

HEPBURN SHIRE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD JOINT RECIPIENTS

This year, the Shire awarded the Citizen of the Year to joint recipients Neville Cartledge OAM, and Pat Tacey.

Neville Cartledge OAM, has long been a contributor to the Creswick community. He began raising funds for the Creswick Hospital in 1953 and joined the Creswick Hospital Board in 1970. In 1983 he became a Foundation Board Member of the John Curtin Memorial Hostel Committee (now John Curtin Aged Care Inc.). He has also made an enormous contribution to scouting in the district over his seventy years of service. During this time, Neville trained thirty-three Queen Scouts, an extraordinary number from one scout group, and holds the honour of being a Scout Life Member for Victoria. He has been a member of the CFA since he was seventeen with last year marking sixty-eight years of service.

Pat Tacey has also made an incredible contribution to the Creswick community. Pat's experience as an educator and leader has come to the fore in his work leading community resilience and disaster recovery efforts in Creswick. These efforts combined with fundraising for Creswick residents in need, distributing essential resources and supporting mental health programs in Hepburn Shire. Pat works collaboratively with groups and organisations and is described as always having the community at heart.

(Although not mentioned specifically in the Shire's citation, Pat's long-term involvement with the Lions Club involves many of the above attributes.)

Creswick was well represented in this year's nominations for Citizen of the Year by Trish McMahon, Margaret Orr and Jenni Sewell and also Event of the Year by Calembeen Parkrun Launch, *CresFest 2023*, Spud Hut Tours during



Pat Tacey and Neville Cartledge

Spudfest and Creswick NAIDOC Week Celebrations.

Congratulations and thank you to the winners and nominees.

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Creswick Junior Football Club Receives a Surprise!

Local resident and business operator Debbie Brasher, recently presented the Creswick Junior footballers with a surprise pack - ten footballs and twenty bibs valued at \$450. This came about through Debbie taking part in a recent Melbourne AFLW *Goals for Good Initiative*, where people were asked to nominate their local club and why they deserved to win a footy pack.

Debbie nominated the Creswick Football/Netball Club because of the welcome she and her husband received when they recently settled in Creswick. The club also helped them stage the *Chrome in the Goldfields* car event a few months ago hosted by High Country Rodders and Tell Tales Bed n Breakfast

See photo on page 20



Creswick Cemeteries News

Recently, Creswick Cemetery was formally gazetted as the Creswick Cemeteries Trust and the Creswick Old Cemetery was officially closed for burials. The Old Cemetery has not had any burials since late 1858 when it was classed as full, and the New Cemetery was officially opened.

The main roadway in the cemetery is being repaired over the next month or so and the infrastructure for the new lawn graves in the Various Section of the cemetery has just been completed. This will be available for burials when it has been levelled and seeded.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

Vale
Bill Leishman

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the organisers of the *Dean Kite Festival* who, in December, presented a cheque for \$1,500 to Anglicare, the result of fundraising from the day.

Rob T

Victoria Street Craft Group

The Victoria Street Craft Group would like to sincerely thank the businesses and people who supported their recent street stall. Thanks also to those who helped on the day with baking. Your help was much appreciated. It was a great success and all monies go to charity.

Winners of the special effort raffle were Val Mason, Aileen Hanrahan, Maree Bunn and Ish.

Thank you again and we hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rita and all the girls at the Victoria St Craft group

creswick Rainfall

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

	2022	2023	2024
	mm	mm	mm
January	163.0	9.5	97.0
February	1.0	28.8	
March	49.0	45.0	
April	65.5	116.0	
May	39.3	70.0	
June	104.5	125.0	
July	51.0	45.0	
August	156.0	46.0	
September	82.0	25.5	
October	214.1	67.5	
November	129.1	29.0	
December	40.2	23.0	
TOTAL	1,094.7	630.3	97.0



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CresFest 2024 Seeking Your Help ***CresFest 2024, Friday 5 – Sunday, 7 April***

With performers coming from overseas, interstate and country Victoria, *CresFest* is inviting people within a 10km radius of central Creswick to consider becoming a billet host for performers during the festival. If you have a spare bedroom or two it's a fantastic opportunity to meet and get to know some of the artists beyond seeing them on stage. Traycie Walker has been a billet host for the past two years and is looking forward to matching up with musicians once again. *'It's an unbelievable experience. I'm so pleased I went on line to express my interest to host. I encourage others to consider hosting – and you also receive a free ticket!'*

CresFest 2024 is building on its reputation, developed over the past two years, of delivering world-class folk and root music played by international, national and local musicians, alongside up-and-coming talent. Each year *CresFest* introduces to the music loving audience new performers who will delight and often amaze ticket holders, together with much-admired returning artists.

Singer, poet and writer Archer, whose hometown is Smeaton, has an international reputation and now performs with Martha Spencer, a singer/song writer from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Together they have performed worldwide, but coming home to Creswick is pretty special to them. Archer says that music makes life worth living. *'It's there wherever I look, from the black cockatoos to the sunset in this glorious country where I live. There's nothing better than playing in my own backyard. I can't wait to return to CresFest.'*

CresFest has really put Creswick on the map, with visitors commenting on how friendly everyone was during the festival. Volunteer Coordinator Neil Adam is encouraging locals to volunteer over the weekend, to share in the excitement of being part of something very special.

For further information on purchasing tickets, becoming involved or hosting an artist, go to CresFest.com.au.

Fiona Watson

American Hotel

Everything (170 Years) Old is New Again

This year marks two special milestones for the American Hotel. The story began in 1854 providing food and accommodation for the miners, then received its licence in 1857 (on the 4th of July!). The past 170 years have seen many physical changes. It was first established under canvas, then built in wood, and then brick - but one thing has stayed the same - the American is an integral part of the social fabric and the history of Creswick for nearly seven generations. The hosting of sporting clubs, community service groups, sponsorships of local events including the amazing *CresFest*, to being the initial registered office of the Creswick Community Bank - the American has contributed and continues to support this unique and historic destination.



to please patrons and sell the customer the idea to return. Some staff members have been there for more than a decade, but the consequences of the recent pandemic have meant that there are some newer faces.

One of those new faces is chef Tristan Steele. Tristan describes his food as *'honest, traditional with a modern twist'* and definitely Mediterranean inspired. He started his career in the pub scene then worked in various well-known restaurants in Melbourne, before moving to Broomfield with his young family around ten years ago seeking a tree change from the increasingly busy Mornington Peninsula. He worked at the Mercure in Ballarat

Another milestone was 2004, when Brendan Smith and his wife Wendy purchased the hotel. Experienced in restoring and running hotels, the couple decided early on to restore the historical layout and elements of the hotel

then at Hepburn. Tristan is very conscious of the need to introduce change slowly - the staples are still on the menu, but new daily specials are proving very popular, and some of those items will certainly end up on the regular bill of fare.



Renewed and restored, with a new chef, but in essence, the American continues to do what it has done best - provide a convivial, authentic meeting place for locals and visitors alike. 2024 is an important year for the American Hotel - 170 years since its establishment, and twenty years since the Smiths took it on. An event is planned for later this year, both to celebrate and to thank the Creswick community for its continuing support.

Maria Taylor

to keep its character but also to nurture it. Having seen many older hotels restored with a modern and sometimes bland approach, Brendan wanted the American to retain a sense of destination and to keep its *soul* – the energy and feeling derived from patrons past and present who have graced the rooms of the American Creswick.

The American has since been almost completely renovated. This has involved new floors, plumbing, restored original features, adding fifty-five solar panels, re-wiring of the hotel. The function and accommodation rooms have also been restored. Separate meeting and function rooms are a real asset to the town, especially during COVID when people were forced to spread out.

Brendan has not only cared for the fabric of this unique building, he was also acutely aware of the fundamental asset of the hotel – the American team. *'I wanted the staff to be proud of where they worked'*, and to be eager





St Augustine's News

Exciting and Enthusiastic Start To The Year

2024 has brought with it a wave of excitement and enthusiasm at St Augustine's Creswick. The promise of a new building, new staff, new prep students and returning students, St A's has embarked on a truly great start to the year.

With a particular focus on the preps, it is heart-warming to see how well they have settled into their new school environment. From the very first day they have displayed a remarkable level of adaptability and resilience. They have embraced the challenges of starting school with open arms, eager to learn and grow. The teachers and staff have been amazed by their positive attitudes and eagerness to participate in classroom activities. Not only have the preps settled in well, but they have also formed strong bonds with their classmates, especially their year 6 buddies. The sense of camaraderie and friendship amongst them is truly remarkable.

The teachers at St Augustine's Creswick have been instrumental in creating a nurturing and inclusive learning environment for all students. Their dedication and commitment to their students' well-being and academic growth is truly commendable. Reflecting on the great start to the year, it is clear that the students at St Augustine's Creswick are poised for a year filled with success, growth, and memorable experiences. The school is immensely proud of all students and looks forward to witnessing their continued progress throughout the year.

Michael Heenan
Principal

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Park Lake 1890 - 1900

Here is another lovely photo from the Creswick & District Historical Society's newly acquired glass plates - who knew there were white swans in Park Lake at one time! From the ladies attire the date is estimated at around the 1890 – 1900. Any other suggestions date wise?



Creswick Lions Club News

As 2024 begins, Lions hope to again serve the community in many ways.

Thank you to all who supported the very successful Christmas raffle by donating goods, purchasing tickets and making donations. Thanks to the members who spent time selling tickets. The funds raised will benefit various members of our community. The winners of the raffle were - first prize hamper Glenda Dimond; second prize golf package Brian Anstey; and third prize *Bunnings* pack Ant Murphy.

Lions were again pleased to partner with Anglicare Creswick and assist them to provide Christmas cheer to the less fortunate.

The sale of Lions Christmas cakes and puddings again went well, thanks to the businesses and individuals who made this venture a success. There are still some cakes (\$20) and puddings (\$16) available for sale at the Creswick Market or contact Pat (0429 581 591) to arrange purchase.

The first meeting for the year was on 13 February at the Creswick RSL Hall. On this evening another new member was inducted. Anyone interested in learning what a Lions club does is invited to a meeting which is held on the second Wednesday of each month at the RSL hall. It would be great to continue to grow our membership. To find out more about Lions in general, or Creswick Lions in particular, contact Pat (0429 581 591) or Maria (0410 499 007).

Pat Tacey



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Commencement of Tree Management Plan

Thanks to a Veterans Affairs Grant, work has started to remove some of the trees in the Avenue that have either died or have very poor health. The Avenue has a total of 286 trees of which nine have been identified to be replaced. The process started with the removal of six trees at the end of January. These trees, in a single block opposite Alcorns Road, were removed together. The other three trees are located throughout the Avenue and will be removed by the end of February.

Some of the wood from the trees is being stored by Hepburn Shire Council and will be re-purposed in conjunction with Kingston Friends. The plaques for these trees have been removed and stored according to specific heritage protocols.

Tree replanting will take place in late autumn or early winter to give them the best possible start. Tree pruning and other remedial arboreal work will also be undertaken in the next few months.

Prior to any trees being removed, careful exploration around the base of each tree was undertaken, with Kingston Friends volunteers using a metal detector to check that no other heritage items could be located. It is reassuring to everyone involved that nothing was found!

The Friends would also like to thank Hepburn Shire Council for their work in implementing this part of the project in accordance with the Tree Management Plan. If you are interested in finding out more, visit the website: kingstonavenueofhonour.com.au.

Save the date – Saturday, 16 March plant sales Creswick Market.

Julie Baulch

On behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.



Creswick's ANZAC Day 2024 Advance Information for Timetable

This year ANZAC Day services will be held on a Thursday.

For the Dawn Service at the Creswick Cenotaph, please assemble at 5.40am for 5.50am start. Time for Gunfire Breakfast is to be confirmed. For the March, assembly will be 10.15am at the Splash Park for a 10.30am start. The March again will host a contingent of around 100 personnel from the Defence International Training Centre.

The ANZAC Day Service will be held at the Creswick Cenotaph on completion of the March.

Two-up in front of the RSL Hall is to be confirmed.

ANZAC Appeal badges will be on sale in front of Creswick IGA from Wednesday, 10 April to Wednesday, 24 April from 9.30am - 4.30pm weekdays and 9.30am – 1.00pm Saturdays.

During this time tickets will also be sold for the ANZAC Day Hamper.

*Phil Greenbank, Secretary
Creswick-Smeaton RSL*

Senior Cits News

Happy New Year to all. May 2024 be a safe and prosperous year.

Congratulations to the *CDN* crew on reaching the milestone of twenty-five years of local news and events.

The Seniors Centre didn't close down entirely, as a few active members came each Wednesday and Friday for a game of Scrabble or bingo, along with a cuppa and a chat. A day at the Maryborough Racing Trots was a welcome day out. Also, a suitable movie at Delacombe was well attended.

Social Day will be held on 23 February, with a summer meal and entertainment by Ricky Lee.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray 5334 6526

VOGA CYCLE CLUB – CRESWICK/VOGA SENIOR RIDERS

BEGINNER CLASSES FOR ADULT CYCLISTS

ANYONE BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWENTY AND NINETY

Note Change of Date to Saturday, 2 March

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

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

To this end, the VOGA Cycle Club will be holding a **Beginner Cyclists Class** on **Saturday, 2 March**, starting at **10.00am** at the **Creswick Band Rotunda** in Albert Street, Creswick.

The beginner cyclist class is **free** to any casual adult cyclist, or intended cyclist, and after a safety inspection and set-up

of the bicycle, a short and supervised ride around Creswick will be conducted.

In recent years, electric bicycles have become very popular. The VOGA Cycle Club welcomes both conventional and electric bikes. Even if you currently do not own a bicycle, contact at the details listed below and the club will arrange for a bike, either conventional or electric, for you to try on **2 March**.

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

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

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

Ray Martin

World Day of Prayer in Creswick Friday, 1 March 2024, at St John's

The churches of Creswick invite you to join with them on Friday, 1 March 2024, 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. Services are held throughout the world on or near the first Friday in March.

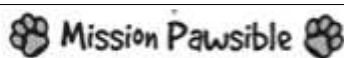
An ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women have prayed and reflected together over the past several years to respond to the invitation from the International Committee of WDP in 2017 to write the 2024 program. Their theme is 'I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love', based on Ephesians 4:1-7. The service invites the global church to pray for peace, justice, and freedom for

every individual irrespective of nationality, religion or origins.

During the service there will be the opportunity to make a monetary contribution to the Bible Society's Living Stones project to be undertaken in the villages of the Ramallah District, of the West Bank in Palestine. The project aims to strengthen and encourage Christians, by engaging them with the word of God, uplifting their spirits, and giving them the tools to build healthy stable communities.

A warm welcome awaits at the ecumenical worship service on Friday, 1 March 2024, 7.00pm at St John's Anglican Church, 103 Napier Street, Creswick. A light supper will follow the service.

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Creswick Bowling Club

Back Home!



Bowling under lights – Pennant game between Creswick and City Oval

Pennant bowling has now resumed. In Midweek Pennant on 16 January, Division 1 went down to Learmonth by two shots and Division 4 had a solid win over Ballarat.

Weekend Pennant commenced with Division 1 playing against City Oval on 19 January, at home under lights. It was a great spectacle with both the players and the spectators enjoying the night. It was a last end decider as to who would win. The final result was a draw.

Division 4 travelled to Smeaton on 20 January and lost to a better side. The season finishes late February with the final series completed by 16 March. The club hopes to be playing in the final series.

Of course, the major news at Creswick is that the home green is now completed and in use. To welcome back all players, a Reopening Tournament was conducted on 13 January, proudly sponsored by Verey Funeral Directors (Daylesford and Creswick offices). There was a full complement of sixty-four from several clubs within the Ballarat playing area who had the honour of christening the new green. The winning team from Sebastopol narrowly beat two teams: runners-up were Learmonth, who won on a countback from Mt Xavier. Players were treated to afternoon tea, supplied by our wonderful volunteers and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Andrew Nuske, from Verey Funeral Directors presented the

winning envelopes.

Tournament Director, Barry Yates, is to be congratulated for his efforts in organising club events. The support of the sponsor, volunteer staff and the visiting clubs made this day a great success. Thank you all.

Another event in January was the Australia Day Community Bowls Day. An invitation was extended to the community to come and play on the new green and participate in a fun day. Over thirty-five visitors came along and got involved, including families from Melbourne, Ballarat and the local area. They enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and hopefully, may have sparked an interest in joining the club, if not as bowlers, then as Social Members.

Starting on Tuesday evenings, from 6 February, 6.30pm till about 8.00pm, the club will be hosting free bowls with members of the community. The club will supply bowls (there are bowls suitable for young children) and all you need is flat soled shoes/runners. Members will be on hand to provide some guidance and tips.

On the social side, members have been supporting the club through the Friday night dinners. Nice to see people mixing with friends and enjoying the meals provided.

Bernie O'Malley

CRESWICK DISTRICT NEWS

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF PUBLICATION

1999 – 2024

Firstly, it is necessary to acknowledge and thank the tireless, dedicated volunteers who make this wonderful publication possible. It is both fortunate and extraordinary that one of the original committee members, Jo van Oostveen, is still on the current committee. Joining Jo, the other members are Barbara Spencer, Bill Weidner, Bob Orr, Rosemary Tolhurst, Maria Taylor, Miriam Tonkin and Anne Brennan.

Once the editors (who come from the committee) finish their work, compiler Steve Shutt takes over making all the pieces of the puzzle fit together. The next step belongs to the proof readers - Aileen Preston, Aileen Deller, Marj Poole, Lauris Allen and Jo van Oostveen. Also, on occasion, photographer Peter McArthur works his magic. *CDN* owes thanks to their long-time printer, Colin, from FRP.

The other important people who help get the *CDN* out on the streets each month are our loyal band of folders and distributors – Claire Chadder, Irene Martin, Daphne McMillan and Lisa Dawes (who is now helping with editing too). Joining this group informally is Kevin Pitcher (adding to his duties as Visitor Information Centre volunteer) as well as whoever else is around to lend a hand.

Each group in their own special way, contributes to the final product. Thank you to everyone for the time and dedication you willingly give.

The Committee would also like to thank the supportive band of regular contributors, without whom there would be no news! Hope we haven't missed anyone.

Creswick Museum, 100 Years Ago (compiled by Wendy Ohlsen)
Creswick Primary School
Creswick North Primary School
St Augustine's Primary School
Mt Blowhard Primary School
Creswick Cemetery Trust
Senior Cits (thanks to June Gray)
Creswick Lions Club
Probus Club
Creswick & District Historical Society
Art of Living (sadly Craig Barrett no longer writes regularly)
Creswick-Smeaton RSL

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.
Friends of Park Lake
Creswick Garden Club
Gardening/book review (Rhonda Cotsell)
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre
CresFest
Creswick Bowling Club
Creswick Brass Band
Havilah Lodge
Kingston Agricultural Society
Victoria Street Craft Group
Pavilion Arts
Frank Slade, our own rainman
John Curtin Aged Care Inc.

Having celebrated the previous twenty years of publication in the January edition of 2019, **here's a brief synopsis of the past five years in headlines and pictures.**

2019

January	<i>CDN 20 Years of Publication</i>
May	<i>Creswick Brass Band National Champions Again</i>
July	<i>Foundation Member of CDN Resigns – Jack Sewell</i>
November	<i>Farewell and thank You Bank Closure (CBA)</i>
December	<i>Janelle Howell Appointed as State Commissioner Girl Guides</i>



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2020

- February *Creswick Lions Club, Help for Fire Victims*
- March *In God's Garden A Community Project (Mosaic)*
- August *CDN To Take A Break; News of Park Lake Postponement of 160th Celebrations*
Senior Cits, No Opening Date Yet



2021

- March *Gnome Sweet Gnome; Shannon's Bridge Update*
- May *International Women's Day – Local Woman Honoured*
- June *Creswick Men's Friendship Shed; 2021 Garden Lovers Weekend – Now In it's 7th Year*
- August *Winter Wedding at Creswick Town Hall (Local Girl Marries)*



2022

- February *Aftermath of the Storm; Hepburn Shire Community Award – Life Membership Phil Greenbank*
- April *Seeing Eye Dog Zorro Carves the Path For His Handler Tony Clark; Ernie Terry and the Art of Blacksmithing*
- May *Young Champion – Sigrid Black U12 Winner*
A Cemetery Walk
- October *St Augustine's 150th Celebrations; Farewell Morning Tea – Peter Wheeler*
- December *Olicartia Celebrates Ten Years*



2023

- February *Calembeen Park Run Anniversary*
- April *Garden Club 25th Anniversary*
- May *Laurel Wreaths of Creswick*
- October *Alicia Hand – First Creswick Fire Brigade Female Captain*
- November *CresFest National Award; Don Henderson 15 Year Award*



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New organics collection starts in April

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Creswick Capers

Welcome Back and Welcome New Preps

There has been a wonderful return to the year at Creswick Primary School. Students came back with smiles, ready for the academic year, delighted to see their friends, classmates and teachers.

School welcomes a new group of Creswick Primary School students. The prep students, taught by Kylie Strong, have come to school confidently and are ready to start their schooling journey. They will be supported by their year 4 buddies in the playground for the first few weeks while they get to know the school.

At the other end of the school, year 6 students are ready to begin leadership roles. These will include, leading assemblies, athletics days and special events.

This year, the school welcomes back all of the existing staff. The school is so lucky to have such a dedicated staff.

Everyone is looking forward to a busy year of learning here at Creswick Primary School and can't wait to see what the year brings.

Helen Romeril, Principal

See photo on page 20

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February 1, 1924

Owing to the late harvest the closing date for receiving tenders for the fencing Hepburn Private Cemetery at Smeaton, has been extended to 21st inst. Specifications and full particulars can be seen at the National bank Smeaton, where tenders are to be lodged with Mr. F. Tolstrup.

February 5, 1924

Allendale – Stackbuilding and threshing have almost been completed by the farmers, and in almost every instance the yields are much below the average of previous seasons. The damp season is responsible for a strong undergrowth of weeds, and the high prices ruling for store sheep forbids their investment in live stock, so many are content to wait till the autumn arrives, when the dry stubble will be burned off in readiness for ploughing.

February 8, 1924

The Creswick Victory Brass Band will play a programme in the bandstand, Albert Street, tomorrow (Saturday) evening, and on Sunday afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock, they will play at the Fort at North Creswick.

February 12, 1924

The Creswick bowlers will play the Wendouree Club next Thursday evening, by electric light, 3 rinks. Cars start for Ballarat 7.30 p.m. sharp. The following will represent Creswick: - Messrs. Cushing, A. B. Grose, J. Grose, Gibbs, Tidd, Northcott, G. Tait, R. Tait, Bourke, Richards, Dimsey, Revs. Eastman and Whitford.

February 15, 1924

A meeting of woodcarters and others interested will be held at the town hall tomorrow (Saturday) evening, to make arrangements to cart the firewood from the forest to the Creswick District Hospital grounds.

February 19, 1924

Rocky Lead – A concert and dance will be held on Wednesday (Tomorrow) night, in aid of St. George's Church, Rocky Lead. The admission to the concert and dance will each be 1/6.

February 22, 1924

A tennis court has been formed in connection with St. John's Church of England G.F.S., and the opening ceremony is to take place tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock, to be performed by Sir. A. J. and Lady Peacock and the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. And Mrs. Alex Broom). Members of the congregation are invited to attend, and the ladies will provide refreshments.

February 26, 1924

A free demonstration of how easy it is to clean clothes with Flash Light Clothes Cleaner will be given next Friday at Mrs. Hawkey's store, Albert Street, from 2 till 6 and 7 to 9 p.m.

February 29, 1924

Smeaton – the annual picnic of the Smeaton Presbyterian Sunday school was held last Saturday, at the Creswick gardens. There was a good attendance of children and parents, who all appeared to enjoy the outing. Various games were indulged in during the afternoon until tea time, after which all returned home.

Creswick Havilah Freemasons Lodge November Meeting, 2023

Last November's meeting, held on the usual fourth Thursday evening of the month, was a meeting with a difference: a performance of a radio play called *A Very Merry Meeting*. The play is an original script by Worshipful Brother Jim Ferguson, Past Junior Grand Deacon, as adapted for presentation in Lodge Rooms.

A goodly number of visiting Freemasons, many new to the Craft, were treated to an insight into the beginnings of Freemasonry in the goldfields. There was the usual gamut of characters; miners, narks, publicans, police and, of course, a twist in the tail.

Comments after the meeting indicated that the visitors enjoyed it, being something very different from a usual

meeting, and the members of the Lodge, with the help of a couple of press-ganged members of neighbouring Lodges, had fun putting it on.

Thanks to the RSL for the loan of the microphones and stands to use as props and the Creswick Theatre Company for the slamming door prop.

The next Lodge meeting will be February at the usual time.

We trust you all had a safe and enjoyable break with family and friends and that the new year has started well for everyone.

Michael Clark



KINGSTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Showgrounds are open to the community. It's the perfect spot to have a picnic, walk the dog or sit in the heritage listed grandstand and appreciate the view and surrounding district.

Thank You! Despite some ordinary weather the Society still had a fantastic show in December. Check out the photos on the website gallery. Special thanks to all those members and volunteers who made the weekend possible. It was wonderful to have so many children and families enjoying the events.

Busy already. *Lakes n Craters Carriage Riding Group* enjoyed the long weekend at the showgrounds. The swap meet is back this month. Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society is running their annual horse show at the grounds in March. Dates will be locked in for the Food and Wine Festival and the Annual Show shortly. Keep an eye on the website.

Special Event. Lindsay Cooke is a long-time Kingston resident, avid supporter of our community and skilled photographer. Lindsay's event images regularly appear on gallery pages. However, that's the tip of the iceberg for Lindsay whose work includes local and international images, landscapes, portraits and bird life. To celebrate Lindsay's work and to support the community, The Commercial Hotel at Kingston is hosting an exhibition of Lindsay's work on Thursday, 29 February at 7.00pm.

Funds raised will be shared by the Kingston Rural Fire Brigade, Kingston Friends of the Avenue and Kingston Agricultural Society. The entry cost is \$20 per person, which includes a glass of wine or bubbles and cheese platters.

All commissions, a percentage of bar takings and proceeds of the auction of images will be donated to community groups. What a great way to support everyone! Bookings are essential by 5.00pm on 28 February. Call 0408 007 464.

Find us at [@kingstonshow](https://www.kingstonshow.com.au). Let us know if you would like to help.

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COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS



Pat Tacey and Neville Cartledge OAM (pictured) have shared the top honour and jointly been named Hepburn Shire Citizen of the Year. Alice Newitt was named Young Person of the Year, with Special Commendation to the youth

band, Elysium, and the popular ChillOut Festival took out Event of the Year.

Hepburn Shire announced its community awards at a busy event held at the Daylesford Town Hall on 25 January. Djaara Traditional Owner, Peta Hudson, offered a Welcome to Country and we welcomed two new citizens.

Council will create a new category for the 2025 awards. This will be the Hepburn Together Award, which will recognise and celebrate the contribution of community groups and organisations. Nominations for the 2025 Community Awards will open later this year.

More on the recipients at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au



FOOD & GARDEN ORGANICS

Kerbside bin collection is set to change in townships in Hepburn Shire with the introduction of a weekly food and garden organics service (also called FOGO) from Monday 8 April 2024. With the introduction of weekly organics collection for townships, red-lidded landfill (general rubbish) bins will move to fortnightly collection, with no changes to the fortnightly yellow-lidded recycling collection.

Households in Creswick, Trentham, Daylesford, Hepburn and Hepburn Springs will receive a lime green-lidded bin and kitchen caddy in mid-to-late-March, with the weekly collection starting in townships after Easter. The weekly organics collection will continue in Clunes, where residents have successfully trialled the service since 2021. More information at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/organics

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STRUCTURE PLANS UPDATE

One of the major components of our strategic planning project, Future Hepburn, is the development of structure plans for Trentham, Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford/Hepburn and Glenlyon. These structure plans will guide the future development in each township to 2050.

In October and November of last year we brought together five groups of community members in each of the key townships to begin working on drafting the structure plans. Each Community Panel worked together to develop a shared vision and the key objectives across six themes - housing, business and economy, environment and heritage, urban design, movement and access, community and cultural infrastructure. We are now working through the strategies and actions to bring those visions to life. We look forward to sharing the draft structure plans with the community in the coming months.



MULCH AVAILABLE



Council has mulch available at its Daylesford, Trentham and Creswick transfer stations...and it's free if you hand load it.

At Daylesford we have a front loader machine, so

if you would like assistance with loading your mulch there will be a small charge of \$12 per load. This mulch has been created from the contributions during the free green waste disposal period in November. Thanks to everyone who contributed. We encourage you to pop into one of our transfer stations soon to grab some mulch while supplies last.



CAT CURFEW

Our cat curfew started in July 2023. Your cat must be securely confined within your property between sunset and sunrise. This helps to reduce the chance of cats breeding, fighting, becoming injured or killing wildlife. Find more information at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/pets

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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Lindsay Cooke, Art Exhibition, local fundraiser at Commercial at Kingston
29 February, 7.00pm—entry \$20.

World Day of Prayer, St John's Anglican Church, Napier Street. Friday, 1 March, 7.00pm

VOGA Beginners Adult Class, Saturday, 2 March 10.00am

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

Anglican Parish of Springmount
St John's Church, 103 Napier Street, Creswick
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays
Contact: 0413 689 003

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

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

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

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

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
Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007
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Calembeen Parkrun
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Community Repair & Share Event
1st Sunday, 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre
transitioncreswick@gmail.com or 5345 2356

Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356
creswicknc.org/creswick-market
Email market@cnc.org.au

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

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

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

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

Creswick Ward meeting - second Monday every month.

Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm
Creswick Railway Station

Cr Tim Drylie
by appointment
Creswick Community Hub
Ph. 0427 503 258 Email: tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance
3rd Sunday of each month with live band.
Invermay Hall, Muscatel Street, Invermay.
\$12 & \$10 members. Supper to Share please.
Social Dance, Thursday nights at VRI Hall Ballarat 7.30pm – 10.00pm. Phone 0487 222 924.

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

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

Tipplers - third Wednesday every month. email: barrymarj@hotmail.com

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School Preps 2024



Creswick North Primary School



Creswick Junior Football Club Receives a Surprise!

*Debbie pictured with members of the
Under 12s Football Club and their prizes*