schools Old Boys and Girls Association and a member of the Scrub Hill Presbyterian Church. As noted in the records of *Victorian Places, Dean*, Gil was a member of the delegation which, through persistent lobbying of the then local member, (Minister for Education and eventual Premier) Alexander Peacock, led to the Dean school becoming Victoria's first Higher Elementary School in 1911.

The *Clunes Guardian* on 5 June 1917 reported 'Councillor Gil Taylor, JP, of Fairview Farm, Dean, a member of the Creswick Council, has enlisted in place of his son.' Gilbert said at the time, 'My son has just reached military age and to my mind is not sufficiently developed to leave for the front. Rather than see the family unrepresented in the war, I preferred to send myself,' and that he was going with the full consent of his family and his wife.

On 12 June 1917, the *Creswick Advertiser* states, 'At Creswick Shire Council meeting on Thursday ... he was granted six months 'leave of absence' and 'that the Councillors would see that his seat would be kept for him.'

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HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE - 2023

Gilbert (Gil) Taylor

Gilbert enlisted in the AIF on 2 August 1917, when he was forty-five years old. On enlisting, Cr Taylor was discharged in Melbourne on the grounds that he was too old. Gilbert enlisted a second time and by lowering his age was accepted for service overseas. His unit embarked from Melbourne on HMAT A38 *Ulysses*. He served with the 38th Battalion, 8th Reinforcement.

On arrival in England Private Taylor was told that no men over forty years were allowed to serve on the front line. In April, 1918 he was attached as a Cadre to 4 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire responsible for training the rest of the unit. Being an experienced potato farmer, his services were utilised as an agricultural instructor. During his time there, the camp produced six hundred tons of potatoes for the army.

On his discharge, Gilbert returned to Australia in December, 1918. It was reported in the *Ballarat Star* on 7 February 1919 –

'SOLDIER COUNCILLOR: CR G. TAYLOR RETURNS WELCOMED BY CRESWICK SHIRE COUNCIL: Kingston. A cordial welcome was extended by the Shire of Creswick to Corporal Gilbert Taylor who took his seat for the first time in about two years after having been on service with the Australian Expeditionary Forces.'

Gilbert resumed his position as a Councillor where he continued to represent the people of the Shire of Creswick until August 1921 when ill health meant he was not able to continue in this role. Gilbert moved to Melton on a Soldier Settlement Allocation where he continued farming and was employed by the Melton Shire.

Gilbert died on 13 February 1941, and he and his wife Jane, who pre-deceased him, are buried together in the Creswick Cemetery.

Gilbert Taylor, an agriculturist and civil engineer, served his family, his community, his State and his Country

Citation provided by Creswick & District Historical Society



Cemetery News

Thank you very much to the Creswick Garden Club for replacing four roses that had died. It was much appreciated.

The AGM and general meetings were held on 1 August at the cemetery and the Chairman for the coming twelve months is Mr Chris Bullen.

Many thanks to Ms Sally Kennedy for her time on the Committee and as Chairperson for two of her four years on the Trust. Sally has resigned due to work commitments.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary



Business Breakfast Event Shaping a Vibrant Future

Attention all community leaders, business owners and tourism enthusiasts. The next Business Breakfast event will take place on **Friday, 15 September**, 7.00am to 9.00am at the RACV Goldfields Resort.

Join in for an insightful morning which will highlight the importance of events and infrastructure in shaping Creswick's thriving future. Guest speakers include *CresFest* Director Judy Turner and Michael Hands, Director at Corporate Cycling Aust Pty Ltd and an experienced events organiser. Gain valuable insights from their expertise and be inspired by their knowledge.

Updates will be given on the project ideas and priorities derived from the feedback shared at the previous event. **Your voice matters.** Business & Tourism is committed to incorporating collective ideas into the vision for Creswick. Together, let's continue building a thriving Creswick community!

Book via: <https://events.humanitix.com/btc-breakfast-racv-goldfields-september15-2023>.

Thanks to the *Community Bank Creswick & District* and *Hepburn Shire Council* for their generous support of this event.

For more information or inquiries, please contact *Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.* at info@btccreswick.org.au.

Tim Drylie



Allan Thomas Bernaldo was born in Creswick in 1900 and was a proficient watercolourist of floral still lifes, horses and landscapes.

We are planning a four-day exhibition over the 2023 Cup Weekend exclusively featuring the watercolours of Allan Bernaldo, to be held in the beautiful main hall of the Creswick Havilah Masonic Lodge.

If you have any works by Allan Bernaldo in your own collection, would you kindly consider loaning them to us for this exhibition? If so, please text or call Andrew on 0490 930 854.





New Rooms/Celebrating 100 Days

Term 3 at St Augustine's has started really well. Years 5 and 6 have moved out of the Hub and into the main building. What was a giant, double room for the Foundation class has now turned into two classrooms for the seniors. It is great feeling like we are part of the school again. The Foundation class has moved into what was the Art room, which is a big room too. The portables, which are nearly ready, will become specialist rooms for Art and Japanese.

The Foundation class celebrated 100 days at school with a pyjama day and discovered many things about the number 100. Years 5 and 6 displayed their history learning in an Expo. Each student researched an important event in Australian history and presented their learning as a diorama. Year 6 also presented an information text about a person from Australian history, some even dressed up as the person they researched.

Recently, the school welcomed grandparents and special friends who gathered in family groups and completed some activities together. Then the grandparents enjoyed some morning tea in the hall. Finally, everyone celebrated mass together with Father Justin.

The whole school attended a performance by *Meerkat Productions* leading up to Book Week. The performance was based on the book *Frank's Red Hat*. It helped students understand not to give up on their talents. It was enjoyed by everyone.

Editorial Team, Christian and Edward

Towers of Power

Buzzing, humming sentinels
straddling volcanic landscape.
Square-set shoulders, legs braced,
firm against the elements.
None shall impede their progress.

Power to the people!
... some of the people, some of the time
The unempowered, uncertainty
their only certainty.
Powerless to resist progress.

Metallic towering monoliths
Cast shadows across farm and home
Defying the elements, playing with fire,
sparking embers of destruction.
So much for the progress of power

Julie Moran



Creswick Lions Club Exciting Arrival

Winter months have been slow so far, although the club continues to conduct monthly sausage sizzles at the Creswick Market. The annual change-over dinner was held at the end of June. Pat Tacey has taken on the roles of president and secretary, Bernardette Tacey remains treasurer and Maria Marco continues as the membership chairperson.

May saw the delivery of a purpose-built barbecue trailer thanks to the generous support of the *Community Bank Creswick & District*. At the last two markets this trailer has made the life of members and volunteers much easier. Mentioning volunteers, thanks must go to Darren and Andrew for their assistance at recent markets.



Lions Club volunteers enjoying the new BBQ trailer

At the August meeting two new members were inducted, Leigh Bell and Kevan Pitcher. The club looks forward to working with them in the future. However, the club is keen to recruit more members. If curious about what Lions do and how a Lions Club works, please come along to a meeting or two on the second Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm at the RSL Hall. You will be most welcome.

The big event for the Lions Club of Creswick in 2023 will be the celebration of **fifty years** since it was chartered in 1973. This remarkable achievement will be celebrated with a dinner at the Doug Lindsay Reserve on Saturday, 7 October. All community members are invited along to this event. Enquiries and bookings can be made with Pat on 0429 581 591 or Bernie on 0419 326 052.

A wood raffle will be conducted during August, early September and the club looks forward to the community's continued support of this fundraiser.

Again, new members are most welcome, please come and join.

*Pat Tacey
President/Secretary*

CRESWICK TRAILS

Construction is well underway on the Creswick Trails, Council's network of 60km of mountain bike trail located in the State Forest, Regional Park and plantation lands just outside of Creswick. Works are progressing steadily with some great new trails coming together. The Hammon Park Trailhead has been recently completed and has a lot to offer including a play area, learn to cycle track, cycling jumps, nature play, a sand pit and a great cubby house.

If you're out walking in the bush, you may see areas blocked off by orange bunting. This area may be part of our construction site. We ask that you please avoid the freshly constructed trails and the construction corridor for your safety as well as that of our trail builders.

While we're disappointed that our trails won't get to host the Commonwealth Games, we are excited to open the trail network for our community, which is expected to be in December 2024.

BOWLING GREEN PROJECT



Work is underway on the Creswick Bowling Club green redevelopment project. Some dry weather has allowed for work to gather pace. The construction contractor has been able to set up the site, remove the existing green, carry out screw pile testing, and install the stormwater discharge point.

The contractor will soon carry out the remaining earthworks and commence installation of the sub-base screw piles.

For more information on the project visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/creswick-bowling-green-redevelopment>

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INVESTING IN OUR ROADS

Council is investing in roads across the Shire, with a \$500,000 road patching contract awarded at its July Ordinary Meeting. Works will start in spring once the weather improves. We also recently partnered with five other councils to deliver a regional approach to bituminous resealing.

In our 2023/24 budget we have allocated \$2.73 million to reconstruction, resealing and gravel re-sheeting of roads across the Shire, in addition to around \$3 million of operational expenditure for other repair works. This investment in these assets will continue to improve our roads and community safety.

FUTURE HEPBURN

Have you signed up for the Future Hepburn Engagement Pool? We are looking for people from across the Shire to get involved. By joining the Engagement Pool you'll have the chance to be interviewed by staff about specific topics, join online webinars and even participate in a township panel made up of 21 community members. This is a great way to have your say on the future of your town and Shire. Find out more and apply at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn>

CELEBRATE LOCAL WOMEN

Do you know an inspiring woman from Hepburn Shire? Every year we recognise women who make a difference in our community through the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll. Make a nomination or learn more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Womens-Honour-Roll. Nominations close on Monday 25 September. Inductees are announced on International Women's Day in March.

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Kingston Friends of the Avenue News

The 105th anniversary of the first planting of the Avenue of Honour at Kingston was marked on 10 August, 2023. On that day in 1918, 225 trees were planted by the community of the former Shire of Creswick. The average life expectancy of an elm is 120 years.

On 10 August, 2018, an elm was planted in the township of Kingston to commemorate the centenary of the first planting. Catherine King MHR, Member for Ballarat, planted the tree assisted by the great-great-nephews of William John Grigg (Tree No. E 41), who served in the Light Horse in Egypt.

William Grigg was born at Newlyn and returned to the family farm after the war. He died at the age of forty-two from malaria contracted during the war and is buried at the Creswick Cemetery. Every tree holds family stories.

In 2022, Kingston Friends of the Avenue commissioned Homewood Consultancy to prepare a Tree Management Plan (TMP) which will soon be accessible via our website. In line with the TMP, the condition of each tree has been assessed and recommendations made about replacing those reaching their Useful Life Expectancy (ULE). A Veterans Affairs Grant has provided the opportunity to commence this work. It is so important that the Friends continue to build connections with Avenue families as this work progresses in 2024, in partnership with Hepburn Shire Council and Heritage Victoria.

The following trees have been identified in the TMP as the first to be replanted.

- . Tree E50 - William O McPherson
- . Tree E51 - Clarence A Norman (Friends have connections with this family)
- . Tree E52 - Lennon Edwin Coulson
- . Tree E53 - Charles Joseph Finlayson
- . Tree E54 - Frederick Francis Crisp
- . Tree E55 - Edward Edgar Owens
- . Tree W58 - Samuel McKay Gard
- . Tree W81 - Robert William Waddington
- . Tree W89 - Cornelius Harold Robert Toll

Can you help find families connected to these people? If so, please get in touch as soon as possible so relatives can be involved and supported through this transition.

The 2023 Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize will open during August. This year, the prize is a celebration of Türkiye's Centenary of Independence and the significant ties between Australia and Türkiye. The competition is open to students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Prize recipients will receive an all-expenses paid study tour of sites of significance in Türkiye, including Gallipoli. The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing is also seeking expressions of interest from teachers who would like to chaperone the study tour. All expenses will be covered for chaperones.

Julie Baulch

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

Creswick Primary School would like to welcome the new and permanent principal, Mrs Helen Romeril. Helen has been teaching for over nineteen years and was a previous pupil at the school. She has fond memories of her time at CPS, being in Napier House and representing the school as Junior School Council President (now known as a School Captain). Helen is married with two children and in her spare time, enjoys reading and the beach.



Kye with Principal Helen Romeril

Helen taught at Caledonian Primary School for fourteen years, where she had a variety of roles, teaching at all year levels. During this time, Helen was also a Science Specialist, where she built connections with both the secondary school and the kindergarten, focusing on many different science areas. Her initiatives were featured in a book demonstrating what can be done by connecting a community through the love of learning. Helen then moved on to Pleasant Street Primary School, where she has spent the past five years as Assistant Principal, with her key focus on well-being, an essential element of all our lives today.

In the short time Helen has been at Creswick Primary School, she has been impressed with the wide variety of opportunities that are offered to students from curriculum initiatives through to community participation. This is an area that Helen wishes to pursue further, making school a place where students are happy, enthusiastic in their learning and are given the necessary pathways to succeed. Helen would like to see Creswick Primary School become a hub for the community and we wish her well in all her endeavours as she takes CPS forward into a new era.

Vicki Hughes, Classroom Teacher



Northerly News Netball, Fire Safety and Kinder Visits

At the end of last term students competed against Creswick PS in the second annual netball Creswick Cup. The match was played in great spirit between the two teams and Creswick North now holds the shield that is presented to the winning team. This is the start of a wonderful tradition between the two schools which will hopefully continue for many years to come.

The school was fortunate to have Firefighter Phil visit again this year. He brought out the new fire truck for the students to have a look at. The Multi-Purpose Room was filled with smoke so students could experience what it might be like in a real fire.

All students visited Mt Rowan SC to see their annual theatrical performance titled *Hansel and Gretel*. Everyone had a wonderful time watching the show.

Over the winter holiday break new carpet was installed in the middle and senior classrooms, as well as in the Multi-Purpose Room. It looks very modern and provides lovely environments for learning.



Netball winners

Some students and teachers recently visited the Creswick Pre-School and the Aussie Kindies Centre, meeting lots of the kindergarten students. North's students were able to read stories with them, sing some songs and when they returned to school, they all said they had a great time seeing their kindergarten teachers again!

Recently, Junior School Council (JSC) ran a fundraiser for the Creswick Hospital and managed to raise \$200 towards their upgrade appeal. Kathryn Kosloff from Hepburn Shire Rural Health, Bob Orr from the Creswick Hospital Committee and Chrissy Austin from the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre visited the school to accept the cheque from the JSC.

This term the senior campers go to Melbourne and the whole school swimming program takes place so it promises to be a very busy term!

If you would like a school tour, please call 5345 2012.

There is an After-School Program at Creswick North PS, run by OSHClub, providing a wide variety of fun activities each day after school between 3.30pm - 6.00pm.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal

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Book Review

By Rhonda Cotsell

I had the privilege recently of meeting Allendale author Dianne Cramer, who I discovered is also the mother and mother-in-law of the gardening pair who for years have created miracles of order in my garden. Love the way country connections happen.

Dianne has written an interesting and entertaining biography, *More bits, and other bits: more than an Odyssey*, which follows on from *City girl goes bush: an eleven year odyssey*, written and published in 2017. Both are stories of family, friendship and days full of connection, love and action.

The second part of her biography is rich with detail and action covering years from 1966 when she and her husband left a central Australian cattle station and moved to South Australia then to Victoria. It covers the intervening years until they settled again. Then came retirement, followed sadly by widowhood.

The writing style is conversational, lively and full of little details. Dianne told me that her biographies are based on the daily diary entries she has made all her life, noting down quickly the things done, events that occurred and her thoughts and feeling in the recollection on looking back on them. This emerges in the style, creating a strong image of someone stopping briefly in their day to jot down the things that mattered enough to be quickly recorded.

The opening sentence is, for example, *'We'd done it'*, introducing immediately a sense of adventure and change. In the same early pages she speaks of their arrival and how, *'strapped for cash'* she applied for a position in Henschke vineyards while her husband worked at Keyneton (SA). The voice is positive and live, telling us of the favourite wine they discovered, why they stopped buying it and, after telling us about a wonderful dessert for a red grape pudding called Rote Grutze, giving the recipe. I was hooked from then on.

The rest of the book has the same feel, moving fast paced through their life, full of interesting and intricate little side details that give depth to the life unfolding between its pages. It is also generously filled with colour photographs from the family album giving visual details to the accompanying text. Photos range from people, portraits and groups, recording deeply felt moments – one instance where two are farewelling one another from a church retreat in the Phillipines, to objects and places from the big to the small including cakes, trucks, buildings and family knee-deep in work.



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August 7, 1923

In connection with the Girls' Friendly Society, a gift evening and social will be held in the Church of England parish hall, Creswick, on Wednesday (To-morrow)

August 10, 1923

Smeaton Mechanics' Hall – Wednesday, 15th August, Ziff & Cretonne Ball, in aid of the Allendale and Smeaton Football Club.

Gents 3/-; Ladies provide. Geo. Torney, Hon. Sec.

August 14, 1923

The induction of the Rev. S. A. Eastman, of Wonthaggi, into the Presbyterian charge of Creswick and Dean will take place next Saturday afternoon, and he will also be accorded a reception. Proceedings commence at 2.30 o'clock, and members of other denominations are invited to be present.

August 17, 1923

A meeting of present and intending members of the

Creswick District Anglers' Club will be held at the office of the secretary (Mr. J. B. Mader) this evening at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is desired.

August 21, 1923

The Kingston Fire Brigade will hold a euchre tournament in the Kingston Mechanics' hall on Wednesday (tomorrow) Evening, in aid of the funds of the Creswick District Hospital. Prizes will be given. The admission is 1/ each.

August 24, 1923

That most enjoyable fixture, the annual Catholic Ball, takes place in the Creswick town hall tonight (Tuesday), and promises to equal its predecessors as being the dancing event of the season. First class music has been secured, the floor will be in tip top order and the catering in the hands of the ladies will lack nothing.

August 31, 1923

The attention of woodcutters and all others willing to give assistance is called to the fact that the annual woodchop for the Creswick District Hospital will take place tomorrow (Saturday). The area to be cut over is Block No. 2 Plantation, which is adjacent to the railway line between Creswick and Bald Hills. The Hospital authorities have been granted the right to cut up to 70 cords of firewood.

Repair & Share Event

Sunday, 3 September

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre – 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Embrace the spirit of sustainability and community at the upcoming *Repair & Share* event on Sunday, 3 September and every first Sunday of the month in the future. As part of the event, a 3D Printing 101 Workshop will be run by Taylor. This will guide participants through the basics of this fascinating technology. Whether you're a beginner or curious to learn more, this workshop promises to be a fantastic experience for all.

Over the past few months, the *Repair & Share* events have been an absolute hit, with over fifty items repaired, saving them from ending up in landfill. Fresh local food and produce has also been shared and enjoyed. This is all thanks to the dedicated community volunteers and local experts.

From bicycles, small electrical appliances, clocks, buttons, sewing and darning, to patching clothes, mechanical repairs, furniture fixing and knife sharpening - the list goes

on. The events are not just about repairs, they foster connections with like-minded individuals who share a passion for sustainability and community.

Bring along items in need of repair or offer your expertise as a repairer. Let's continue building a more resilient and sustainable community together. Volunteers are also being sought to help organise and run future events.

To get involved or find out more, send a message to Tim at 0425 716 544 or email transitioncreswick@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this enriching event.

Save the date and find more details on the Facebook event page: <https://fb.me/e/3JyILUUnx>

#RepairAndShare #Sustainability #CommunityEvent
#CircularEconomy #Upcycling #DIYWorkshop
#CreswickCommunity #ReduceReuseRepair

Tim Drylie

Discover the Magic of *Ordinary Objects, Extraordinary Stories* Creswick Courthouse Theatre 7.00pm, Saturday, 26 August

Picture this - a treasure trove of twelve ordinary objects, each with a personal tale from a local person that is bound to touch your heart. One of these gems is a vintage guitar, lovingly restored by Neil Adam. It has a history that goes a long way back, owned by an unknown lady with a journey that spans generations and was originally purchased in Ballarat at *Suttons House of Music* in 1918. We will be fortunate to hear Neil's music and have him play the guitar on the night.

The evening will bring the real stories behind each object, straight from the people who have treasured them. These heartfelt narratives will make you laugh, cry, and feel all the emotions in between. And guess what? You're invited to bring your own cherished object and share its story too!

The fun starts earlier too, from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Saturday and 11.00am to 3.00pm on Sunday, with a fantastic exhibition to explore. Renowned local artists have interpreted the objects and stories in their own way, so drop in and immerse yourself in a visual and aural imaginative feast. Tea, coffee, and wine will be available.

For more details, visit www.creswicktheatre.com.au/ordinary-objects-extraordinary-stories or reach out to creswicktheatrecompany@gmail.com.

Tim Drylie
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Criteria is available from the Community Bank Creswick & District branch or by emailing admin@cdfsl.com.au. Submit your written nomination by 5pm on 31st December 2023.

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Picture: Mickayla Culvenor the 2022 recipient with Jeff Unmack



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John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC) is pleased to advise that it has recently acquired a defibrillator. It has been purchased with the money raised from raffles and the on-going support of many local businesses and you, the community members, who bought tickets.

Although there are a number of defibrillators now throughout the community, JCAC recommends all relevant community groups make a note of this in your Emergency Procedures documentation. JCAC has requested signage from Council to indicate where the defibrillator is located, particularly in relation to Calembeen. Its location is monitored by a security camera. It is another resource for the wider community.

The other fabulous news is that Cafe Curtin has re-opened after three years. It is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10.00am to 3.00pm. Cafe Curtin came into being as a result of the generosity of JCAC's partnership with *Community Bank Creswick & District*. JCAC highly recommends this bank to all; it is as JCAC is, owned by this community and working for this community.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Creswick Courthouse at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 19 August. Neil Adam performing *A Journey Into Simmy's Life*. Book through Humanitix.com.au

Repair & Share event, Sunday, 3 September, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Dean Kite Festival, Sunday, 3 September 12 noon to 4.00pm at Dean Recreation Reserve, 1370 Daylesford/ Ballarat Road. Entry is free. Enquiries to John Rofe on 0428 340 596 or email rofej@bigpond.com.

Business & Tourism Breakfast, Friday, 15 September, 7.00am – 9.00am, RACV Goldfields Resort.

Cats come to Creswick Art Show, Creswick Town Hall, Friday, 29 September to Sunday, 1 October. Adults \$5, Children no charge. Enquiries to 5345 9999.

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief – 2nd Wednesday 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 Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria St.

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 0402 820 544

Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.
Meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and open to anyone who is interested.

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Contact the secretary Margaret Giles on info@creswick.net

Catholic Parish Creswick
St Augustine's Church
Mass Sunday 9.00am
except 1st weekend month
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm
Contact: Fr Justin Driscoll 0448 220 685

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

Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church Parish Every Sunday - 9.30am All Welcome. 130 Albert Street Creswick (The pretty pink church on the hill) Supply Minister: Rev Kate Tierney 0404 853 505 or email tierneycatherine53@gmail.com

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 - 0490 444 519 email info@creswicku3a.com website 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 - Meeting fourth Thursday every month 7.30pm. Bob Orr 5345 2165

Creswick Lions Club second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007 mariamarco3363@gmail.com

Calembeen Parkrun Every Saturday at 8am a 5km run, walk or come to volunteer! All welcome to join this fun, free weekly activity. For more information email calembeen@parkrun.com.au or find us on Facebook

Community Repair & Share Event 1st Sunday, 1.00pm to 4.00pm Creswick Neighbourhood Centre transitioncreswick@gmail.com or 5345 2356

Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356 creswicknc.org/creswick-market Email market@cnc.org.au

Creswick Probus Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am. Inquiries email creswickprobus@gmail.com

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 Thursday of each month, 4.00pm, Biggin Scott Meeting Room. Enquiries: sec.friendsofcreswickparklake@gmail.com
Park Lake working bees 1.30pm with Wine O'clock 3.30pm on the jetty every Saturday

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

Museum Research Centre - Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests to info@creswickmuseum.org.au

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

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc Meetings at 6pm on Mondays: 3rd July; 4th September; 4th December - Creswick Railway Station

RSL meeting - last Wednesday each month 1.00pm. RSL Hall Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

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Creswick Garden Club Successful Learning Day

The Creswick Garden Club hosted its annual Learning Day on Saturday, 29 July at the Doug Lindsay Reserve function room. One hundred and thirty people from various garden clubs near and far joined locals to listen to Vasili Kanadidas who provided an informative and entertaining day. A big thank you to the committee and other members who helped make the day so successful.

The club's oldest member Judy, ninety-three years young, won first prize in the raffle.

At the next meeting on 5 September, Jules Farquhar, will speak about snakes in and around the region. All are welcome to come at 1.15pm in the Senior Citizens rooms, Water Street - \$2 entry.

For any further information, please call Leanne Murray on 0437 518 159.



Raffle winner Judy being congratulated by Vasili

They're Back!

Community Garage Sales

Following a *You-Know-What* enforced hiatus of three long years, Creswick's famous Community Garage Sales are finally back. The annual fundraiser event for the *Creswick & District Aquatic Centre* campaign will return on Saturday, 21 October from 8.00am.

This year, Creswick Community Garage Sales is a joint project with the Creswick Market which will host a limited number of garage sale stalls in conjunction with the normal monthly market day.

Registration for the Garage Sales will be through the Creswick Post Office. They open on Monday, 18 September and close on Tuesday, 17 October. Fees are \$20 per household or market site. Maps will be available on the day from the bandstand/rotunda and several locations around town.

Sellers who have been hoarding their treasures in eager anticipation – thank you. When you register your sale you will be offered a choice of a home or Creswick Market stall site – there are a limited number of market sites so first in, best dressed. Buyers who have been saving hard-earned pennies - your prayers have been answered. The Aquatic group thank you for your patience and for ongoing support of this event and the campaign for a much-needed indoor swimming pool for the town.

Biggin Scott Real Estate are sponsors of the 2023 Garage Sales event which will also run with the support of Creswick Post Office and mail delivery staff. Fliers will be delivered to letterboxes within Creswick in early September.

Julie Moran, Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc.

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