



*Jared Tallent Award winner for 2017
Jordan Barry.
Photo by Terry Hope*

Inaugural Jared Tallent Award Winner Announced

The Jared Tallent Award is an initiative of the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch. Jared Tallent, who attended the Bank's 2016 AGM and spoke about growing up in this area, was pleased to have this development Award for local junior sportspeople named in his honour.

Applications were of a high quality and five finalists were selected. The finalists all excelled in their sporting fields. They were: Mia Wallis – Karate, Georgia Joynson – Athletics and Football, Liam Campbell-Marlow – Soccer, Michael Booth – Indoor and Outdoor Bowls, and Jordan Barry - Athletics and Netball.

The winner was Jordan Barry who competes in Athletics, namely Sprinting (100m and 200m), Long Jump, Triple Jump and Shot Put, and also plays Netball for Clunes. Jordan received a trophy, a \$500 bank account and will have her name placed on the Honour Board in our Community Bank® Branch.

Each of the finalists was awarded a \$100 bank account to help them achieve their sporting goals.

The Branch will be advertising in July next year for applications for the 2018 Jared Tallent Award so keep an eye out so that you can nominate a young sportsperson.

Donation to Creswick Junior Brass Band

Recently the Creswick OASIS Club (Old Apexians Still Interested in Service), donated \$1,000 to the Creswick Junior Brass Band to go toward the purchase of instruments for the junior players. The cheque was presented by OASIS President John Bunn to Rob Ohlsen President of the Creswick Brass Band, with Junior band members and members of OASIS present.

Photo by Wayne-Rex Brereton



Creswick District News

The CDN is a community newsletter imparting local information. Copy is invited from individuals and community groups reporting or advising on local events.

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All Saints' Church, High St. Learmonth

Join us as we celebrate the Festival of Christmas

December 17

7.00pm Family Christmas Pageant
All Saints' Anglican Church, Learmonth

Christmas Eve - December 24

5.30pm Festal Eucharist
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Clunes
7.30pm Festal Eucharist
St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Newlyn
9.30pm Traditional Mid-Night Mass
St. John's Anglican Church, Creswick

Christmas Day - December 25

9.00am Festal Eucharist
All Saints' Church, Learmonth
For more details, contact 5345 2060

Christmas Carols Presbyterian Church, Smeaton

Everyone is welcome to come and join in Christmas Carols

On Sunday, 24 December at 7.30pm
Please join us for a cuppa afterwards.

Christmas Mass Times

St. Augustine's Creswick,

Christmas Eve	7.30pm
Christmas Day	8.00am

St. Peter's Daylesford

Christmas Eve	5.30pm
Christmas Day	9.30am

Creswick Brass Band
Creswick Carols by Candlelight
Doug Lindsay Reserve
Saturday 18 December at 7.30pm.

Christmas Services
St Andrews Uniting Church,
Christmas Eve
Sunday 10.00am at Clunes
Christmas Day
Monday 9.00am at Creswick

*Each Christmas,
Remember the reason for
the Season*

Victoria Street Craft Group Year End Round-up

The Group would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Street Stall. It was very successful. Thanks go to the girls who made it possible as without their support throughout the year it would not have happened. Thanks go to the few ladies outside our group who crochet, knit and make items for sale.

Funds raised throughout the year will be donated to the following groups – Ballarat Cancer Centre; Riding for the Disabled; Creswick Red Cross; Creswick RSL Club; Creswick Junior Band; Creswick Junior Fishing Club; Creswick Theatre Group and Creswick St John's Anglicare. The Soup Bus has also received donations of food and toiletries.

Special Effort Results: 1st Vicki Newton,
2nd Rita Flapper (re-donated to 3BA Appeal), 3rd Judith Reiniets

Once again, thanks to all who have supported us during the year and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rita Flapper

***The CDN Team extends Season's Greetings
to all our readers.
We look forward to your
continuing interest and support during 2018.***

Changing of the Guard at the Community Bank



*Left-Right: Marcus Walsh, incoming Chairman and Graeme Mitchell, retiring Chairman
Photo by Terry Hope*

At its recent Annual General Meeting, Graeme Mitchell announced his retirement as Chairman of the Creswick & District Financial Services. As founding Chairman and Director of the Board, Graeme was recognised for his vision and service over twelve years. During his farewell address, Graeme thanked the original shareholders who supported the new venture twelve years ago as well as praising the Directors, staff and customers who have all contributed to the success of the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch.

Marcus Walsh was welcomed as the new Chairman. In his first Chairman's Report, Marcus thanked Graeme for his immense dedication, outstanding leadership, passion for his community, countless hours of work and fine representation of the Creswick & District Community Bank® and that he would be leaving a lasting legacy to the future of a thriving Creswick community.

Marcus, an original Board member is married with three boys. In welcoming the new Chairman, Graeme expressed his belief that Marcus' knowledge and expertise would put him in a great position to take the company to the next level. Graeme will remain on the Board of Directors.

The Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch celebrated its tenth birthday this year, and has contributed over \$750,000 to local clubs and organisations over the past ten years. Community contributions include Creswick Scouts, Creswick Brass Band, Creswick Garden Club, Pavilion Arts Project, Creswick Smeaton RSL and the Creswick & District Historical Society. Most recently, the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch has teamed up with Business & Tourism Creswick Inc to assist local businesses to enhance their digital presence through their online Business Directory.

In all, the Branch has made total contributions of \$1.3 million to the community.



Creswick Celebrates Australia Day 2018

A joint organizing group comprising members of the Creswick & District Historical Society, Creswick Lions Club, Creswick-Smeaton R.S.L, Creswick Football/Netball Club, Creswick Scouts and Venturers, and the Mount Prospect Tennis Club is again putting together a program for the Annual Australia Day Breakfast at Park Lake. The format will be similar to that of previous years.

The organisers would again like to acknowledge Achievers in Creswick and District. There are many talented people in our community so if you know of an individual or group worthy of recognition as a Creswick Achiever for 2017 please email their contact details and a brief outline of their achievement to tacey55@gmail.com.

Australia Day Breakfast at Park Lake Creswick

Friday 26 January 2018

Official Ceremony 8.00am

Breakfast Served after ceremony

BYO Plates, Cups, Cutlery and Chairs

Please collect tickets from **Shire Offices, Creswick** or the Creswick Visitor Information Centre before Monday 22 January to assist with catering.

For further information contact Pat on 0429 581 591

Creswick Angling Club



Mark Patterson with his Catch of the Day

During the Creswick Angling Club's opening weekend, anglers were competing for the Stephen Perry Memorial Shield.

Well done to Mark Patterson who caught this fine specimen brown trout weighing 2730 grams at Lake Toolondo. Lake Toolondo (also known as Toolondo Reservoir) is located north-east of the Grampians region, between the towns of Horsham and Hamilton.



Obituary Mrs Marjorie White

Following a brief illness Mrs White passed away on 6 November, 2017.

At a private funeral at St Andrews Church on 9 November, Marj's long life was remembered by her family and a few very close friends, and tributes were paid to her life of dedicated service to her family, her church and to the community.

An RSL service honoured her commitment to her service in the Army, to the work and traditions of the RSL and to Legacy.



Marjorie White - Fourth Generation Creswickian

The eldest child of Robert and Emma Harris, Marj was a fourth generation Creswickian. Her great-grandfather, Henry Dixon built the shop and residence at 32 Albert Street in 1876 where Marj was raised. Her father was a well-known hairdresser whilst her mother was the baker of Harris's legendary pasties and pies at No.30. Marj, being the eldest of two daughters and a son, assisted in the shops from an early age. Many hungry families existing on 'the Sustenance' during the Depression years were fed on Harris pasties, often the price going 'on the slate' – never to be collected.

Marj attended Creswick State School to grade 8 during the great Depression. School days were enlivened by involvement in the Victoria Street Methodist Church, Sunday School, Choir and Tennis Club. Summer holidays were spent at Calembeen Park with the Swimming Club. She gained a Bronze Medallion for swimming, diving and life-saving and, at age fifteen in December 1939, received the Valour Award for rescuing a man from drowning.

Following her first job as a shop assistant at Coles Ballarat Bridge Street store, Marj was employed by Creswick Shire at the Kingston Shire Office as a stenographer/clerk in 1939. Shire Secretary, Walter Massey, who encouraged her to take private tutoring in Ballarat to hone her job skills became Marj's mentor.

With the outbreak of WWII, Marj and friends formed the Creswick Girls' Patriotic Younger Set to raise comfort funds for soldiers overseas. This included Saturday night dances in the ANA Hall (Australian Native Association, now the RSL Hall), involvement with the Centenary Ball committee and church functions in what was to become a lifetime devotion to her church. By 1940 the Shire had moved to Creswick Town Hall with a heavy work-load due to extra war related issues. On turning eighteen in 1942, Marj sought leave to join the Women's Army but the then Shire Secretary, Mr Wilkie, would not release her from what was termed a reserved occupation.

The sinking of the hospital ship *Centaur* off the Queensland coast in 1943 with the loss of 350 on board, prompted

Marj's second request to leave. Successful this time she joined the AWAS. After qualifying in Army Ordnance and Administration at Darley, Marj was posted to Bandiana (near Wodonga) Vehicle Park as Secretary Corporal to Major Gerald McKellar, later Senator. In Marj's words, *'After three months training Miss Pat Nolan to fill my job, I was finally enrolled on my 19th birthday, in August 1943. Kitted out in khaki, included the unheard of ... trousers ...on three shillings and six pence (35c) a day.'*

In March 1945, Marj married fiancé, Don White, who served in the RAAF. Previously Don had worked as a builder with this father Eric at Pasco's and after the war as a bus driver for Davis Bus Lines, driving the early workers and school buses while also working as a builder with VicRail.

Peacetime and the return to civilian life brought four children and the development of Marj's lifetime commitment to family, church and community affairs. Her involvement in the 1950s, along with Don, included helping to build the Scout and RSL Halls, (with handmade concrete bricks, after work and at weekends), catering with the RSL Auxiliary and extensions to the Bowling and Golf Clubrooms. She was also involved in the establishment of the Toddlers' Pool at Calembeen and the Kingston Pony Club. Marj's major achievement was her persistence and work in the founding of the Pre-school Centre in St John's Hall, Napier Street in 1959. For the first four years Marj was the foundation Secretary there. Her contribution was recognised by being invited by the Creswick Shire to open the new *Napier Room* at the Pre-School Centre, Victoria Street in 1991.

The cost of educating a growing family prompted Marj to supplement the family income by writing for the *Ballarat Courier* for nine years, providing continuous Creswick news items for two pence per line and ten shillings for a Box Brownie photo! Her articles and photographs were delivered to the *Courier* by the train from Creswick to Ballarat. Her writing continued in the former *Central Country Times*, and the *Creswick District News*.

In 1965 Marj began as Office Manager at Homecrafts

Marjorie White - Fourth Generation Creswickian

Electrical Store with the Good Guys, Barry Foss, Ballarat, then as Manager for thirteen years. After years of bus travel, she learned to drive, aged fifty-four. In 1978, Don's health collapsed and Marj retired. Following the deaths of her son Neil in 1981 and husband Don in 1983, Marj used the building of her house at 65 Drummond Street with her architect/builder son Robin, as therapy. Subsequently Marj came under the care of Legacy. She joined other local war widows in starting the Creswick Laurel Club, a satellite of the Ballarat Laurel Club. Marj had an abiding interest in the RSL and was involved in the placement of the three memorial stones and associated garden in front of the RSL Hall.

She also took up water-colour painting with many of her paintings now hanging in homes around Australia and New Zealand. Always a music lover, she played the electronic organ and gave Sunday morning recitals at John Curtin Hostel (now John Curtin Aged Care).

Marj's craft work continued with knitted socks, crocheted

rugs and baby clothes for family and charity stalls. Few groups or worthy causes in the district have not been touched by her work or generosity. Her feature articles for RSL Magazine *Mufti* and other publications continued to keep Creswick and district achievements before the public. She was also a volunteer with the Visitor Information Centre.

The CDN team would like to pay tribute to a very gracious community-minded lady, confidante, friend and helper to so many individuals and community projects. Sincere sympathy is extended to Marj's family and friends on her recent death.

References: *Creswick District News June 2002.*

Reflections and articles from local residents

Reflections on ANZAC Day, a speech given by Mrs. Marj White on April 17, 2002 at the Farmers Arms Hotel, Creswick to the members of the Creswick Light Horse Troop.

Senior Cits End of Year

Here we are again, about to see the old year out and a new year in. I hope members have had a pleasant, worthwhile and happy 2017 and look forward to the same in 2018.

Many thanks to the *Creswick District News* staff for printing the Seniors' News each month. I wish each and all a Happy Festive Season. Keep safe and we will be together next year.

June Gray, 5334 6526



Cemetery News

The flowers in the gardens at the Creswick Cemetery are looking lovely, with the pink climbing rose and the rose garden looking splendid.

Thank you to everyone who has worked hard during the year to help make the cemetery such a lovely place to visit. A big thank you to the Langi Kal Kal men who always make a huge effort; their help is much appreciated. Also to Bev, James, Daryl, Marie and Carmel for their constant help throughout the year.

Work will continue in the new year to improve the lawn sections of the cemetery grounds.

Merry Christmas to everyone, keep safe and have an enjoyable 2018.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary Cemetery Trust

Join us for our

Ceremony of Remembrance

A ceremony of remembrance for families and friends of a child, of any age, who has died through any circumstances.

Reflections and releasing of helium balloons.

Decorations will be available for the trees provided, but you are welcome to bring your own decorations. You are also welcome to bring a picnic basket to share with your family, before or after the ceremony. BYO chairs and blankets if you wish.

Where: *Ballarat General Cemetery*
(Corner Lydiard & Norman Street)

When: Monday, 18 December, 2017

Time: 5.30pm (if wishing to write on a helium balloon) allowing for a 6.00pm sharp start.

Cost: A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

Presented by: Very Special Kids; Red Nose; Grampians Region; St. John of God Hospital; Ballarat Health Services; Ballarat Hospice Care; SANDS; Leukaemia Foundation; The Compassionate Friends; Australian Centre for Grief & Bereavement; Cops'n Kids; Djerriwarrh Health Services

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Friends of Park Lake

The Friends of Creswick's Park Lake Botanical Reserve Association wish everyone a joyful Christmas Season. Take time to walk your Park over the Summer months.

The members thank the Association's retiring President, Bob Orr, for his invaluable leadership and vision, since the Friends' inception in 1999 and wish him well as he steps down from the Presidency. Thank you to his wife, Margaret, who has filled the role of Treasurer, for some years.

To the willing helpers, Barry Heyward, Ron Bonner, Alan and Graeme Davis and Geoff Rawson, a big heartfelt thank you. You have done a mighty job in helping the 'Pixies' who are most grateful for your male strength. May you all enjoy a relaxing holiday season. The Friends will be on deck in 2018 under our new leader - Mr. Andrew O'Connell.

Funding boost for Hepburn volunteers

Emergency service volunteers in Hepburn Shire are set to benefit from two State Government grants as part of the 2017-18 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program. Creswick CFA will receive \$ 17,492 to buy a new generator.



Creswick & District Historical Society

Creswick & District Historical Society wishes everyone a very happy Christmas and a full, positive and healthy year in 2018. We will be selling the *Portraits of Creswick* book at the monthly Market, Neighbourhood Centre, Saturday 16 December. It would make a great Christmas gift at \$45. We will be in action at the Australia Day breakfast and normal meetings will resume in February.

Best wishes to you all from your Historical Society.

Time to say Goodbye

Long-time Creswick business operator, Joy from Creswick Hair Care has recently closed the doors on her business in Albert Street. Joy would like to thank all her customers for their support and loyalty over the years.

The CDN Team in turn thank Joy for her support of our community newsletter. Joy was a *foundation* advertiser since early 1999 (226 issues!).



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CRESWICK MUSEUM

Next year will be significant for celebrating events that took place 100 years ago. For ANZAC 100 we will have two exhibitions. Opening after Easter the ANZAC exhibition, *Far from where the Golden Wattle blooms*, will feature images taken by Caelli Greenbank of the graves of the WWI men honoured on the Fallen Soldiers Memorial (now known as The Cenotaph), together with the Museum's images and their stories. The second ANZAC exhibition will feature the story of the Shire of Creswick's Avenue (name changed to Kingston's Avenue), and the end of the WWI.

The other 100 year event the Museum will recognise is Norman Lindsay's *The Magic Pudding*, which was published in 1918. The exhibitions will last from 14 July to 14 October, 2018. As part of celebrating that event there will be a Children's Festival during the September school holidays which will include children's photography and an art competition. More details later about the Children's Festival.

The Museum Committee of Management would like to thank the volunteers of both the Museum and Research Centre for their generous support. The Museum would not be able to function without their time and expertise.

The Research Centre will be closed from Friday, 22 December 2017 until Friday, 6 January 2018. Merry Christmas to all readers of the *Creswick District News* from the Museum's volunteers and we hope to see you in 2018.

Margaret Fullwood

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Kingston Friends of the Avenue

After much hard work from the committee and with thanks to Peter Rickard for his research, the Obelisk was installed by Les and Matt from Ballarat Memorials before the Remembrance Day Service. The State Government Department of Premier and Cabinet Veterans Affairs branch funded this project. An information board was installed with funding from a Hepburn Shire Council Community Grant. Thanks go to Ed Murphy for his work in preparing these successful submissions.

During the year the Friends meet regularly with Hepburn Shire Council. Special thanks to Mitchell Hogg, Parks and Open Space Coordinator, Bruce Lucas, General Manager of Infrastructure and the work teams.

The Open Gardens on 18 November was a huge success with over 500 people visiting the three beautiful gardens. Thanks again to the gardeners, the volunteers and all who attended. The entertainment by *The Roundabout Folk Band* was greatly appreciated. Shirley of Snake Valley won the gate prize, kindly donated by *Olicartia* and Creswick Nursery in Miss Northcott's Garden.

It was standing room in the Kingston Fire Station for the launch of Peter Rickard's book *Sentinels of Service - Volunteers of the Kingston Avenue of Honour*. Louise Staley, State MP for Ripon, the Hepburn Shire Mayor John Cotrell, and Councillors Henderson and May attended. Alexandra Tascas, President of the Ballarat RSL sub branch and Michael Clark, Secretary of the Creswick/Smeaton sub branch were amongst the eighty guests. We are grateful to Dr Robert Webster OAM, State President of the Victorian RSL for undertaking this task. Heather Leishman presented copies to local schools, libraries, museums and to Allan Grant from the Shrine of Remembrance. Books are available, cost \$35, from the Creswick Newsagency, thanks to the support of Robert and Rosemary.

It was ninety years on 18 November since Brigadier-General Pompey Elliott unveiled the Harcourt granite monument at the beginning of the Kingston Avenue.

Julie Baulch

Below L-R: Peter Rickard (Author), and
Robert Webster (State President Victorian RSL)



Photo by Leah Armstrong



Creswick Lions Club Christmas Raffle

As the year draws to a close the members of the Creswick Lions Club would like to thank everyone who has assisted Lions over the past year in one way or another. Also a big thank you to everyone who has bought a raffle ticket, sausage or Christmas Cake or attended a Lions function, your support means that we can help others in the community.

Since putting the last item in the CDN we were saddened by the tragic death of Carmel Mitchell who had in excess of forty years' association with our club as a Lions lady, Lioness and over the last eighteen years as a Lion, serving as President, Secretary and Treasurer in that time. Her contribution will be sadly missed and we express our condolences to Graeme and family.

The final fund raising activity of the year, the Lions Christmas Raffle, \$2 a ticket, will give you a chance to win the Rocking Horse (valued at approx. \$2000), a Christmas hamper, or a Lions Christmas Cake and bottle of wine. The Club thank the Creswick Men's Shed for making the magnificent rocking horse.



Max Ainley celebrated his 88th birthday recently

On a happy note a long standing member and face of Creswick Lions Club, Max Ainley celebrated his 88th birthday at the end of November.

The Club continues to be on the lookout for new members. We are having our volunteers' BBQ, at the RSL Hall, on Monday 22 January and would welcome prospective members to join us and find out what Lions is all about. If coming to this BBQ, please contact Pat on 0429 581 591 by Friday 19 January.

On behalf of Creswick Lions we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Pat Tacey, Secretary Creswick Lions Club
tacey55@gmail.com

Bumps in the Night (and Day)

We recently moved into a house in Creswick. It had two wood burning fires and gas central heating – more than enough to keep us warm throughout winter.

The first night we lit the fire in the lounge – a wood burner fitted into the fireplace. The fan was noisy and so from then on we used the freestanding fire in the family room, topped up when necessary with the central heating.

After a few days, there was a banging coming from the fire in the lounge. We opened the door and no sign of anything, so put it down to the wind. When we had visitors and they heard the banging, we just said, *'it's ghosts- there's nothing there'*.

A few weeks in, we had some fierce winds and the cowl on top of the chimney blew off. Barry went up onto the roof to put it back and noticed that the flue didn't reach to the top of the chimney and said *'that must bang about as it's not fixed'*. We are going to do major renovations and decided that because we're never likely to use that fire, we would one day take it out. So, up on the roof again and Barry pulls the flue out – about 12 feet long. *'That's fixed the noise'* we said to each other. That night we sat in the family room watching TV and the banging started up again – even louder than before.

A week on and we had an afternoon with nothing planned. *'Why don't we pull the fire out and see what it's all about'*, I said. Not as easy as we thought. Lots of bricks had to be chipped and with two crowbars and a lot of heaving, we finally moved the firebox out. Here's what we found behind - Mother and baby possum, now living outside where they belong.

Marj Poole



Photo by Barry Poole

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By Craig Barrett

We live in a world of art and poetry!

Watch the clouds. Look up – look away for a minute – then look up again.
Your last vision of the clouds has already changed to something new.
It happens so quickly.

As I look out my window to the east, an enormous thunderhead towers over Creswick and district.

One cannot but be in awe of its beauty, its majesty and its power. Someone is going to get a really good dump of rain out of that unless it just floats on by.

The cloud shape is spectacular. An anvil waiting for the hammer strike.
The colour breathtaking – cream, violet, prussian blue and yellow ochre, even a touch of crimson. What a privilege to witness. It will change or be gone in a minute.

I am transfixed watching it change shape and colour as I write and draw.

Yes, I am an artist. I moved to Creswick from St Kilda on June 20 2016.
That was the week it snowed here – then it rained for pretty well three months!

I love my move to Creswick.

I have lived in rural Victoria before – at Wandiligong (near Bright), and indeed a very bleak winter in Daylesford! On both occasions I have taught art (painting and drawing) to adult students through the Council of Adult Education. I was always surprised at the response of students who have grown up and had their family in the area, but never really 'seen' it.

Yes, there is a hell of a lot to see in St Kilda, but the seeing in country is different.

Everywhere I go I find I am absorbed into the natural world. Rocks captivate me, soil captivates me. I can sit and watch ants for hours. At this time of the year the wildflowers captivate me. In country we often think of as harsh, the most beautiful, delicate orchids are blooming right now. Sometimes you have to almost get to ground level to see them.

The galahs in my yard as I write their beautiful colours - white head and rose pink front and perfect grey plumage – what an extraordinary but simple colour scheme. The Rainbow Lorikeets – where do you start with combo!
The real heroes for me are the Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos, (missing here now – where do they go at this time ?) – the way they glide on through like Sunderland bomber planes all the while chattering to each other.

As I'm drawing or bushwalking or fishing - or just sitting and listening to a symphony of birdsong and frogs
I am loving my new life in Creswick.

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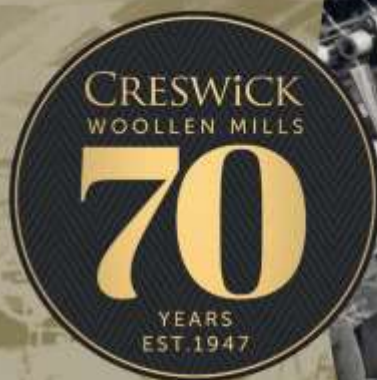
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Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend

The Town was Buzzing

Local amateur gardeners, artisans and green thumbs came together to open their private gardens once again. Now in its fourth year, this event was the biggest yet with over 3100 garden visits to six private gardens. A coach with thirty-five people came from the Orange Garden Club as well as visitors from all over Australia.

The Garden Lovers Weekend is organised by Business & Tourism Creswick with funding support from Hepburn Shire Council. The purpose of the event is to provide an economic boost for local business by promoting our town and region. Profits are used for local Creswick and district projects.

Individual gardens enjoyed up to 700 people exploring and enjoying the creativity and dedication of our talented local gardeners. Commercial Gardens also participated, assisting to market the event and in turn enjoy extra patronage from garden lovers to the Garden Lovers Weekend.

Commercial partners were Lambley Nursery, *Overwrought* Sculpture Garden & Gallery, Newlyn Antiques & Cottage Garden Nursery, Bells Water Gardens, Misty Downs Nursery and Olicartia. The *Red Fox Café* mounted an art display featuring floral art.

The private gardens were: Margaret's small courtyard garden, *Charnwood*, featuring exotic and native plants, *Ophir*, a quirky Italianate garden, *Hedgerow* with delightful cottage gardens, *Noonameena*, a large and unique country garden and Shirley's garden showcasing an amazing array of roses, perennials and rare plants

The Creswick Garden Club was a community partner again this year and held their annual Flower Show in the Town Hall with plant sales as well.

The town was buzzing with local businesses reporting increased business over the weekend. The accommodation venues enjoyed visitors staying two days (or more), some cafes recorded up to sixty per cent increase in business. A general comment made was that the locals (and some businesses) were surprised to see so many visitors in Creswick.

Planning has already started for next year's Creswick Garden Lover's Weekend to be held on 10/11 November, 2018. The organising committee is looking forward to growing the event again incorporating ideas, suggestions and experience gained from this year's event

Margaret Giles,
Secretary, Business & Tourism Creswick



*Open Gardens: Shirley's garden (top), Ophir (below).
Photos by Dee Photography*

Creswick Garden Club

Hello fellow gardeners, The Club members have had a very busy last few months of the year and are all looking forward to a break.

Thank you to all those involved in helping with the running of the Flower Show, it was a successful weekend. The Town Hall was full with beautiful craft, Floral Art displays, flowers, plants and preserves. Thank you to the judges, Anne van Beveren for her Floral Art classes prior to the show. Sue Craven and President Phyllis Wright for all their organization and running of the show. A big thank you to those who ran the plant stall. A great result and we look forward to next year.

Christmas lunch went well, with forty-six people attending. A lovely day and all exchanged posies from our gardens. Thank you to Greg Block for his generous donation of some Cybidium Orchids to give out on the day.

The next meeting of the Garden Club in February will be an informal meeting where the calendar of events for 2018 will be handed out. There will be a luncheon, cost is \$5 per person. Please let us know if you will be coming. Phone Phyllis on 5345 2514 or Leanne on 0437 518 159

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Creswick Brass Band Success at Mt Gambier



The Band had a very successful trip over the border in November to the Mt Gambier competition, winning the D Grade section overall, and winning the best Stage March in D Grade. The Band came second in the Street March, and won the accolade of *Band of the Year*. That success came with lots of fun too, with the Band dressing up in a Christmas theme for the Mt Gambier Christmas Parade, and the Solo Cornets dressing down into their night attire for their rendition of *Mr Sandman*!

The great thing about the Mt Gambier comp is that there is prize money, so the Band can invest in some more instruments.

The Band would also like to thank both the Creswick Oasis Club, and the Creswick Senior Indoor Bowls Group for their kind donations during November. Their money will go to providing Creswick Youth Brass with more instruments as the group grows in number.

As I'm writing this, five of our juniors are preparing for their instrumental exams which are happening in early December, so we wish Sorrell, Lucan, Samuel, James and Alexander all the best. We also acknowledge the work Katrina and Fran have put into these students to help them achieve their goals.

Carols by Candlelight

The Band is again running Carols by Candlelight, at 7.30pm, at the Doug Lindsay Reserve on 16 December, and we'll be out and about during the festive season, including special appearances with Mr and Mrs Santa Claus.

Roger Clark

RSL News

Beersheba Centenary

The Creswick-Smeaton Sub Branch was saddened by the death of Marj White. Marj served with the Army in World WarII and, following that service, was a stalwart of and tireless worker for both the RSL and the community over many years. We convey our condolences to her family.

The Beersheba Centenary Commemoration Dinner was well attended. Guest speaker, Phillip Bradley, gave a detailed talk about the Light Horse in the Palestine Campaign in the First World War. The Exhibition put on by the Historical Society was also a success. The Creswick Light Horse Troop provided fully kitted riders and horses on the weekends as a living exhibit; people could get up close and personal. A real drawcard.

The Poppy Appeal was, as always, well supported by the Creswick community raising nearly \$4000 all of which goes to help veterans and their families. Past purchases by the RSL have included a Hi-Lo bed for a veteran in Calembreen Lodge and a portable oxygen concentrator for a veteran's partner in the John Curtin Aged Care facility.

Remembrance Day Services were held both at the Creswick Cenotaph and Kingston Avenue of Honour. Attendance at each venue was excellent. Thanks to all those who helped before, during and after these services. The turn-out of the Fire Brigade in uniform added to the sense of occasion. Special thanks to the Creswick Railway Workshop Association (CRWA) for the loan of the chairs, Susie Koene for playing the bugle calls and Mr and Mrs Powlett of *The Laurels* at Learmonth for the laurel leaves for the wreathes. Also to the Creswick Bakery for the refreshments.

As always, it was pleasing to see children from the Creswick, Creswick North, Mt Blowhard and Newlyn Primary Schools making a contribution to the Service.

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End Of Year Happenings

As the year draws towards the end, there are many major events happening at Creswick Primary School that bring the community together. These events range from transition activities for the pre-schoolers and Grade Six students, Grade Six Graduation, Keyboard Concert, Whole School Lunch, Year Two camp and a Thank You to Volunteers Morning Tea.

One of the traditional annual community events that continues to grow is the Jogathon. This year in perfect conditions, the 190 students, some older ex-students, parents, siblings in prams, friends, a few pets and others participated. For two hours the students showed resilience by continuing to run/walk around the school block which may sound easy but for many of the parents it was a struggle keeping pace with the younger legs.



Eight laps!

The course around the school block is on paths, has tight corners and in some cases over uneven surfaces. For many of the children their aim was to run some and walk some, while a few had greater targets to achieve. Several children managed to complete twenty-seven laps which equates to nearly 19 km.

Best Wishes

To the thirty-one Grade Six children graduating this year, we wish you all the best next year as you move off to twelve different secondary settings.

From all at Creswick Primary School, we wish the community a safe and happy Christmas/New Year.

Ron Sawyer, Principal



St Augustine's News Farewell to Year Six Students

As the year draws to a close it is timely to say goodbye to the school's year six students, Jet Bliss, Ella Burns, Sienna Cooke, Harry Donovan-Clancy, Lachlan Elsworth, Gemma Laursen, Charlie Martin, Noah Murphy, Carson Oldaker, Thomas Steenhuis, Kaylah Wright. We thank them for all they have brought to our community and wish them well in their future endeavours. As the year six class leaves St. Augustine's community, a new group joins. The 2018 foundation class is welcomed as they begin a new journey with our community.

To all who have followed our journey across the twelve months, many thanks. The Christmas spirit reminds us of the need to be generous of heart.

'At this festive season of the year, Mr Scrooge,' said the gentleman, taking up a pen, 'it is more than usually desirable that we should make some slight provision for the poor and destitute, who suffer greatly at the present time. ... We choose this time, because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices.'

Charles Dickens (A Christmas Carol)

As we all know there are many forms of 'poor' and 'destitution' in our communities, so let's look after each other this Christmas season.

Enjoy the Month

*Terry Brennan,
Principal*



Creswick North Primary School Busy End of Year

On Friday, 17 November there was a terrific turn out for the Junior School Council Disco organised by the students who, with decorations, transformed the multipurpose room. Mrs Julia Walker supported them and did a great job as MC.

The first Transition morning for the 2018 Foundation students was full of fun activities supported by their Buddies. It was pleasing to see the children settle into their new learning environment and we look forward to seeing them again soon. There are still spaces available for our 2018 Foundation intake. Please contact the school as soon as possible on 5345 2012 if you would like to enrol your child.

Middle and Senior classes walked to the Creswick Hub to participate in an interactive session about Cyber Safety. This session, delivered by Senior Constable Mina Martin from Victoria Police, was informative and gave students and parents some useful strategies to use both at home and school.

In November there was a fantastic day at Sovereign Hill as part of the *Christmas in the Colonies* program. One of the benefits of a small school is that excursions can be enjoyed as a whole school. The children enjoyed the Christmas activities they made and were able to bring home. Thank you to our dedicated staff for working with and supporting students that day.

The Year 5/6 students headed off to the PGL Adventure Camp Kyneton for three days to participate in a range of outdoor activities including canoeing, raft building and a mud run. Sounds amazing! Staff are finalising assessments in readiness for writing reports. I would like to thank all teachers for their determination in ensuring that reports detail the growth and development of each student at Creswick North Primary School.

*Sue Izard,
Acting Principal*

Creswick Ballroom Dancing Group

Let's DANCE!



Val Lawrence and Geoff Parsons preparing the raffle and door prize draw.

Just because you can't dance doesn't mean you shouldn't dance. This is the motto of the Creswick Ballroom Dancing Group, who once again put on a fantastic afternoon of wonderful music, dancing, laughter, raffles and giveaways on 28 October. The afternoon tea, so generously provided by group members and patrons, was magnificent.

All proceeds from the Group's dances are donated to the

restoration of the hall. The Creswick Ballroom Dancing Group would like to thank all those who attend and support us through donations for prizes and raffles. These include the following: Smokeytown Cafe – dinner; Red Fox Cafe – lunch; The Farmer's Wife Boutique - Monte Carlo prizes for gentleman and lady; Davies and Rose Rural & Hardware - useful tools for the person in the shed; The American Hotel – wines, and Creswick FoodWorks – a huge hamper door prize.

Thanks go to Helen Cook, who creates the hall decorations, and to Margaret Fullwood and Val Lawrence who provide beautiful flower arrangements as door prizes. Thank you to all the members of the dance group who help set up the hall and work solidly in the kitchen to provide afternoon tea, hot and on time.

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Pavilion Arts — A Marvellous 2017

This has been a very active year for Pavilion Arts & Sustainability in Creswick. Who will forget the magic of the sight of so many beautiful Japanese lanterns, or the huge lantern which was constructed at St. Augustine's and needed four carriers? Then there was palpable community spirit as Tim Drylie and the Seven Hills Singers led the assembled crowd in singing *We are Australian*. As if this wasn't enough, there ensued the spectacle of boats alight and flaming, and the phoenix rising from the flames.

In 2018 help will be needed to repeat the event which was made possible this year with assistance from the Creswick Lions Club, Transition Creswick, the Aquatic Centre members and the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch.

You may have seen the student works in the shops and Bank. This was a lead-up to the 2018 Creswick & District Art Exhibition. Held in the Scout Hall in November, all visitors could see the range of extremely talented (sometimes renowned) artists living in the district. The diversity of exhibits was astounding. The work by Budding Artists from all four district Primary Schools was especially commended by Merle Hathaway, who opened the Exhibition. As with mature artists, the children's works were diverse in content, and all art teachers should be commended for the range of skills their students have shown. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this Exhibition.

At the recent AGM of Pavilion Arts, two new Committee members were elected — Bruce Kronberger and David Mellows — thus increasing the numbers of artists involved. We welcome new members and interested persons. Come and meet us in 2018. See our Facebook page, or email pavilionarts3363@gmail.com

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*Bill Weidner and David Mellows seated on the
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December 7 1917

Mr. R. T. Clarke, of Havilah Estate, Glengower, has been very successful in his exhibition of merino sheep at agricultural shows. At Daylesford last week he secured all the prizes in those classed and did the same at Kyneton. He sold the ram that took the champion award at Kyneton at a high figure to the Dookie Agricultural College for stud purposes.

December 11 1917

In specifications issued by the Public Works department for works to be carried out at the Tourello school and teacher's residence appears the following clause: - "Snake - Remove several sheets of iron from roof, search for and kill snake and ceiling and afterwards refix iron, making it waterproof."

December 14 1917

There is a good deal of grass growing in the Creswick Shire Park plantation and in the plantations on the Smeaton, Kingston and Spring Hill reserves, and persons desirous of cutting same are requested to apply at once to the shire engineer (Mr. W. H. Gore).

December 18 1917

In connection with the concert to be given on Christmas night in aid of Creswick Hospital, the combined choirs will meet at 8 o'clock next Saturday night, in the town hall, for the final practice.

December 21 1917

The Springmount Sports Club will hold its annual sports and races on Christmas Day - Tuesday next - and a most enjoyable outing is promised those who pay a visit to the Mount. The gathering will take place in Mr. P. Hackett's paddock, off the Dean road, which has been obligingly placed at the disposal of the club.

December 28 1917

Allendale- at the Allendale police court on Wednesday, before Mr. W. Harris, P.M., Alexander McDougall, of the delicensed Moorookyle Hotel, was charged by Sub- Inspector Nicholson with having on his premises a quantity of liquor for unlawful purposes, and that, having same, he held more than was necessary for reasonable purposes. ... The defendant denied selling any liquor on the premises since the hotel closed. Dismissed.

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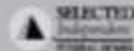
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Saturday December 16, Carols featuring Creswick Brass Band, 7.30 pm Doug Lindsay Reserve

Monday December 18, *Ceremony of Remembrance* for children who have died. 5.30pm Ballarat General Cemetery Info: Brenda 0407 744 258

Friday December 22, Museum Research Centre closed, re-open

Friday 6 January, 2018

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Creswick & District Historical Society - fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors Club rooms 2.00pm. Ph 5345 1310

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Creswick Lions Club second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall. Fourth Monday location to be advised Carolyn Garguilo Pres. 0417 349 049, Pat Tacey Sec. 0429 581 591

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

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

Creswick Pre-School Childcare Fridays - School Terms. 9.00am to 1.00pm Bookings ECKA 5339 5055

Creswick Probus Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am. Inquiries Bob 5345 2165

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

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

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

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

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

Folk and Acoustic Club Second Friday 7.30pm American Hotel; fourth Friday 7.30pm Creswick Railway Station. Enquiries Kate 0409 179 481, John Harris 5345 2095

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Tony or Verena 5345 6154 or Amanda Pascoe 5345 2228

Movies at Court House Theatre - third Friday every month. 7.30pm entry by donation

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

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

Playgroup - John Curtin Function Room every Wednesday 9.30am Amanda 0427 502 568

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

RSL meeting - Last Wednesday each month 12 noon. RSL Hall Michael Clark 0409 421 547

Tipplers third Wednesday every month. email: wheeler@cbl.com.au

Merry Christmas.

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