



## CDN to Take a Break

After lengthy deliberations, the *Creswick District News* Committee has decided that the newsletter is to go into recess for six months, after this edition. This tough decision is due to the extra difficulties caused in part by the COVID-19 restrictions.

We realise the importance of the *CDN* to the community, both as a means of communication and a support to local residents. This break will however, give us the opportunity to re-group, rejuvenate and re-think all aspects of the *CDN*, acknowledging, of course, the strong foundations that have been established over the last twenty plus years.

The Committee members are open to and invite suggestions, ideas and offers of assistance in areas such as writing, compilation/lay-out, editing, photography, production, IT and social media. Please contact CDN at [cdn@cbl.com.au](mailto:cdn@cbl.com.au).

We also take this opportunity to thank sincerely all of our contributors, advertisers, subscribers, readers and volunteers. In particular, we express our appreciation to *Creswick & District Financial Services Ltd* for their continued sponsorship.

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We look forward to 2021 when the *CDN* will return as a valued community resource to Creswick.

*The CDN Committee*



**The Old Headmaster's House in Creswick**  
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## CHANGES TO COUNCIL SERVICE PROVISIONS

Hepburn Shire Council's Customer Service points and Libraries in Daylesford, Clunes, Trentham and Creswick ended face-to-face service on Tuesday, 4 August. The return to Stage 3 restrictions means service provision will return to telephone and online only till 13 September 2020.

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## HEPBURN SHIRE PRIORITY PROJECTS REVEALED

A list of twenty-three priority projects have been identified by Hepburn Shire Council as their priority Covid-19 stimulus recovery projects.

The projects focus on key tourist attractions, recreation reserves, tracks and trails, historical town halls, roads, footpaths and public amenities.

Hepburn Shire Council CEO Evan King said the projects form part of Council's long-term Investment Plan and are in addition to the usual list of infrastructure projects included in each year's budget.

*'The list of projects was developed through master planning on our key facilities, Council's strategic objective and annual plans and are designed to complement existing government strategies and policies'* said Mr King.

Mr King said the Council's role now was to advocate for funding and source potential grant funding streams.



## Victorian Local Government Elections to proceed

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has noted the recent announcement from the Victorian Government that the local government elections for 2020 will proceed as planned in October this year. The Minister for Local Government has confirmed that all local government elections in 2020 will be conducted by post.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately AM acknowledged the announcement. *'The upcoming local government elections in Victoria will support continuity of democratic representation for Victorian communities,'* Mr Gately said.

*'The VEC will continue to monitor and implement advice issued by the Chief Health Officer of Victoria to ensure the elections are conducted with minimal risk to the health and safety of Victorians.'*

Ballot packs will be mailed to voters and will include voting instructions, candidate information, a ballot paper, and a reply-paid envelope. Postal voting is completely secret. *'We will continue to liaise with Australia Post, given their critical role in the elections'*.

Voters must confirm they are enrolled on either the State electoral roll or their council roll before 4.00pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

The VEC will take additional measures to protect the health and wellbeing of staff, candidates and the public. This includes provisions to maintain physical distancing requirements and hygiene standards at all election office and count locations. It's anticipated the adjustments will extend the time period for finalising results by one week.

It is important to remember that voting is compulsory for voters who are on the State roll. State-enrolled voters who don't vote may be fined.

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## NOTICE TO READERS

Readers please note, due to the re-imposition of Stage 3 Restrictions, some information contained in submitted articles, may be inaccurate.

This unfortunately was unavoidable.  
*CDN, Editorial Committee*

## creswick Rainfall

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

	2018	2019	2020
	mm	mm	mm
January	30	3	53.5
February	6.5	23	34
March	30	15	36.5
April	17	13.5	97.5
May	93.5	161.5	60.5
June	68	133.5	62.5
July	79	65	35.7
August	70.5	98	
September	22	57.5	
October	33.5	34	
November	40	71	
December	80	20.5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>695.5</b>	<b>380.2</b>

# Changes at Creswick District News



Aileen Preston and Jo van Oostveen

Long-time member of the *Creswick District News* Editing Team, Aileen Preston has resigned. Aileen remembers her early days on the CDN when she joined, as the newsletter was about to celebrate the first five years of production, and working with the enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who had established the newsletter. In those days the newsletter operated along with InfoLink and the Information Centre in what is now the Creswick Museum Research Centre on the corner of Raglan and Cambridge Streets before moving into the new Creswick Visitor Information Centre over ten years ago.

Aileen wishes to pay tribute to the inaugural Editor, Margaret Edgar, alongside whom she worked, saying she learnt a lot from Margaret's skill of editing and her knowledge of the role and importance of the CDN for the local community in publishing the news and activities of local people and organisations.

Aileen has found the work of editing interesting and stimulating and sometimes challenging particularly when faced with approaching deadlines, speaking to contributors and following up on articles. Insufficient space to include all the articles which had been received was another challenge.

Aileen commented that the atmosphere working with the other volunteers over the years has always been happy, co-operative and supportive. She has seen the newsletter go from strength to strength over the years and was happy to have been a part of this. Aileen wishes the current volunteers all the best for the coming years in producing a community link which is described as *Still Priceless*.

Another change in the Committee has seen inaugural member Jo van Oostveen resign as Treasurer though still remaining on the Committee.

Jo was one of the original group of people who took up the challenge to produce a newsletter after the need was seen for an avenue to keep the local community in touch with the district's news and activities when the *Creswick Advertiser* ceased to publish.

Over the years Jo has competently held many roles. In the early years, as a typist when many handwritten articles were received before the days of the widespread use of emails, along with being Secretary, Treasurer, proof reader as well as distributing extra copies to outlets around town and posting off newsletters to Subscribers from out of town. Grateful thanks is expressed to Jo for her many years of community service and best wishes to her and husband John.

Another person who needs to be acknowledged is Helen Watson. For quite a number of years Helen had acted as Bookkeeper for the CDN. She performed this important role quietly and competently keeping the financial records in order and producing Invoices for the many advertisers to the newsletter. Her work was a great support to the whole CDN Committee as the production of the newsletter relies on advertisements as its only source of income. Many thanks Helen for this work. Early this year Helen handed this role over to current committee member Rosemary Tolhurst.

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## Senior Cits News No Opening Date as Yet

To the Seniors' members – opening the Club rooms at the rate of the spreading virus, is out of the question for sometime yet.

The Seniors' Flower Show in October will be put on hold until next year and we have no option but to cancel the Social days that were enjoyed by all.

The Annual General Meeting we hope will be held at a much later date, expecting an extension of time.

One thing nothing can change is the weather. What a variety we get, sunny one day (get into the garden), next day snow. Rug up and keep warm.

Best wishes to all.

June Gray 5334 6526



## Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc. News

The Avenue is looking magnificent. Council has recently mown the grass and the trees are at bud burst.

The July edition of the *Creswick District News*, referred to the adoption of the Hepburn Heritage Strategy 2020 – 2030 in which there is a specific reference to Avenues of Honour. If you are interested take a look at the Shire's website.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 26 August at 7.00pm. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please email your expression of interest to

[kingstonfoa@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonfoa@gmail.com) by Sunday, 23 August.

Please include your full name and phone number and an invitation will be forwarded.

Julie Baulch



## News of Park Lake

### Postponement of 160<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

Hello all. As you may be aware, the Park Lake Group has been planning a celebration for the 160<sup>th</sup> birthday of the town's Botanical Reserve for the end of October. All was going well until this latest lockdown. Consequently, it has been decided to postpone that celebration until early in the New Year.

It is disappointing to have to make this decision but it is in the best interest of everyone considering current circumstances. Please be patient and watch for further news of this special event which is hoped to be shared with everyone. Watch too for the release of the special calendar to mark this anniversary. At a cost of \$10 this would be great to send to old Creswick residents as a Christmas gift. All funds will go towards the continued work at the Park.

Stay safe and well during this current lockdown.

*The Pixies*



## Creswick Cemetery News

### Please read the Signage at the Gateway

The Cemetery Trust hopes that everyone has read the new signage at the gateway and on the office wall. One instruction in particular ***must be followed*** - ***NO works are to be carried out on any graves without permission from the Trust.***

Unfortunately, a family put a surround and gravel on a grave in the Methodist section without permission from the Trust. Therefore, apologies, but it was necessary to remove the unauthorised work and realign the surround and the pebbles as it was not on the grave properly, it was encroaching onto another grave and the pathway.

Meanwhile the busy volunteers have done a wonderful job in cleaning up the monumental sections of excess grass and weeds. It is all looking very neat.

Thank you to all those who helped.

*Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary*



Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute (FECRI) has expanded its tissue bank after receiving philanthropic funding to support a much-needed upgrade to the facility. Two hundred thousand dollars has been received from the Bendigo Bank Community Bank branches of Buninyong, Creswick, Beaufort, and Ballan & District, with assisting grants from the Percy Baxter Charitable Trust, James Kirkpatrick Charitable Trust and Patricia Madigan Charitable Trust for the new equipment and relocation works. The Bendigo Bank Tissue Bank is a collection of human tissues that are stored as live cells in liquid nitrogen at -200°C and used later for research.

The Institute's tissue bank has continued to be managed at this difficult time and gratefully accepting and processing tissue and blood samples. The Bendigo Bank Tissue Bank houses nearly 4,500 patient samples - many from cancer patients as well as healthy samples that are vital to researchers' work.

An upgrade to this facility was imperative for the ongoing

momentum of research interests and has resulted in relocating the Bendigo Bank Tissue Bank facility to a designated area in the Laboratory. The funding also allowed for the purchase of new equipment with safeguard controls and further workflow efficiencies in the laboratory.

Stephen Falconer representing the Bendigo Bank Community Banks said *'We have all been so pleased to be involved in this project. Not only has it become a collaborative project for the four local banks which we're extremely proud of, but the similarities with FECRI as small regional enterprise making a significant impact very much align with our own purpose. This is exactly why the community banking model exists, to invest back into meaningful initiatives such as the Tissue Bank. This project has a whole of society impact and we're also extremely pleased that the relocation of the Tissue Bank has enabled FECRI to further expand operations in its current location. It's been a win-win all round for everyone.'*

### Funding received for FECRI's most important research asset



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STAYING  
APART KEEPS  
US TOGETHER

# CRESWICK 1960 - Aerial photograph

Arthur Dummelow dropped by my house a few months back with a couple of well-worn aerial photographs of Creswick taken in 1960. He particularly wanted to show me that the shop and its veranda had not yet been removed from the front of my house in Albert Street when the photographs were taken.

We poured over the photos for some time, excited to identify things that were now gone, and others that were not yet there.

The Clunes Road bridge was not yet built, so that North Parade was still the main thoroughfare to Clunes. *Lisnacrieve*, the Lindsays' home, still stood, as did the Wesleyan Methodist Church next door at which the family worshipped. A sports field and go-kart track had not yet been replaced by the tennis courts at Park Lake. The Bowling Club still sat where the Water Park now sits. Where many newer houses now stand, blocks still stood empty. Older houses standing then are now gone. My grandmother's child-hood home still stood on a then sparsely inhabited Camp Hill.

I asked Arthur if I could hang onto the photos for a while.



Terry Hope then photographed the two images and combined them seamlessly into one image, from which I had a limited edition of ten copies printed on 90cm x 60cm archival paper. If you'd like to see a full-sized copy for yourself, there is one hanging in the main dining room of the American Hotel.

Andrew Bell



Wesleyan Methodist Church during its demolition in 1986



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## *My Neighbour My Friend*

She's over seventy, has a dicky heart.  
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I wouldn't trade my friend, at any cost.  
She'd climb on the roof, if I needed the top brick.  
She'd make me soup, if I were to be sick.  
When my hubby was crook, she took over his role  
Without her help, I would have been in a dirty big hole.

I worried about her, she worried about me.  
A pair of worry warts; that's easy to see.  
We share all sorts of things, my friend and I.  
Amazing ourselves, how much we can do, when we try.  
Both over the hill, when we went back to school,  
V.C.E English we passed, totally cool.  
We share our dinner, coffee and cake.  
A wonderful neighbour, the best kind they make.

So hyped up, by our success at V.C.E.  
A Computer the next challenge, my friend joined me.  
Her elbow hit some key, our hard work vanished.  
Just as well she was my friend or she'd be banished.  
The harder we tried, the worse it became.  
Cursing the cursor, while having fun.  
She insisted on carrying my books, making the tea.  
I am so lucky to have a friend that cares for me.

She pegs out my washing and taken it in.  
When I try to stop her, I'm met with a grin.  
My hubby teases her, keeps her on the hop.  
She shows no mercy, aims for the top.  
When she wants to do something, I let her go.  
Don't waste my breath by saying no.  
A special neighbour, my best friend.  
Quality time together, we both spend.

The books we enjoy, we pull to bits.  
MacBeth and his lady had us in fits.  
Precious are the hours, we share together.  
Rain or hail, in all sorts of weather.  
She ties my shoe when I can't reach the lace.  
I'm happy to let this lady share my private space.  
She's a crossword whizz, I'm sure of that.  
I can't unscramble clues, larger than cat.

She entered this earth ten years before me.  
This isn't an issue and never will be.  
We share the ups and downs, life places on us.  
With a friend beside me, it's much less fuss.  
As we travel life's highway, we may stumble and fall.  
But at least we are still having a ball.  
A special lady with a heart of gold!  
She's my friend. I don't see her as old.

*Pamela Colgate*

## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Congratulations

**Teresa West**



During July long term local resident Teresa West celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Teresa looks after herself helped by her son and is at times seen walking to and from town, aided by her walker, to do her shopping. Because of the current restrictions the planned celebrations with Teresa's family from Melbourne were cancelled with hopes of a belated celebrations when restrictions are lifted.

The poem penned by local poet, author and artist Pamela Colgate, (now deceased), pays tribute to their friendship and to Teresa as a person at a time when they were both members of a class studying Adult VCE English offered through the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

**Congratulations Teresa.**

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## IGA First Birthday Celebration

This month sees the first anniversary of the new IGA Supermarket in Creswick. A year ago, on the eighth of August at 8.00am, after years of planning and building,

IGA owner Steve Sellars invited Iris Huntley along with Ian and Beth Huntley to officially declare the Supermarket open.

Steve would particularly like to thank the staff for their hard work and perseverance during these trying times. In this past year, the supermarket has faced some big challenges including panic buying and shortages. The staff are classified as essential workers, working on the front-line, face-to-face with up to 1,200 customers a day. *'They have been marvellous, we have a great team here.'* From the original twenty-three employees who moved from the British Hotel last year, staff members have grown to approximately sixty, many of them young people, in full-time, part-time, and casual positions.

Steve is particularly proud of the range of products they stock and their commitment to try new and specialty type lines. *'During this Covid-19 period the store has serviced the town and district well and has allowed people to shop*

*locally, and to not have to go into Ballarat.'*

IGA's support for local growers and suppliers has continued and grown with the likes of Inglenook Dairy, Creswick Eggs, Mount Prospect Farms, Harcourt Apples and Des O'Toole Honey. Steve has deliberately sought out products which one would normally only see at local markets, such as Black Forest Jams from Mt Macedon, local mueslies and dukkha, Cooks Treat Products, and other local lines. There is a substantial selection of local wines, beer, gin, and vermouth in the liquor section.

Steve is proud to say: *'If we haven't got a particular product, we will try to get it in, just ask'.*

The IGA has more than lived up to the sustainability promises made last year, using all LED lighting, and trolleys made of recycled milk bottles. The installation of a 99.6 kW solar system was completed just a few weeks ago. Overall, Steve is proud of having created such a great space, where they continue to offer great customer service, an exciting range of goods and quality fresh foods.

Steve is over the moon with the support he has received from the community, *'I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone most sincerely for their support during our first year of business in the new store.'*

Maria Taylor

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# New Faces at the Old Headmaster's House

Tony and Pamela Miller

Tony and Pamela Miller had been looking at houses around the district for a few years when they came across what is known locally as the 'Old Headmaster's House' in Creswick. They were looking for a change of pace after living for many years in inner Melbourne, and also wanted to be closer to their daughter who had moved to Hepburn Springs some years earlier.

They were specifically looking for a large period home with an attractive garden. What they found was an unusual Victorian era house that had been extensively restored on a large block, and close to the heart of Creswick. The old house had been built around 1900 adjacent to the Lindsay family home. The previous owner had been an enthusiastic and energetic gardener, who had also operated a nursery from the premises.

The property held many surprises. Under the dense undergrowth were found a total of eleven taps, enough for the keenest gardener. A hive of bees had taken residence in one of the chimneys, and a noisy family of possums were occupying the roof space. Frogs croaked nearby, and tiny lizards sunned on the rock walls. As well, like many homes in Creswick, the house was directly in the flight path of thousands of noisy cockatoos.

In the four years they have lived here Tony and Pamela have made a few changes while preserving the look and character of the 120 year old building. The floors have been sanded and sealed, the insulation upgraded and the rusty roof replaced. They have also decorated the interior with antiques, and are currently restoring the old shade house.

Creswick has proven to be a delightful place to live, and Tony and Pamela have been made to feel most welcome by the locals. They have also found that in these trying times of COVID-19 restrictions, the beautiful forests and trails allow a solitary freedom of movement which could never be experienced in the city.

Tony and Pamela's interest in the environment and in sustainable architecture led some years ago to the publication of a book titled *Living Shelter - Hand Made Houses in Australia*. It featured a large number of images of unique and quirky hand built dwellings. All of the buildings featured were hand crafted, and included some amazing mud brick, ferrocement and geodesic dome houses.

Tony has a background in photography, having previously worked for the State Tourism Department and later as senior photographer with the Arts Faculty of Monash University. Pamela spent thirty years working in the IT industry, predominantly in the development of large business applications. She most recently managed various overseas smartcard projects.

Pamela grew up in San Jose, California before migrating to Australia in the early 70s. Together they have travelled to the USA on many occasions, but in the early 1990s they decided to pull up stumps to try living in California for a while. So with two young daughters in tow they quit their



Photo courtesy of Tony Miller

jobs and flew off into the unknown. Pamela had family and friends in the Bay Area, so it was decided to settle in San Jose, after discovering that houses in the San Francisco area were extremely expensive to rent. Silicon Valley was really booming at that time, and they both found themselves working in the exciting IT industry.

Travel has always been an important part of Tony and Pamela's lives, starting in the 1970s when they took off backpacking across Asia, then on to the US and Mexico. Six years ago they travelled coast to coast across the USA, following the famous Route 66. This was an interesting journey, but sobering to see the level of poverty and desperation in many rural townships. On the return leg they drove across a large section of Canada, winding up camped out in the Canadian Rockies and the beautiful alpine region around Banff.

Also last year the couple completed an extensive trip through the UK, northern Europe and Scandinavia, including a fascinating week in Iceland attempting to experience and photograph the Northern Lights. Their efforts were finally rewarded at around midnight one freezing night, when suddenly the heavens lit up with an unforgettable moving light show against a pitch black sky.

Tony has always had a fascination with aviation, and after surviving some youthful years as a free fall sky diver, he now spends any available time flying light aircraft out of a local airport. He has also flown a plane into the International Air Show at Avalon Airport, which then became part of a public display of recreational aircraft.

A lifelong interest in all things vintage has led both of them into a semi-retirement business restoring and dealing in antiques and collectables. Overall the entire retirement thing is not going too well!

As for the future... hopefully more and varied travel once this most annoying virus has been conquered. In the meantime there is an awful lot of house and garden maintenance just waiting for that break in the weather.....

Tony Miller

## Creswick Planning Group

### Mats for the Homeless - Community Service

Creswick Planning Group was established by former resident, Anne Chamberlain in 2017 and initially it was about making sleeping mats for the homeless but has diversified since then. The sleeping mats provide some warmth and get people off the ground as blankets are placed on top. With Anne's departure, Mery Drysdale has taken over.

The small group of dedicated women have been making sleeping mats and other items out of single use plastic bags, working from home as they can no longer meet at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. It takes approximately 700 bags and over 80 hours to make a sleeping mat, but even since the ban of single use bags the group was able to source a supply of bags by approaching many businesses before the excess went to landfill. *'There are still many plastic bags out there,'* Mery said. With the likes of freezer or the fruit and veggie bags in supermarkets. The sleeping mats are distributed through various agencies in Ballarat and surrounds, including The Soup Bus, Uniting Care and Salvation Army.

A regular monthly stall at The Creswick Market was helpful at getting the word out about the plight of those living rough, the less fortunate and the ongoing plastic issue and how it can be easily and usefully recycled. A small group of children at Clunes Primary School rolled the pre-cut strips into balls making *'plarn'*. The plastic yarn is then ready to be crocheted. The children and their principal, Sonia, are keen for this to continue so they can learn how to crochet the sleeping mats.

Despite current difficulties, new members are still being welcomed as they become aware of the group via the Facebook page, *Creswick Mats for the Homeless*. A recent member, Cory, has made a loom and his sleeping mat is nearly complete.

The sale of items such as shopping bags, cushions and door mats continues and recently a great display was put up at *Meg's Place* in Creswick. All proceeds from sales go directly towards *The Soup Bus* in Ballarat buying fresh fruit and vegetables. *The Soup Bus* feeds many homeless in the area each day so the sale of shopping bags is helping keep up a regular food supply. *The Soup Bus* accepts donations of non-perishable foods.

If you are interested in helping or donating to this worthwhile and dedicated group contact them via the Facebook page *Creswick Mats for the Homeless* or contact Mery directly on 0403 218 857.

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## Back to Creswick 2022



### Update

Enquiries for information on the proposed 'Back to Creswick 2022' event, hosted by the Creswick & District Historical Society, continue to trickle in from Victorian, interstate and local residents. To date there have been twenty six responses. From the *Herald Sun* advertisement (fifteen), *Creswick District News* (six) and Creswick Visitor Information Centre (five). The present 'shut down' means that there are no longer responses coming from visitors accessing the Information Centre, which after lockdown could be a valuable source of enquiries.

The twenty six enquiries that have been received so far have indicated that at least 104 family names are being researched. Some people had shown interest in researching their family history prior to the 2022 planned event. It has been found that families are very interwoven, with the same names occurring in several trees. Six family trees have so far been researched with a further six requiring additional information to allow completion. People with connections to early Creswick pioneers are urged to advise member of the Historical Society, Marj via email [barrymarj@hotmail.com](mailto:barrymarj@hotmail.com) so that a better appreciation of our pioneers can be obtained.

With regard to the proposed Biographical Index of 1850s Creswick pioneers, this should be a substantial document to assist researchers in future Family Histories in the district. To give some idea of the enormity of this task, if we look at 1855, which is soon after the gazetting of the town, there were 390 births. This means that there could be at least this number of families in this area. There were 7816 gazetted births in Victoria for that year!

*John Rice, Creswick & District Historical Society*

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## RSL News End of World War II Celebrations

Well it has been a no-event for the RSL since the very restricted ANZAC Day. We lost one of our long term members, Ron MacMillan aged 94. He will be sadly missed.

August 15 is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. The war ended in Europe on 8 May, 1945 and this was celebrated with street dancing and parties on what is now known as VE Day. However the war was not completely over until the surrender by the Japanese and this happened after the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6 and 9 August respectively.

Japan surrendered on 15 August, 1945 and this became VJ Day (Victory in Japan) and the nation erupted into mass celebrations again with street parties. The surrender officially took place on board USS Missouri which was moored in Tokyo Bay on 2 September, 1945.

Creswick – Smeaton RSL will be laying a wreath at the Cenotaph on 2 September and interested members of the public are encouraged to do likewise.

The RSL wishes the community all the best and hope you are not suffering too much with our current world war.

*Alan Morris*

### Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,

In your July edition, I was shocked to read of the bulb planting exercise done in the town and that one of the bulbs planted was 'Tritelias'. They have been renamed as 'Ipheion' in recent years.

These are the thugs of the bulb world. Similar in growth habit to the dreaded white-flowered onion weed, and with the same strong offensive odour, they will give you three weeks of a mass display of blue, star-shaped flowers, then spend the rest of the year breeding, not only from increased bulblets underground, but also from seed. They colonise rapidly and smother everything in their path.

Unfortunately, I was given five of these bulbs in a plain white paper bag at the Melbourne Garden Festival, some years ago. At present I am sending a green garbage bag full every week to the tip, containing their descendants. While I can applaud the actions and ambitions of those who planted them in the town, the choice was ill-advised and to protect the town from having them from spreading everywhere, they need to be removed as soon as they sprout.

They are something we do not need smothering the town, invading our forests and waterways. It is difficult to understand why they are allowed to be sold when they are such a pest.

Sincerely,

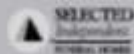
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**August 3 1920**

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**August 6 1920**

O, Mary! Mary! Quite contrary!  
How is your croup today?  
A long way off I heard you cough  
In such a woeful way.  
Our Lil and Lou get "croup turns" too,  
But theirs don't long endure,  
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**August 10 1920**

Tenders are invited by the Forests Commission, returnable up to 12 noon on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, for the purchase of 6658 super feet of pinus insignis logs stacked at the new nursery area and forests school grounds at Creswick.

**August 13 1920**

Blampied - many of the landowners in the shire seem to be awakening to the advantages of telephone communication, and a general demand is now being made for the extension of the system into districts that have not enjoyed the privilege.

**August 17 1920**

Smeaton Branch V. F. U.

A grand concert will be held in the Mechanics' Hall, Smeaton, on Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 8 p.m. Programme by leading Ballarat talent. Supper provided. Front seats 1/6; back seats, 1/-. Dance to follow; Gents, 1/6. C. W. Sewell, President D. Pennycuik, Secretary.

**August 20 1920**

A Young People's Social Club has been recently formed in the town, for the purpose of instructing those desirous of learning the new dances. Two nights have already been given to the art, and much progress has been made.

**August 24 1920**

At a meeting of parishioners, held at the conclusion of the morning service at St. John's Church of England, on Sunday, a resolution was carried in favour of the introduction into the schools' curriculum of non-sectarian extracts from the Bible, as at present in use in the other four States of Australia.

**August 27 1920**

Soldier's Memorial

A public meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> Inst., at 8 p.m. to consider the question of a Soldier's Memorial. W. B. Grose, Mayor.

**August 31 1920**

Chief Officer T. S. Marshall will make an inspection of the Creswick Fire Brigade tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 7.30 o'clock, and all members are requested to be present.

**BOOK REVIEW**

*By Rhonda Cotsell*

***When All Is Said & Done***

Neale Daniher with Warwick Green, 2019

At first glance I thought this would be a story centred on one man's battle with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) but Daniher's personality jumps from every page. Though his life had many difficult moments it is the man himself who is the story and not the diagnosis of MND. The tone is conversational and reflective, as if he is sitting beside us and reflecting aloud. It's not self-pitying nor does he emerge as a man without faults. Though his beliefs are firmly held about the best way to live, how to play football properly and how we should all deal with the cards dealt us in life he also admits to a regrettable tendency to see life in black and white.

Summing up his childhood with ten siblings on a farm near Ungarie, raised by an authoritarian father who viewed farming as feeding the nation and a deeply nurturing and religious mother he admits:

*'... our formative years are so important and I do understand that for many reasons, many families can't offer what I was given, the knowledge that there were people who loved me and that I was lovable'. (p48)*

His philosophy of life was heavily based on the development of resilience. It was a keystone in his approach to all he both accomplished and endured. That philosophy also ties together the three strands of Ungarie and family, the boarding schools, football and MND seamlessly.

His beloved Aussie rules dominates with pages of insider information - the game often the focus and not himself and reads with the same flat voiced, deadpan humour and intense focus of a footy panel. I am not a rabid footy fan, but loved lines like *'funny old mongrel punt'* (p93), his self-lacerating microscopic analysis of all he felt he did badly, and details of personalities so famous that names like Kevin Sheedy were even familiar to me.

The philosophy of resilience underlying all he termed *'survive, strive, thrive, arrive'*. Survive the harsh first boarding school he went to at age eleven, repeated knee injuries, and the diagnosis of MND. Striving was pulling out all stops to find and act on what was needed to overcome each blow. Thrive was consciously living in and acknowledging the good things in his life, a new career after a football career cut too short, accepting the diagnosis and moving on. And arriving was knowing the end of a journey has been reached and can now be left behind.

Now he is the public face raising millions to support research into MND. One of his activities is the *Daniher Drive* which invites sports fans, adventurers, fundraisers, friends and families to join a four-day cavalcade through regional Victoria to raise awareness and funds for research into MND. In October 2019 Creswick was the first night's stop.



## Creswick Capers Busy Beginning and Productive Gardening

Term 3 commenced with a lot of hope, enthusiasm, extensive planning and preparation for all students at Creswick Primary School. Late in Term 2 school was very fortunate to acquire the expertise from the *Earth Ed* program personnel to work with the Grades 5/6 classes to conclude their study unit on *Space*. There was also a teacher dress-up day which thoroughly confused the students (as they thought that dates had been mixed up), until they were able to arrive at school on the last day of term in their pyjamas.

The *Hands On Learning* program and team have also resumed working and creating around both the school and the community. This has proven to be a very important role within the school and later in the year some of their projects will be explored. The skills – both physical, personal and interpersonal – that the students are acquiring through this program are so important in catering for the ‘whole’ child and their future development as a citizen of the community.

The Junior Unit celebrated 100 days of learning and dressed up as students of the past. They explored many activities from years gone by and tried to emulate life as a child from that era.

School has also been very fortunate to have had a Gardening Club over the past few years where students from every grade work with one of our staff members to both beautify the grounds and grow vegetables. This year it has been expanded further and already, there has been the relocation of some garden-beds (with the assistance of the *Hands On Learning* team) and the planting of numerous beds of vegetables for harvesting in mid to late spring.

Donations from Bunnings have been greatly appreciated. This has included tools, seedlings, potting mix and a gift card. This generosity assists significantly in optimising the opportunities for students. It is wonderful to watch these children co-operating with each other, no matter what the age and how they are all so enthusiastic and willing to get their hands dirty. Everyone is looking forward to what the harvest reaps!

Until next month, stay safe.

*Vicki Hughes, Creswick PS Class Teacher*

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## St Augustine's News

In this critical time of re-engagement and re-connection, student wellbeing, safety and sense of belonging is still a priority as midterm is approached. Levels of anxiety have risen for some children; for others, especially the Prep children, it has been like starting school again. There is still a focus on helping children settle back in and feel confident with those around them, and their setting, across these coming weeks.

Even though it has been an exceptionally trying time for most, there have been some positives as well. The changes involving the scope and use of technology will undoubtedly shape the system and way of communicating in the years to come. Over the past four weeks, I have seen notable growth in the younger students' independence, there is a definite sense of, *'mum isn't allowed to walk me in and unpack my bag any more, I might as well just get on with it then'*.

Sometimes I think we forget that our children are competent, they can carry their bags to their classroom and unpack what they need for the day. It is incredible how much growth and how much the mindset changes when they are given a little independence.

Enjoy the Month.

*Terry Brennan, Principal*

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## St. Augustine's Parish Creswick

### Update

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Parishioners who have helped with the church, with the preparations for the return to Mass and keeping in touch with members of the church community are thanked for their time in visiting, emailing or phoning which has helped keep some semblance of community at this disjointed time. These include the Parish Secretary in Daylesford, Leonie for advising of new developments and restrictions as well as locals Margaret Goates, who spent many hours contacting and talking to parishioners by phone, along with Loretta Kaval and others. A number of informal visits and gatherings, adhering strictly to restrictions, for a cuppa and a chat with some fellow parishioners has helped during this time.

The renovations are now complete, and the first Mass was held on Saturday evening 1 August following all required number and safety procedures.

**Latest News:** Unfortunately, due to Stage 3 restrictions being re-imposed in country Victoria, Mass will be discontinued until at least 13 September.

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### Australian Red Cross

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### Business & Tourism Creswick

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

### Creswick Cemetery

- Gates Open 9.00am to 5.00pm - Daily

### Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc.

- first Wednesday Feb. Apr. Aug. Nov 7.00pm Phone 0434 071 185

### Creswick & District Historical Society

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

### Creswick & District Hospital

**Auxiliary** meets at hospital last Monday monthly 7.30pm. No meeting in June. New members welcome.

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

### Creswick Garden Club

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

### Creswick Havilah Lodge

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

### Creswick Library

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### Creswick Senior Citizens

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

### Creswick Senior Cyclists

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

### Creswick Visitor Information Centre

- volunteers meet first Thursday every month 10.00am RSL

### Creswick Walking Group

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### RSL meeting

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