



Above: Creswick Band at Mount Gambier
See report on page 19.



AVENUE OF HONOUR CENTENARY AT KINGSTON 11 NOVEMBER

Left: Poppies with Creswick Light Horse Troop at Kingston
See report on page 11. (Photo by Terry Hope)

**The CDN Team extends
Seasons Greetings to all
our readers.
We look forward to your
continuing interest and
support during 2019.**

Creswick District News

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The Anglican Parish of Springmount Christmas 2018

Third Sunday of Advent, 16 December

Family Christmas Pageant All Saints' Church, Learmonth 7.00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 23 December

Parish Eucharist and Lunch St. John's Church, Creswick 10.30am

Christmas Eve, 24 December

Festival Eucharist – Combined Clunes Churches, St. Paul's Church, Clunes 5.30pm

Festival Eucharist St. Matthew's Church, Newlyn 7.30pm

Mid-Night Mass St. John's Church, Creswick 9.30pm

Christmas Day, 25 December

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Enquiries: 5345 2060

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All Saints Church, High Street, Learmonth -
St. Matthew's Church, Newlyn Reservoir Road, Newlyn.

St Augustine's Parish Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 24 December

St Augustine's Creswick 6.30pm

St Peter's Daylesford 8.00pm

Christmas Day

St Peter's Daylesford 10.00am

Everyone Welcome To Join Christmas Carols At

Smeaton Presbyterian Church

Monday, 24 December, 7.00pm

Supper to follow

CRESWICK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The President and all the Members send best wishes to you all for a very happy festive season and a full, happy and prosperous 2019. The Society is now in recess for the summer holiday season, but will resume normal function on 28 February 2019.

FRIENDS OF CRESWICK'S PARK LAKE BOTANICAL RESERVE

The Friends, especially the 'Pixies', wish you all a very happy Christmas and all things good in 2019. Make sure that you enjoy some time in your Park over the holiday season and stay fire-safe.

creswick Rainfall

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

	2017 mm	2018 mm
January	34	30
February	37	6.5
March	44.4	30
April	106.5	17
May	39.5	93.5
June	12.5	68
July	72.7	79
August	59.3	70.5
September	51.5	22
October	64	33.5
November	55.1	40
December	58.5	
TOTAL	635	490

Bouquets

- Thank you to the person(s) responsible for cutting the long grass at the end of our street.
- Congratulations to the local supermarket for the job they are doing under such trying circumstances. Also to the local residents for continuing their understanding and support.
- Best wishes are sent to Pauline Charleson on her retirement after many years offering hairdressing to the residents of Creswick and district through her salon. The salon will continue, with a new name *HeadQuarters* under the management of Pauline's daughter, Natalie Smyth who will continue to offer the same great service.

Ceremony of Remembrance

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

Where: Ballarat General Cemetery
(Corner Lydiard and Norman Street)

When: Monday, 17 December, 2018

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

Decorations will be available for the trees provided, but you are welcome to bring your own decorations.

BYO chairs and blankets if you wish.

The organisers are mindful of deemed environmental harm caused by releasing helium balloons. The balloons are of natural latex rubber, thus completely bio degradable. Also used are bio degradable flat woven raffia ties. A gradual transition from balloons is occurring, however we remain mindful of the positive impact for families sending their messages into the ether.

Participants: VSK, Ballarat Hospice, The Compassionate Friends, SANDS, Djerriwarrh Health Services, Leukemia Foundation, Cops N Kids, Ballarat Health Services, St John of God Hospital.

For more information contact:

Brenda 0407 744 258 or Theresia 0417 573 834

NEW LOOK FOR NEWLYN CAROLS

SCRUB HILL, 19 DECEMBER

The annual event for Newlyners and their friends and families will happen again on Wednesday, 19 December from 5.30pm, in a new location with a new look. Beloved Newlyn resident Fay Hungerford (of Newlyn Antiques), after many years of tireless community service, has passed the baton to a committee of locals, including the owners of the former Uniting Church at Scrub Hill, now a magnificent wedding and concert venue.

The Carols event is a chance for Newlyn residents to meet each other and to celebrate life in our thriving village. Entertainment will be provided by the Creswick Brass Band, Newlyn Primary School, Ballarat Ecumenical Choir, Kingston Singers, Neil Adam and Judy Turner, and more. Carol singing will be led by the choir and band, and there are special surprises in store for the kids. Proceeds of the night will go to the Newlyn CFA. Bring a picnic or buy food on site and enjoy this wonderful night of music and fellowship - all welcome! (See poster on page 7)

Judy Turner

Australia Day Breakfast

Park Lake, Creswick

(near tennis courts)

Saturday, 26 January

Ceremony commencing at 8.00am

Followed by Breakfast

This event is funded by the Hepburn Shire and supported by local businesses

We will again acknowledge local achievers, please advise Pat Tacey by email, tacey55@gmail.com, of anyone who has achieved personal or group success during 2018.

Note, tickets (for catering purposes) will be available from the Creswick Hub and the Information Centre from 14 January.

This is an environmentally friendly event, please bring your own reusable crockery, cutlery and drinking vessels.

Volunteers to help are most welcome, contact Pat Tacey if you can assist, (tacey55@gmail.com)



Creswick Lions Club

With Christmas fast approaching, Creswick Lions would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us at our many fundraising activities throughout the year and to wish everyone a very merry and safe festive season.

Lions provided a BBQ at the Kingston Friends of the Avenue Centenary celebrations on Remembrance Day. We were impressed with the organisation of the event and would like to extend our thanks to the committee and all its hard-working volunteers for making it such a wonderful occasion.

Thank you to those who bought a democracy sausage (with onions wherever you wanted them), on election day at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre hall. Thanks to Kim and the team for inviting Lions to run the BBQ on the day.

In December, Lions members will be busy with BBQs at the Christmas Carols at the Doug Lindsay Reserve as well as our regular stall at the Creswick monthly market. Our final activity for the year is a big one. We have been allocated a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings in Ballarat on Sunday, 16 December which we anticipate to be busy as people hurry in to do the last of their Christmas shopping.

A reminder that Lions Christmas Cakes are available at the following outlets around Creswick and District: Australia Post, Greenvale Meats, Flemo's, John Curtin Aged Care, Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch, Smeaton Pub, Clunes Medical Centre, Clunes Newsagency and Clunes Garage. Merry Christmas.

Carolyn Gargiulo Secretary –
Creswick Lions Club (0417 349049)



Earlier this year a new committee was formed. Thanks to the previous committees for their long running hard work to keep Kingston alive and advancing! The show grounds with the heritage listed grandstand are magnificent. Especially at this time of year .

The new committee aims to further develop the facilities, attracting more events and user groups.

151ST KINGSTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW

New Two-Day Format

15 and 16 December

Day 1 Saturday, 15 December

- Stockman's Challenge - a series of tasks for horse and rider with obstacles against time.
- National Carriage Driving Victoria will run an Exhibition Challenge Competition in the afternoon with classes for ponies, horses and multiples.
- On site food vans and children's entertainment.

Saturday Night

On Saturday night there is a fund-raising dinner for our heritage listed grandstand. Guest speaker is Josh Gibson, now a media personality and three-time member of Hawthorn's 2013, 2014 and 2015 Premiership winning teams.

Awards for the dog trials on the night. Two course meal and drinks around the grandstand under the stars. \$65. All invited - contact Sebastian Steenhuis 0400 863 350.

Day 2 Sunday, 16 December

Sunday includes an excellent program of horse show events. The program is available online. The day's program includes:

- Working Dog Trials will operate within portable yards and up to 250 sheep.

- Horse showing events with seven rings in action
- Pony club section
- Carriage Driving events
- Food vans and children's entertainment.

Come and see us at the show!

Future Events

Stand by for the Third **Annual Kingston Rodeo** which is back on 12 January 2019 and that's not far away!

Dean and Newlyn Young Farmers will hold their second **Car and Truck Show** in Spring 2019.

National Carriage Driving Victoria will be conducting their second **Summer Championship Harness Show** in 2019. By the time you read this they will have conducted their first show on the grounds in December.

Adult Riding, cycling groups and weddings also plan to use the grounds in 2019.

We are always open to new ideas and bookings – school camps? Reunions? Markets? Festivals?

Can You Help?

Can you please assist us? A large amount of work goes into show preparation and maintaining and developing the grounds. We are aiming to give back to and involve the community, so if you can assist even for a short time to help at the Show, or at any other time throughout the year please get in touch with anyone on the committee (see our website). We always need mowers, gardeners, canteen assistants and managers, event stewards, setup, pack up, handy people, gate stewards, cleaners, office workers and more.

Sebastian Steenhuis

KAS Chairperson, 0400 863 350

Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November 2018



The 5th annual Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend was another huge success for Creswick and surrounds, attracting people from all over the state and beyond. In total there were 2444 garden visits to the six delightful and varied private gardens open to the public.

Many people had never visited Creswick previously, and commented on the beauty of the region, the friendliness of the people they met, and how they would return to explore the region further. Visitors shopped, ate and stayed overnight or longer and spent money in our businesses – exactly why the event was held. The weather was warm and sunny, ideal for exploring gardens!

The participating private gardens were all in the Creswick Township this year: *Charnwood*, featuring exotic and native plants; *Ophir*, an artist's garden, quirky, different and fun; *Noonameena*, a large country garden with sweeping lawns,

trees, roses, and perennials; *Rossmore*, a true cottage garden in full bloom using lots of imaginative ideas; *Mon Repose*, featuring 2.5 acres of mature trees with many delightful garden features; and finally *Alberton*, an inspired courtyard garden using artistic pieces reflecting the talents of the owners.

Commercial nurseries also participated. Lambley Nursery, Overwrought Sculpture Garden & Gallery, Newlyn Antiques & Cottage Garden Nursery, Bells Water Gardens, Maze House, Brenlissa Nursery, Spring Park Nursery and Creswick Nursery in Miss Northcott's Garden partnered with us this year.

Our community partners this year were John Curtin Aged Care, The Creswick Garden Club, the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, the Ballarat Bonsai Society and all our wonderful local volunteers who assisted with ticket sales and visitor information.

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 businesses by promoting our town and region. Profits are used for local Creswick and district projects. Last year \$1,000 was donated to the Kingston Avenue of Honour committee. Two projects of particular interest to Business & Tourism Creswick Inc. are the refurbishment of the Buried Rivers of Gold Drive and Ride Trail, and the Magic Pudding Playground, with the committee working to bring both these projects to fruition.

The organising committee is looking forward to finding more new, interesting quality local gardens for next year's event as we have many talented gardeners in our midst.

*Margaret Giles, Secretary,
Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.*



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CRESWICK GALA BALL FOR KEY RURAL YOUTH FOUNDATION

Thank you to Creswick from Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation

More than fifty young rural Victorians gathered in the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall on Saturday, 17 November, championing rural Victorian communities and celebrating the inaugural Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation (MSRF) Alumni Ball. The theme of the ball was Garden Party and the hall was decorated with beautiful hand-made floral decorations. (See photo on page 7)

If you are unfamiliar with the Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation, based in Creswick's old Post Office, it is a charity which understands skilled, resilient and motivated young people are the key to thriving Victorian rural and regional communities. Providing tertiary and vocational education scholarships, leadership development and mentoring opportunities, MSRF offers ongoing opportunities for young people to contribute to rural Victorian communities.

These contributions include MSRF programs run completely by alumni. One such program is *Dream Seeds*, supporting year 5 and 6 students to build aspiration, resilience and connections. Now in its tenth year, the MSRF alumni has grown to more than 300 engaged young people passionate about rural Victorian communities.

The Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall provided a perfect venue to celebrate a year of incredible achievements


including winning the South West TAFE and Deakin University's South West Regional Achiever Award and the Peoples' Choice Award at the Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards for their *Dream Seeds* program.

The Ball was a huge success thanks to the hard work of the organising team, the generous Creswick community, and served as a wonderful reminder of the giving nature of rural communities. MSRF staff and alumni are very grateful for the warm and generous support provided by members of the Creswick community. A number of people provided delicious supper and others provided flowers. Catherine Freemantle, from Harvest Cottage, Dean, generously provided the main wreath, structural parts of the decorations, and many of the flowers.

MSRF is looking forward to 2019 where it will continue its work supporting young rural Victorians and their communities, with a new name and brand identity.

Seasons Greetings to all. MSRF love being in the Creswick community and operating from such a wonderful old building! If you would like to find out more about MSRF's work, drop into the Old Post Office or contact CEO, Maryann Brown on 0439 463 333.

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- Father Christmas
- Newlyn Primary School
- Creswick Brass Band
- Kyneton Singers
- Daylesford Recorder Group
- Ballarat Ecumenical choir & many more...






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Carols at Newlyn see report on Page 3.

The Curiosity Spot?

Where is this place in the Creswick Ward, Hepburn Shire? Answer on page 17



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CRESWICK GARDEN CLUB - Flower Show Results

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Annual Flower Show. The wow-factor was much in evidence as people looked through the door. The exhibitors did their town proud. What a great job the Schools did with their Hanging Basket entries. North Creswick Primary School was the winner this year with a basket that would have done well at the Melbourne International Flower Show. Well done to all the Schools.

The three entries in the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch Challenge were all of a very high standard, with Jane Neville taking out the honours. Sadly, there were no children's entries this year, however, young Riley Craig made up for this with his champion entries in the Children's Section of the Show.

Other top exhibitors were - Iris - Shirley Minster; Roses - Leanne Murray; Best Cut Flower - Shirley Pollard; Best Shrub Exhibit - Janine Millar (from Yea); Best Container Plant - Heather Davidson. Best Exhibit of Fruit and Vegetables - Ailsa Ginifer; Best Craft Exhibit - Ellie van Oirschot; Best Preserve Exhibit - Jana Miljesic; Champion Exhibit Floral Art - Judy Bawden; Champion Exhibit in Horticulture - Shirley Minster. Congratulations to you all.

CWA SUPPORTS AUXILIARY : Quilt Raffle

Creswick CWA, which is now in recess, donated a hand-made quilt to the Creswick Hospital Auxiliary for use as the Auxiliary chose. The Auxiliary members decided to use the quilt as first prize in a raffle to raise funds to purchase bed furnishings for the hospital's Palliative Care Ward.

The raffle was well supported by locals and visitors, and, with Auxiliary members selling tickets in Albert Street over three days, raised \$686. The Auxiliary thanks all those who bought tickets and the CWA ladies for donating the quilt. Graham Cook of Springmount was drawn as the winner of the quilt with second prize going to Dianne Gray of Creswick.



CRESWICK – SMEATON RSL Poppy Appeal/Armistice Celebration

The RSL would like to take this opportunity to thank the generous Creswick and district community for their support during the Poppy Appeal. Over \$5,000 was raised and all money will be used for veterans' welfare via the Welfare Fund which is controlled by RSL Victoria and is available to any veteran for such support as:

- Relief from financial hardship;
- Household repairs and maintenance;
- Crisis accommodation;
- Assistance with employment pathways;
- Combatting social isolation.

The Remembrance service at Creswick was well attended which was very pleasing to see as there was also the Kingston service which attracted a very large crowd.

The Centenary of the Armistice and the Avenue of Honour at Kingston event was a huge success with the commemorative parade led by the Light Horse Troop and the Creswick Scouts group which acted as our flag bearers. Other organisations which took part included members of the 39th Battalion Association, the Military Brotherhood Military Motorcycle Club, the 300 Army Cadet Unit from Ballarat (who also formed our Catafalque Party) and local schoolchildren. Thanks to Kingston, Friends of the Avenue for organizing the event and to the Creswick Brass Band and The Honorable Michael Ronaldson, amongst others, for supporting the service.

The *Battle's Over* service at the Creswick cenotaph was also very moving. Thanks to the Railway Workshops for providing chairs for both events and the Creswick Bakery for the donation of food in the RSL Hall after the Creswick service.

Alan Morris —

Creswick-Smeaton RSL Sub Branch

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SUPERMARKET

As the new supermarket rises on the eastern side of Albert Street, and a steady stream of sober patrons emerge from the (former) *British Hotel*, the *For Sale* sign on *Foodworks* window strikes a note for history. Not since 26 March, 1871 has the site been vacant, when the original *British Hotel* and two adjoining shops were razed by fire. Contrary to some belief, these buildings had been saved from the 1860 Great Fire, which led to the 1861 formation of the Creswick Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The vacant blocks were sold three months later - and here's food for thought. The *British* corner, with Albert Street frontage of twenty-six feet and 234 feet depth, sold for £399 (£9/15/- per foot). The second block realised £302/10/- and the third £248/5/-.

Those Albert Street prices indicate land values in Creswick's growing commercial area. A then local comparison might be found in the sale of large residential blocks on Church Hill for £3.

Any comparison with this century is fraught with danger, not only because of the change to decimal currency. In the lead-up to Federation, the Australian colonies dealt in British silver and copper coins and newly minted Australian sovereigns (worth about £1) and half sovereigns. When the light dawned on the futility of transporting gold back to England, and returning it as coin, Mints had been erected in Sydney and Melbourne.

However back to the fire of 1871. Rev Thomas Williams (artistic Lindsays' grandfather) was preaching that morning at the Wesleyan (Victoria Street) Anniversary Services. Hearing the fire bell, he quickly pronounced the Benediction, and strode down to assist the Volunteer Fire Brigade. Three other clergymen (Revs Pyne, Williams, and Coombe) were also seen '*working lustily*' to avoid a repeat of the 1860 disaster.

The Rev Pyne, of the Church of England, is recorded for his assiduous efforts in the 1869 establishment of the Creswick Grammar School.

The *Creswick Advertiser* (27 March, 1871) reported the first flames had been seen issuing from the garret window of the hotel servant's room, the blaze then destroying the

main building and the two adjacent shops. Fortunately, the wind was blowing from the south, otherwise nothing could have saved that western side of Albert Street from another disaster.

The *Advertiser* noted, '*The Fire Brigade members worked willingly, with a daring and sacrifice in every way praiseworthy. We must not forget, however, to mention a complaint of Captain Orr and other members of the Brigade about the want of police protection*'. Apparently the crowd hindered operations. '*The hydrant was broken and couplings severed. If the Brigade were unmolested, they would have managed things effectively, and had the fire more under control some time earlier. We trust the Fire Brigade will weekly thoroughly test their apparatus, so that when their aid is required they may be able to promptly and effectively render it.*'

Rev Thomas spent his afternoon resting (?) with his grandson, Percy, in the first family home (not *Lisnacrieve*) before leading Evening Worship, at the Victoria Street church.

The *Advertiser* (March 24) had written of him, '*We need say nothing of a minister so popular and so deservedly esteemed save than to express a hope that he will receive the gratification of preaching to a crowded church*'. After the Service, the *Advertiser* editor wrote, Rev Thomas '*preached to a large congregation, who appeared to fully appreciate the words of wisdom of their old minister and superintendent*'.

The fire of preaching is never extinguished! As for thirsts, *The British* erected a temporary bar the following day!



*Huntley's Foodstores and the British Hotel, 1966
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Remembrance Day – Battle's Over

On the evening of Remembrance Day, locals Suzi Koene and Philip Greenbank took part in the world wide event *Battle's Over*.

A small crowd gathered at the Creswick Cenotaph to hear the story behind *Battle's Over* and the various events which would travel around the world. At 6:55pm, Creswick Light Horse Bugler - Suzi Koene with her World War I bugle played the Last Post - one of three buglers in Australia and 1,200 worldwide taking part and then followed at 7:05pm by Hepburn Shire Town Crier, Philip Greenbank who read the *Cry for Peace Around the World*. Philip was one of thirteen Town Criers in Australia and 224 worldwide who took part.

*Philip Greenbank President
Australasian Guild of Town Criers (AGTC)
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PAVILION ARTS

Thanks to All

Pavilion Arts would like to express their thanks to the many locals who helped put together the Art Exhibition, assisted with the Textile Exhibition and of course the Magic Pudden Walk. These exhibitions would not have happened without the support of local business, lots of volunteers, as well as many of Creswick's artists and craft persons.

More than 400 locals and tourists passed through the doors of the Town Hall and experienced the creative talent in the town. Pavilion Arts would also like to thank the Hepburn Shire for allowing use of the refurbished Town Hall. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

Peter Haley for Pavilion Arts Creswick

A Very Big Thankyou

A very big thank you to everyone who has looked after my mental and physical health, my garden, run me around, visited, brought flowers, prayed for me, and more, over the last few weeks whilst I have been in hospital. You know who you are.

A very special thankyou to the staff at Creswick Hospital, Community Health and Shannon's Bridge. The love and care you have all shown me is amazing and very humbling. Creswick is so fortunate to have the resources we have. I am so lucky to have people and friends who care. God Bless and lots of love. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Maria Marco



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AVENUE OF HONOUR CENTENARY AT KINGSTON 11 NOVEMBER



It's not every day a local landscape heads the ABC National News. The Kingston Friends of the Avenue were thrilled to see the Avenue of Honour, Obelisk and Commemorative Parade on the 7.00pm News on Remembrance Day.

The event was a huge success and we found the response to the establishment of a *Perpetual Trust* very encouraging. The Friends will now direct their energies towards achieving this end.

Seasons Greetings

Julie Baulch

on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue

Photos clockwise from top left:

- *Creswick Light Horse Troop in parade (photo Terry Hope)*
- *Catafalque Party standing guard while Creswick Scouts lay a wreath (photo by Prue Cappell)*
- *Performing The Kingston Avenue of Honour Song (photo by Prue Cappell)*
- *Duncan Brown Piper (photo by Prue Cappell)*
- *President of Creswick Smeaton RSL during the Service (photo Terry Hope)*
- *Lilli-Bowyer, Daylesford Secondary College (photo Terry Hope)*

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For those new to the concept, pump tracks can be ridden by riders of varied ability on bikes, scooters or skateboards. They feature a series of interlinked loops of undulating track with banked corners or berms. Riders shift their body weight or 'pump' to generate momentum around the track. Asphalt tracks are the new industry standard and this alone will be a significant visitor draw card for Creswick.

Upgrade of the existing car parking will be the next development to take place at Hammon Park, with consultation sessions held on 3 December and construction of the 100km mountain bike trail network to begin early in 2019.

The Creswick Trails Project is funded by Regional Development Victoria for \$2.56m. For further information, contact Hepburn Shire on telephone 5348 2306.

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December 3, 1918

Rocky Lead – Flower day was duly celebrated in the local school, when competitions in flowers and school work were held. A splendid spirit of friendly rivalry was displayed among the exhibitors.

December 6, 1918

Next Sunday (8th) the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in connection with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will commence, when special thanksgiving services will be conducted by the Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A. Suitable music will be rendered by the choir. The committee hopes that all members and adherents will endeavour to be present at these services.

December 10, 1918

A meeting of the members of the church choirs and others interested will be held in the bank chambers on Wednesday (to-morrow) evening, at 8 o'clock, to arrange for a sacred concert on Christmas night, in aid of the local hospital.

December 13, 1918

Preparing for Epidemic- Pneumonic Influenza

A meeting was held at the local town hall on Tuesday evening of representatives of the Creswick Shire and Borough Councils, to decide on some line of action in the event of an epidemic of pneumonic (Spanish) influenza occurring in Australia and spreading to these municipalities.

December 17, 1918

Kangaroo Hills – Harvesting- Harvesting is in full swing round here, some good crops are being cut, and some very light ones. A large area is being put in for potatoes, and the rain will greatly improve them, thirty six points being in the last fall.

December 20, 1918

Several cases against lads for failing to attend military drill were listed for hearing at the Creswick Court yesterday, but owing to the inability of Mr. Harris, P.M., to attend, they were adjourned till 11th January.

December 24, 1918

Dean - The Higher Elementary School, at Dean, has again been unfortunate in losing one of its staff, Mr. Kennedy having been transferred to the Agricultural High School, Wangaratta. At the conclusion of the "Break up" festivities – when "Father Xmas" presented each child with a toy – a handsome leather suit case was presented to Mr. Kennedy in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the school and district during his short sojourn there.

December 31, 1918

Several Creswick Firemen visited the Talbot Boxing Day Sports on Thursday, and they participated in the distribution of the prizes. In the one man champion event Captain H. Bowley, off 2 yards, divided first and second with another competitor. The No. 2 Creswick team, comprising Captain Bowley and Firemen M. Heagney and P. Featherstone, took second prize in the three man disabled hose event.



Creswick Cemetery News SELF-GUIDED TOUR

On behalf of the Creswick Cemetery I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

It has been noted that people are moving and/or taking items from graves in the monumental sections. Please have some respect for our ancestors and their families, if it isn't yours – don't touch it!

Old pathways at the cemetery are being revamped with new gravel so that walking through the cemetery will be a much more comfortable experience when you follow our new self-guided tour of the Miners and Notable Citizens graves. Brochures will be available at the information Centre.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

MUSIC NEWS Festive Season Celebrations

The Christmas season is the perfect way to finish off what has been a remarkable year of musical activity. The Nine Lessons and Carols at the Anglican Cathedral on Sunday, 16 December at 7.00pm will be one of the highlights of the festive season. With guests Regina Coeli, VOX and the Creswick Brass Ensemble, this will be a wonderful service for the whole family.

In January, the *Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields Festival* returns with another great program of instrumental and vocal music over ten days.

Bronislaw Sozanski

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**Creswick
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The Garden Club would like to advise that the winners of the Creswick Garden Club Inc. raffle held in November, have been notified. Thanks to everyone for their support.

The Garden Club meetings will re-commence on Tuesday, 5 February with a lunch at 12.30pm.

On Wednesday, 27 March, there will be a bus trip to the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. The cost of \$45 Includes entry to the Show.

On Saturday, 30 March Creswick Garden Club presents Jane Edmanson, ABC Gardening Presenter, at RACV Goldfields Resort, cost for the day \$65 per person. For Bookings call Phyllis on 5345 2514 or 0418 303 405.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Phyllis Wright

Creswick Ladies Gym Come and Join Us

On Saturday mornings local ladies meet up at the Melbourne University Gym, top end of Water Street, for one hour of exercise 9.00am – 10.00am. The gym is well equipped with exercise machines. Brent Rogers is the Supervisor and is a fully qualified trainer who has a contract with the University. The cost is \$10 per session which covers the University's fee, Brent's time and expertise.

There is no age limit, most of the ladies are in the sixty to eighty plus age range, but younger ladies are more than welcome. You only do the amount of exercise that is suitable for you. If you are interested, you are more than welcome to join us in the New Year. There's always lots of laughter and it is a great start to the weekend.

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Farewell to Fr Ryan Bennett

Readers will be sad to learn that Fr Ryan Bennett, parish priest of the Anglican Parish of Springmount including Creswick, Clunes, Newlyn and Learmonth churches, will be leaving early in the new year.

Since his incumbency in 2013, Fr Ryan has worked energetically in new and innovative ways to minister to the parish. One of his major achievements was obtaining the historic Fincham & Hobday organ from the Uniting Church in Barkly Street, Ballarat before the church was sold in 2015. With the assistance of many sponsorships and donations, the organ was installed at St John's Creswick and finally re-launched in April 2016.

The innovation and subsequent success of the Four Seasons Music Festival, showcasing the organs at St John's at Creswick and at St Paul's at Clunes can also be largely attributable to Fr Ryan's energy and verve. In 2018, more than a dozen concerts were held across the Parish featuring a wonderful array of musicians.

We wish Fr Ryan all the best with his further studies in Theology. His enthusiasm, pastoral care and innovative ministry will be sadly missed by parishioners and all Creswickians.

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End of Year Wrap-up

Creswick North School was very proud of the students' win in the inaugural Schools' Hanging Basket Competition at the Creswick Flower Show. There was also success in the fruit and vegetable and shrub sections. Hard work has been done throughout this year on developing the School's focus on Sustainability and this will continue next year.



Students were recently treated to a range of healthy fruit via *Walk to School October*, but school continued this throughout the rest of the year. Students and staff have really enjoyed this morning exercise with lessons on healthy eating continuing into classrooms.

As the year gets closer to the end, there are a number of activities planned for students and families. This includes a visit to the Melbourne Zoo for Grades F-2, a visit to the Ballarat Regent Cinema, Grade 6 Big Day Out at Xtreme Bounce/Ten Pin Bowling, Grade 6 Graduation, School Sports and finally the End of Year Family BBQ/Awards Night.

Soon goodbye will be said to the nine Grade 6 students who have all had a wonderful time at the school and wish them all the best for the future.

Lastly, I would like to say a big thank you to all staff, students, School Council, families, the local community and everyone involved at Creswick North, for a fantastic year! I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas!

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BAND NEWS

Christmas is coming! No doubt you will see the Band out and about caroling around the district. By the time you read this, the Band will have played at the Creswick Health Services Market, Clunes Christmas March, Creswick Carols by Candlelight, Newlyn Carols, and they will be providing the brass for Carols services at the Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals in Ballarat....phew!! Then, after a short break, the Band will be at Maryborough for the Highland Gathering, which is always a bit of fun.

The Band made its regular trip across the border to the Mt Gambier Christmas Parade and associated Band Competition. A fun weekend was had catching up with banding colleagues, dressing up for the Christmas Parade, and playing in the afternoon stage contest. The latter was a successful outing, winning the C Grade section - Creswick's first victory in C Grade for over forty years – very exciting for the Band to taste success so soon after entering this Grade!

The Band would like to thank Jess from Portland Band, and Hartley, an ex-member who came along to help out. And a super-special thank you to the trombones – covering a late withdrawal due to illness, thank you to Richard who moved from second to first, and a big thank you to Lucan from the Youth Brass, who stepped in at the last minute, learnt the parts in two days, and not only that, played a solo too – fantastic effort!

It's been a wonderful year for the Band, where we won the Nationals, and our first C Grade Comp since the 1970s, increased our membership, finally got ourselves a new tuba, and have seen our Youth Brass go from strength to strength. One thing is certain, there would not have been such success without the wonderful support from the Creswick Community. We appreciate everything that we get from all of you, whether it's financial support, or an encouraging word of praise.

The Band wishes you all a happy and safe Christmas.

Roger Clark

News from Senior Citizens

The Social Day for November is the Seniors way of closing a year full of activities and companionship. And what a way to close – with the beautiful combination of well-known tunes and the rousing music of the Vintage Brass band.

The final Scrabble and Euchre days will be 19 and 21 December, returning on 9 January for Scrabble and 11 January for Euchre.

The loss of two of our most loved members has saddened all members of the Club. Beryl Anderton, a valued, outspoken member for many years, will be missed, as will the quiet, keen card player, Henry Warren. Condolences to both families.

Thanks go to the CDN team for keeping up the Seniors news each month.

All the best for the Festive Season. Seasons Greetings to our members and friends. See you next year.

June Gray, 5334 6526

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Monday December 17, Ceremony of Remembrance for those with a child who has died *Ballarat General Cemetery (Cnr Lydiard and Norman St) 5.30pm Gold coin donation BYO chairs and blankets*

Wednesday December 19, Newlyn Carols, 5.30pm, Scrub Hill Uniting Church All welcome

Friday December 21, Saturday 22, Sunday December 23, Santa in Creswick at RSL Hall 5.00pm – 7.00pm Meet Santa take own photos or have them taken at a small fee

Monday December 24, Christmas Carols, Smeaton Presbyterian Church, Supper to follow

Saturday January 19, 2019, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Saturday January 26, Australia Day Breakfast, Park Lake (near tennis courts) Ceremony 8.00am

Thursday March 7, Hospital Luncheon, Creswick and District Hospital Auxiliary

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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. Ph 5345 1310

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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

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Creswick Lions Club second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Peter Cowie 0419 899 810, Secretary Carolyn Gargiulo 0417 349 049, Membership Chairperson Bernardette Tacey 0419 326 052

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

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

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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

Goldfields Spinners - every second Friday from 10.30am at Railway Station, Creswick Rebecca 0416 843 847, Fiona 0402 181 925

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