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CDN Team.

Australia Day Breakfast at Park Lake



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The Creswick community ensured that COVID did not wipe the annual Breakfast off the Australia Day plate. Several groups combined again to serve the meal on Maiden Hill, for a congenial gathering, where social-distancing and allied protocols respected public safety.

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners (*the Dja Dja Wurrung*) by Cr Don Henderson followed the call to attention in that ancient method of news broadcasting, by Town Crier Phil Greenbank who, in another hat, had been named Hepburn Shire Citizen of The Year. The Australian flag was raised by the Creswick Scouts and Venturers, the National Anthem

led by Bill McClenaghan and speeches given by Hon Louise Staley and Hepburn Shire Mayor Cr Lesley Hewitt.

Integral in this was the Creswick Brass Band with a lineage linked to the 1861 formation of the Creswick Volunteers and fear of a Russian invasion.

Creswick Achievers for 2020 were heralded. Brian Maher and Brian and Josie Reasons, each forever giving to the community without thought of recompense. Two Scouts were acknowledged - Molly Longwill for her (pinnacle) Grey Wolf Cub Award and Logan Hand in attaining his Australian Scout Medallion. Scouts had made their first Creswick imprint in 1909. Formalities over, Breakfast was served. Conviviality the key, folk then sat and 'yarned'. COVID was elsewhere.

Geoff Fiddian

The Creswick Railway Workshop Association

The Creswick Railway Workshop Association (CRWA) would like to thank the following groups which came together, at short notice, to make the Australia Day celebration a success: RSL, Scouts, Creswick Band, Historical Society, Creswick Football Netball Club, Walking Groups, VOGA Cycle Club, Garden Club, Mt Prospect Tennis Club and many other locals. In addition, the strong voice that Bill McClenaghan [ex-Councillor and former Mayor], brought to the event was indicative of his passion for country. Finally, the event was made possible by funding and in-kind support from the Hepburn Shire Council. Overall it was a relaxed informal get together and the weather was kind to us on the day.

Judy Henderson

Creswick District News

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BOUQUETS

Frank Slade would like to thank the person who found his wallet and handed it into the Police. Also a big thank you to the police officer who brought the wallet to his house. Many thanks to all concerned.

Discover Creswick

Welcome back and welcome to 2021

The year has started on a high with new businesses opening, existing businesses expanding and with real estate going through the roof. Opportunity exists in Creswick and as I often say, if you can't find what you are looking for in Creswick, you are not looking hard enough! Thank you to the Discover Creswick team who share with us all the beauty and good news of our district. Follow us on Facebook to find the best of our district, as we all strive to meet the challenges ahead.

Sandy Campbell

High Honour for Former Creswickian

The 2021 Australia Day honours awards included an Officer of the Order (AO), award to Professor Robert Francis Moulds.

Robert Moulds lived in Creswick and was a student at Creswick Primary School between 1951 and 1958, during which time his father, Dr Frank Moulds, was Principal of the Victorian School of Forestry.

Professor Moulds received his award for distinguished service to medicine, to clinical pharmacology and medical education, and to the development of therapeutic guidelines.



FRIENDS OF THE AVENUE

Due to COVID restrictions, the Annual General Meeting was held via Zoom on 26 August 2020. The office bearers are:

President - Julie Baulch
Vice President – Claire Rowlands
Secretary - Greg Collins
Minute Secretary – Penny Swain
Treasurer – Jeff Meager
Communications – Leah Armstrong and Carissah Cain Sultana

Remembrance Day

Attendance numbers were restricted due to COVID restrictions. Thanks to Brian Reasons for conducting the Service. Charlie Green, Frances Muller and Geoffrey Tisdall, descendants, were invited guests. The Service was enhanced by trumpeter Doug Slater playing the Last Post and Rouse.

Julie Baulch

creswick Rainfall

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

	2019	2020	2021
	mm	mm	mm
January	3	53.5	134.5
February	23	34	
March	15	36.5	
April	13.5	97.5	
May	161.5	60.5	
June	133.5	62.5	
July	65	35.7	
August	98	124.5	
September	57.5	67	
October	34	73	
November	71	52.2	
December	20.5	58.5	
TOTAL	695.5	755.4	134.5

FIRE READY

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Hepburn Shire - Citizen of the Year – Philip Greenbank

Phil was presented his Citizen of the Year Award for community service contributions and dedication to various groups over many years. These include:

Being an active member of the Creswick - Smeaton RSL, accepting the role as *Keeper of the Field of Crosses* in 2012 and establishing the Memorial Gardens of the same name in 2015.

Obtaining grants for four honour board restorations - the biggest being the Marble Honour Board in the Creswick Town Hall. As the Memorials and Memorabilia Officer and Historian, Phil is responsible for locating and listing all memorials in the district onto the RSL Website and where

required, their restoration and history.

As a CFA volunteer, for almost thirty years, he has run Junior Fire Brigades and Fire Safe Kids programs in his role as *'Fireman Phil'*. The Junior Volunteer program was an initiative of Phil's seventeen years ago.

Also, for the past nineteen years Phil has worked as a School Councillor and is currently the Creswick North Primary School Council President.

He has been a member of the Australasian Guild of Town Criers for six years and current President for the past three years and was appointed the Official Hepburn Shire Town Crier in 2015.

Senior Cits News Hello Seniors!



CRESWICK MUSEUM



It's good to be back again. I wish each and all a very Happy New Year and I also want to thank the *Creswick District News* team for their time and effort making it possible.

The Seniors Club members had a trying time keeping together, while apart. We missed our activities each week and the companionship we so enjoy. However, we are slowly getting back, starting with our lovely Christmas luncheon. What a joyful day that was. I thank all who made it possible.

Wednesday Scrabble and Triominos are on, also Friday euchre and bingo.

Social day on 26 February is possible with the allowed limit of forty-eight members. The usual summer meal will go ahead, hopefully with some entertainment. However, if any unforeseen changes are made, we will inform you. The bus to pick up members will be available.

The loss of three valued members has left us all saddened. Jean McKee, Phyllis Jones and Mollie Flynn, workers for the Club from the very beginning.

New members would be made most welcome.

June Gray 5334 6526

Creswick Museum decided to temporarily close both the museum and research centre in March 2020. It was thought this would be for only a few months. Now, it is hoped that the museum will reopen early in the first quarter of 2021. Unfortunately, the Research Centre may not be open until later in the year but requests can be sent via email to info@creswickmuseum.org.au. There is a cost for undertaking the research.

Plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary were put on hold. The museum hopes to stage *Daryl Lindsay: a man of many faces* at Easter and *Gold Fever* exhibition from September onwards.

During the lockdown period, Stage One of the conservation of the Council table was completed. Unfortunately, Stage Two, the covering of the top with leather, requires further research. The museum does not have any photographs of the table prior to the installation of plywood, probably in the late 1950s, to the top of the table.

The museum can be contacted by email info@creswickmuseum.org.au. When an opening date has been decided, it will be posted on our Facebook page and website.

Margaret Fullwood

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The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett



My home is filled with art. My walls are lined with paintings, drawings and prints. Tables, windowsills and shelves are covered with sculptures and beautiful ceramics.

Some of these artworks are of my own creation, some by other artist friends of mine. Sometimes we swap works, or give them as presents, some I have bought at their own exhibitions. Some pieces I have picked up along the way in unlikely places – paintings and photographs by anonymous artists. I collected these simply because they moved me in some way, they ‘spoke’ to me, if you will. Sometimes not knowing the maker adds to the mystery and allure of an artwork. I was constantly amazed during my travels overseas, and here in Australia, by beautiful, ancient art works that we have absolutely no idea who the maker was. He or she made the work, and passed on.

One of my special anonymous works that I have hanging in my bedroom is a painting in the folk-art style. It is a painting of daffodils and daisies in a basket. It seems very old, painted on a rough-hewn wooden panel and has a wonderful patina on the surface of the paint, suggesting that it is of quite some age. It is a very gentle, quiet painting, no grand statement. The touch of the paintwork is just so sensitive. Wish I could paint with that feel. Another favorite is a very old photograph of a

man sitting on a river-bank, pipe in hand, just watching the water. Behind him a picket fence runs down to the water line. Trees are reflected in the water. Both of these pictures by unknown artists really speak to me about the same thing – the immense pleasure and knowledge and wisdom to be found in simple things, a vase of flowers, a flowing river.

I have written before about some of my favorite artists and the simple subjects they drew inspiration from. Sometimes I just sit in my studio, waiting for a thought to come. The view from my window looks straight into a wonderful native bush garden that I set about creating when I came to Creswick four years ago. Both front and back of my house was pretty much a blank canvas to start with – but I knew what I wanted. I wanted plants that belong here and grow here naturally. I wanted a garden full of native birds, insects and lizards, colour and smells.

That great, great Impressionist painter, Claude Monet, so famous for his paintings of water lilies, is quoted as having said that his greatest masterpiece was his garden. How wonderful. Claude also said, *‘Beyond painting and gardening, I am good for nothing’*.

The joy of simple things.

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Locals Caring For Locals



For over 100 years, Creswick Health has offered quality healthcare close to home. Its care is enhanced by many of its staff being long-term local residents. Within the Creswick hospital, aged care home and community health campus, it is truly a case of 'locals caring for locals'.

One of its local staff is Enrolled Nurse Olivia Blake, who has cared for many local Creswick residents in the nursing home over the past ten years. She fondly remembers looking after one of her former primary school teachers who took great comfort in seeing a familiar face. Olivia said, *'For me, it was both a privilege and a joy to have the opportunity to look after my old teacher. I was able to personalise the type of care we offered'*.

Olivia is excited about starting work in the newly constructed nursing home wing. Yet, she is quick to add that a *'shiny new building'* does not in itself equate to quality care. She asserts, *'Quality care only comes from quality human carers. We provide excellent care in the old building, and will continue to do so in the new redevelopment'*.

'Mind you, the redevelopment offers some great opportunities to further enhance our level of care and thus the quality of life of our beloved residents', she added. The new wing includes home-like rooms with ensuites, various lounge and dining spaces and a dedicated activity room. Undoubtedly, its centrepiece is a landscaped sensory courtyard garden, which was generously donated by the Community Bank Creswick & District®.

Like other nursing staff, Olivia thinks that there is perhaps just one missing component in the new nursing home wing. She recognises that the existing aging beds do not meet recent advances in technology. She says, *'Current bedding technology is extremely beneficial to residents with weight, pain or pressure issues as well as those prone to falls or sleep disturbance'*.

Creswick Health recognises this important need and appeals for the community's support to help achieve a better quality of life for all our local aged care residents by upgrading the quality and therapeutic benefits of their bedding. Collaboration with the local community is very appropriate as it is locals who will benefit in the years ahead.

Indeed, Creswick Health has already welcomed its first donation to fund a specialist bariatric bed.

Around \$5,000 was kindly provided by the tireless members of the Creswick Hospital Auxiliary, themselves all community-minded local residents who continually add yet another level to the concept of 'locals caring for locals'.

Please consider offering a tax-deductible donation to support this bedding appeal by visiting <https://www.chrh.org.au/get-involved/donate/>. Depending on mattress quality, full bed sponsorship is either \$3,167 or \$3,967. Part donations are also welcome. Enquiries to Peter McConvill, on phone 0412 204 621 or via email peter.mcconvill@chrh.org.au.

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Enrolled Nurse Olivia Blake



John Fraser (Jack) Sewell AM

16.9.1924 – 4.12.2020

Community Man

Late last year we noted the sad passing of Jack Sewell, a man who left his mark on the district through his many years of community commitment and leadership – in far too many areas to give justice to in this article.

Jack was born at Nurse Surridge's private hospital, Church Hill, Creswick, the youngest child of Charles and May Sewell of Kooroocheang. His grandfather James Sewell migrated from England in the 1850s, started farming on his property *Thornbarrow* at Kooroocheang and became involved in the start of the pasture seed industry in the district. Jack and his father Charles both followed in his footsteps.



The Seed Industry was an important part of Jack's career. The following is an extract from an article written by Jack:

'Over 100 years ago a few farmers in the Smeaton district set up machinery ... to process their perennial ryegrass seed... This Industry has now progressed through the stages of Government Seed Certification to Plant Breeders' Rights; from home-built processing plants to custom-built centralised processing plants; from cash crops (you harvest if they are good enough), to sophisticated growing systems where risks are reduced to the vagaries of weather.'
Creswick District News, January 2002.

In 1981 Jack was awarded a Life Membership of the Australian Seed Producers' Federation. He was described by his peers as a *'Statesman of the Industry'* for his achievements during his seven years Presidency of the Federation. This included a Churchill Fellowship awarded in 1979 to study the production and marketing of pasture and vegetable seeds in eight overseas countries, resulting in ground-breaking changes in the industry. Jack also authored the *Australian Seed Industry History*.

During World War II Jack served with the **RAAF** as a Leading Aircraftman. He enlisted in September 1942 and after training was assigned to 22 Squadron and sent to Kiriwina Island, east of Papua New Guinea, then Noemfoor Island, north-west of Papua New Guinea. He was discharged in November 1944. Early last November, the Creswick-Smeaton RSL President presented Jack with a 75th Anniversary End of Second World War commemorative medallion, a recognition of service to Australia for all surviving WWII veterans.

On his return from RAAF service, Jack commenced growing and selling seed on his own property, *Koorootyngh*,

Smeaton. After a long career in the farming and seed industry, he eventually retired and handed over to his son Peter, who continues to operate the business. Jack and wife Myra had four children, Diane, Julie, Janet and Peter. In 1983 Jack and Myra came to live in Creswick.

Jack was a foundation member of **Smeaton RSL sub-branch** in 1946 and president for approximately forty years. In 1997 he was instrumental in amalgamating Smeaton and Creswick sub-branches to form the Creswick-Smeaton RSL sub-branch and was President from 2006 until 2011. In 1985 Jack became a Life Member of the RSL and in 2000 was awarded the RSL Meritorious Service Medal. In

2006 he was RSL Victoria ANZAC of the Year, in recognition of his work in the re-development of the Creswick RSL Memorial Hall, completed in 2005.

Jack became a member of Ballarat Legacy in 1967, another involvement of great importance to him. For over fifty years he provided counselling and support and organised financial assistance to local war widows and their dependants.

Jack's first community activities were with his local Kooroocheang Fire Brigade for fifty years, almost fifty years as a Werona/Kooroocheang Cemetery trustee and twelve years as Chair of the Smeaton State School Committee.

Jack was sworn in as a Councillor of the **Creswick Shire Council** in February 1963. He completed two terms as Shire President in 1966/67 and 1978/79 and remained on council for twenty-four years. He was instrumental in building the new Creswick Council Offices in 1968, as well as the conversion of a section of the Town Hall to become the home of the Creswick Museum. He was Chair of the Curtin Centenary Committee celebrating the birth of former Prime Minister John Curtin (1885-1985) and was Chair of the Creswick Shire Bicentenary Celebration committee in 1988.

Before the **Creswick Water Board** became part of the Central Highlands Water Authority, Jack was Chairman and Victorian Government nominee during the time that sewerage was brought to the town. He was also a member of the Hepburn Shire Land Use Development Strategy Working Reference Committee from 1997 until 2005.

Jack was involved in establishing the **Creswick Museum**, working with locals Dr Ted Semmens, historian and former Principal of the Victorian School of Forestry (now the

University of Melbourne, Forest and Ecosystems), and Cr Selwyn Geddes OAM JP. These three men together with local Member of Parliament Tom Evans MLA AO, negotiated with the Victorian Government and Premier of the time Sir Henry Bolte, to obtain funding. The Museum was established and opened in 1970. Jack was the inaugural chairman and over the years, chairman for a further twenty years and a committee member until his death. Before the museum opened Jack was instrumental in ensuring the extensive Semmens Collection went into the Museum.

In 1954 Jack joined the **Creswick Bowling Club** and is the longest serving member. He played in every position in every grade of bowls at Creswick and was Club Champion Runner-Up three times. He was Club President 1991-1993 and the Club's Ballarat Regional Bowls Association Club Delegate for six years.

In 1957 several committees were formed to construct a new green. As professional seed growers, Jack and fellow bowler Andrew May were given the job of constructing a suitable grass playing surface, including drainage. The result was a success and with two greens to maintain both men took on the job of greenkeeper and green director until Andrew died in 1967. Jack remained green director for several years and by the time he retired from the voluntary position, he had been director for thirty-five years. In 2001 the same second grass green at the Albert Street site was named in his honour as the *Jack Sewell AM Green* with Life Membership of the club bestowed in 2003.

A keen local historian, Jack wrote many books and articles including *Creswick Bowling Club – the first 120 years 1875-1995*; *Creswick Bowling Club 1875 – 2005*; *The Early Years – a short history of Kooroocheang*; *Smeaton – 150 years after Captain Hepburn*, and *Anderson's Mill and Smeaton Bridge*. In 1982 the *Buried Rivers of Gold* Heritage Trail booklet was written and produced by Dr Jan Penny together with Jack, and commemorates the centenary of the Australasian No 2 Mine disaster. As a skilled public speaker, Jack also led tours of the local gold-mining and farming areas connected to the Centenary of



Jack Sewell and his sister Catherine 15 June 1943
Photo Creswick Museum

Australasian No 2 Mine disaster of 1882 and the Anderson's Mill Festivals.

Jack Sewell AM became a **Member of the Order of Australia** on Australia Day 1999, the second highest honour on the order listing, recognising his fifty years of service to the community, to the seed industry in Australia, and to local government.

Jack became involved in the foundation of this newsletter, **Creswick District News Inc.** after a community forum held in August 1998. He was appointed Chairman of the Action Committee with four others, to investigate the best way to relay local news after the closure of the *Creswick Advertiser*.

Another foundation member of the *CDN*, Jo van Oostveen remembers Jack and says, 'Jack was a great Chairman. His meetings were never long as he was not into lengthy debates.' This trait is displayed in early records. The newsletter has successfully been a means of communication with residents of Creswick and the surrounding areas which had been a part of the former Creswick Shire. Jack was a regular contributor to the newsletter as well as proof-reader, and as Jo continues, 'Over the years Jack wrote many articles for the *CDN* and especially with his knowledge of Creswick and areas around here they were always very interesting to read'.

All of us at the *CDN* hope this brief precis of Jack's life acknowledges at least some of his incredible legacy in Creswick and district, and we extend sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

Vale Jack, a true statesman and hard worker for the community.

Aileen and the CDN Team

References:

Creswick District News various articles;
Creswick-Smeaton RSL Sub-branch; Creswick Bowls Club;
Creswick Advertiser; Creswick Museum; Sewell family;
Members of *CDN* Team; Discussions with residents of Creswick and district.



c1980s Jack's farm at Koorootyngh, Mt Kooroocheang
Photo Creswick Museum

SANTA'S HELPERS

If you were strolling along Pearman Street just before Christmas, you would have seen Santa's helpers hard at work on a pint-sized miner's cottage.

Santa's helpers are named Sparky, Chippy, Bossy and Michelangelo. They worked very hard up until late on Christmas Eve to finish the tiny house just in time for Santa to come whisk it away and drop it, plopp, into a very special little girl's backyard.

How excited Nora was when she woke up on Christmas morning to magically find a small house where there hadn't been one before!

Her big brother wasn't so excited. He thought it was far too pink, and said 'Humph!' and went back inside to play with his own presents.

But Nora loved her new house, and her new doll Rachelle, and her new doll's cradle, and quickly got to work rocking her doll to sleep. Because Rachelle was tired after such an exciting morning.

And I think Santa's helpers are still sleeping, too.

(But Bossy woke up just long enough to write this.)



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Molly Flynn - The story of her life

Mary (Molly) Patricia Cecelia Flynn (nee Curran), was born in 1929, the fourth eldest of fourteen children, and raised in Ballarat North, by Jacqueline and Patrick Curran. Molly was educated at St Columba's Primary School, until the age of fourteen. She then attended the Ballarat School of Mines, before leaving school to help care for her younger siblings, due to her mother's poor health.

As a young girl Molly enjoyed playing with her friends in the streets. Watched by their parents the girls also played softball and basketball. On Sundays, the family went to Mass at St Columba's Church, Ballarat North. Molly was in the church choir and performed in concerts.

Molly lived at home with her parents and her paid working life started at Morley's Mill, in Ballarat, when she was eighteen. Later she trained as a nurse's aide and worked in this capacity at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat for three and a half years before moving to St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne. She passed all of her nursing exams, but couldn't qualify because her school level wasn't high enough. Molly then moved on to work as a shop assistant at Sep Bongiorno's fruit shop in Ballarat, until she married at twenty three and moved to Creswick.

For her social life, Molly went to old time dances, which were held in the canteen at Morley's Mill, and also at the Ballarat Railway Institute Hall, where on one Saturday night she met the man she was to marry. On 3 January 1953, Molly married Bernard Flynn, a carpenter from Springmount, at St Columba's Church.

Prior to their marriage Molly would ride her bicycle out to Creswick to help Bernard build their first family home, which was on the corner of Castlemaine Road and Moore Street. After a honeymoon in Tasmania, and settling into their new home, she took on the role of mother, bearing eight children through the space of the next eleven years. In 1962, to accommodate the growing family, a new family home was built on Eastern Hill in Creswick, which continued to be Molly's home for the next fifty-seven years.

As the older children began heading to secondary school, Molly returned to the work force, initially working a couple of days a week at Dick Verhagen's fish and chip shop in Albert St Creswick, to help pay school fees. In 1972 she started working at the Creswick Hospital, where she worked first as a cleaner and later as a cook, for nineteen years.

When all of the children had left home, Molly began fulfilling her dream of travelling the world, going to Central Australia and Hong Kong, with workmates, and also to Europe, New Zealand and Tasmania with Bern.

After celebrating their fortieth Wedding Anniversary in January 1993 with family and friends, Molly's life changed when Bern passed away suddenly on Mother's Day, 9 May, 1993.

Over the years Molly always had a strong commitment to her church groups, including the St Augustine's Ladies' Guild and Legion of Mary. She was a sacristan for many years, and she visited sick parishioners and also took Communion to them. As a member of the St Augustine's

community she was involved in a variety of parish activities ranging from doing floral arrangements for the altar, to coaching a ladies' football team, and hamming it up in plays and skits put on by members of the guild.

Molly also had a great commitment to the Creswick community. She was an early member of Creswick's Neighbourhood Watch, delivering pamphlets in her area with her beloved dog Benny. She also delivered Meals on Wheels to the elderly and disabled community members for over twenty-five years and was a member of both the Creswick District Hospital Auxiliary and the John Curtin Auxiliary. For over thirty years she had been an active member of the Creswick Senior Citizens' Club serving terms as Secretary, Treasurer and President.



Photo courtesy Peter McArthur

Molly enjoyed lawn bowls, pottering around in her extensive garden and going on day trips with the Senior Citizens and Probus Clubs. In recent years she also enjoyed a number of cruises around Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

With seven of her eight children still alive (Jacinta passed away in 2008), twenty four grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren, Molly had quite a task in keeping up with family news.

Over the last few years, as her health declined, Molly did her best to live independently at home, with the occasional help from carers and her family, but eventually needed to move into the John Curtin Aged Care Centre in October 2019. Here she was looked after incredibly well, till her death, on 24 August, 2020, aged 91. Molly was well prepared for passing into the next life and has left behind a treasure trove of wonderful memories.

The Flynn family

Memorial Afternoon Tea

To celebrate the life of Molly Flynn, a Memorial Afternoon Tea will be held at the Creswick Senior Citizens Rooms on 21 February, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Please contact Bernadette (0419 326 052) if you wish to attend or want more information. Please also note that numbers are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.



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Cemetery News

It is hoped that everyone had a great Christmas and that all enjoy a happy and healthy New Year.

During COVID the committee had its AGM and the following appointments were made for the year –

Chairperson – Mrs Sally Kennedy; Secretary – Mrs Wendy Ohlsen; Auditor – PPT (Prowse, Perrin & Twomey.)

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Kieran Moore for nineteen years as Chairperson, he has also been on the committee for twenty-eight years and counting. During the year Mr Stanley Haintz, who had served on the committee for twenty-two years, was also farewelled along with Mr Stan Johns, who had completed thirty-two years as a Trust Member. Thank you to both men for their years of service and help.

Also, congratulations to both Ray Lethlean and Colleen Baker for their untiring help as volunteers. At the cemetery, when the first ever Christmas break-up was held, Sally Kennedy (Chair), presented Wendy Ohlsen with a lovely bouquet of flowers for her hard work and dedication throughout the year. A lovely afternoon tea was provided with guests including Annie and Brenda from Ballarat Cemetery, Brian from Harrison’s funerals, Les and helpers from Ballarat Memorials, Chris from the Bendigo Bank, Committee and Volunteers.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary



Red Cross - Creswick Branch

Members have not had a meeting since March last year and at the moment, no meetings have been scheduled for this year. Red Cross Calling usually takes place during March when we have a collecting point outside the Creswick IGA supermarket, but because we have been unable to discuss this with our members, it is unlikely we will be doing this. For those wishing to make a donation, collecting boxes can be found in local businesses such as the supermarket, Flemo’s, Greenvale Butchers, Davies & Rose, to name a few.

This report from Red Cross Headquarters regarding the donations made towards the Bushfire Relief last year may be of interest.

Report from Red Cross HQ – President Ross Pinney

‘I’m proud to provide the latest update on our bushfire response. In total \$240 million was generously donated and, as at 18 December, we have spent or disbursed \$201 million.

The remaining \$39 million will be used in 2021 and 2022: \$15 million to continue the community recovery program and \$24 million for final grant payments and unmet needs within bushfire affected communities.

5,808 people received one or more bushfire grants to meet emergency needs, make urgent repairs, help with funeral or hospital costs, or establish a safe place to live.

1,891 people received an additional support grant to further support those in ongoing financial hardship

17,314 people in 46 local government areas have been supported through our ongoing recovery program.’

Marj Poole, Chairperson

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St Augustine's News

Even though last year proved to be a rather challenging one, a lot of good came out of it. A senior school hub was created in the presbytery that now houses a year five and six classroom alongside a learning intervention area. The library has moved back to the school's main body and there is a new visual arts learning area. A large expanse of cyclone fencing and attached vegetation has been removed which has opened up the school's northern area and the final project was the completion of the passive play area covered with a shade sail. This area will be reserved for students to chill out and have a break from the hustle and bustle of the playground. Early next month seating and tiger turf will arrive to complete the project.

It looks like being an inspiring and productive year and I look forward to sharing the journey with you all. Hence, until next time enjoy all you do. I would like to introduce you all to the school leaders for this year and welcome our 2021 Foundation class.

Leadership Year Six 2021

School Leaders: Grace Davis; Declan O'Kelly; Annabella Miller

Arts Leaders: Lexi Evans - Gurnoor Chahal (Assisting); Bella Hocking - Lily Evans (Assisting)

SRC: Dakotah Baker

ICT: Fletch Martin; Angus Bullen - Jack Petch (Classroom)

Sports Leaders: Paige Robinson; Paige Euvrard - Amelia Dubberley/McPhan (Assisting)
Jonty Thomas - Abbi Righetti (Assisting)

Enjoy the month.

Terry Brennan
Principal



Creswick Capers Optimistic for 2021

Creswick Primary School welcomes in the 2021 Education Year and after coming off the year that we had last year, is really looking forward to a positive year for all the school community.

In December twenty-three grade 6 students were farewelled with a Graduation Night that some thought may never arise and best wishes go to each one of them and all the very best to them in their endeavours at secondary school and beyond.

This month, twenty-two Foundation students are welcomed as they embark on their primary school journey knowing that each of these students will enjoy the opportunities that Creswick Primary School offers.

This year sees the continuation of the many fantastic programs such as *STEM*, *PE*, *Art*, *Hands On Learning*, *MultiLit*, *QuickSmart* as well as introducing other initiatives across the school. School is also looking forward to the many events that students were unable to take part in due to COVID, including incursions and excursions, athletics at all levels, cross-country at all levels, Jogathon, camps and so much more.

As we look forward to 2021 with great optimism, we welcome all new and returning families to the school and once again we will demonstrate what a friendly and supportive community it is.

Until next month, stay safe.

Vicki Hughes, Creswick PS Class Teacher



NORTHERLY NEWS

After a restful holiday break, it was great to have wonderful students in both classes return for the first school day of 2021.

The school has had extensive work done on the grounds and buildings over the past six months and into the summer break - landscaped gardens and play areas, freshly painted classrooms and corridors, new carpet, fire-safe roofing, new fencing and new classroom furniture.

There is still more work to be completed around the school over the next few months with new kitchen, barbecue and picnic area, and upgraded play equipment.

The major renovations both inside and out have made it like a new school and a great place to learn!

For a school tour to experience the new facilities, please call 5345 2012.

Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal

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CRESWICK LIONS

The Creswick Lions Club has had the opportunity to resume fundraising activities, turning sausages at the monthly Creswick Market and at the Creswick Road Bunnings store. COVID-19 restrictions have impacted on the fundraising potential, but it is hoped that this will not be for much longer.

The Two Bob Auction donated items were transferred to the successful Christmas Raffle. Thank you everyone who purchased tickets and thanks to the Forest Fresh IGA for allowing the Club to set up out the front to sell tickets. Again a big thanks to those that donated prizes.

The Prize winners were: 1st - Jake Clarke; 2nd Di Craven;
3rd Matt Thannhauser;
4th Greg May.

Christmas Cakes were very popular this festive season with demand outstripping supply. The support of the community and district for purchasing cakes is appreciated.

Lions members enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at the Cumberland Hotel in Smeaton mid-December. 2020 also saw the Club say goodbye to two valued members. We would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution made by Ray Allen and Andrew Bott and we wish them well for the future.

We wish everyone a wonderful New Year and hope that 2021 is kinder than the previous year.

Carolyn Gargiulo, Secretary 0417 349 049

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What's on at the Creswick Hub?

All library services have resumed after our COVID-19 closures and limited services. We would like to thank our community for their understanding during that time.

All library programs remain online. Onsite programming will not resume until further notice. Please follow our Facebook page for updates on our regular programming.

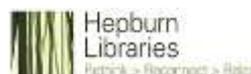
Home Library Services will resume in due course and we will advise those who use this service when it becomes available.

Creswick Hub,

68 Albert Street. Ph: 5345 2145

library@hepburn.vic.gov.au

Bree Milgate, Team Leader Creswick Hub &
Clunes Warehouse



January 4, 1921

The "Back to Creswick" movement, which was mooted by the borough Council a couple of meetings back, was discussed by a number of former residents while visiting the town during the recent holidays. They are very enthusiastic in the matter, and hope that no stone will be left unturned in successfully bringing the matter to a head.

January 7, 1921

The Smeaton Agricultural Society will again hold a haystacking competition this season, and desires that farmers and stackbuilders build with a view to entering for the competition.

January 11, 1921

The State Forest nursery to the east of Creswick appeared to get the full force of the thunderstorm on Sunday afternoon. There was a phenomenal fall of rain, 1 inch 63 points being registered for a period of 25 minutes. The later rain brought the total to 2 inches 1 point.

January 14, 1921

The induction of the Rev. K. C. Billinge to the Presbyterian Charge of Creswick and Dean will take place tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon in St. Andrew's Church, commencing at 3 o'clock.

January 18, 1921

Owing to the heavy storm last Sunday week, the monthly visit of the Creswick Victory Brass Band to the hospital had to be abandoned. Last Sunday afternoon the band visited the hospital and under Bandmaster P. Northcott, gave their monthly programme, which was appreciated by the patients.

January 21, 1921

Allendale- Frequent complaints are being made about the destruction of the drains in various parts of the town by wandering pigs, and the attention of the shire inspector should be directed to the suppression of the mischief, for it is very unpleasant in the summer season to have drains destroyed by neglected and nomadic animals, particularly when the municipality only afford them casual attention, whereas they should have constant oversight which the safety of the public health demands.

January 28, 1921

A very thoughtful act on the part of the committee of the Creswick Mechanics' Institute and Free Library was made at the annual meeting on Wednesday night, and it is one that should meet with the approbation of all true patriots in the town. A resolution was carried to the effect that all soldiers' widows of the town be made honorary members of the bookroom in the library.

February 1, 1921

Yesterday was observed as the Foundation Day holiday, and the shops, public offices, and banks were closed. Flags were flown from the town hall and fire station. There were no sports gatherings in the immediate neighborhood, but private picnic parties were formed and fishing excursions indulged in.

February 4, 1921

It is interesting to note that Cr. John Leishman, J.P., of Kingston, yesterday entered on his 55th year of occupancy of a seat in the Creswick Shire Council. To have been an active member of a municipal body for such a lengthy period as 54 years must surely be a record for the Commonwealth.

February 8, 1921

Loyal Spring Hill Lodge I.O.O.F.

The fortnightly meeting of the above will be held in the Rechabite hall this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance requested. H. Bowley, Secretary.

February 11, 1921

On Sunday next at the Glengower Station, Campbelltown, the Clunes Brass Band will give a sacred concert, and an address on "Charity" is to be given by Sir Alexander Peacock. The effort is the usual one made in that district on behalf of the Clunes District Hospital.

February 15, 1921

Woodcarters and others willing to assist are notified that a meeting will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of making arrangements to cart the firewood from the forest to the Creswick Hospital grounds.

February 18, 1921

Kooroocheang- On Friday last a very nice musical evening was held at "Willow Bank," the residence of Messrs Arthur and Bert Williams. The occasion was given and organised by the old members of the church choir to welcome back Mr and Mrs Bert Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Walls.

February 25, 1921

Ullina District Cricket Association

The final two-days match Clunes v Tourello - will be commenced at the Clunes ground tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. Collection at gate - half to Creswick and Clunes Hospitals, and half to Association. P. P. Foley, Hon. Sec.

Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District

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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

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

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

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

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

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

Creswick & District U3A - 0459 981 066 or email u3a3363@gmail.com or 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) 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 Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Pat Tacey 0429 581 591, 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

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

Creswick Probuc 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

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website 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

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

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