

Creswick District News

Still Priceless

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Calembeen *Parkrun* - New for Creswick



In a Hepburn Shire first, Creswick has a *Parkrun*! After years of planning and hard work, Calembeen *Parkrun* has kicked off.

The launch on Saturday, 14 January saw over 140 people participating, runners and walkers, who came from far and wide to see what the new course had in store. The track is five kilometers and involves three loops of a course in and around Calembeen Park, goes up into the bush and then loops around the lovely lake and back up the hill to finish at the rotunda. Many people enjoyed a dip in Calembeen Lake after their run/walk with the temperature above thirty by mid-morning.

Parkrun is for people of all ages and abilities. It is a supportive environment where people can push themselves to improve their run times, or just enjoy a stroll with family, friends and community members. *Parkrun* also has a fabulous volunteer program and encourages people to come out and help. There is lots to help with, great people to meet or just come and enjoy the great outdoors.

Calembeen *Parkrun* is on every Saturday from 8.00am. Come down a bit early to say hi and join in for a group briefing. No need to book – just turn up and have a go.



You can register today at parkrun.com.au/register. It is free and a one-off registration gives you a barcode for use and access to **ALL** *Parkrun* events across the world.

Call Chrissy at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre on 5345 2356 or pop in to sign up and volunteer. For more info contact Adam Crutchfield on 0417 571 632 or Chrissy Austin at chrissyeaustin@gmail.com.

Letter From A Long Term Subscriber to *CDN*

Please cancel my subscription as I am almost 100 years old and am finding it a little difficult to keep up with things. My sister and nieces and nephews are all living in Creswick and keep me abreast of what's been happening in Creswick – I still refer to this place as home – was born there in 1923 but left in about 1940 to join the army and didn't return. As a matter of interest, I am the oldest living player for the Melbourne Football Club.

I am proud to say that I have a cricket ball mounted in the Creswick Museum having taken the whole of the team's wickets – clean bowled for twenty-two runs against a Ballarat team at the age of seventeen.

I really enjoyed your wonderful newsletter as I said earlier, I always refer to Creswick as home – have some wonderful memories.

Des Bell

Creswick District News

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Senior Cits News Happy Birthday June!

A new year is upon us and we hope 2023 will be a happy, healthy and prosperous year. Seniors Club began activities on 4 and 6 January, so we are settled in for some fun and company.

The first social day will be Friday, 24 February and the last Friday in each month after that. We hope to see members enjoying a yummy meal and good entertainment. The Seniors bus runs each Friday. Let us know if you wish to be picked up. Ring June on 5334 6526 or Gary on 5345 2434.

Just before Christmas, members said goodbye to Norah Stubbs, long-time valued member and Treasurer. Norah and her dogs will settle near Brisbane to be closer to family.

May I wish friends and family many thanks for all the beautiful cards and gifts to celebrate my milestone 90th birthday. Wow! Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray 5334 6526 See photo on page 7



Creswick Cemetery News

There are two new signs near the office at the Cemetery – one with the speed limit, 10km per hour, and one letting you know the main gate closes at 5.00pm each night.

Visitors can still walk in after 5.00pm. The walk-in gate is open all the time.

Be aware though, that during summer, if there is an extreme or catastrophic day, ALL the gates will be shut for the safety of everyone.

All visitors are asked to please drive carefully.

Wendy Ohlsen
0412 382 267



Rainfall

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

	2021	2022	2023
	mm	mm	mm
January	134.5	163.0	9.5
February	13.0	1.0	
March	79.5	49.0	
April	20.0	65.5	
May	79.0	39.3	
June	99.9	104.5	
July	106.5	51.0	
August	66.5	156.0	
September	70.5	82.0	
October	91.0	214.1	
November	66.8	129.1	
December	26.3	40.2	
TOTAL	853.5	1,094.7	9.5

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to long-term local Marg Giles on her nomination for Shire of Hepburn Australia Day Citizen of the Year. A much deserved nomination.

Also congratulations to *CresFest* which was nominated in the Event of the Year category.

Have you seen the Pop Up Op Shop in the Creswick Cube?

This is operating on Saturdays from 9.00am to 2.00pm, courtesy of Margie and Sandy, in place of the *CRWA Inc* Recycle Central Op Shop that is unable to open due to Town Hall works. The Cube is the original Information Centre located at the start of Raglan Street. It is a small location but offers big bargains!

Australia Day Breakfast Creswick

It was a mild Park Lake morning for the community breakfast on 26 January, 2023. Official guests were the Federal Member for Ballarat Catherine King MP and



*Cr Don Henderson, Catherine King MP,
Phil Greenbank and Alan Morris*

Hepburn Shire Mayor Cr Brian Hood. The theme for Australia Day 2023 was *Reflect, Respect, Celebrate* and both speeches were based around these three key objectives.

Local Rob Rule led the singing of the National Anthem and the popular *Seekers* tune *I am Australian* with musical backing by the fabulous and talented Creswick Brass Band. RSL President Alan Morris acted as the Master of Ceremonies and the official Hepburn Shire Town Crier, our very own Phil Greenbank, welcomed everyone with traditional vocals complimented by a very large bell.

The event went smoothly thanks to all those local volunteers who stepped up as needed to make it work well as a collective community effort. These included the Creswick Football/Netball Club; Lions Club; the Scouts and the Walking Group. Thanks to the Mt Prospect Tennis Club for the use of their club rooms. The *Creswick Railway Workshops Assoc Inc* was granted funding from the Hepburn Shire to provide the breakfast. The CRWA Committee wish to thank all those who contributed to making it another successful Australia Day event.

Judy Henderson, Secretary CRWA Inc.

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.



An application for a Restoring War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grant was submitted on 31 January. The grant seeks funds to make a start on implementing the Tree Management Plan.

Many thanks to the willing workers who organised and helped with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. A joint fundraiser with the Kingston Agricultural Society, this was held on 4 February.

A legal challenge was tabled in the Victorian Supreme Court questioning the Australian Energy Market Operator's processes. The planned Environmental Effects Statement Workshop, mentioned in the December *CDN* is on hold until further notice whilst we await the outcome.

For further information, and to subscribe to the *Stop AusNet Towers* newsletter go to:
www.stopausnettowers.com.au.

Kingston Remembers - Resource Centre, which is based at the Commercial @ Kingston, opens at 12 noon Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For more details, please ring 5345 6576 or mob: 0408 007 464.

Save the Dates:

Plant Stall at the Creswick Market – March, April and May.

Sunday, 26 March 9.00am to 12.00 noon - working bee.

Tuesday, 25 April 9.00am – Anzac Service.

Julie Baulch on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue, Inc., kingstonfoa@gmail.com

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Number three of four sons, I always knew that I was destined for greatness! I really don't know why it never happened - I put it down to some great cosmic mistake. It does feel like a very long, dusty, corrugated road that led me to Creswick a mere six years ago. June 20, 2016 I arrived. It snowed that week, then rained for another three months in my memory. How I wished for dust and heat back then.

Nearly all the things I plan never work out. All the important things in my life I never saw coming. Like the meteor that killed all the dinosaurs, which I am in no way responsible for – it just happened. Big rock from the sky, no Craig involved in any way whatsoever. At the ripe old age of twenty-one, at the end of my Fine Arts course, (1977-79), I proudly announced to the world, *Here I Am*. Unfortunately the world wasn't listening that day, or the next, or several more, or maybe just didn't care. It's a sort of Kung Fu trial we have to go through. Knockbacks from one gallery to the next ... too commercial for one, not commercial enough for another. Most artists can wallpaper their studios with rejection letters. That is the way of the brush. So, wounded pride and myself bought a backpack, camping gear and went to see the world.

My plan, such as it was, head for Tasmania – my first venture across the seas! A chance encounter with an old school friend took me to Uluru instead. Jumpers and wet weather gear out of the pack, shorts and tee shirts in

Uluru is where, for me, my life story gets really interesting. In so many ways, Uluru is the beating heart of our nation. It was a baptism by fire, by ice, by floods, and baking heat. A real spiritual awakening of what it means to belong here. For a time, I was working with the Mutitjulu community at Uluru. It seemed like a long time, in my mind, before my friend Cassidy decided that I was a *True Fella* and started teaching me Pitjantjatjara language. It was at Uluru that I also met a Canadian backpacker. Love and testosterone does strange things. As my Canadian girlfriend was flying back to the frozen north, I was making my airfare working in a hot, dry, dusty mineral exploration camp at Dajarra, South of Mt Isa in Queensland. Once again, I met people with new insights who taught me new things. Eventually, I did find my way to Lethbridge, Alberta looking for Susan. Alas, the magic was no longer there, so, I just kept moving on.



Craig and Milly

I have spent years hitch-hiking. My practice has always been to put a sign on my pack of my next destination. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. On this occasion, headed back from Lethbridge, Alberta to Vancouver in British Columbia, I was stuck roadside in the rain on the edge of a town named Hope. I changed my sign to *Beyond Hope*. The first car picked me up, dripping wet, muddy boots and all. There are some really good people out there. Sadly, backpackers no longer hitch a ride and meet local people, they buy a car instead. Sadly, drivers no longer pick up hitchhikers for fear of COVID or being mugged maybe. That is so sad on every

level. It is through the interaction with others that we learn a different view of the world. One day I found myself sitting on a wharf in Haines, Alaska. Staring out across the beautiful icy blue straits to the snow covered mountains on the other side and the glaciers winding their way to the sea, I thought, how did I get here? I never planned this. It was just one foot in front of the other that led me to this place in Alaska. I can tell you a thousand other stories along that way also, but not now.

Back to Australia, 1984. Another stint of mineral exploration in north Queensland. This time bush camps north-west of Townsville. *Surveyor* was the name of our camp and prospect. There I met some seriously interesting people – young geologists who I remain friends with forty years on. There was a fascinating Canadian head geologist and geophysicist who told great adventure stories from their early days. In camp, I also met a Polish man who read my palms, I still remember his words. When I look on Google Earth now, I see two great abandoned holes in the ground where our bush camp was. Happy/sad about that. We found something, zinc, which we all need – but we destroyed something in the process.

I found myself back at Uluru again in September 1984. The old ways were closing. The tourist mecca Yulara Resort was opening. The old motels, camping grounds close to the Rock were being abandoned.

This is when I left - forever. In 1958, the year that I was born, the now Uluru, became *Ayers Rock National Park* and there were twelve visitors. When I worked there, it was a long corrugated road in and out. When it rained, nobody went anywhere. There was no airport, just the dirt strip by the Rock for the Flying Doctor (who did attend me a couple of times). I wish to remember my time and my friends there as it was.

From Uluru, I found myself back south to help my parents move from Melbourne to Bright. That country looked good. So, I spent the next couple of years living in Wandiligong, doing anything, from teaching painting and drawing, picking apples and raspberries, even the hops – the worst job I have ever had! Love and testosterone (again) brought me back to Melbourne and on to Amsterdam, France, Spain and Morocco.

In 1997 I married Kendry. We spent eighteen years together, venturing everywhere. Camping up the Darling River and exploring the outback. The Arabs have a saying that - *God created the desert as his garden, where he can wander without being troubled by the affairs of men.* I think that is why I love the desert so much also. Kendry and I went on to live in the south of France for a time. In our little house there, Kendry wrote a delightful children's book, *Bonne Chasse*, which I illustrated. The story is about a hunting dog who does not like hunting, but discovers truffles instead. Sadly, to this day, it remains one of the great unpublished works of literature and book illustration!

That time in France brought a new revelation for me – the quiet, peaceful wonder of Romanesque art, architecture, chapels, and Cistercian monasteries. I am an atheist, but I am always moved by the spiritual in art, whether that be Aboriginal or Romanesque. That became a major influence in my life and art afterwards.

In September 2022, I celebrated twenty-five years exhibiting with Stephen McLaughlan Gallery in Melbourne by way of a small retrospective. With my works now in several public and private collections, I have much to be grateful for - and I am, very much.

So much happens in one's life doesn't it? A marriage sadly failed, finally landed me here. Creswick has been kind to me. A couple of old friends live nearby and I have made some new ones as well. As a painter, I find the hardest part is making the very first mark on a canvas. That white blankness can be terrifying. I guess that is a metaphor for life really. Sometimes one has to just dive right in, the rest just seems to happen by itself – for better or worse.

That is probably why I decided to name my articles in the *Creswick District News* ... *THE ART OF LIVING*, because living, like any artwork really, is always a work in progress – until it is truly finished.



CRESWICK HUB

Hub Open: Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am - 12.00pm
Baby Rhyme Time (0-4yrs), Tuesday 11.00am

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email library@hepburn.vic.gov.au
Libby Rigby, Team Leader Creswick Hub and
Clunes Warehouse



Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

So much to do!

What a beautiful start to 2023 – thank you sun for finally arriving in Creswick! Hasn't it been lovely catching up with family and friends, or going for a walk on these lovely warm evenings? Bliss. The community garden is looking magnificent and brimming with produce thanks to the hard work of Norm and his team. If anyone would like to become a part of the team of volunteers who assist with the garden and grounds at the *Creswick Neighbourhood Centre*, please come in for a chat. Come and learn about how to grow your own vegetables and access to the produce grown at the *CNC*.

February also means a new term of activities. Welcome back to U3A friends with their existing programs and also some new ones (see their website for a full list of activities). Welcome back also to Tahlia and her dance students, Amie and her uke students, Stella's choirs (kids and adults – join now for the chance to perform at key events during *CresFest* – or just for the joy of singing), Selwyn and the Life Drawing Team, Sarah for Drum Circle, Irena for yoga and Afro Dance, Holly and her Swing Dance crew – so much to do.

With *CresFest* just around the corner, the *CNC* will be buzzing with preparation, organising, rehearsing and general excitement, so please pop in and see how you might get involved. We love volunteers and welcome all offers of assistance.

Come in to grab a term one brochure and book a class or join a program today.

Chrissy
CNC Manager



NORTHERLY NEWS

Welcome to 2023



2023 Foundation Students

All families have enjoyed a wonderful holiday break and students have returned ready for another great school year at Creswick North PS. With lots of new students the school is a busy place. The school uniform has had a re-design and all students look great in the new gear.

Over the summer holidays a new roof was put on the middle and senior classrooms. More work is due to occur with a shadesail over the adventure playground, a new bike track and a spectacular Inclusive Play Space for the junior students. Lots of exciting things happening at Creswick North PS.

With modern buildings and facilities, an engaging curriculum, four fantastic playgrounds and lovely gardens,

Creswick North PS is a school that is growing and has a great vision for the future.

There are lots of wonderful events happening at Creswick North PS this term, including:

- > a netball excursion to Selkirk Stadium;
- > a Student First Aid program through St Johns;
- > an AFL football clinic;
- > a Forest Ranger program at St Georges Lake;
- > Cross Country;
- > visits from the MARC Van (Mobile Area Resource Centre); and much more.

The Breakfast Club program, which is run by parents, will take place twice a week. Weekly lunch orders from Flems will continue. He is a great supporter of the school.

The After-School Program has returned. Run by OSHClub, this operates a wide variety of fun activities each day. Last year they won an Award for the best service in the district, largely due to the great educators and activities, as well as the support from families in utilising the program.

If you would like a school tour to experience our fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes
Creswick North Primary School



CRESWICK CAPERS

Goodbyes and Hellos

As grade 6 students were farewelled in December 2022 at their Graduation and the new chapter of secondary education begins in their lives, the school welcomes twenty new Foundation students in 2023 as they embark on their primary education chapter.

With both groups of students there was much anticipation

and nervousness as they establish new routines, examine new expectations and develop a new sense of independence. The school wishes both groups all the very best on their educational journey!

Vicki Hughes
Classroom Teacher



2023 Foundation Students



2022 Graduating Students



St Augustine's School Welcome back

St Augustine's welcomed everyone back after a great holiday. There are eighteen new Foundation students this year and two acting principals, Mrs Afford and Mr Mohr, who are filling in for Mr Brennan this term. Everyone had a great start back.

This year there are thirteen year 6s who are very excited about their new leadership roles.

The new Editorial Leaders are Edward and Christian.



2023 Foundation Students

Senior Cits News Happy Birthday June!



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Creswick Golf Club Club Stalwarts Honoured



Tim Kelly, Pat Tacey, Kevin Atkinson, Heather Pearse,
Rob Crocker, Beth Huntley, Ian Huntley

It was an evening full of yarns and memories when members of Creswick Golf Club gathered to celebrate the achievement of nine members who received a certificate and gift to acknowledge their fifty years' membership of the club.

The recipients were: Ian Huntley, Beth Huntley, Tim Kelly, Pat Tacey, Kevin Atkinson, Heather Pearse and Rob Crocker. Also Betty Kelly and Rob Coulson who were unfortunately unable to attend. Betty celebrated her 93rd birthday the following week.

The stories each told have gone down in the annals of Creswick Golf Club's history. Heather Pearse remembers winning A Grade pennant with Beth Huntley and playing with Ian Huntley – only once! She continues to enjoy playing on a Wednesday with a few of the 'girls'. Kevin Atkinson began playing at Creswick as a means of getting out of going to Trades Hall when he was an apprentice. Rob Crocker preferred the camaraderie at Creswick. Tim Kelly's mum, Betty, brought him to play golf as a kid of nine and he's been a member ever since. Pat Tacey remembers golfers such as Ian Huntley setting the tone for golf etiquette with the younger players. Beth Huntley started playing when she met Ian and was determined not to become a golf widow. She turned out to be an excellent golfer, captaining the Ladies for many years. Ian is one of nature's true gentlemen and remembers when there was a membership of 500 players and men played in collar and tie.

The lively conversation went long into the evening, with members all agreeing that under RACV the course is exciting, challenging and in excellent condition. However, the last word goes to Ian Huntley who said that it is the fellowship of the club that keeps it going and he is confident that with the ongoing support of RACV Goldfields, golf will be played at the Creswick Golf Club for many years to come

Fiona Watson

JOHN CURTIN AGED CARE INC.

On behalf of the John Curtin Aged Care Board, management, staff and residents, I extend best wishes to families, friends and the broader community for a happy and healthy New Year.

Another challenging year is ahead of JCAC, with Accreditation, an EBA (Enterprise Bargaining Agreement) review, the challenges of sourcing staff and ongoing COVID being some of the issues to be dealt with.

The Board hope you have all heard the excellent news of the four star rating we were recently given by the Aged Care authority. It was very gratifying that the quality of care provided at JCAC is recognised by the *Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission*. Congratulations to the General Manager, Steve Bruechert and his team, for their dedication and hard work to achieve this recognition in what was a difficult year.

The Board feel confident that the challenges of 2023 will be met.

Susan Craven

President, John Curtin Aged Care Inc.

World Day Of Prayer In Creswick

Friday, 3 March, 2023

The churches of Creswick invite you to join with them on Friday, 3 March 2023, as they celebrate their annual World Day of Prayer (WDP) service. WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

The 2023 worship service has been prepared by the WDP Committee of Taiwan. Our sisters in Taiwan have chosen the theme: *I Have Heard About Your Faith*, based on the letter to the Ephesians. This is an invitation to us to actively listen to the stories of faith being told by the women of Taiwan. The women thank God for the natural resources of their island home and pray for wisdom in face of the political isolation of Taiwan in the international community.

During the service you will have the opportunity to make a monetary contribution to the Bible Society's project in Taiwan focussing on outreach to immigrant brides and their families.

Creswick's guest speaker will be Capt Ellen Farrell, from the Salvation Army, Delacombe Corps. Ellen has recently returned from visiting her family in Taiwan.

A warm welcome awaits you at our ecumenical worship service on Friday, 3 March 2023, 7.00pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church, Ballarat Road, Creswick. The service will be followed by supper.

Beth Rule

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February 2, 1923

Public Notice – Constable Montgomery wishes to notify that all Cattle and Horses found wandering upon the streets in the Borough of Creswick by day or night, the owners of same will be prosecuted under the Police Offences Act 1915, without respect to person or persons.

February 6, 1923

Cr. John Leishman, J.P., this month completes 56 years' continuous service as a member of the Creswick Shire Council for the south riding, and he has been the subject of many congratulations on this unique record. He was elected to a seat in the council on the 19th February, 1867, and attended his first meeting on the 28th February of that year.

February 9, 1923

The trustees of the Creswick Cemetery notify by advertisement that smoking in the cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited. Those found smoking or lighting fires in the grounds will be prosecuted. The trustees also thank all those who assisted to beat out the fire that occurred at the cemetery last Saturday.

February 13, 1923

SPRINGMOUNT DAIRY FARM will be prepared to supply the public of Creswick with MILK and CREAM on and after 1st February next. Orders left with J. B. Mader or the undersigned will be promptly attended to. R. J. GRENFELL, Proprietor.

February 16, 1923

The McKinnon Cycle Stores are promoting a bicycle road race, from Allendale to Smeaton and back, on Saturday afternoon, 24th inst. Entries close on 21st inst. Mr. G. T. Praetz is the local agent.

February 20, 1923

Tenders are invited for the erection of Play Pavilion at State School Creswick. Tenders are returnable to the undersigned on or before March 5th, 1923. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Specifications and plans to be seen at W. S. Northcott's, Correspondent School Committee.

February 23, 1923

The time has arrived for the carters of the district to make their annual effort for the Creswick District Hospital. This takes the form of carting to the hospital grounds the firewood cut in the forest some time ago by the cutters. A meeting to arrange the details and fix the date of effort will be held at the town hall tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 8 o'clock. All carters and others interested are invited to attend.

February 27, 1923

Newlyn – Library – A movement to establish a free library in connection with the local Mechanics' Institute is gradually being developed. The committee has made a start with the purchase of reading matter, and are busy cataloging the books. It is hoped that the official opening will soon take place. Keen interest is shown in the movement.

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COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS



Image: Tim Bach, John Drife & Atticus Punt-Trethewey

Congratulations to the winners of our 2023 Community Awards. Congratulations to:

- John Drife – Citizen of the Year
- Atticus Punt-Trethewey – Young Citizen of the Year
- The Great Dividing Trail Association (GDTA) Reconciliation Walks – Event of the Year. Represented by GDTA President Tim Bach.

Thank you so much to all nominees for their amazing contribution over many years.



BABY RHYME TIME

If you're a carer of youngsters come along to Baby Rhyme Time at the Creswick Hub. This is a fun activity where you can meet new friends and spend time with others. We'd love you and your baby to join our friendly team at the hub at 11am every Tuesday. Hope to see you there!



CALLING GROWERS & PRODUCERS

As part of our Artisan Agriculture Project, we invite growers and producers in the Central Highlands region to register their business on a new online hub. The hub aims to help grow business, and support growers and producers to connect with each other and with customers. Register your business now at <https://centralhighlandsgrowers.com.au/>

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You can also phone our customer service centres on (03) 5348 2306.



COOL OFF THIS SUMMER

Our aquatics season will close on Monday 13 March (after the Labour Day weekend). Make sure you get along to the Calembeen Park toddlers' pool and Creswick Splash Park this season.

Follow Hepburn Council on Facebook for daily updates on hours of operation. Remember, under our weather policy the pool will be closed on cooler days. Visit our website for more information - www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools.



ELECTORAL STRUCTURE REVIEW

An independent electoral representation advisory panel is reviewing the electoral structure of Hepburn Shire Council and is seeking your input. The review will help ensure fair and equitable representation for all voters in the council area.

Make sure you have your say. Find out more at www.vec.vic.gov.au/hepburn or call 131 832.



SECOND HAND ELECTRONIC ITEMS

We have launched an e-waste recovery pilot at Daylesford Transfer Station. Electronic items received through transfer stations (that pass safety inspections and testing) will be made available to buy at the Tip Shop at Daylesford.

Following the six-month trial we will look to extend the program to Creswick and Trentham transfer stations. See our website for operating hours.

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The Bush Engineer Lights Up *CresFest*

Light Up CresFest has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Community Bank Creswick & District. It will be a magical addition to *CresFest*, the Folk and Roots Music Festival now in its second year. It is anticipated that visitors will come from far and wide to view this spectacular installation.

Gary Miles is no ordinary bush engineer nor indeed electrician. He is an artist using his electrical knowledge and skills in an extraordinarily creative way to light up Creswick during *CresFest2023*.

'Creswick has so many beautiful iconic buildings and outstanding significant trees in the main street. I have been tasked with the challenge to illuminate them to highlight the structures, the shadows and spaces tricking the eye.'

Gary and his wife Jennifer, who has an excellent eye for detail, can be seen walking down Creswick's main street after the sun has set, with pieces of coloured glass in their hands. They are checking what reflects light, what works well and where his installations can be placed. *'There are a number of challenges and paramount to all my planning and designing is the safety of visitors who might be strolling looking up at the lights'*, Gary said.

With years as an experienced lighting engineer, Gary understands that there are regulations that have to be met



and he is working closely with Hepburn Shire engineers to ensure everything is passed by relevant codes. He will be either using very low voltage batteries or accessing power from buildings. There are sensors that will automatically turn off the power should there be a break in transmission. *'I am really excited to be working on this project. I get inspiration from so many different parts of the world: Paris and London, for example. Even more beautiful lit up at night! I'm looking forward to creating a hologram artwork and a bud lighting installation.'*

Gary will also be creating a globe of the world which will hang at the entrance to the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, to reflect the multicultural aspect of *CresFest* and the special project which is funded by the Victorian Government and entitled ***The World Comes to Creswick***. More on this in March.

Light Up Creswick will go live for the community to enjoy a week ahead of *CresFest*, on Thursday, 23 March. For further information on tickets for *CresFest*, how to become a volunteer, host a musician or join a choir, go to www.CresFest.com.au and follow the links.

Fiona Watson
0418 127 365

CRESWICK 'SWAP IT' IS BACK!

With the ever-increasing cost of living pressures comes the opportunity to share our local abundances without the need for monetary exchange. The Creswick ***Swap It*** monthly event is back.

Creswick 'Swap It' will still be held at the rear of the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, but moves to the ***first Saturday of each month, commencing Saturday, 4 March***, at the new time of ***9.00am - 11.00am***.

It's not just about homegrown fruit and veg; you can also bring along and swap any of the following items.

Homegrown fruit, vegetables, herbs. Homemade preserves, jams, marmalades, pickles and cordials.

Homebaked goods; sweet or savoury bread, scones, cakes, biscuits, pastries, pies.

Surplus canned and bottled foods; honey.

Potted plants and seedlings; fruits, vegetables, herbs and ornamental plants.

Fresh and dried flowers.

Worm juice and castings.

Gardening magazines and/or tools.

Or, just share your best garden tips or great recipe ideas if your garden is bare.

Homemade goods should be marked with ingredients and date made. (High risk foods should be avoided.)

Tea and coffee will be available by donation and baked morning tea goodies welcomed.

In future months, the organisers will have local community experts come along to conduct short, free ***how to*** sessions. Perhaps you'd like to learn about composting, or worm farming; how to make preserves and pickles; how to mend clothes. Please let us know what you'd be interested in and if you would like to share your knowledge too.

The possibility is being investigated to set up a Repair Café adjunct to ***Swap It***. We would love to hear from any local people willing to volunteer their skills to repair clothes, small furniture and household items, appliances and tools. Finally, if you'd like to join in the fun at Creswick ***Swap It***, and can offer time to help with set-up and pack-up or baking a cake for morning tea, please contact Sandy Jennings or Tim Drylie.

Creswick ***Swap It*** is an initiative of *Transition Creswick Sustainability Group* and is auspiced by *Creswick Neighbourhood Centre*.

Looking forward to seeing you all there with your surplus goods on Saturday, 4 March. And remember: DON'T BIN IT OR BUY IT, SWAP IT!

Tim Drylie, 0425 716 544 or
transitioncreswick@gmail.com.
Sandy Jennings, 0405 717 321 or
sandyj1203@bigpond.com.

PAVILION ARTS

Postcards

Pavilion Arts Creswick presents *A Community Postcard Exhibiton* from 31 March to 2 April, during *CresFest*. This will be held at 53 Albert Street, between the laundromat and the old newsagent.

Entry to this event is open to **ALL** members of the community. To register your entry, simply purchase two blank postcards for a cost of \$10. These will be available for sale at the **Creswick Visitor Information Centre, 41/43 Albert Street**. Use these as a size guide when creating your artwork. You may use any medium for this process as long as they are no larger than postcard size.

Please submit artwork for display marked with a title and selling price or **not for sale**. Submissions can be lodged at 53 Albert Street on Thursday, 30 March between 10.00am and 12 midday. Unsold postcards should be collected from the venue on Monday, 3 April between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

For enquiries, please contact Pavilion Arts at secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au.

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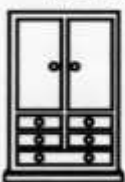
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Bald Hills-Creswick Landcare Events 2023 - All welcome!



A Seed Collection Day with Dan Frost will be held Saturday, 25 February beginning 10.00am at Long Point Bushland Reserve (Gillies Road, north of Ascot-Creswick Road intersection.)

Dan will lead a tour of the Reserve and collect some of the indigenous seed available there. Then the group will go to Seeding Victoria's Ballarat Seed Bank at Sawpit Road, Creswick and share a provided lunch. After lunch, Dan will conduct a tour of the facilities there, explaining how they process, store and distribute their collected seeds.

For details of Clean Up Australia Day activities on Sunday, 5 March, see Forthcoming Events, page 15.

Upcoming happenings for Landcare:

Committee Meeting, Monday, 27 March from 7.00pm, at Creswick Railway Workshops. All welcome.

General Meeting on *Earth Day*, Saturday, 22 April, with Guest Speaker: Sally Morgan – Geocaching.

Calembreen working bee on Saturday, 20 May from 2.00pm, weed control.

Annual General Meeting, Monday, 17 July. Guest Speaker: Verena Doyle, Allendale Native and Habitat Plants.

Inquiries: Contact the secretary Bruce at:
baldhillsreswicklandcare@gmail.com.



Creswick Garden Club Busy March

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It's great to be back. The club kicked off this year with a welcome back lunch on Tuesday, 7 February. Lots of members came along and there was a lovely two course lunch and discussion about what was happening in the months ahead.

Next month the club will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. It will host a High Tea on Tuesday, 7 March. All members are invited to come along at no cost but please book for catering purposes. John Patrick will be the guest speaker. Non-members are also welcome at a cost of \$20 for the High Tea. Also in March, there will be a bus trip to the *Melbourne International Flower Show* on Wednesday, 29 March. \$45pp includes bus fare, entry to the show plus a lucky seat ticket. Please contact Jenny on 0402 735 068 for either event if you wish to come along.



CRESWICK LIONS CLUB New Year – New Hope

The Lions Club, in conjunction with *Cresfest*, the Band and the Scouts, held a successful Christmas event on 23 December which was funded by the Hepburn Council and held at IGA. While the event was mainly a success, we would like to apologise to anyone who missed out on a gift from Santa due to the large number of attendees.

Lions held their first BBQ of the year at the market in January. Keep up to date with what Lions are doing via the Creswick Lions Club Facebook page.

Lions would like to thank everyone who supported them through 2022 and wish everyone the best for 2023. Without continued support, Lions wouldn't be able to invest the funds raised back into the local and wider community.

If you've seen us out and about at fundraising events and think that joining Lions is for you, please contact our Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007 or email creswick@lions201v1-4.org.au if you would like further details.

Barbara Urry, Secretary

Packaged liquor licence application

We, BFG Creswick Pty Ltd, applied to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation on 13 December 2022 for the grant of a packaged liquor licence at 47 Albert Street, Creswick.

Any person may object to the grant of this application on the grounds that:

- it would detract from, or be detrimental to, the amenity of the area in which the premises are situated, and/or
- it would be conducive to or encourage the misuse or abuse of alcohol.

An objection must state the reasons for the objection.

All objections are treated as public documents.

Objections must be made in writing to:

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Melbourne VIC 3001

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Creswick Garden Club,
High Tea, 7 March. Melbourne
bus trip, 29 March, cost \$45.
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from St Johns Anglican Church
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**Anglican Parish of
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St John's Church, Napier
Street, Creswick.
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd
and 4th Sundays.
Short contemplative Eucharist:
10.00am most Tuesdays.
Contact: Fr Chris Keast
0427 911 792.

**Business & Tourism
Creswick** - first Tuesday
every month.
Old Creswick Railway Station
5.00pm Info 5345 2759 or
contact via Facebook

Catholic Parish Creswick
St Augustine's Church
Mass Sunday 9.00am
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Contact: Fr Justin Driscoll
0448 220 685

Creswick Cemetery -
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Creswick (The pretty pink
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Contact Rev. Rosemary Carter
0431 286 285

**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
website 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
Secretary Barb Urry 0423 536
794 urrybarb@gmail.com
Membership Chairperson Maria
Marco 0410 499 007
mariamarco3363@gmail.com

Creswick Market - Third
Saturday every month 9.00am-
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creswickmarket.com.au

Creswick Probus Club - first
Tuesday every month (except
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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
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Creswick Walking Group
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8.30am. Meet Albert Studio,
Cnr Ballarat Rd and South St.
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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

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

Friends of Park Lake
First Monday of month,
10.00am,
Creswick Hub Meeting Room.
Wine O'Clock, 3.30pm every
Wednesday on the Park Lake
jetty. Enquiries: pres.friendsofparklakecreswick@gmail.com

**Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and
Venturers** - every Thursday
during school term. Enquiries
via Scouts Victoria website
scoutsvictoria.com.au

Museum Research Centre -
Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm.
Email requests to
info@creswickmuseum.org.au

Music Jam for music lovers
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**Pavilion Arts &
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6.00pm on the 1st Monday of
month Senior Citizens Room.

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Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

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