

# Creswick District News

Still Priceless

Issue 291 December 2023

## Calembeen Parkrun is Turning 1 !!



Come join the Calembeen Parkrun crew on Saturday, 20 January at 8.00am to celebrate their first anniversary!

Since commencing in January 2023, over 750 people have participated in the local Parkrun with eighty people volunteering their time to make it happen under the guidance and support of local run Directors Adam, Michael and Chrissy.

Who's heading up the team of keen volunteers you might ask? Well let's introduce them!

Adam Crutchfield (53) has lived in Creswick for over twenty years and is a local chef and small business owner of *Creswick Catering*. Across the year he has undertaken all Parkrun volunteering roles as well as completing a few runs too. Adam played a key role in setting up Calembeen Parkrun over a number of years, with it kicking off in 2023. He loves sharing the great town of Creswick with a great group of locals and visitors every weekend, while encouraging others to come and be part of Calembeen Parkrun.

The other two run Directors are Michael Parker (42) and Chrissy Austin (44) who have both lived in Creswick with their families for less time (six years each), but are equally passionate about Creswick and what Parkrun has done to connect the community. Michael, a civil engineer/partner at Axiom Consulting Engineers, is an avid runner and also a volunteer with Parkrun. He loves the community of Calembeen Parkrun that includes a bunch of like-minded people. Also, the picturesque setting of Calembeen Park



*Parkrun Directors Chrissy, Adam and Michael*

makes it really special. Chrissy (who many may recognise as the Manager of the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre) is a lifelong volunteer fanatic and supporter of those wanting to get out into nature, engage in physical activity (especially that is free!), and meet new faces around town. She loves that people of all ages can come together and participate at their own pace and loves seeing people trying to improve their times and set personal goals.

Parkrun is 100% volunteer led and run and 100% free for everyone. They are always looking for more volunteers and also participants to run or walk the course. So come down one Saturday morning at 7.45am to walk or run the 5km course or offer to help out with one of the many simple tasks such as time-keeping, barcode scanning or marshalling on the course. Join the friendly team or push yourself to improve your fitness and wellbeing. Help celebrate Parkrun's first birthday on Saturday, 20 January at Calembeen Park.

*Chrissy Austin*



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## Dancing For Our Hospital

Hoping to support the generous volunteers, traders and donors who have been busy all year raising funds for the Creswick Hospital Upgrade, a happy group of ballroom dancers of Creswick convened a Tea Dance at Daylesford Town Hall on Saturday, 7 October.

The group provided the hall decorations, organised the scrumptious and abundant afternoon tea, and then cleaned up afterwards, even though they had paid to come to dance. Over eighty dancers from all over Victoria travelled to enjoy the lyrical music of Brian McDowell - *MusicMac*. They waltzed, quickstepped, foxtrotted and tangoed all afternoon, glad that all proceeds from the event would go to the Upgrade campaign.

Not only do the organisers want to thank the dancers who made the event possible, we also want to thank our own generous traders who gave raffle prizes without blinking: Creswick IGA; The American Hotel; The Red Fox Café; Meg's Place and The Farmer's Wife.

Some of the dancers contributed to the catering for the *Leslie Howard in Recital* event in September, eloquently reviewed by Bronislaw Sozanski in the October *Creswick District News*.

The combined efforts of the dancers, musicians, traders and community for these two events raised an Upgrade donation of just over \$1270.

Well done and thank you all.

*Elizabeth Howard*

*Andrew O'Connell*



Thank you to Creswick for hosting a successful 2023 Community Garage Sales Day. Special thanks to the sellers and buyers; to Creswick Market, *Creswick District News*, Biggin Scott, Creswick Post Office and the volunteers at Creswick Visitor Information Centre.

See you in 2024!

*Committee, Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc.*

## creswick Rainfall

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

	2021 mm	2022 mm	2023 mm
January	134.5	163.0	9.5
February	13.0	1.0	28.8
March	79.5	49.0	45.0
April	20.0	65.5	116.0
May	79.0	39.3	70.0
June	99.9	104.5	125.0
July	106.5	51.0	45.0
August	66.5	156.0	46.0
September	70.5	82.0	25.5
October	91.0	214.1	67.5
November	66.8	129.1	29.0
December	26.3	40.2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>853.5</b>	<b>1,094.7</b>	<b>607.3</b>

## Creswick Cemetery News

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped at the cemetery over the past year and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary*

## BOUQUETS

We wish to acknowledge the excellent publication that is *Creswick District News* and, particularly, the outstanding service and care that the editorial team always provides. Bouquets to you all! With our thanks.

*Ali Lanigan*

*on behalf of the Anglican Parish of  
Springmount*

# **VOGA CYCLE CLUB – CRESWICK/VOGA SENIOR RIDERS**

## **BEGINNER CLASSES FOR ADULT CYCLISTS**

### **ANYONE BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWENTY AND NINETY**

The VOGA Cycle Club has been successfully running regular rides for casual adult cyclists for the last five years and currently has twenty-two members. Over this period, these adult cyclists have become experienced riders, greatly increased their physical fitness and their ability, particularly in the distances that can now be easily ridden.

The VOGA Cycle Club is endeavouring to increase the number of casual adult riders in Hepburn Shire and surrounding districts. To this end, starting in late February next year, a beginner adult cyclist group will be formed. This does not mean we will be teaching people to ride, but rather getting those who have ridden bikes in the past back into cycling. Those who join this new group will be instructed on bike safety and maintenance, along with proper riding techniques. On-going rides in the district are guaranteed to increase participants fitness and the distances able to be ridden.

**To this end, the VOGA Cycle Club will be holding a Beginner Cyclists Class on Thursday, 29 February starting at 10.00am at the Creswick Band Rotunda in Albert Street, Creswick.**

The beginner cyclist class is **free** to any casual adult cyclist, or intended cyclist, and after a safety inspection and set-up of the bicycle, a short and supervised ride around Creswick will be conducted.

In recent years, electric bicycles have become very popular. The VOGA Cycle Club welcomes both conventional and electric bikes. Even if you currently do not own a bicycle, contact at the details listed below and the club will arrange for a bike, either conventional or electric, for you to try on 29 February.

Cycling is one of the best ways to greatly increase both muscular and cardio-pulmonary fitness and generate a general feeling of well-being. It is also a great way to meet other people in the district and generally enjoy an outdoor lifestyle.

Those intending to attend this class will be required, by law, to have an approved cycling helmet.

Inquiries regarding this beginner cyclist class can be made to: Ray Martin, phone/text 0409 388 222, or email to [stepleigh@outlook.com](mailto:stepleigh@outlook.com).

*Ray Martin*

## **Fire-safe Gardens**

***By Rhonda Cotsell***

I haven't written much about my gardening life for a while now, either here or in poetry at home, because there comes a moment when you realise that gardening is a very complex subject and outcomes are often unrelated to advice you receive or what happened last year. There is also the fact that the same things happen over and over again, and one day I felt I had nothing to say.

However, given the warnings we are getting about the coming summer, I wanted to just refer people to the excellent CFA guide for domestic gardens regarding preparation; what we should have in our gardens and what to avoid or consider altering. Our gardens are ongoing, ever-changing things, and we garden addicts change too, in how we want our gardens to look. Keeping fire safety in mind as one of the guiding principles is a good thing given our location and level of bushfire hazard. There is an excellent interactive map online called the *Climate Risk Map* provided by the Australian Climate Risk Council for those curious about such things. There is also an excellent CFA site located at *How to Prepare Your Property/CFA (Country Fire Authority)* where you can actually set your location and download *Your Guide to Property Preparation* ([cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)).

My gardening decisions now have moved from weeding and pruning because I want my garden to look tidy, to identifying areas to work on in terms of fire. A camphor

laurel that I cut back to a third of its height a few years ago because a small branch I tested in my wood fire burnt ferociously, is now on track for permanent removal because of that and also because it's a bit rampant. Recently I pruned new and some old growth back about two feet. I then crawled around the perimeter cutting away the lower levels to provide access to ground level and its interior and thinned back any new growth within it that I could reach.

I'm still non-stop weeding, pruning dead branches from bushes and working out what to do with past bad choices which are closer to the house than is ideal. So, still more of the same, but with a different intent.



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# Quentin Turner

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In any community such as Creswick, there are people who contribute a great deal to the successful running of their community, yet they seek no rewards and remain modest and humble in that community. One such person was Creswick's Quentin Turner.

Born and educated in Ararat, Quentin's working life began as an apprentice electrician. He worked his way up the employment ladder until he was Factory Foreman and Plant and Manufacturing Manager for Australian Timken at Ballarat as well as Human Resource Manager. Once retired from Timken, Quentin worked as an Industrial Relations Commissioner mainly in Melbourne, principally in dispute resolution matters.

Quentin met Maisie Shearman in Ararat when they were both seventeen and dated for four years prior to getting married in 1961. Maisie, born in England, migrated to Australia with her parents and sister in 1951. The couple were married at the Ararat Presbyterian Church on 11 March 1961, made their home in Creswick and raised their three children here, Mandy, Penny and Jason.

As a member of the Creswick Branch of the Country Fire Authority Quentin made a huge contribution in this area and was awarded the highest honour paid to a volunteer fire fighter – the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) for his lifelong contribution to the Victorian Volunteer Fire Brigade Association. Quentin was the Creswick CFA's longest serving Captain, a role he held for twenty-three years. During this time Maisie was President of the Ladies Auxiliary. The couple travelled all over the state attending many Fire Brigade Association competitions.

On passing the age for the physical work of firefighting, Quentin's contribution extended to becoming State President of the Victorian Urban Fire Brigades – a prime mover of the steering committee and inaugural Chairperson of the movement to bring the two groups together - the Victorian Urban Fire Brigades Association and the Victorian Rural Fire Brigades Association, then



known as the Volunteer Fire Brigades of Victoria.

During his period of Captaincy, a training film was made by Crawford Productions, featuring the Creswick Brigade. This came about after the tragic fire at Streatham when several fire fighters lost their lives. Creswick had a serious fire at that time too, but the circumstances made it a totally different fire to fight and there were lessons to be learned from the Creswick approach. Quentin is proud of the fact that it was Creswick men who featured in that film and whose methods made it

such a worthwhile teaching tool.

Quentin's other interests in his younger days included long distance running; helpful for agility and speed when firefighting. Fishing, both fresh and salt water, could keep him happily occupied for hours. As members of a car club, Quentin and Maisie enjoyed many motoring trips both interstate and local. He admired and studied the great car manufacturers over the past century and the development of the motor car to what it is today.

Quentin and Maisie have been volunteers in the community for many years, including their long-term involvement with the Creswick Fire Brigade. Quentin spent ten years as a board member of the Creswick & District Community Bank. They were both volunteers delivering Meals on Wheels and they also volunteered for many years at the Creswick Visitor Information Centre. As well, Quentin was a member of the Sportsman's Club and Masonic Lodge.

Maisie and Quentin Turner celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 11 March 2021, with their family and friends. Eventually ill health put an end to Quentin's volunteering days. During his last months the couple were regularly seen at one of the local cafes catching up with friends and locals.

Quentin is survived by wife Maisie and the Turner family Mandy, Penny and Jason and grandchildren, Jordan, Hayden, Matthew and Dylan.

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## Pavilion Arts Spring Art Show

On Friday, 3 November, the group celebrated the opening of the Spring Art Show in style. Along with the sponsorship of the Community Bank Creswick & District, Pavilion Arts has clocked up a decade of presenting the artistic talents of the district to the district. With great food and wine and the fabulous sounds of the *After Hours* swing band on stage, the opening night provided a great evenings entertainment.

The artwork on display was of a high standard and very diverse making the job of choosing prize winners difficult. So, congratulations to Ronda Hazell 1st Prize, Dale Oliver 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Thea Laidlaw for winning the Packing Room Prize and Susan Morris The Peoples Choice Award. Councillor Don Henderson, on behalf of the Creswick Railway Workshop Association, presented an Encouragement Award to Jack Quick a young artist with great things ahead of him. This Award was a bequest from the estate of the late Earl Ingleby, a well-known Creswick artist.

Creswick has had a rich artistic heritage and Pavilion Arts is proud to be part of helping that to continue.

*Jennifer Powell*

*President, Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc.*



**Opening Night**



## Community Bank Creswick & District, Principal Partner for *CresFest* 2024

The *CresFest* Committee received more good news last month with the confirmation that Community Bank Creswick & District has come on board as Principal Partner for the 2024 festival. This involves a significant grant from the Board of Creswick & District Financial Services in keeping with its ongoing generous support for local initiatives.

*'The committee is thrilled to have received this level of recognition' said President Mark Myers. 'The Town Hall stage will be named the Community Bank Stage ... expect to see amazing world talents as well as local Dja Dja Wurrung and community-based artists. In addition, we'll introduce the KidsOwn KidZone, hosted by Creswick Primary School ... where kids and their families can enjoy crafts, games and top-class entertainment ... including The Magic Pudding, Big Tops for Little Tots and Railway Bon the Puppet show. And that's just for starters!'*

Thanks to the bank's support, locals will enjoy special low prices with vouchers for discounted passes available from January and free programs during March. Festival Director, Judy Turner, said the committee was excited at all the possibilities that open up with this new level of support.

Also, Hepburn Shire Councillors recently voted to classify *CresFest* a *Signature Event* for the Shire. Council staff are working with the committee to ensure that sufficient camping is available across the region. The support

*CresFest* receives from Hepburn Shire is truly appreciated – after all, a major festival can only happen in a town our size when everyone pulls together!

*Fiona Watson*



## Lions Club One More Sausage Sizzle

The Lions are having a Christmas gathering at the Smeaton Hotel on Saturday, 16 December 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Could all attendees please bring a Kris Kringle gift, to match your gender, to the value of \$10. That is, ladies bring a pressie for a lady and gentleman for a gentleman! Please RSVP to Kevin on 0498 307 290.

One of the final Lions functions for the year will be a sausage sizzle on Saturday, 9 December from 6.00pm to 8.00pm outside the Courthouse for *Carols at the Courthouse* with the Creswick Theatre Company.

Don't forget, Lions' Christmas cakes are available from many venues around town. Thank you to everyone for their support of Creswick Lions

*Maria Marco*

## Mt Blowhard Primary School Remembrance Day, Art Show and Sports



The school's wonderful leaders conducted a fitting Remembrance Day Service. The service was a unique occasion, as the honour board publication *We Shall Honour*

*Them* was launched, with author Lois Spenceley and guests from the community in attendance. Once again, it was pleasing to see so many people coming together to reminisce and connect.

It is fair to say the Art Show last month was a hit! Many families attended and enjoyed the exhibition. The children were clearly proud of their creative works and thoroughly enjoyed sharing their pieces. A magnificent effort by Mrs Ackland to deliver the program that produced the wonderful art works and organise the exhibition for all to enjoy. Thank you, Mrs Ackland.

The school's girls cricket team managed to win three out of four games and were super proud of their efforts. Most importantly, they had fun while playing some great cricket, enjoyed the company of each other and were supportive and encouraging of all. Thank you, Mrs Box and Mrs McErlain, for the wonderful extra coaching sessions. The boys also had a great day of cricket, including cheering on the girls and providing some atmosphere. The team gave their all in a very strong competition managing to get a win on the board in one of their three games. A great reward for effort and persistence. Thank you, Mrs Box and Mrs McErlain, for preparing them for the tournament.

Selected students participated in an inter-school golf competition at Mt Xavier Golf Course. The weather was glorious, bathed in sunshine, and there were plenty of kilometres covered. Harry C, Jack P, Thomas L and Julius H gave their all, played with a smile and encouraged each other. In a fantastic individual performance, Jack P played a great nine holes and only missed the next level of competition by a single shot.

*Robert Walsh, Principal*

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Congratulations to Cr Brian Hood and Cr Juliet Simpson who were elected as Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the Special Meeting of Council in November. This is Cr Hood's second term as Mayor, and Cr Simpson's first term as Deputy Mayor. The next Council meeting is Tuesday 19 December at 5.30pm. It will be held at the Daylesford Town Hall and livestreamed via Facebook.



## ROADS UPDATE

We have completed our annual gravel road resheet program, with 10km of gravel roads upgraded across nine roads in the Shire. Our sealed roadside slashing program began in early November and we aim to complete it by Christmas. Our sealed road patching project is underway and our annual road resealing program is scheduled to commence in February 2024. To report an issue with Council-managed roads visit <https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/request> or phone (03) 5348 2306.

## AQUATICS SEASON

Our aquatics season kicks off on Saturday 2 December. The Creswick Splash Park and Calembeen Park Toddlers Pool are open from 9am to 9pm daily. Find opening hours of other Council aquatics facilities at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools)

## CRESWICK TRAILS UPDATE

Construction is continuing on the Creswick Trails. Please do not attempt to use the newly created trails as they remain an active construction site. Thank you for your understanding. The trails are anticipated to open in December 2024.

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Council offices, depots, hubs and libraries will close at 2pm on Friday 22 December and reopen on Tuesday 2 January. Transfer Stations are closed on Christmas Day. Staff involved in emergency management will be on call.

**Kerbside collection** - There will be no kerbside collections on Christmas Day and New Years Day. From Christmas Day, collections will be pushed back by one day until Monday 8 January 2024. This means if your collection is usually on a Monday (Christmas Day), it will be collected on a Tuesday (Boxing Day), etc.

To report an emergency over the closure period phone 0419 587 955 for animal emergencies (e.g. dog attacks and stock on Council roads) or for all other emergencies phone 0419 583 573.

Councillors and staff wish our community a very happy festive season and a safe and prosperous new year.

## PREPARE FOR SUMMER

Hepburn Shire is now in the Fire Danger Period. Find out what you can and can't do during this time on the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can). Information for preparing yourself and your property for summer is available at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare). It is predicted to be a hot and dry summer, so please prepare an emergency plan so you know what you will do well before an emergency occurs.

Fire prevention inspections have started and we're here to work collaboratively with property owners to get their properties ready for the upcoming fire season. If you need information on fire prevention inspections or property preparations, contact Ben, our Emergency Management Officer – Fire, on 5348 2306 or email [bburgess@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:bburgess@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

## NEED SUPPORT?

If you need support or someone to talk to following the recent tragedy in our Shire, help is available. Phone Central Highlands Rural Health on (03) 5321 6551 or Head to Health on 1800 595 212.

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## Creswick Capers

### Swimming and Running!

As another year of education closes at Creswick Primary School it has been wonderful to see how much the Foundation students have grown and developed and to watch the grade 6 students prepare for their transition to secondary school.

Two big school events have taken place in the past month with all students attending the swimming program at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. It has been so pleasing to see their confidence and skills grow. The Jogathon was also held in November with lots of parents, family and friends supporting the children to complete as many laps of the 700 metre course as they could in two hours. Again, a record-breaking amount of money was raised for the school. One grade 6 student ran an amazing twenty-nine laps of the course in the time allotted. This equates to 20.3km!

As Christmas draws closer, the community at Creswick Primary School would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and looks forward to making lots of new memories for the students in 2024.

*Vicki Hughes*  
Classroom Teacher

**Editors' note:** The team at Creswick District News would like to thank Vicki for her reliability and dedication to submitting the Creswick Capers over the past few years and wish her all the best for her future.



*Ebony and Tilly*




## Celebrate the wonderful

However you celebrate, whoever you're with, may your Christmas be merry, always.

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## St Augustine's School Busy Term 4



Congratulations to the fourteen year 6s of 2023 who are finishing their final year of primary school. The school community wish them good luck in 2024 as they head off to secondary school education. Also, welcome to the new Foundation students for 2024 who have been attending transition visits during the term.

Last month there was an Art Show with art from the whole school on display in the hall. Everyone contributed wonderful pieces that were completed over the first three terms of the year. A big thank you to Mrs T for putting it all together and running it. The school hopes the year 3s had a fun camp with great weather, staying overnight at the Log Cabin Lodge late last month. Everyone at St Augustine's also congratulates Ava Adams who competed in shot put at State level last month. Well done, Ava!

The staff of St Augustine's are learning about the *Science of Learning* and this will support and enhance their teaching for next year.

Sports Day was held on Friday, 17 November. The weather was a bit cool in the morning but turned out to be just right for the afternoon. Everyone had a great day.

Georgie and Charlie represented the school at the Remembrance Day Ceremony. They read the poem *Elizabeth* and then laid the wreath.

Last month, there was a visit from Health Harold and Kate from Life Education. They visited each classroom to teach students about being healthy.

The St Augustine's community hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas holiday.

*Editorial team, Christian and Edward*

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## Northerly News

### Non-Stop Activities

Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the term was the official opening of the school's new bike track. Ms Martha Haylett, the State Member for Ripon, did the official cutting of the ribbon and made a speech along with Hepburn Shire Cr Tim Drylie and ACHPER (Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation) representative, Mr Andy Hair. Some students interviewed the media while others gave riding demonstrations.



*Chelsea, Cooper, Brock and Nash at the bike track official opening.*

The school is looking forward to new Foundation students coming in for some transition days over the next few weeks. It's great to see so many enrolments and our school growing!

Coming up for students in the final few weeks of the year is a trip to the Melbourne Zoo, a movie at the Regent Cinema, a visit to Earth Ed, some sports at Major League, as well as year 6 Graduation, all to be capped off by the school community picnic evening. Lots to look forward to after a wonderful year at Creswick North Primary School.

If you would like a tour to experience this fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012. A reminder the school has an After-School Program that runs every weekday from 3.30pm - 6.00pm and provides lots of great activities for students.

*Matthew Reyntjes, Principal*


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## Anglican Parish of Springmount Services CHRISTMAS 2023 AND JANUARY 2024

The following services will be held to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ

### Sunday, 24 December – Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist, St Matthew's Church, Newlyn, 5.30pm

Holy Eucharist, St Paul's Church, Clunes, 5.30pm

Holy Eucharist, St John's Church, Creswick, 7.30pm

### Monday, 25 December – Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, All Saints' Church, Learmonth, 9.30am

### Sunday, 31 December

Holy Eucharist, St Paul's Church, Clunes, 10.00am

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### Holy Eucharist Services, January 2024

Sunday 7 January, St Paul's Church, Clunes, 10.00am

Sunday 14 January, St John's Church, Creswick, 10.00am

Sunday 21 January, All Saints' Church, Learmonth,  
10.00am

Sunday 28 January, St John's Church, Creswick, 10.00am

*St John's Church, 103 Napier St, Creswick*

*St Matthew's Church, 12 Newlyn-Reservoir Rd, Newlyn*

*St Paul's Church, 11 Templeton St, Clunes*

*All Saints' Church, 214-216 Sunraysia Hwy, Learmonth*

Enquiries: 0413 689 003

[www.springmountanglican.wixsite.com/parish](http://www.springmountanglican.wixsite.com/parish)

[www.facebook.com/springmountparish](https://www.facebook.com/springmountparish)

## Smeaton Presbyterian Church Christmas Carols

All are welcome to join the church community for Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve at 7.30pm.

Supper will be provided afterwards

*Frances Muller*

## St Andrew's Uniting Church Christmas Services

Sunday, December 24 9.30 am

Christmas Day, December 25 9.00 am

Sunday, December 31 9.30 am

## Christmas Mass Times

**St Augustine's, Napier Street, Creswick**  
**St Peter's Church, Duke Street, Daylesford**

### St Augustine's Creswick

Sunday, 24 December Mass for  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 9.00am

### St Peter's Daylesford

Sunday, 24 December Mass for  
Christmas Day 8.30pm

### St Augustine's Creswick

Monday, 25 December Mass for  
Christmas Day 9.00am

Sunday, 31 December Mass for  
Feast of the Holy Family 9.00am

Monday, 1 January Mass for  
New Year's Day 9.00am

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## REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS



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**Anglicare Emergency Food Relief** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 1.00pm – 2.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria St.

**Anglican Parish of Springmount**  
St John's Church, Napier Street, Creswick.  
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.  
Short contemplative Eucharist: 10.00am most Tuesdays.  
Contact: Fr Chris Keast  
0402 820 544

**Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.**  
Meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and open to anyone who is interested.  
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Contact the secretary on [info@creswick.net](mailto:info@creswick.net)

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

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

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

**Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc.** - first Wednesday Feb. Apr. Aug. Nov 7.00pm  
Phone 0434 071 185

**Creswick & District Historical Society**  
fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm. Phone 5345 2065

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

**Creswick & District U3A** -  
0490 444 519 email [info@creswicku3a.com](mailto:info@creswicku3a.com)  
website [www.creswicku3a.com](http://www.creswicku3a.com)

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

**Creswick Garden Club** - first Tuesday every month (except January) Seniors' Club Rooms 1.15pm.

**Creswick Havilah Lodge** -  
Meeting fourth Thursday every month 7.30pm.  
Bob Orr 5345 2165

**Creswick Lions Club**  
second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall  
Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007  
[mariamarco3363@gmail.com](mailto:mariamarco3363@gmail.com)

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

**Community Repair & Share Event**  
1st Sunday, 1.00pm to 4.00pm  
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre  
[transitioncreswick@gmail.com](mailto:transitioncreswick@gmail.com)  
or 5345 2356

**Creswick Market** - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356  
[creswicknc.org/creswick-market](http://creswicknc.org/creswick-market)  
Email [market@cnc.org.au](mailto:market@cnc.org.au)

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

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

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

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

**Creswick Ward meeting** - second Monday every month.

**Cr Don Henderson** 7.00pm  
Creswick Railway Station

**Cr Tim Drylie**  
by appointment  
Creswick Community Hub  
Ph. 0427 503 258 Email: [tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

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

**Freedom In Christ-Church**  
Creswick RSL Hall Albert Street  
Sundays 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Contact Mob: 0400 138 089.

**Friends of Park Lake**  
Park Lake working bees  
10am-noon every Wednesday, weather permitting.  
Meet at the jetty.

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

**Museum Research Centre** -  
Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm.  
Email requests to [info@creswickmuseum.org.au](mailto:info@creswickmuseum.org.au)

**Music Jam** for music lovers every Friday 7.00pm-9.00pm  
Neighbourhood Centre.  
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**Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance**  
7.30 - 10.00pm Every Thursday.  
VRI Hall Lydiard St Ballarat. \$5 Members \$7 Non Members  
Ph John 0411 141 777

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

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

**Tipplers** - third Wednesday every month. email: [barrymarj@hotmail.com](mailto:barrymarj@hotmail.com)

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## Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Farewell to Sue and Remembrance Day Thanks

The community gathered at the Commercial at Kingston on Friday evening, 10 November to make a presentation of thanks and to farewell Susan Scott. Sue was actively involved in the revival of Friends of the Avenue as an incorporated association and was founding secretary, a role she held for several years. She was

treasurer of the Fire Brigade. She also organised open garden events as fundraisers and was a keen volunteer for many a Bunnings sausage sizzle and for the Stop AusNet Towers campaign. We wish Sue and Bill, her loyal kelpie, all the best for their new adventure in Ballarat.

Many thanks to everyone who joined the Remembrance Day Service. Special thanks to John Laursen for conducting the Service. John served as a RAAF Active Reserve Officer in the former No 28 City of Canberra Squadron based at RAAF Fairbairn from the 1990s until 2002. He was ably assisted by Brian Reasons, Trace Williams and Barry Golding.



Special thanks to Craig Latrobe from the Creswick Brass Band for performing the *Last Post* and *Rouse*. Last, but not least, thanks to Councillor Tim Drylie for leading beautifully in the singing of the National Anthem. Once again logistics were taken care of by the Kingston Agricultural Society and morning tea was shared at the hotel - thank you.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and restful festive season.

*Julie Baulch*

*On behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue, Inc.  
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Jeff and the teams at Creswick and Clunes pharmacies wish everyone a happy and safe festive season. We look forward to helping our communities with their healthcare needs in 2024.

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