

## Flower and Homecrafts Show



*Stan Haintz, Best Preserves Exhibitor  
See report on page 17. Photo by Wayne-Rex Brereton*

## Hundreds Farewell David Blake

A large crowd recently attended the funeral for local man, David Blake, at the Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve. David, the youngest of six children of David Snr (decd) and Nancy, grew up in Creswick and attended Creswick North Primary School. With his own Plastering Business, David as a younger man played sport with both the Creswick Imperials Cricket Club and the Creswick Football Netball Club.

Since his death, tributes have come from many people, clubs and work places for David who was seen as a loved family member and valued friend.

Sincere sympathy and condolences are expressed to David's mother Nancy and the Blake family at this sad time for them.



## Australia Day Breakfast

**Sunday, 26 January**

**Park Lake, Creswick (near tennis courts)**

**Ceremony commencing at 8.00am**

**Followed by Breakfast**

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

**Local achievers will again be acknowledged.**

Please advise Pat Tacey by email [tacey55@gmail.com](mailto:tacey55@gmail.com) of anyone who has achieved a personal award, a group award or success during 2019.

**Tickets (free), for catering purposes, will be available from the Creswick Hub and the Visitor Information Centre from 7 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 if you can assist.

**Please note that in the event of a Code Red Fire day this event will be cancelled.**



**Janelle Howell**

**Appointed State Commissioner Girl Guides Victoria**

**See report on page 5**

## 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. All contributions are accepted in good faith with no intention or desire to misinform or offend. Articles must carry the name, phone number and/or email address of the sender. The Editor reserves the right to edit or not publish any article. Views expressed are not necessarily those of The CDN Team.

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#### Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve

Christmas Eucharist

5.30pm St Paul's, Templeton St, Clunes

7.30pm St Matthew's,  
Reservoir Rd. Newlyn

9.30pm St John's, Napier St, Creswick

#### Wednesday 25 December

**Christmas Day, Birth of our Lord**

9.00am Christmas Eucharist

All Saints', High St, Learmonth

#### 29 December

**First Sunday after Christmas**

10.30am Eucharist- All Saints' Learmonth

**5 January The Epiphany,**

**Second Sunday after Christmas**

5.00pm Eucharist - St Matthew's, Newlyn

**12 January First Sunday after Epiphany,  
Baptism of our Lord**

10.30am Eucharist - St John's, Creswick

#### 19 January

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

10.30am Eucharist - St Paul's, Clunes

#### 26 January

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

10.30am Eucharist -  
All Saints' Learmonth

## St Peter's Parish, Daylesford and St Augustine's Parish, Creswick

### Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve

7.00pm - St Augustine's, Creswick

9.00pm - St Peter's, Daylesford

#### Christmas Morning

8.45am - St Augustine's, Creswick

10.00am - St Peter's, Daylesford



### CAROLS

#### SMEATON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Everyone welcome to join in the  
Christmas Carols

Tuesday, 24 December at 7.30  
Supper will be served  
following the Carols



## creswick Rainfall

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

	2017	2018	2019
	mm	mm	mm
January	34	30	3
February	37	6.5	23
March	44.4	30	15
April	106.5	17	13.5
May	39.5	93.5	161.5
June	12.5	68	133.5
July	72.7	79	65
August	59.3	70.5	98
September	51.5	22	57.5
October	64	33.5	34
November	55.1	40	71
December	58.5	80	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>675</b>

***The CDN Team extends  
Season's Greeting to all  
our readers.***

***We look forward to your  
continuing interest and  
support during 2020.***





## Australia Day Breakfast

**Park Lake – 8.00am**

The Creswick Community will again conduct the Australia Day Breakfast at Park Lake on Sunday, 26 January from 8.00am. This event is funded by the Hepburn Shire and hosted by the co-operative efforts of Creswick Lions Club, Creswick & District Historical Society, Creswick-Smeaton RSL, Creswick Football Netball Club, Creswick Scouts and Venturers, Mount Prospect Tennis Club and Creswick Walking Group. Members of the community and visitors are invited to participate in the flag raising ceremony, enjoy a free sumptuous breakfast and mingle.

As part of the celebrations, *Creswick Achievers For 2019*, will be recognised. If you know of a community member who has received a notable award or personal/group success during 2019, please advise:

Pat Tacey at [tacey55@gmail.com](mailto:tacey55@gmail.com) or

Alan Morris at [agmorris@outlook.com.au](mailto:agmorris@outlook.com.au)

with a short description of the achievement.

*Pat Tacey*

## Mini-Cyclone in Creswick

On Thursday, 21 November wind gusts to 95km/hr were recorded at Ballarat Airport. In Creswick the winds were estimated to be even stronger causing extensive damage, including huge trees blown down, some causing road closures, damaged fences, and roof tiles blown off houses.

The large eucalypt in Rogers Street, pictured below, narrowly missed the garage but brought down the back fence and power lines. Similar dramatic damage was wide spread.



## Release of Creswick Trails Project Concept Trail Alignments

### *Public Feedback sought*

The Concept Trail Alignments, a series of maps showing where the Creswick Trails are proposed to go, is now live on the Creswick Trails website. This Project involves the construction of 100 kilometres of mountain bike and shared use trails around the township of Creswick.

Up until 20 January 2020, public feedback is being sought on the Concept Trail Alignments, which have been designed following consultation with Land Managers and expert assessments of the area's cultural, historical and ecological values.

### **Community Meeting**

**Wednesday 15 January 2020**

**6.00-8.00pm at Creswick Town Hall.**

Surveys on the Concept Trail Alignments and Hammon Park Master Plan and events are available on the website.

The completed Creswick Trails will feature a variety of trail types and ride zones, including a series of adaptive trails designed and constructed specifically for riders, who have limitations riding a standard, up right, leg powered mountain bike.

*Alison Breach*

*Project Manager - Creswick Trail*

*[abreach@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:abreach@hepburn.vic.gov.au) or 0428 183 930*

## Friends of Park Lake

The Friends of Park Lake and especially the Pixies, wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and successful 2020. The friends would welcome more members and helpers in 2020. The new President, Mena Turville, is fired with enthusiasm. She deserves your support, as does your Botanical Reserve, which will celebrate its 160th birthday during the year. A special thank you to all who have helped on the 'Rake and Burn' days. You are beautiful people and your help was magnificent.

### **Severe Damage**

The Park suffered severe damage from those terrifying cyclonic winds in November. The Friends thank the Hepburn Shire Council for its prompt action in clearing away the fallen trees and branches.

With warm greetings to all.

Pixie Val - 5345 1310

# Creswick's Mineral Spring: Another Hidden Treasure

*Originally printed in the CDN in November 2002*

Little has been heard of Creswick's own mineral water spring presently discharging at two points in the town. The spring was first noticed in the 1850s when the Chinese reportedly used it for washing for gold on the east side of Nuggety Gully, contaminating the waters and thereby creating a near riot with other miners.

A 1904 report in the *Creswick Advertiser* revealed that an analysis of the spring water had just been received, the sample taken from near Mr Spinner's residence at the junction of Ballarat/Melbourne roads. It noted that the sample contained free carbonic acid gas. Dr Wilson, 1904 Borough Mayor, provided his expert opinion in the following analysis:

*'Will make an excellent table water; drink Ad Lib.;*

*Free from contamination of organic matter;*

*Contains a fair proportion of iron, more than better-known waters of New-Zealand;*

*Magnesium salts will give good value in gouty and rheumatic conditions;*

*Iron present, suitable cases of anaemia and general debility;*

*Calcium present of value in rickets, bone and nervous diseases;*

*Would require well sunk, free from any source of contamination from drainage;*

*Would require to be further charged with carbonic acid gas for bottling for transport;*

*Water would keep well.'*

A meeting in 1926 initiated a review of the water's history and the possibility of its commercial use. The Borough councillors sought advice of former miners of the quartz reef, which runs North/South between Napier and Church Streets, beneath St Augustine's and St John's churches. A Mr Knapman, who worked on the claim, was unsure of the shaft's location but believed it was opposite a Mr Judd's house, today believed to be in the Semmens Avenue west area.

It was revealed that a mine-shaft was sunk and, when the reef was located, water flooded the mine in volume so great that a tunnel was dug to drain the water toward the creek. The tunnel followed a line from beneath the Napier St and Ballarat Rd junction, under the present roadway, to discharge behind Tait's shop (cnr of Albert and South Streets). It is understood that the tunnel successfully drained the shaft but, after two good crushings of stone, the

gold petered out and the mine was abandoned.

As the water was known to be mineral water, but without gas at the outlet, this could have been lost in the long tunnel, the meeting decided to seek the services of Mr Baragwanath, Director of Geological Survey, and the support of Sir Alexander Peacock to investigate the water quality and possible commercial use, bathing or drinking. A subscription list was commenced and donations of thirty-two pounds, one shilling, were collected.

Prior to that meeting, attempts were made to access the water using a plug of clay placed in the tunnel near where it crosses under the Melbourne Rd/Albert St junction to allow it to fill with water then access the water near Napier St. The water pressure soon forced the plug to collapse and it was believed that water obtained in this way would be contaminated with other ground water. An earlier attempt, by access to the tunnel near St Andrew's Church was not pursued although water was found.

The latest attempt to develop the spring was in 1941 when the late Cr E.J. Semmens and Mr Rod Tait of the Progress Association proposed the acquisition of land for a small public park at its outlet, of which nothing further has been heard. It is interesting to note that support for any attempt to use the water came from very notable and prominent citizens of the day, including J.A. Graham (Author of *Early Creswick*) and W.G. Spence, (founder of Australian Labor Party) who expressed faith in the potential of mineral water based on several analysts' reports.

Since then, the question of using the water has rarely been raised; the practical difficulties of accessing the water and the lack of gas in the water deterred positive action. However, that water continues to run down the tunnel to the rear of Tait's building and also leaches into the gully behind the first houses in Hyde Park Rd, crossing that road in a red-coloured gutter to drain into Nuggety Gully.

There is a proven source of mineral water in the town (possibly without gas). Analytical reports have proved its potential commercial use, and the flow has been sustained for well over 100 years.

But how and where to gain access and contain wastage through the existing tunnel. In this day and age it would seem that when the practical difficulties of access to the water are overcome then a cost benefit study might reveal what has truly been a 'Hidden Treasure' in Creswick over all these years.

*J.F.S.*

# Janelle Howell

## *Appointed as State Commissioner Girl Guides Victoria*



Recently Janelle Howell, the daughter of local residents, Diane and Peter Howell, was announced as the next State Commissioner of Girl Guides Victoria. Janelle spent her childhood in Creswick and attended Creswick Primary School.

As an eight-year-old, Janelle joined Girl Guides in Creswick and has strong memories of her time

working towards badges and camping at the Creswick guide camp Lingbogol situated in North Creswick. She remembers one of her Guide leaders, Elizabeth Lockett in Creswick who made a lasting impression on her.

More recently, Janelle has been a member of the Girl Guides Victoria (GGV) Executive. She has also been the Victorian appointed Director on the Girl Guides Australia (GGA) Board and contributed to a range of other governance activities across finance, risk and insurance.

Janelle brings a wide range of professional experience gained in the corporate and not-for-profit sectors in Australia and the United Kingdom (where Janelle was located for twelve years) to the Commissioner's role. Alongside having a Masters in Risk Management, Janelle is a qualified primary school teacher, librarian, and has more than five years' experience in residential school boarding house environments. Currently she is employed as the Head of Governance - Insurance with National Australia Bank based in Melbourne.

Starting as a youth in Creswick selling Girl Guides biscuits, Janelle has a long legacy of volunteering over most of her life. It was also something she saw through the role model of her parents. Peter was an active member of the Creswick

Apex club and Diane, for many years delivered Meals on Wheels on a Wednesday – Janelle and her brothers would help Diane during the school holidays. Janelle has held several Board positions, contributed skilled volunteering and leadership with charities including the Edmund Rice Camps, which provides camping experiences for children and families experiencing disadvantage.

She brings a strong understanding and appreciation for the work of the current and previous State Commissioners and the Guiding Teams. Janelle aims to use her term as State Commissioner to amplify the Voice of the Girl through support of Leaders, enhancing leadership culture and experience.

While her term does not commence until February 2020, since the announcement of her appointment in October 2019, Janelle has already been visiting many of the Guide Units across Victoria including remaking her Girl Guide Promise with the Chiltern Girl Guides and attending the 75th Anniversary Celebrations in Leongatha.

Regarding her appointment Janelle says, *'I am excited to meet the many Girl Guides around the state who are having fun, learning skills for the outdoors and for life, raising their voice and serving their community. I am also looking forward to getting to know the wonderful volunteer Girl Guide leaders and supporters who deliver great Guiding experiences for girls and young women across Victoria. Over the coming months, as I learn more about the finer details of Guiding in Victoria, I will seek to collaborate with the State and Management Teams, the talented District Managers and Unit Leaders as well as the Olaves, Trefoil Guild and other amazing volunteers who make Guiding possible'.*

If you are interested in volunteering with Girl Guides in the local area, please contact Louisa Watts at [gramprians@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:gramprians@guidesvic.org.au).

## **Yvonne Ginifer Receives Her Medal**

In the June edition of *Creswick District News*, an article was included about Yvonne's extensive overseas work which led to her being awarded the prestigious Florence Nightingale Award. She was recently presented with her medal at Government House, Canberra. Congratulations Yvonne.





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## VALE JEAN PASCO



*Jean Pasco in her Albert Street garden*  
*Photo by Sandy Campbell*

Well-known local resident Jean Pasco died on Sunday, 24 November after a short stay in Hospital.

Jean was well known in the community for her love of gardening and had a short list of things she loved: her garden, crosswords, reading, peas and chocolate! And of course the cricket. How could that be forgotten?

A local resident, Sandy Campbell, recalls Jean and another local woman, Heather Leishman, reminiscing about their childhood, youth and young adulthood. Both women had lived their entire lives in and around the district. They seemed to know 'everybody'.

The Pasco history is very interesting, but Jean was a Williams and her family history is equally interesting. Living in Dean before moving into Creswick, up on Slaughteryard Hill, as it was once known. Jean was one of ten children. She talked about her family not having much money, but were always dressed cleanly and always well fed.

Jean talked of how her dad rode his bicycle to Sebastapol and back every day during the week to work at the Munitions Factory during the War. They didn't have a car and as there was no public transport he was not given a choice, he was 'directed' to report for duty.

Jean's mum died at the age of sixty, her life was regimented by the needs of raising her brood, washing, cooking and mending. Different times then. Jean had to get her elder sister's permission to take up her first job. She was expected to help raise the younger children. She was up early in the morning to help the younger children dress, get their breakfast and make lunches, then get them off to school, before going to 'work' herself. She worked in the Fruit and Vegetable Shop that was then situated down near Krackerjacks in Albert Street.

The floods of 2010 and 2011 saw Jean leave the family home and after a stay in Ballarat returned to Creswick where she chose to stay in her own home as part of the Creswick community.

Sympathy and condolences are extended to sons, David and Anthony Pasco, and Jean's extended family.

# The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett



I am very prone to melancholy. There, I've said it. Not 'depression' as such, but melancholy none-the-less. Don't know why, had it all my life.

Throughout my life, the things that have rescued me from states of sadness have been the natural world, in all its glory – and art, as I became a little older. I was drawn to art because of the possibilities it held. In art, one can revel in the beauty of the world, one can invent and imagine new things, one can make possible dreams. In nature, one can be so overwhelmed by the sheer unbelievable number of possibilities that actually have occurred to bring us all here – the plants, the fish, the birds and all us animals.

To try to keep myself grounded in all this parade and to keep some sense of the magic of time, I keep a few found treasures on my desk. Three stones and a fist size piece of fossilized wood that I found when camping in desert country on the NSW/QLD/SA border. From its now stoney growth rings, the tree was clearly a conifer – only the gods know how old it is, probably from the Gondwana period when our continent was joined to the Antarctic and well south of where we are now and way long before eucalypts arrived.

The second treasure I have is a fossil of a fish (and coral) that I found on the very top of Mt Ida near Heathcote. So far inland for us now this was once the bottom of the ocean. The third stone, a meteorite about the size of a hen's egg that I found in Central Australia. One can only imagine where it has come from and when.

My last great treasure to declare – feathers. As I walk, and watch, and listen, I often pick up bird feathers. These two in particular, one from a Red Tailed Black Cockatoo, the other, not sure – looks like a raptor though. Possibly a hawk or an owl. They constantly amaze me on so many levels. Their colour, their lightness, and the fact they have evolved with the ability to fly – except for emus and penguins of course. And to think that feathers are an evolutionary adaptation from dinosaur scales. Our modern day birds are the surviving offspring of the dinosaurs. Every afternoon, when I feed my wattlebird and get her loud squawk, I just think of her as my own little dinosaur and I am enthralled by the timescale that has brought us both here.

Contemplating these things helps to give me a perspective on my own life, and where I fit in.



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## Understand fire conditions Prepare for the Fire Season

The State Government has recently released a hard-hitting new advertising campaign that will reinforce the deadly risks of fire and the importance of planning and preparing for the fire season, as Victoria heads towards a long, hot and dry season.

Victoria is one of the most fire-prone areas in the world and everyone needs to understand just how devastating fire can be, no matter where they live.

The 'How well do you know fire?' campaign will run across television, radio, print, digital, social, and outdoor media to highlight the deadly risk fire poses and the importance of planning and preparing for the season.

Radiant heat from a bushfire can kill from 300 metres away, and a single ember can start a new fire from forty kilometres away. This advertising campaign is designed to ensure Victorians are prepared this bushfire season, after research found many people were becoming complacent about their personal bushfire risk.

Victorians and communities need to start preparing themselves for the fire season:

- visit [www.vic.gov.au/knowfire](http://www.vic.gov.au/knowfire) to plan and prepare and
- download the **VicEmergency app** to your phone now to in order to receive emergency information and warnings.

## EMERGENCIES

### PREPARING FOR THE FIRE SEASON

Recent interstate fires serve as a reminder of the changing face of emergencies. Winter rains have resulted in increased vegetation growth. Private property owners have a responsibility to reduce fire risk by keeping vegetation under control. The Country Fire Authority website has relevant information.

## PRESERVING THE PAST

### Local History Grants Now Available

Local history groups looking to preserve, record, and share their town's history are being encouraged to apply for the Public Record Office Victoria's Local History Grants Program. Applications are now open for grants of up to \$15,000.

Projects previously supported through the program include the digitisation and preservation of newspapers, cataloguing of objects and records, the development and production of exhibitions and the purchase of high standard storage and display cases.

The Local History Grants Program is now open to all not-for-profit community groups. Applications close at midnight on 8 January 2020. For further information or to apply, visit: <https://prov.vic.gov.au/community/grantsandawards/local-history-grants-program>

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition *Pavilion Arts Creswick*

Friday night 29 November saw the opening of the Seventh Annual Arts Exhibition. Artists living or working in the district displayed their talents in the recently revamped Creswick Town Hall. Keynote speaker Malcom Sanders from Regional Arts Victoria praised the collaborative spirit of the artists who created this event with Pavilion Arts, who facilitated it. This champagne event (French) has become one of the most coveted invitations in town. Treated to a first class table, compliments rained on those who produced this beautiful feast.

Featuring for the first time the new modular panels designed by Ian Kronberger and manufactured by the Creswick Men's Friendship Shed, this innovative system facilitated the manipulation of space, light and shade.

Pavilion Arts Creswick gratefully acknowledges the funding received from sponsors; Hepburn Shire Council, Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch and other donors.

The quality of the work has increased every year. The nationally renowned artists, present and future, have shone once more. Culminating in solid sales, this Exhibition has

paved the way for a brilliant eighth Annual Art Exhibition in 2020.

Pavilion Arts and Sustainability has a full calendar of events for the coming year. The first is the All Australian Disco and Dance on Saturday, 25 January 2020. Look for more detail in coming weeks. This fundraiser at the Town Hall is the first of many events planned by Pavilion Arts & Sustainability dedicated to the Community Arts Centre initiative.

*Audrey Winther, Secretary*



*Robin Taylor, Russell and Marija Bowey and Ro Bancroft*





## Did you know bushfires kill from **300m** away?

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Bep Gouw beside *My Glass Head* at Pavilion Arts Creswick's 7th Annual Art Exhibition





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# Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend Saturday, 9 and Sunday, 10 November 2019

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The sixth 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 3,852 garden visits to the ten private gardens open to the public – despite the cold, wet and windy weather!

Many visitors returned to Creswick specifically for the event, as well as others who had not 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 the town's businesses – exactly why the event was held.

With ten diverse private gardens participating, visitors were offered two distinct garden trails: the Creswick Township Loop of *Castyljayde*, *Mon Repose*, *Ophir*, *Shirley's Garden* and *Vention Cottage*; and the Country Garden Loop of *Field House*, *Hedgerow*, *Petyan*, *Thyme Cottage* and *Yeramba*.

Local commercial nurseries participating were: Bells Water Gardens, Brenlissa Nursery, Lambley Gardens & Nursery, Maze House, Miss Northcott's Garden, Overwrought Sculpture Garden & Gallery, Spring Park Nursery and Creswick Woollen Mills. Community partners were John Curtin Aged Care, The Creswick Garden Club, and the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

Of course, the event could not run without all the wonderful local volunteers who assisted with ticket sales, visitor information and in the gardens – thank you.

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 Creswick and region. Profits are used for local Creswick and district projects. Business & Tourism Creswick is well advanced with planning for the Buried Rivers of Gold Drive and Ride Trail and anticipate that it will be completed in the second half of 2020.

The Committee is also working with Hepburn Shire Council to progress the next stage of the Magic Pudding Playground to provide more play equipment and barbeque facilities within a fully enclosed area to provide a safe play space for very young children.

The organising committee is looking forward to finding more new, interesting quality local gardens for next year's event – if anyone is interested in opening their garden, please contact the committee via email at: [info@creswick.net](mailto:info@creswick.net).

*Margaret Giles*

*Secretary, Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.*

*Photos by Peter McArthur*





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Thank you to all the volunteers, tutors, trainers, groups, students, committee, and staff for making 2019 a bustling year of activities and opportunities to gather, learn and share. The Centre acknowledges the local Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch whose ongoing sponsorship keeps the wheels turning here at the House.

It is all about dates at this time of year. The Centre will re-open on Monday, 20 January and the new brochure will be available from that day. Make sure you keep an eye out for activities that may interest you in the New Year. Wholefoods will be here on Thursdays and Saturdays giving a chance to shop locally, plastic and chemical free. The Community Garden will be underway including another year of the always-popular monthly Swap-It event, partnering with sustainability friends, Transition Creswick.

If you're feeling inspired and want to share your passion by offering a talk or workshop, give us a call or drop in. The Creswick Market will be back for another year of local fabulousness so pop the dates in your diary so you don't miss out – third Saturday of each month.

Best wishes for a happy and safe festive season and hope to see you soon!

*Kim Gilliott*

## CRESWICK GARDEN CLUB

### *End of Year Wrap Up*

The Cup Day lunch was a Club highlight which was enjoyed by seventy-five members and guests and incorporated visits to four local gardens. Thank you to Daphne, Teeny, Claire and Phyllis for opening their gardens.

The following weekend saw the Club host the Annual Flower Show, this year featuring homecrafts and a plant stall. Careful planning and hard work from members of the sub committee was appreciated by all who attended.

November also saw the Club host a two-day visit from a coach-load of members from the Albury Horticultural Society. They were shown around six local gardens and enjoyed a catered lunch each day. Thank you to Claire, Teeny, Greg, Shirley, Phyllis and Pete for presenting their gardens to the appreciative visitors.

The Christmas Lunch gathering at the Senior Citizens Club rooms was the last meeting for the year. Normal meetings will resume on Tuesday, 4 February when the guest speaker will be Peter Marquand, Curator Parks and Nursery, City of Ballarat.

With a long hot summer ahead please keep yourselves and your gardens well hydrated. Have a happy and safe festive season from all at the Garden Club.

*Vicki McArthur, Secretary*

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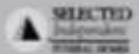
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## Creswick and District Community Bank® Branch Welcome Chris Whitear



Following the retirement of Ian Flynn, Bendigo Bank has welcomed new Branch Manager, Chris Whitear, who commenced work in September. Prior to his employment in Creswick, he has worked in a mortgage management firm in Melbourne and as a teacher in China.

He will be familiar to some of the local community already, through his coaching role with the Creswick Soccer Club senior team.



## Hepburn Shire Council CHANGE AT THE TOP



Recently, in the lead up to the Hepburn Shire elections, Councillor Licia Kokocinski accepted the nomination of May for the 2019/2020 year. Councillor John Cottrell was elected Deputy Mayor. Cr Kokocinski said *'It was with trepidation that I accepted the nomination'*.

The Mayor believes the Shire has a variety of attributes and much potential for the future with each town developing their own 'uniqueness'.

## SENIOR CITS NEWS

### Last Social Day and Outing for the Year

It may have rained but the weather did not dampen the enjoyable day out to Harcourt to see the Sky Dancers (butterflies). Members also visited the Castlemaine Art Gallery.

The last social day for the year was a great success and as always, the *Vintage Brass Band* was great entertainment.

May I thank the *Creswick District News* team for typing up my hand written contributions from the Senior Cits throughout the year.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy festive season. See you next year.

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### December 2 1919

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### December 5 1919

Drought in N.S. W. – Lengthy accounts are appearing in the Sydney Press giving details of the drought in New South Wales.

It is remarkable and creditable work that the railways are doing. From the far north west corner of the State to it far south western corner sheep are being shifted, and vast populations of animals transferred from the stricken north to the highlands of the fertile south.

### December 9 1919

A meeting of members of the Creswick branch of the National Federation, and all others desirous of furthering the interests of the National Federation Candidates at the forthcoming Federal Elections, will be held at Mr. Nevett's Rooms Tomorrow (Wednesday) Evening at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is requested. R. H. Down, L. S. L. Renouf, Joint Secretaries.

### December 12 1919

Mr. Keogh, the sloyd master at the Creswick centre, has almost completed the Honor Board for the local school. It is a splendid piece of workmanship, and will be unveiled by Lady Peacock, at 8 p.m. on Thursday next, at the Town Hall. The Minister and Director of Education, Sir Alexander Peacock, the Mayor, and others have been invited to take part in the ceremony. Songs will be given by old scholars. (Sloyd was woodwork and classes were held at the Creswick State School)

### December 16 1919

Creswick State School – Picnic at Park Lake next Friday afternoon. Tea provided. Children bring basket of eatables. Donations of fruit, lollies, toys or cash thankfully received by school staff.

### December 19 1919

A sacred concert will be given by the Creswick Victory Brass band, under the conductorship of Mr. Percy Northcott, at Park Lake on Sunday afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock. A collection will be taken up for the band funds. Prior to this the band will attend at the hospital and give its first Xmas programme for the benefit of the patients.

### December 23 1919

Kangaroo Hills – one of the oldest landmarks has been removed to Creswick from Ti Tree, this being Mrs. Judson's house. It was one of the first homesteads in the Smeaton District, Captain Hepburn building a shepherd's hut in the early days on the site. Mrs and Miss Judson will be very much missed from the district.

### December 30 1919

Allendale – The local firemen held an interesting competition – a One man Marshall event – on Christmas morning for a gold medal. The event was keenly contested, and some neat work was done. Firemen R. Sloan and H. Collins secured first and second places, in very good time.



## Creswick Cemetery News *Weather conditions*

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

Dogs are now welcome in the Creswick cemetery again but they **MUST** be on a leash at all times and all excrement (doggie doos) must be picked up and disposed of properly please.

Please be aware of visitors and drive safely. Be aware of weather conditions and remember, for the safety of all visitors, the Cemetery will be closed to all traffic, if an extreme or Code Red Day is declared.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped over the past year with weeding and other work at the Cemetery. It is greatly appreciated and most welcomed.

*Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary*

## Flower and Homecraft Show

What a big weekend it was! The weather was a little chilly but many plant lovers and gardeners came from near and far, to look at the ten lovely gardens open and to view the show in the Town Hall which highlighted what the Club members, and members of the community, have been busy growing, making and cooking over the past year.

There was an exceptional group of ladies helping run the show this year. Thanks go to them for their hard work, co-operation and friendship. The committee and helpers were proud of the show standard and glad that the Club participated in the Garden Lovers Weekend.

Thanks also to the many sponsors who donated goods for the raffle and/or sponsoring sections in the show. This support helped make this the best ever Flower and Homecraft Show to date.

### Raffle results:

1st Herbz Planter	Elaine Wrigley
2nd Wheel Barrow and goodies	Elaine Murray
3rd Overwrought Iron Sculpture	Sharon Gervasoni
4th Birdbath and Clematis	Noel Feltham
5th Basket of Wine and Chocolates	Mel Tanner

### Show Results:

Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch Challenge:  
Adult Champion Judy Reiniets

Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch Challenge:  
Children's Champion Riley Craig

Champion Exhibit in Horticulture: Annie Bawden-Cockayne

Best Cut Flower Exhibit: Annie Bawden-Cockayne

Best Fruit and Vegetable Exhibit: Jenny Jolliffe

Best Rose Exhibit: Annie Bawden-Cockayne

Best Iris Exhibit: Shirley Pollard

Best Container Plant Exhibit: Heather Ross

Best Shrub Exhibit: Annie Bawden-Cockayne

Champion Preserves Exhibit: Stan Haintz

Champion Floral Art Exhibit: Heather Davidson

Champion Craft Exhibit: Elly van Oirschot

Champion Children's Exhibit: Riley Craig

Champion School Hanging Basket:

Creswick North Primary School

*Leanne Murray*



## CRESWICK HUB

**Hub Open:** Monday – Friday: 8.30am-5.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am-12.00pm

**Hub Closed:** Christmas/New Year break from 3.00pm

Tuesday 24 December 2019

Re-open Thursday 2 January 2020

### What's On at the Creswick Hub?

**Summer School Holiday Program – NGV Kids on Tour**

Wednesday 8 January at 12.00pm

Monday 20 January at 10.00am

Hepburn Libraries will partner with the National Gallery of Victoria to bring **NGV Kids on Tour** activities. Offering children's art activities related to the exhibitions at the National Gallery of Victoria, such as the Terracotta Warriors and Alexander Calder. Bookings essential.

### Regular programs:

Baby Rhyme Time: Tuesdays 11.00am

Storytime: Wednesdays 11.00am

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## St Augustine's News Farewell and Welcome

As the school year draws to a close, it is timely to say goodbye to the year six students, Zach Allen, Jesse Cooke, Samantha Crilly, Jock Elsworth, Lilly Euvard, Mia Gervasoni, Caitlyn Hocking, Riley Mahar, Christian Morrison, Charlotte Prendergast, Michelle Sampaga, Lacie Smith and Logan Thomas. The school thanks them for all they have brought to the community and wish them well in their future endeavours.

As the year six class leaves, a new group arrives so, welcome to the 2020 foundation class as they begin a new journey with our school community.

There is much to be grateful for at St Augustine's. As we leave the 164<sup>th</sup> year of service to the students of the Creswick community and surrounds, I am reminded of the sacrifices previous individuals and groups have made to educate our children across those 164 years. In the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of past educators and supporters of St. Augustine's, and to all who have followed our journey across these past twelve months, remember the need to be generous of heart to ourselves and to all who we meet. May your Christmas be all that you wish for yourself and those around you.

Enjoy the Month

*Terry Brennan, Principal*



## Creswick Capers Busy, Busy, Busy

It has been exciting times for the 2020 Foundation students. They have been attending transition days getting to know teachers, students and the school. The final transition day will see them allocated senior school buddies for the new year.

The first ever Creswick Primary School Art Show saw over 500 pieces of art work on display. There was wonderful support from both families and the community. Local artist, Emily Boyd, chose encouragement awards which went to Lilah Corcoran, Ellie Rattray, Charlie Scobie and Hailey Trounce. Thanks to the Creswick Arts Committee for supplying stands to display the art work. The school would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Jane Neville, the Visual Arts teacher, for putting together such a fabulous event.

Another successful annual Jogathon was held during November. Well done to everyone, especially Mrs Vicki Hughes for once again organising a smooth and successful whole school event.

Students also entered the Creswick Flower and Homecraft Show as a result of the work done by Mrs Richardson with school's Gardening Club. Congratulations to Jack Pegg on his wonderful entry and to Riley Craig who was awarded the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch Challenge: Children's Champion and Champion Junior Exhibitor, as well as a truckload of other prizes. An amazing effort Riley, well done.

*Melanie Stewart, Principal*

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## Kingston Friends of the Avenue Inc. *Remembrance Day Service*



From left: Josie and Brian Reasons, Ken and Anitra Dowling  
Photo Julie Baulch

At the Remembrance Day Service, it was heartening to welcome new friends and to catch up with old friends, including Graeme and Noreen Spittle. Graeme, whose father is commemorated in the Avenue, was an active member of Kingston Friends during the early 2000s along with Heather Leishman and Laurel James amongst others. Simone Broad of *Creswick Flowers*, Laurel's granddaughter, kindly donated a wreath in memory of Laurel and to honour her great-uncles who are also commemorated in the Avenue.

Mrs Baker and Ms Vella from Newlyn Primary School laid a wreath made by their students. Special thanks to our Friend, Brian Reasons, for conducting the Service. Brian served in the RAN and Air Force and welcomed the thirty-six attendees, including Ken Dowling as a special guest. Ken served in Vietnam in the 161<sup>st</sup> Battery with the New Zealand Services.

The Raffle will be drawn at the Kingston Show, with winners names published in the *Ballarat Courier* on Saturday, 21 December. At the December Creswick Market Friends will be selling plants with some special pots just in time for Christmas. The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will now be held on Saturday, 11 January.

The next General Meeting is Wednesday, 9 January, 2020. All welcome, 7.00pm, Kingston Fire Station.

Seasons Greetings to everyone.

*Julie Baulch and Leah Armstrong*



## Amalgamation of Health Services Hepburn Health and Kyneton Health combined

Hepburn Health and Kyneton Health Services are now operating under combined management with the name of Central Highlands Rural Health.

The Victorian Health Minister recently announced this amalgamation. The new service will continue operating under the same Chief Executive, Maree Cuddihy, who has held this role for the past two years. Ms Cuddihy said that the formation of the new organisation would enable a stronger health service to be delivered to each community. There would be no reduction in services, funding or staffing in Creswick, Clunes and the other locations.

## Victoria Street Craft Group Special Effort Results

The Victoria Street Craft Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Street Stall and made it very successful. All money raised throughout the year will be donated to charities. These donations will be listed in a future edition of *Creswick District News*.

Thanks also to the businesses who donated goods for the Special Effort, but mostly, thanks to the craft girls who made this possible.

*Rita and the girls from the Vic St Craft Group*

### Special Effort Results:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Washing basket of gifts, vouchers Janine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wooden flower pot train Jean Robins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Large knitted doll Helen Seiler

*Janine (centre) the winner of the basket of gifts with craft ladies*



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**Saturday December 21,** Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market [creswickmarket.com.au](http://creswickmarket.com.au)

**Tuesday December 24,** Smeaton Presbyterian Church Carols, 7.30pm All welcome Supper afterwards

**Wednesday January 8, 2020** Creswick Library, NGV Kids on Tour 12 noon, Bookings essential 5345 2145

**Wednesday January 15, 2020** Community Meeting - Concept Trail Alignments, Creswick Trails Project 6.00-8.00pm Creswick Town Hall

**Wednesday January 15 – Friday 17,** Creswick Champions program for primary school aged children, Creswick North School, 9.00am – 12.30pm Info Max 0417 452 681

**Monday January 20,** Creswick Library, NGV Kids on Tour 10.00am, Bookings essential 5345 2145

**Monday January 20,** Creswick Neighbourhood Centre will re-open First term brochure available

**Sunday 26 January,** Australia Day Breakfast, 8.00am Park Lake near tennis courts, Tickets for free breakfast available 7 January from Creswick Hub and Visitor Information Centre

## REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

**Anglicare Emergency Food Relief** - second Tuesday. Centrelink card holders. Blankets available winter months. St Johns Anglican Church Hall, Napier Street 10.00am-11.30am

**Australian Red Cross** - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email [nstubs3@bigpond.com](mailto:nstubs3@bigpond.com)

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**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

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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** Baby Rhyme Time Sessions, Tues 11.00am Parents' Club Tue 11.30am Story Time 11.00am Wed

**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

**Creswick Market** - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, Bookings 5345 2356 [creswickmarket.com.au](http://creswickmarket.com.au)

**Creswick Museum** - Open 11.00am-3.30pm Saturday and Sunday every week and Public Holidays 5345 2845 [creswickmuseum.org.au](http://creswickmuseum.org.au)

**Creswick Probus Club** - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am. Inquiries Joan 5334 4207

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

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

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

**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

**Goldfields Spinners** - every first, third and fifth Friday from 10.30am at Railway Station, Creswick Rebecca 0416 843 847, Fiona 0402 181 925

**Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers** - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website [scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://scoutsvictoria.com.au)

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

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

**Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc** meets second Wednesday of month Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 7.00pm

**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 Alan Morris 0428 119 420

**Tipplers** - third Wednesday every month. email: [wheeler@cbl.com.au](mailto:wheeler@cbl.com.au)

**VOGA Cycle Club** Regular group rides that may be road, CX or MTB. Details on VOGA Facebook page. Free club membership via [www.vogacycleclub.com.au](http://www.vogacycleclub.com.au)

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