



2018 Rotary Club Business Award Winners : Smokeytown Café



Joban and Raj Singh

Congratulations to Smokeytown Café for winning the Rotary Club of Daylesford Business of the Year Award announced at the recent Hepburn Shire Council Australia Day Ceremony.

Each year the Club invites community members in the Hepburn Shire to nominate local businesses, employees and trainees/apprentices for these Awards which reward individual endeavour for the year.

Proprietors of Smokeytown Café, Raj and Joban Singh were delighted to accept the Award and stated: 'Hard work pays off they say and it certainly did ... It wouldn't have been possible without all the unconditional support from the community and every single individual over the last two years. Moreover, credit equally goes to hard working team of Smokeytown Café and thanks to Rotary Club for this beautiful award.'

The complete list of Business awards is:

Business of the Year -	Smokeytown Cafe, Creswick
Employee of the Year -	Darren McColl, Hepburn Golf Club
Young Employee of the Year -	Samantha Rodgers, EKO Day Spa



Hepburn Shire Council Recycling Issue

Hepburn Shire Council is affected by Visy's decision to refuse recyclable material and is exploring other alternatives. This includes determining which processors are able to accept recyclable material in the immediate future to continue the Shire's kerbside recycling collection services. The Council is confident viable options will be identified before the Visy deadline.

Aaron van Egmond, CEO, said that Council is working with the Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Group and the State Government on this issue.

'We encourage our community to continue their recycling practices as collection services will remain unchanged. We hope that a resolution to this widespread issue will be found soon', said Mr van Egmond.

SCHOOL DAYS BEGIN



Creswick North Primary School Foundation students.
See article on page 17.

Creswick District News

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

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Made possible with Hepburn Shire Council (HSC) sponsorship and by these community groups; Creswick Railway Workshops Assoc. Inc. (CRWA), Creswick and District Residents Assoc. Inc. (CADRA) and the University of the Third Age (U3A).



TENDERS CALLED Creswick Cemetery

For minor earthworks to be carried out at the Creswick Cemetery over the next two years.

Any contractor interested please contact secretary for details.

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Bouquets

To the civic minded walkers who collect rubbish as they take their exercise around St George's Lake.

creswick Rainfall

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

	2017 mm	2018 mm
January	34	30
February	37	
March	44.4	
April	106.5	
May	39.5	
June	12.5	
July	72.7	
August	59.3	
September	51.5	
October	64	
November	55.1	
December :	58.5 mm	

Creswick and District Hospital Auxiliary Summer Luncheon

Creswick and District Hospital Auxiliary will hold a Summer Luncheon on 8 March at 12 noon at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms.

Proceeds from the Luncheon will go towards a special care mattress, valued at \$2300.

Enquires:

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Dairy goats galore! 150th Kingston Agricultural Show



Line up for the Best Exhibit of the 150th Kingston Agricultural Show. The winner was Geringhaven Wynne owned by Glenis and Peter Keays. Photos by Naomi Parkinson

The postponed Dairy Goat classes of the 150th Kingston Agricultural Show were held under lovely shady trees at the Kingston Showground on Sunday 21 January. Thirty-four goats were judged by Murray Grills and the cadet judge Carolyn Pritchard. Three goat breeds were represented, namely, *Toggenburgs*, *British Alpines* and *Anglo Nubians*. All champions received special commemorative medallions thanks to the sponsorship of the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Geringhaven Wynne owned by Glenis and Peter Keays was awarded Champion Milking Doe, Champion British Alpine and then Best Exhibit at Show. Thanks go to Gail Ryan for organizing the event again and to our other sponsors the Creswick Pharmacy, *Gaiway Park* and Olssons' (salt licks).

Chris Hastings, Secretary



CAFÉ CURTIN

What is Café Curtin you ask?
Well to explain it to you is my next task.
You've all heard of John Curtin I know.
Well now they have something new to show.

A café, with lovely food to share.
I know it's true 'cos I've been there.
Each Wednesday to Sunday find your way
To Café Curtin where there's food on display.

Sharon's been busy as you will see,
And on the right day there'll be Devonshire Tea.
I tried the quiche and Oh boy was it nice.
I'm going back for cakes and slice.

It's so relaxing just sitting there,
Out of the window is a garden to share.
If you have 'rellies' there, give them a treat,
Or pop in with friends it's a nice place to meet.

Now as for the menu expect a surprise.
Sharon's been making chicken and leek pies.
There's muffins and wraps and focaccia too,
Salad rolls and biscuits, it's all for you.

A cappuccino to have with your cake,
There's no end to what Sharon can make.
Ten am to 3.30 that's the time,
So why not pop in and spend a dime,

And as you sit – and gaze at the view –
Enjoy Café Curtin – with a coffee or two.

Arlene Geoffrey



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Nell Lafranchi – A Very Lucky Life

Nell Lafranchi's smile and positive outlook owe much to growing up in Creswick in the middle of the last century when hard work and a 'can-do' attitude kept a large family together during the kinds of hardships that current generations can barely imagine.

Mary Ellen (or Nell as she has always been known) was born in 1934, the first of five girls and three boys to Vic and Dot Thomas of Redcliffs. Dot was only eighteen and work was hard to come by until the start of World War II when the family (by then with four small children) moved to Allendale and Vic eventually found work with the Forestry Commission, driving graders and building many of the Forestry roads in the area. Vic even travelled further afield to Gippsland where he would be gone for two weeks at a time.

This must have been a lonely and busy time for her mother Dot, caring for four small children with no transport. Nell remembers walking with her brother Vic Jnr to the store to buy a five-pound tin of jam (over 2kgs) and walking all the way home again with the heavy tin of plum jam almost pulling their arms out.

Sometime in late 1939 or early 1940, the Commission saw fit to build a big box caravan for Nell's dad to pull behind the grader. So with the grader pulling the big green caravan, followed by the car, and finally a Furphy water



tank, the family spent some three years following Vic's work to places like Raglan, Smythesdale, Enfield and Snake Valley.

The caravan was fitted out with four bunk beds at one end, a double bed at the other, and a small wood stove in the middle. They bathed in one tub of water, starting with the youngest to the oldest. Nell remembers well the verse printed on the back of the old Furphy tank:

*Good Better Best
Never let it rest
Till your Good is Better
and your Better Best*

The older children attended school at Raglan and Smythesdale, but where there was no formal school, Nell remembers her mother sitting her on a log outside the caravan and making her knit twenty-five rounds on four needles to make socks, teaching her both discipline and arithmetic!

The family made wonderful, lifelong friends during this idyllic sounding life, but it was still hard going. The children all had whooping cough at one time, and when Dot was having a difficult fifth pregnancy, the children were 'farmed' out to various friends for three months until baby arrived safe and well and mum was fit to take the reins again.

By now, there were too many to fit into the caravan and the Thomas family moved first to Napier Street, Creswick and then purchased a little old cottage at North Creswick where babies seven and eight arrived. Vic's handyman skills came to the fore with the seeming continuous extensions to the cottage to cope with the growing family.

Even after moving out of the caravan, Nell remembers that transport was usually done the hard way. While living in



Vic Jnr, Nell holding Beverley and Sam, c 1940



The La Franchi shack in Werona



The grader pulling the big green caravan

Napier Street, she had to have her tonsils out and walked to and from the hospital. After moving to North Creswick, Nell continued to attend school at Creswick State School, each day getting a ride from Mr Chance, the cleaner, in his horse and jinker. When Nell moved to secondary school at Ballarat Girls School, she travelled by train at first and then on Frank and Joe Williams' buses.

During her mum's seventh pregnancy, all the family except Nell contracted scarlet fever, so her grannie (Dad's mother) moved in, while Nell moved out, to help her mum and the new baby. Nell has wonderful memories of staying at Grannie and Pa's house. There were singalongs with Grannie playing her button accordion. Grannie slept in a little bungalow separate to the house, and when the children visited they stayed there. Grannie always took a thermos of tea and a brown bread and butter sandwich to bed for an early start the next day. It was the children's treat to join her and it was the best sandwich Nell remembers ever eating!

At fifteen Nell left school, and with six more at home to be educated she started work at the Hosiery factory which was located near where the Creswick RSL Hall is now. Nell admits she was 'no good at it' and lasted only three weeks. She subsequently worked at Wally Sudweek's shop in Creswick (now *The Farmer's Wife*) selling haberdashery.



The car following the caravan

Travelling from North Creswick was by foot, horse and buggy, or with the milkman! Later she also worked in Ballarat.

Nell's teenage years were filled with work, tennis and watching footy. She attended the Methodist Church and Sunday School in Victoria Street (now the site of the Neighbourhood Centre parking area). She taught at Sunday School and sang in the choir at North Creswick. On Saturday nights, Nell would go dancing in Kingston, Newlyn and Smeaton by bus and later to Ballarat.

In 1953, Nell met Kevin Lafranchi who worked in his family business. Kevin's grandfather Giulio La Franchi (known as Julian), came out during the gold rush along with many other Swiss Italians. He married an Irish girl, Ann Bridget Phelan, who was a midwife despite losing her arm to an infection. They had fourteen children while living in a shack located in a secluded dell on Deep Creek at Werona. The shack is still there, surrounded by bluebells in spring.

Kevin and Nell married in 1956. Soon afterwards they moved to Blampied, into a house with the barest necessities - no car, fridge, washing machine, dryer, indoor toilet or television. Nell washed her first baby's nappies in a cut down kerosene tin on top of a wood stove.

Nell and Kevin had five children, two boys and three girls. Whilst awaiting the arrival of their second child, Kevin had a serious truck accident in February 1959. He survived but contracted mumps and hepatitis. As a busy wife and mother, Nell said she lived the 'usual lifestyle' - involved in the children's education, church activities and sport - mainly footy and tennis.

Nell and Kevin have been happily married for over sixty years. Nell played tennis for many years, and until recently played bowls at Smeaton for twenty-three years. After fifty-two years carting livestock, Kevin retired just before his 70th birthday and they moved from Blampied to Creswick, with a lot of help from their caring children, to enjoy their ten grandchildren and a well-deserved rest. They have made and maintained a wide circle of good friends in the district.

Nell declares that they are now extremely content and that she has had 'a very lucky life' thereby proving the old maxim that the harder you work the luckier you are!

Maria Taylor



Thomas family c1950

Four Seasons Fine Music Festival 2018 Program - Featuring Greta Bradman

Following the successful inaugural Festival last year, the 2018 Four Seasons Fine Music Festival will comprise eleven musical events featuring diverse music and choral performances spread throughout the year to reflect the changing seasons. At the time of going to print, the High Summer Concerts I and II will have already taken place at St John's Anglican Church, Creswick.

The Autumn concerts at St Paul's Church in Clunes will feature the Australian Chamber Choir on Saturday, 5 May and a Chamber Brass Concert with Kavanagh Brass on Sunday, 6 May. A highlight of the 2018 Festival is the inclusion of the Winter I concert as part of the 'Home Tour' of Greta Bradman on Sunday, 17 June at St Paul's Church, Clunes.

Following the successful installation of the state registered 1889 Fincham and Hobday pipe organ generously gifted to St John's Anglican Church Creswick by the former Barkly Street Uniting Church in Ballarat in 2015, Father Ryan Bennett conceived the idea of showcasing not only the new

organ, but also the fine acoustics of the other churches within the Anglican Parish of Springmount. St Paul's Church in Clunes and St Matthew's Church in Newlyn will also feature this year.

The appointment of the Hon Tim Fischer AC as Patron of the Festival was another coup for the Festival which is organised by a hard-working Music and Events Committee. Mr Fischer congratulates the Director and the Committee on delivering an inclusive festival for all the community to enjoy in three beautiful, historic churches in Creswick, Clunes and Newlyn.

Tickets will be available at \$25 for Adults, \$20 for Seniors/students (children under 14 are free) from the Creswick and Clunes Visitor Information Centres a few weeks before each concert weekend or can be purchased online at www.trybooking.com, select 'Buy Tickets' then search for Four Seasons Fine Music Festival. Tickets for the 'Home Tour' Greta Bradman concert will be available separately at www.gretabradman.com

Senior Cits : New Members Always Welcome

January welcomed the usual loyal groups to the activities to begin the New Year.

Seniors wanting to become members are always welcome to join any group that interests them: Euchre, Scrabble, Mahjong, Triominoes, Bingo, Bowls and a Social Day each month which includes lunch at noon and great entertainment. Social Day on February 23 will be a real brain teaser with a Trivia afternoon.

Members may not realise that in May, the Club reaches fifty years young and wants to make it a great day.

It was pleasing to see many Members at the Australia Day Breakfast and even on television.

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In 2018 that prayerful support will be directed at the 540,000 inhabitants of the Republic of Suriname, on the north-eastern coast of South America. Despite a history steeped in slavery and political coups, this tiny nation has achieved remarkable progress since its independence in 1975.

Suriname enjoys multi-ethnicity and biodiversity, freedom of religion, free primary and secondary education, and free medical care for children and seniors. However, family violence, abuse and neglect are ongoing issues. Children are particularly vulnerable, many growing up in poverty. While education is free, there is no compulsory school attendance. Child labour in the form of selling fruit and vegetables on the streets is common, but of far more serious concern is the fact that many children are labouring in the gold mines of Suriname.

During this years' service you will have the opportunity to make a monetary contribution to the Bible Society's project in Suriname – *Kids at Risk*. This project identifies children at risk of poor school attendance and encourages them and their families in the value of education through the participation in *Fun Days* and ongoing *Kids Clubs*.

Please join us at Creswick's ecumenical worship service on Friday, 2 March 2018 at 7.00pm at St John's Anglican Church, Napier St, Creswick. The service will be followed by supper. All welcome.

Enquiries to Beth 0433 422 878



Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize now open

Students wanting a place on the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize study tour will be asked to consider the impacts of war on Australian **society**.

Applications for the Prize are open. Year 9 and 10 students from Western Victoria are encouraged to apply.

Students can respond to one of three topics:

- Explore or represent the perspectives and experiences of Australians in war;
- Explore or represent the ways Australia's involvement in war changed the role of women in Australian society; or
- Explore or represent how communities commemorate and remember those who have fought for Australia.

The 2019 overseas tour will travel to Vietnam. In addition, a group of finalists will participate in a study tour to Canberra, where they will visit key sites of national significance including the Australian War Memorial.

Secondary school teachers are also invited to apply to become chaperones on the tours.

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February 1, 1918

Ormond Felstead – Boot Repairer – North Parade, Creswick (two doors from Rechabite Hall), announces that he has resumed Boot Repairing, Etc. Work neatly done with promptness and dispatch.

February 5, 1918

A disastrous grass fire, which endangered several homesteads, occurred at Bald Hills yesterday, at about 12.30 p.m. The cause of the fire is attributed to a spark from a passing wheat train catching the grass a mile and a half south of the Bald Hills railway station, in Mr. McBeth's paddock, and the fire spread with rapidity north in the direction of Bald Hills.

February 8, 1918

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February 12, 1918

A "Drunk" was arrested on Thursday evening by Mounted Constable Mason in Raglan street, and on Friday evening he appeared before Mr. C. W. Jebb J.P. He was fined 5s, in default 18 hours imprisonment.

February 15, 1918

The secretary of the local branch of the Red Cross Society acknowledges with grateful thanks the sum of £1 4s, per Mr. John Morrison, from the Xmas Day Sports, Springmount.

February 22, 1918

At about 1.30 p.m. yesterday, by some means the grass at the rear of Mrs. De Fraga's residence, at the corner of Reed Street and Bald Hills road, caught fire, which endangered the residence.

February 26, 1918

Mechanics' hall, Smeaton. A grand ball will be held under the auspices of the Smeaton Concert Party, in the above hall on Friday, 8th March, in aid of the Trench and Comforts Funds. Full particulars in a later issue. H. Grieve, secretary.

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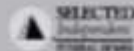
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The Bluebird

There are some people, who love to share.
When others are down they show that they care.
Recently I lost my very best friend.
Our fun and laughter came to an end.
We'd travelled to England and on cruises we went.
We even saw the Bluebell Festival in Kent.
As for jigsaw puzzles we were a pair of freaks.
We did them together for days and weeks.
Our music drew people whenever we'd start.
'Ave Maria' still breaks my heart.
Now just before Christmas one of these people came.
I don't know if she'd want me to mention her name.
She handed me a gift with a kindly word.
Inside I found a stained glass Blue Bird.
'Hang it by your window as quick as a wink,
when it's lit by the sun of Enid you'll think.'
What a beautiful lady to be so kind.
How lucky am I she had me on her mind.
No matter what's wrong in this world where we live,
It's great to find people who have love to give.
Thank you Linda.

Arlene Geoffrey



Creswick Cemetery News

All going well the refurbishment of the lawn graves at the Creswick Cemetery will continue in Autumn. Just a reminder to slow down in the cemetery, no dogs allowed whether loose or on leads, and please don't put ornaments or flowers in front of headstones. Any ornaments will be removed as these prove to be a hazard when mowing.

If anyone would like to purchase a plot or a wall niche at the Cemetery please contact the Secretary, Wendy Ohlsen on 0412 382 267 for an appointment.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary



Creswick & District Historical Society

The Historical Society is back on deck on Thursday, 22 February at 2.00pm in the Seniors Club Rooms after the holiday break.

Did you enjoy the Australia Day breakfast? The team did a great job and it was a perfect morning weather wise. There are still a few copies of *Portraits of Creswick* at \$45 per copy from the Hon Sec or Creswick Post Office.

Do keep the Honour Roll Dinner in mind. It will be held a little later in May this year to co-ordinate with Ballarat's History Week. The Club's AGM at the April Meeting is also on the radar. Come and add your ideas to the successful running of this active group. We will be tomorrow's history!

Contact the Hon Sec on 5345 1310

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Creswick Celebrates Australia Day 2018

Congratulations to the joint group of local clubs that organised the very successful Australia Day Breakfast at Park Lake.

Thank you to:

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Louise Staley MP and Philip Greenbank, Town Crier



Left: Cr Greg May and Rohan Meehan, Queen Scout

Right: Irene Martin, Elaine Clark, Claire Chadder and Marj Poole

Australia Day photos by Peter McArthur



THE ART OF LIVING

By Craig Barrett

Summer has arrived with a vengeance.

All of a sudden the emerald green paddocks of Spring are now parched and bleached. The grasshoppers and other heat loving insects are making their presence known.

For an artist, it is a really interesting time of the year. The softer hues of the cooler months have been replaced with, sometimes, blinding bright light and deep dark shadows. The sun now high in the sky presents a very different view of the landscape. In a way, things become more black and white – the way an old camera would see it, either in bright light or darkness. The angle of the sun makes a huge difference to the way we see things.

Most of the colour now seems to come from the sky – that extraordinary, wonderful cobalt blue. Many years ago, travelling on a bus in Spain, I overheard a young American backpacker commenting to his friends that the Spanish sky looked so 'deep'. His friends laughed at him. I knew exactly what he meant. We also have that very 'deep' sky.

On my journeys outback, I feel like a sailor on the open ocean - the vastness of the land and sky seem endless, inviting, mysterious and just a little dangerous.

Drawing from a vantage point on the Berry Consoles just north of Creswick a few days ago, the trees dotted across the landscape looked like black currants in a huge bowl of wholemeal flour. Even the Angus cattle grazing head down on the pale ochre-coloured stubble looked blacker than ever – like sculptures carved from black onyx.

Recently, I took another Creswick artist friend across to Long Point Floral Reserve on Gillies Rd to see the beautifully coloured Candlebarks, now peeling last year's bark to reveal their new candle creamy-coloured skin. This remnant eucalypt group must have once been common in the district. Their summer bark colours are like corals on the Great Barrier Reef – a striking display of tangerine, deep rose pinks and silvery greys. The colours of these trees are now set against a backdrop of bright white clay cliffs formed by the sluicing in the gold mining days.

As icing on the cake, a pair of striated pardalotes were tending their nest burrowed into the clay cliff. Little gemstones with wings! What a privilege to witness.

Craig Barrett
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Music News

Organs of the Goldfields

The concert for the Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields Festival at St John's Church Creswick, on 15 January, was a great success, with virtuoso organist Christopher Trikilis performing an outstanding program of 18th and 19th Century works. St John's Church, with the historic organ, which came from the former Barkly Street Uniting Church, is now being recognised as an important venue for such events. It is a key part of the Four Seasons Festival which is about to commence after a highly successful debut last year.

Brilliant pianist Kristian Chong will present a program of Bach/Liszt, Bach/Busoni and Schubert at the Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital on 28 April, in the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts. Put this special event into your diaries now.

Bronislaw Sozanski

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Children's Safety

Too often we hear of tragic events of children being hit in driveways or making errors of judgement when crossing the street. Before the age of ten, children have not yet developed the skills and knowledge to handle risky situations. Their impulsive actions often take drivers by surprise. It is a mistake to assume that children can handle traffic risks by themselves, without help from parents.

Therefore, as the holidays have ended, police are urging drivers to be vigilant and aware around schools once again. We need to do our part to keep kids *safe* as they walk, ride or get dropped off.

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside schools so all are asked to:

- Obey 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Slow down near the school crossing.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Did you know....It's an offence to.....

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Secretary: Leanne: 0437518159

20th Birthday Celebrations

Hello Fellow Gardeners

2018 starts with the Club's 20th Birthday celebrations. On Tuesday 6 March, the Club will be having a catered two-course lunch in the Creswick Town Hall, with guest speakers and some entertainment by *Sing Australia Choir*. It starts at 11.45am and will finish at 3.30pm. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members.

To book, please call Phyllis on 5345 2514 or Leanne on 0437 518 159 by Monday 26 February. All are welcome.

The Garden Club will be visiting the Melbourne International Flower show again this year. It will be the same price as last year - \$45 per person. We will depart from the old post office site at 8.00am sharp on Wednesday 21 March, returning at approximately 5.00pm. Please book by 6 March. Again, call Phyllis or Leanne.

Happy Gardening,

Leanne Murray, Secretary

Creswick Wholefoods Collective

NEW LOCATION

Creswick Wholefoods Collective is pleased to announce that the business has re-opened at the new location of 80 Albert St, Creswick. Enter through the 2nd Hand shop on Water St, opposite the Town Hall.

New opening hours are

Friday 1.00pm — 4.00pm

Saturday 11.00am — 2.00pm (unchanged)

Products include eggs, bananas, herbal teas, almonds, honey and over sixty wholefoods items. Products are mostly organic and grown in Australia, with preference given to local producers.

Thanks to all members, past and present, who have helped to make this a reality. New members can sign up in store.

We hope to see you soon!

Creswick Wholefoods Collective



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Kingston Friends of the Avenue Centenary of Planting of Avenue

Friends of the Avenue welcome input from the wider community as preparations are made for the Centenary of the Armistice and the Planting of the Avenue event to be held on Remembrance Day. Planning is well under way. Please submit ideas via our email address - kingstonfoa@gmail.com

Calling all knitters and crocheters, WE NEED YOU. A large display of poppies is planned and an easy pattern follows.

Knitting Pattern for Poppies

Cast on 52 stitches

Rows 1 to 6 rib (2 pearl, 2 plain)

Rows 7, 8, 9 knit 2 together until end of row

Next draw wool through remaining stitches and draw together

Sew up side

Leave thread on poppy (for attaching onto a stick later)

Then either sew a black button or use black fabric for the centre.

Alternatively, a crocheted poppy can be made, starting with a black centre.

Copies of Peter Rickard's book *Sentinels of Service – Volunteers of the Kingston Avenue of Honour* are still available. Please see Rob at the Creswick Newsagency. Friends of the Avenue biscuit tins are still available from a range of local businesses and the plant stall will resume at the Creswick Market this autumn. Plant donations are welcome.

Visitors to the Avenue are invited to post their photographs on our Facebook page, to share with our followers.

Julie Baulch



Vale

Barry Francis Russ - Baz 23 September 1937 - 8 January 2018

Barry was a well-known and respected member of the Kingston and broader community. He and his wife Maree came to the district in 2000. Barry was quick to engage with the community through his love of Pool. Over the years he played for the Kingston Cobbers, the American Hotel Yankee Doodles and The Cumberland Hotel Yankees, Smeaton and was part of many premierships.



Barry was a treasured friend of Kingston Friends of the Avenue; loyal, generous and hardworking. He was a team player and always attended working bees and ANZAC and Remembrance Services, where he raised the flag.

On his frequent trips Barry took the opportunity to promote Kingston and the Avenue. In the back of the car, he had his collage of photos of the Avenue and commemorative biscuit tins for sale. He helped raise a lot of money.

Barry was a quiet contributor to the wider community. He volunteered for whatever was going. Barry initiated many fundraising pursuits and donated sporting memorabilia to be auctioned for various charities and community organizations such as the Kingston CFA.

Barry was farewelled with a large funeral held at St Andrews Uniting Church Creswick and was laid to rest at the Sandon Cemetery.

Julie Baulch



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Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Hepburn Shire Wants Your Ideas

The Hepburn Shire is currently reviewing its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and would appreciate your ideas and feedback. 'Access and Inclusion' is about making all services, buildings, information and activities available to people who have a disability so that they can be included in the community. The Plan will assist Council to build a more inclusive and accessible community.

The Shire would like you to assist them by providing feedback and ideas about how to make the Shire more accessible. They have a short survey available to help them understand the issues facing those in our community with a disability.

If you need any help with the survey, require the survey in a different format or have any questions, please contact Deb Westin, Rural Access Officer on 0428 025 220 or email at dwestin@hepburn.vic.gov.au.

To complete the survey online visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/communitysurveyDAIP, or visit one of the customer service centres for a hard copy (drop it into customer service or post it to Deb Westin, Hepburn Shire Council, PO Box 21 Daylesford). Please complete the survey by no later than 2 March 2018.

Maria Abate, Communications Officer, 5321 6451



Creswick Capers

Last year the school community farewelled Mr Ron Sawyer who retired after being Principal at Creswick Primary School for six and a half years. The students and teachers gave him a wonderful send-off which included some acting and singing. He is sure to enjoy his leisure time and fill it with a lot of fishing, golfing, bike riding, bird watching and running.

The first week back at school has been an exciting time for both staff and students who have all been getting to know each other better through our Start Up Program. The school's emphasis has been on students and teachers developing relationships, setting up class routines, expectations and unpacking our school values of Respect, Resilience, Personal Best and Safety. Twenty-four Foundation students began their primary school journey on Thursday, 1 February. It was fantastic to see them all arrive in their new uniforms with big excited smiles on their faces.

Term One is a busy time with many extra-curricular activities being held that build our school community and support student learning. Among these are the whole school picnic, Division Swimming, Parent/Teacher Meetings, Year 5/6 visit to Skilled Stadium, Western Bulldogs player visit and School Cross Country.

Students have elected the school's Leadership Group for 2018 -Captains, Playground Mentors, House Captains and Junior School Councillors. Congratulations to the successful students who will be supported in their roles via training throughout the year.

*Melanie Stewart ,
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Creswick Capers



*School captains:
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Twenty-four Foundation students began their primary school journey



*Vice captains:
Abbey Fishlock and Archer Leaver*



Northerly News

It has been a great start to the school year at Creswick North. There has been plenty of enthusiasm and lots of smiling faces. This year the school welcomes six Foundation students; Cooper, Brodie, Nellie, Jai, Ezra and Kaylee. They have all started their school life extremely well and are quickly becoming accustomed to the daily school routine.

The 2018 School Captains and Vice Captains have been decided with the successful students being Jordy, Isabelle, Beau and Kiera. They are sure to display excellent leadership throughout the year.

Creswick North now has the services of the MARC Van (Mobile Area Resource Centre), which will be a great asset. The Van will visit every second Thursday and allow students to borrow from a wide variety of books. The MARC Van teacher, Mrs Bawden, will also conduct lessons in literature, history and even some music on the odd occasion.

Lastly, it is great to be back at Creswick North and I have appreciated the warm welcome from students, staff and families. I also look forward to working with the wider Creswick community.

Enjoy your month!

Marcus Murrell, Principal



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The Ballarat information session (one of sixteen regional events) will be held at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka, on Thursday, 22 February, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Entry is free but registration is essential, via www.churchilltrust.com.au/events

Churchill Fellowships are open to anyone who would like to see what other countries are doing successfully in a similar field, to inspire new ideas and innovation that will benefit Australia. About 100 Churchill Fellowships are awarded annually, including some relating specifically to agriculture, health, education, the environment and the arts.

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People can also follow the Churchill Trust on Facebook for advice about a live Q&A to be held in late March. More information is also available by visiting www.churchillfellowships.com.au

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CRESWICK BRASS BAND

Playouts and Weddings!

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Two members of the Band who were not at the payout had a very good reason for their absence – they were on their honeymoon! Yes, a Band romance has been going on for the last few years, and in late January, Andrew and Lesley tied the knot at St Augustine's in Creswick. The Band is super happy for them, and gives them all their love and good wishes. They are setting up home in Clunes, and hopefully it has a practice room for two!

Still on the theme of practice, the Band is well into preparation for the National Band Championships to be held in Melbourne over Easter. If you have driven past the Bandroom at about 7.00pm on Thursdays you may have seen Creswick Youth Brass learning the finer points of marching, which is also part of the Championships. There will be a battle within the battle as well, with both Hepburn Shire Bands (Creswick and Daylesford) taking part.

Finally, this month the Band would like to thank the Creswick Branch of the Commonwealth Bank, which has kindly donated some money to the Band to enable us to purchase a side drum and harness for Creswick Youth Brass.

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Thursday March 8, Creswick & District Hospital Auxiliary Summer Luncheon, 12 noon Senior Citizen Clubrooms. Joan - 5338 2584 Margaret 5345 2165

Saturday March 17, 10.00am – 3.00pm Creswick Town Hall Market, plenty of stalls and craft

Saturday March 17, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Wednesday March 21, visit to Melbourne International Flower Show, cost \$45 departing from old post office site 8.00am sharp, returning approx 5.00pm, book by 6 March. Phyllis 5345 2514 Leanne 0437 518 159

Saturday March 24, Welcome to New Residents, 10.00am Creswick Hub. Learn valuable information about the town and meet some locals

Sunday April 15, Four Seasons Fine Music Festival Concert for Bassoon, Oboe and Harpsicord, St. Matthew's Church, Newlyn, 3.00pm

Saturday April 21, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Saturday/Sunday May 5, Four Seasons Fine Music Festival, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Clunes, Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 2.00pm

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 jackandnorah@vic.australis.com.au

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. Ph 5345 1310

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 Garden Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) Seniors' 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 and Wed 11.00am. Parents' Club Tue 11.30am

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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