



HEPBURN SHIRE COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR Kingston, Friends of the Avenue



The Friends are pleased to announce that the Commemorative Event, the Centenary of the Shire of Creswick Avenue of Honour at Kingston, was awarded the Hepburn Shire Community Event of the Year. The Award was presented by Mayor Don Henderson at a civic reception held on Australia Day Eve at the Daylesford Town Hall.

The Friends would like to share this award with all the people who helped to bring this event together, to everyone who helped out on the day, and to all those who came along or otherwise supported the commemoration and celebration! The certificate can be viewed at the Commercial Hotel at Kingston, open Wednesday to Sunday.

Leah Armstrong and Julie Baulch

STAYING SAFE ON LINE

Upcoming Talk

Ever been perplexed by what appears on your electronic devices? Ever run to the bank because your funds have been depleted unknowingly? Come and hear Jon Grant, manager of the Creswick Branch of the Commonwealth Bank, talk of the scams, and devious methods used by those scammers and how to deal with them. This is not a promotion of the Commonwealth Bank, but a program designed to inform and educate everyone, regardless of with whom they bank. The venue is the Seniors Club Rooms, Water Street, Creswick, on Thursday, 28 February at 2.00p.m.

For those interested, the first meeting for the year, of the Creswick & District Historical Society, will follow this public talk. The Society looks forward to having you share this interesting and enlightening talk. Hon. Sec. 5345 1310.

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. All contributions are accepted in good faith with no intention or desire to misinform or offend. Articles must carry the name, phone number and/or email address of the sender. The Editor reserves the right to edit or not publish any article. Views expressed are not necessarily those of The CDN Team.

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YES IT WAS DRY Total rainfall for January was 3mm!

creswick Rainfall

Monthly Totals as sent to Bureau of
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	2017 mm	2018 mm	2019 mm
January	34	30	3
February	37	6.5	
March	44.4	30	
April	106.5	17	
May	39.5	93.5	
June	12.5	68	
July	72.7	79	
August	59.3	70.5	
September	51.5	22	
October	64	33.5	
November	55.1	40	
December	58.5	80	
TOTAL	635	570	



Community Satisfaction Survey 2019 Hepburn Shire Council

Hepburn Shire Council would like to inform Shire residents that from early February, for the period of three weeks, householders may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services. They have been commissioned to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of the Council. Similar surveys will be happening across Victorian Councils in the coming months. The survey has been designed to CDN Textassess the performance of the Hepburn Shire across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

The survey will involve phone interviews conducted among a representative sample of residents. The Shire appreciates you taking the time to assist with valuable feedback. Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with the Shire.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Shire on 5348 2306.

Maria Abate, Communications Officer, 5321 6451



Local Performers

Come along and enjoy local performers Maureen Andrews and Aimee Brulee tell the story of Vida Goldstein and Ruby Lindsay.

Be inspired by Vida who was a pioneer for women's rights in Australia and Ruby, an illustrator, who was born right here in Creswick. The Creswick Brass Band will also be entertaining guests.

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event.

Bookings essential at :
www.trybooking.com/ZOHG



Creswick Lions Club

January provided Lions members with a bit of down time, but a couple of activities still kept them busy. A very successful day was had at the January Creswick Market and a lot of fun giving a hand at the Australia Day Breakfast. Lion Pat Tacey is to be commended for doing a terrific job in taking the lead to organise the Breakfast. Thanks must go to Pat and all the other volunteers from Lions and other community groups for taking the time to collect and deliver supplies, cook, serve and mingle with those who came along to enjoy the event.

The Club would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution of Lorraine Ainley to Creswick Lions and the wider community. Lorraine was presented with a 35-year pin of service at its Christmas dinner. Great work Lorraine – a tremendous effort giving of your time to support the community for so many years.

In May each year funds collected from Lions fundraising activities are distributed to various community groups and organisations. Once again, organisations or individuals requesting financial assistance are invited to write a short submission outlining the project, cause or event they would like assistance with, outlining proposed costs and other sources of funding being sought. Lions considers all submissions on their merits, however limited funds mean that not all proposals can be fulfilled.



Lion Lorraine Ainley being presented with her 35-year pin by Creswick Lions President Peter Cowie

Written submissions will be received up until 30 April and should be posted to Creswick Lions Club, PO Box 55 Creswick or emailed to carolyngargiulo@gmail.com

Please contact Bernardette 0419 581 052, Peter (President) 0419 899 810 or Carolyn (Secretary) 0417 349 049 if you are interested in learning more about Lions. The Club meets on the second Monday of each month.

Carolyn Gargiulo, Secretary – 0417 349 049

Vale Andrew Hepworth

A large crowd of several hundred farewelled well known and popular resident Andrew Hepworth at the Midlands Golf Club, Ballarat recently. Andrew's sudden death after being stung by a bee at work, has saddened his family and many friends in Creswick and district. Family members and friends told those present of a devoted family man, a keen fisherman and a Creswick Football Netball Club stalwart.

Andrew, along with his father Stan, brothers Stephen, Darryl and Geoff, son Aaron and daughter Alana, have all being players with the Creswick Football Netball Club. At the time of his death Andrew was a Committee member, joint Team Manager and Ground Manager. Having played all his Junior and Senior footy with the Club, Andrew was a member of the 1987 Senior Premiership side. As well he was a Life Member of the Creswick Imperials Cricket Club.

The CDN Team and readers pass on their sincere condolences to wife Wendy, children Alana and Aaron and to the extended Hepworth family.



CRESWICK MUSEUM Exhibitions

The present exhibition *Stitches Thru Time* at the Creswick Museum will continue until 17 March, 2019. A majority of the exhibition is in the old Bank Chamber but items are to be found throughout the rooms. Recent donation of two Wagga Rugs and a Possum rug will soon join them on display.

The items were donated in November, and thanks to the generous support of the Gold Museum and Councillor Henderson, have been stored in freezers for six weeks to make certain they do not have harmful bugs. The Museum is now looking at having their own small chest freezer which will enable them to care for textile items, especially after they have been on display. Part of *Stitches Thru Time* features a hanging display from the Victorian Lace Guild.

After the *Stitches thru Time* Exhibition closes the Museum will feature stories of the Soldier Settlers in the district through the *Diggers to Farmers* Exhibition.

Margaret Fullwood

BAND NEWS

Rehearsals, Competitions and Generally Out and About

Well 2019 is here and one month in already! The Band has been out and about in January, participating in the Maryborough Highland Gathering on New Year's Day and as always playing at the Creswick Australia Day Breakfast. The Band would like to thank Pat Tacey and all who were involved in organising the event, as always with these sorts of things, there is a lot of unseen work behind the scenes that is done to help make the event run smoothly.

The Band would like to extend its thanks to Travis Smithard who has installed new lights in the Bandroom, an excellent job, and now the old people such as myself have no excuse for missing their notes!

Rehearsals have begun in preparation for the National Championships to be held in Brisbane over Easter. The Band is really excited to be going again and to welcome some guest players from Daylesford, Ararat and Portland Bands. It is especially rewarding too that five of our Youth Brass members will also be playing for the Nationals. The members can't wait to test themselves in C Grade and to show Queensland what Creswick can do – there were some great sounds coming from the Band in rehearsal!

A reminder that there are still limited copies available of *Following the Bands*, a history of the Band written by former member Maureen French. Contact was made recently by someone from the UK asking if there was a photo of his great-great-grandfather who played in the Band and on opening Maureen's book, there he was! Maybe you have an ancestor lurking within its pages....

The Band is playing out and about in the next few weeks, 10 February at the draw of the Rotary Raffle in Ballarat at the Sunday market at the Showgrounds, and on 8 March at the Town Hall for the International Women's Day event.

Roger Clark



*Drum Major, Benjamin Gray.
Photo by Peter McArthur*

FOUR SEASONS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019 Opening

Saturday, 23 February 2019, 7.00pm

St John's Church, Napier Street, Creswick

Adults \$30 Concession \$25 Children under 14 free

The Four Seasons Festival opens the 2019 series of recitals with a one-hour performance by the renowned Australian Chamber Choir's eight-member vocal ensemble directed by Douglas Lawrence. The Australian Chamber Choir has an international reputation and will this year undertake its seventh European concert tour. They also present concert series in Melbourne and perform in major festivals.

This is the opportunity to hear their music on a summer evening in the beautiful stone church of St John's, Creswick where the ensemble will perform works by Byrd, Bach, Barber, Brahms and Britten, alongside madrigals and English Part songs.

Supper will follow the performance.

Tickets will be available at the door or may be booked through the Creswick or Clunes Visitor Information Centres.

Australian Chamber Choir



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Trip to Musk Farm

By Visitor Information Centre Volunteers

plenty of lively chatter and stories from those who have experienced a trip on the DSCR previously. Jenny, the guard, talks to us about the monthly all-inclusive Silver Streak Food and Wine train. With some lively music and plenty of food and drink this sounds like a great start to a Saturday night. (Make sure you have a designated driver on return.)

After twenty minutes rolling through the picturesque country side Bullarto was reached. While the crew made the train ready for the return journey to Musk, volunteers enjoyed the shady trees in the station grounds and inspected the various faithfully restored station buildings.

Musk Farm, once a small country school, was transformed into the stately manor it is today by well-known interior designer Stuart Rattle between 1998 and 2013. The three-and-a-half-acre property has been extensively landscaped into fourteen garden rooms. Splitting into two groups

Volunteering at Visitor Information Centres is a rewarding activity, and visitors appreciate having a friendly face when they need to find their way. For volunteers it is a chance to meet people and share the delights of their district. From time to time Visitor Information Centre volunteers get the opportunity to sample the offerings of local tourist attractions. Familiarisation tours known as 'Famils', these outings provide volunteers with insights to pass on to visitors. At the end of January, the Hepburn Shire Visitor Services Team organised a fabulous 'Famil', involving the Daylesford Spa Country Railway (DSCR) and *Musk Farm*.

About forty-two volunteers from Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford and Woodend/Macedon Visitor Information Centres, gathered at the historic Daylesford railway station in time for morning tea then boarded the Silver Streak, an air-conditioned diesel rail car, for the trip to Bullarto and *Musk Farm*.

Stuart, from the DSCR, briefed the volunteers on the history and operation of the DSCR. The experience offered by the DSCR is based around an operational museum with a theme of railmotors in Victorian railways and their benefits to the community. The Sunday markets and train trips to Bullarto are popular activities drawing crowds from all over. The historic railmotor trips and markets operate every Sunday except Christmas Day.

As the Silver Streak leaves Daylesford it seems to rock and roll more than streak; adding to the charm and nostalgia of the experience. The seating is comfortable, and the air-conditioning a relief on such a hot day. On board there is



volunteers were guided around the property including Musk Studio, by current owners Cathy and Mike, who clearly love this property and all it has to offer.

A delightful lunch was provided finished off with freshly made scones and the obligatory jam and cream.

During lunch, *Chill Out Festival* organisers gave a talk on this year's festival arrangements.

The visit concluded with a tour of the cottage. In both the cottage and the Studio building Stuart's abilities as a leading interior designer are on display with some exquisite examples of his work.

Unfortunately, the visit to this beautiful property with its shady gardens and friendly hosts was over all too soon and it was time to return to the Musk Station where the Silver Streak was waiting for the return trip to Daylesford.

This was a great day out with an opportunity to meet volunteers from neighbouring centres and to become familiar with some of the fabulous local attractions.

Frank Thompson





Shannon's Bridge and the End of Life Care Hub



For most people, talking about death and dying is just too hard. Most of us can't even say the words – *the 'D' word, passed away, passed on, met his maker*, and so on. This is what Shannon's Bridge means by '*death literacy*'. Shannon's Bridge is a volunteer run charity whose aim is to change attitudes about death and dying, and to help families and patients to connect with existing palliative care services or help build new services where gaps exist.



Shannon's Bridge Director, Jeremy McKnight celebrates the Day of the Dead

Jeremy McKnight is one of four Directors of Shannon's Bridge. He is passionate about the aims of Shannon's Bridge, and his empathy for all those who are dealing with illness, dying and loss shines through his every eloquent word.

After Jeremy brought his terminally ill daughter Shannon home in 2016, he made contact with local doctor, Claire Hepper, who took care of her in her last days. During this time, the McKnights came to understand that despite the existence of amazing palliative care services in the wider community, there was often gaps between agencies and sometimes boundary issues. For instance, some services are only available Monday to Friday with no after hours cover. This is just a reflection of how thinly stretched our palliative care service workforce is across Victoria.

For patients and families, there is clearly a need for 24-hour advice during a sad and sometimes scary time when their loved one is dying. Before she died, Shannon made her dad promise that he would help Doctors Claire Hepper and Allison O'Neill to continue with their work in trying to provide easy and co-ordinated assistance for patients and

families with home-based care at the end of life.

During the subsequent two-year period, as well as linking with the brilliant established organisations and services, many individuals were also identified by Shannon's Bridge who could help with those little things that make big differences to the families affected. This is how the End of Life Hub came to be at 94 Albert Street, Creswick (Dr Brian Hepper's old surgery) – a place where social and practical assistance can be found in a one-stop shop.



Dr. Claire Hepper at the End of Life Care Hub for Day of the Dead celebrations

Shannon's Packs were one of their first initiatives – a package of emergency symptom relief items first designed by Claire and Allison for Shannon, to help family members cope until the next visit from a doctor or nurse or the next visit to a pharmacy. A doctor or nurse will go through the contents of the pack with family and patients, showing them how to administer medication and assist with other needs to make their patient comfortable. The pack comes with 24-hour phone assistance.

During 2018 Shannon's Bridge obtained State funding to provide Shannon's Packs state wide and is now working with Queensland Health as well.

The need for respite care for families and loved ones has also been identified as an issue. So Shannon's Bridge recruits and trains volunteers on the Compassionate Communities model. Compassionate Communities is an international movement that aims to build community capacity to support people approaching the end of their



Shannon's Bridge and the End of Life Care Hub



lives. Compassionate communities recognise that caring for one another at times of health crisis and personal loss is not solely a task for health and social services, but is everyone's responsibility.

This is not a new idea – in days gone by, when people were connected to smaller communities, when a neighbour was dying, the whole village would help. As society has changed and people have become more reliant on centralized services, people still need help, but don't know who to ask or where to go.

Shannon's Bridge volunteers, through the End of Life Care Hub, can be that connection. Depending on their individual skills and preferences, volunteers can provide respite for families, help with shopping, help with household chores, taking patients to appointments and so on.

Many of the volunteers have been through these experiences themselves but not all. The common denominators are compassion and a desire to make a difference. As Jeremy points out: *'95 per cent of the little jobs they do make all the difference.'* Nalina Phillips, Administrative Officer of Shannon's Bridge, is always looking for more volunteers. Interested individuals can contact her on 0419 844 823.

Can people from the community contribute in any other way? *'Absolutely'* states Nalina.

'We are so open to just about everything and anything...if people want to donate money they can, which can easily be done via our website. They can create a fundraiser for us with whatever creative idea they have!'

'Businesses can offer their services. In fact when it comes time for us to do our garden we will be looking for landscapers! We recently had a business offer to do some professional videoing for us as an example. And if people have medical aides at home that are in good working condition and no longer needed, such as wheelchairs, shower seats, and so on, they can donate them to us for our 'equipment loan' program.'

The Hub has a very fluid business model – whatever people need at one of the most important and stressful times of their lives, they can provide it. Through their equipment pool items can be sourced and delivered to families and patients at very short notice.

The Hub provides other services currently with more on the way:

- Pet Therapy is offered through Delta Dogs, using dogs to offer calming, friendly companionship.
- Assist with the development of an Advanced Care Directive. Death is a taboo subject but it is clear that eventually everyone must think about it and discuss their wishes with family members, otherwise it can become a cause of conflict and extra stress. Since new legislation came into being last March, all medical organisations

must take notice of patients' wishes where there is an Instructional Directive.

Jeremy and Nalina explain that whilst there is good medical support for people before they die, there is no co-ordinated ongoing support for carers after their loved one is gone. Shannon's Bridge recognises that grief cannot be defined by the book – there is no one-year cycle, and everyone deals with loss in their own way. So the Hub provides a bright, welcoming and safe space for anyone to drop in.

No appointment is necessary. All are welcomed by Nalina or Simon (Admin Assistant) for a chat and a cuppa. They can discuss treatments or road blocks. People come in to leave items and photos of their loved ones. The whole backyard behind the office will eventually be given over to horticultural therapy.

There is no single source of referrals to their services. Local GPs spread the word as well as social media. Nalina is very busy reaching out to the local community, and they have had great local support. Businesses have been dropping into the Hub and asking what they could do for them.

Volunteers from the Creswick Football Netball Club, for instance, have provided a younger demographic of volunteers who are able to assist with some of the more physically demanding jobs such as gardening and mowing.

Shannon's Bridge has recently organised events such as the Day of the Dead – a traditional holiday and celebration in Mexico on 1 and 2 November – providing a lively and colourful outlet to get people to come in and ask what the Hub is all about. On Sunday, 2 December a *Shannon's Pack Ride* was organised by the Red Knights 15 motorcycle group.

There is nothing else like Shannon's Bridge in Victoria – their point of difference is that they can link all local medical and community services together. Jeremy is passionate about this: *'Our aim is to support other towns and communities to do this all around Victoria.'* The Lions organisation is assisting with the provision of skills and equipment in other regional areas of the State.

Shannon's Bridge will be conducting education and information sessions this year (dates still to be advised) with titles such as Advance Care Directives Explained, Funeral Care Choices, and Talking the D Word in Your Community. These will be promoted closer to the date through their social media accounts - Facebook, Instagram – shannonsbridge, and Twitter – ShannonsBridge1, as well as through their website: shannonsbridge.com and flyers posted on local noticeboards.

It is truly a testament to Shannon, to her family, to doctors like Claire Hepper, and to the local community, that a unique and vital organisation such as Shannon's Bridge has taken root and is flourishing here in Creswick.

Maria Taylor

CRESWICK CEMETERY TRUST

The Creswick Cemetery Trust is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified members of the community who would be interested in becoming honorary trust members. Women and those from a diverse background are actively encouraged to seek appointment to ensure that the trust's membership accurately reflects the composition of the community it serves.

Cemetery trust members are appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of up to five years and are responsible to the Minister for Health for the proper and efficient management of the public cemeteries under the control of the trust, including the provision of future cemeteries services and the preservation of local history.

Being appointed to a cemetery trust provides successful applicants with a unique opportunity to develop their competencies as a board member. In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services provides free governance training to all trust members.

Current and previous cemetery trust members may apply for reappointment as part of a competitive selection process.

More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cemetery-trust-appointments/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

To register your interest please contact the Creswick Cemetery Trust by telephoning the Secretary on 0412 382 267 or emailing: cemetery_creswick@hotmail.com. Applications by Friday, 8 March.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the composition of the Victorian community. This includes appropriate representation of women, regional Victorians, Aboriginal people, young Victorians, Victoria's culturally diverse community, the LGBTI community and Victorians with a disability.

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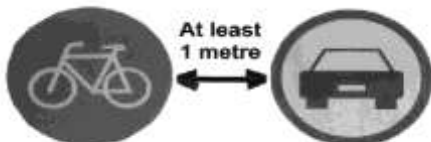
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Cemetery News

Works are continuing on the pathways at the Creswick Cemetery, and it is hoped to have all the paths with the new signage levelled and gravelled over the next month or so.

Weeding is an ongoing problem and thanks must go to Elly and Elaine, Carmel and Marie for coming along to the Cemetery to help. If anyone else would like to spare an hour or two, they are more than welcome to come along and help. Wendy is at the Cemetery most Monday and Thursday mornings, or if another day suits, that is fine, just give her a ring on 0412 382 267 to organise.

Wendy Ohlsen - Secretary



Creswick and Smeaton cemeteries receive maintenance funding

Creswick and Smeaton cemeteries have been awarded over \$24,000 as part of a State Government investment to ensure the final resting places of our loved ones are maintained in a respectful manner.

Announcing the grants, the Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, said the funds would be used to improve facilities at the two cemeteries.

The funding includes:

- \$12,000 for Creswick Cemetery Trust to repair heritage gates.
- \$12,200 for Smeaton Cemetery Trust for a geophysical survey.

The two grants are amongst seventy across Victoria to small rural cemeteries to help provide much-needed equipment or assist with carrying out maintenance projects. The grants recognise the significance a cemetery holds within local communities, and the need to keep the facilities well maintained and make them as welcoming as possible.

Creswick Visitor Information Centre Volunteer Meet and Greet

Join the Creswick Visitor Information Centre Volunteers for a social afternoon on Wednesday, 27 February.

Meet at 4.00pm at the Creswick Visitor Information Centre, followed by drinks and nibbles at 4.30pm at the Farmers Arms Hotel, Creswick.

Come along to meet the volunteers, learn about the Visitor Information Centre, how to become a volunteer and what's new. Nibbles provided. Drinks at bar prices.

RSVP to Julie on 5321 6100 or tourism@hepburn.vic.gov.au

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Make positive changes

Inspire others so they volunteer themselves

Get involved

Volunteers of any age or ability are welcome! We are looking for passionate people who have an affinity for older people and a sense of humour: we teach you the rest!

You will work alongside professional staff and be supported throughout your time as a volunteer.

All volunteers are required undergo a Police Records check (no cost to volunteer) and attend an Induction Session upon commencement.

Volunteer now!

Contact J. Cawton, Volunteer Services Manager

janinec@hhs.vic.gov.au 5321 6556

New Name for Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation Redefining rural possibilities

After ten years as Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation, the charity located in the Creswick Old Post Office has a new brand and name. The new company name is **The Rural Foundation Ltd** and the business name is *Youthrive Victoria*. The new names reflect the focus on supporting young rural Victorians and the commitment to building thriving rural communities. The change reflects the next stage in the development of the organisation. The generosity of the founding donor, Helen Macpherson Smith and the 2008 vision of the Trustees, will be honoured in the use of a tagline and the Helen Macpherson Smith Rural Scholarship.

Youthrive Victoria will continue to provide scholarships to support university and vocational training along with the highly regarded Young Rural Leaders Program and transition and career mentoring. The alumni will continue presenting the award winning Year 6 workshop, ***Dream Seeds***, which is designed to build aspiration, resilience and connection in rural children. Same people, same great programs, just a new name for a new decade.

The new website youthrivevictoria.org.au has launched and provides a new look and plenty of information about the organisation. *Youthrive Victoria* alumni and staff have

contributed to the design and construction of the website and staff member Emma Jarvis has provided expert design skills to create many of the new brand materials.

The Foundation relies on donations to operate their programs and are always looking for supporters to provide funding for new scholarships. If readers would like to learn more about *Youthrive Victoria* or how you can contribute to how it is redefining rural possibilities please call in to the Old Post Office or contact Brett Dunlop, Supporter Relations Coordinator on 0403 803 555 or brett@youthrivevic.org.au.

If you would like to have a *Dream Seeds* workshop at your school, or would like to nominate a young person to receive mentoring while they study, or attend one of our Young Rural Leaders programs please contact Maryann Brown, CEO on 0439 463 333 or maryann@youthrivevic.org.au

If you are interested in volunteering as a mentor or providing inkind support please visit youthrivevictoria.org.au/get-involved/ or call in to the office.

Dr Maryann Brown
Chief Executive Officer

CRESWICK CELEBRATES AUSTRALIA DAY



Australia Day Breakfast Thank You

On behalf of the organizing group, thank you to everyone who contributed to the running of the 2019 Australia Day Breakfast at Park Lake, and thanks to everyone who came along and enjoyed a social breakfast.

The following groups all contributed volunteers who cooked and served breakfast: Creswick Lions Club, Creswick & District Historical Society, Creswick-Smeaton RSL, Creswick Football Netball Club, Creswick Walking Group, Creswick Scouts and Venturers. Thanks also go, in order of involvement, to Town Cryer Phil Greenbank, MC Alan Morris, The Creswick Brass Band, Tim Drylie and the Scouts who all performed a role in making the event a success.

Thank you to our official guests Louise Staley (Member for Ripon) who acknowledged our local achievers, Mayor Don Henderson who presented the Australia Day address, Cr Greg May and Hepburn Shire CEO Evan King.

Acknowledgement also goes to the Mount Prospect Tennis Association for allowing the use of their facility, to Bridgette O'Brien, Hepburn Shire Events officer, for her assistance in organizing the event, and to the suppliers of the food for the day: Creswick IGA, Creswick Country Bakery and Greenvale Meats. The event was funded by a grant from the Hepburn Shire.

Events such as this don't just happen - they rely on volunteers to organize and run. Please consider helping out. We need new blood and new ideas; your feedback and suggestions are most welcome.

Pat Tacey



*Top three photos
by Peter McArthur*



Australia Day Awards

Hepburn Shire Citizen of the Year

Congratulations go to Creswick resident, Laurie Porter, for being awarded the **Citizen of the Year** by the Hepburn Shire on Australia Day for his community involvement. Many local children and adults are delighted by the vast Christmas Light display erected by Laurie in his front yard during December. Laurie's other involvement includes being a volunteer driver of the community bus for the Creswick Senior Citizens and with his wife, Dot, long time volunteers with the Meals on Wheels service. Recognition well deserved.

The Young Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Ethan Brown of Trentham for his community involvement including being a member of the Trentham CFA, a first responder with Ambulance Victoria's GoodSAM application, a medical trainer with the Trentham Football Netball Club and a campaigner for a Community Emergency Response Team.

The Community Event of the Year was awarded by the Council to the Centenary of the Shire of Creswick Avenue of Honour at Kingston. Events of the day which attracted more than 500 visitors included a parade featuring the Creswick Light Horse Troop and the Creswick Brass Band followed by a Remembrance Day Service.

Congratulations to all the winners!



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On Saturday, 30 March, Creswick Garden Club will host Jane Edmanson, ABC Gardening Presenter, at the RACV Goldfields Resort, 9.30am till 4.00pm, morning tea and lunch included for \$65 pp. Bookings also please by the 5 March. For all bookings call Phyllis on 5345 2514 or 0418 303 405.

At the monthly meeting on 5 March, the Guest Speaker will be Alison Pouliot, a world renowned Ecologist/Photographer.

Happy gardening.

Phyllis Wright, President

World Day Of Prayer in Creswick

Friday, 1 March, 2019

The churches of Creswick invite you to join with them on Friday, 1 March, 2019 as they celebrate their annual World Day of Prayer service.

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is an international, inter-church organisation which enables the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers, to be heard. The 2019 service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia.

Slovenia is one of the smallest countries in Europe. It is also one of the youngest, yet its people share a pride in a long and fascinating heritage. The women who have prepared the service encourage reflection on the barriers faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRY). They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

During the service there will be the opportunity to make a monetary donation towards the 2019 Bible Society's *Trauma Healing for Women* project in Slovenia. Generous donations during the 2017 WDP services funded the successful running of this project for women in the Philippines. Now funding is needed to translate course materials and train facilitators to meet the needs of women in Slovenia, experiencing the trauma of violence, abuse, suicide, alcoholism or post-war wounds.

Please join the Creswick ecumenical service on **Friday, 1 March 2019 at 7.00pm at St Augustine's Catholic Church in Napier Street**. A light supper will be served after the service. All welcome.

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New Residents – Save the Date!

New Residents Welcome functions for the first part of 2019 have been confirmed for 23 March and 22 June.

These are friendly informal sessions enjoyed by those who attend, comprising a Morning Tea Welcome event held in the Creswick Town Hall for all new residents where they can hear more about Creswick and its history as well as meet many locals involved in all manner of activities. There will be short presentations from the Hepburn Shire, Police, Hepburn Health, CFA and SES to relay important information about these agencies and their work within the Shire. Everything you ever wanted to know about the various local Clubs, Groups and Associations will also be there, some in printed form and some via members who can advise you in person.

The Welcome starts at 10.00am with morning tea and the session begins at 10.30am and ends at 11.15am. If you wish to attend, please contact if possible, by email railwayworkshops@gmail.com or by SMS to 0407 622 463 or call into the Creswick Hub and let them know. This is a joint initiative of the Creswick Railway Workshops Association (CRWA), Creswick and District Residents Association (CADRA) and U3A, supported by the Hepburn Shire.

Judy Henderson - Hon Sec CRWA Inc.



Creswick – Smeaton RSL is Turning 100

At a meeting held in the Bank Chambers in Creswick on 13 March, 1919 it was decided to form a branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia. The meeting was attended by a large number of World War I veterans. The Reverend Frank H. Ingamells, who was a Chaplain Major in the AIF and had also served at Gallipoli, was elected as the first president of the Creswick RSSILA. Committee members were H Symonds, H Praetz, G Cawthan, H V Malone, F and V James, A Talk, A Wright, W Sherriff and J Keating. The Charter for Creswick Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia was signed on 19 March, 1919.

To commemorate this event there will be a gathering at the RSL Hall at 2.00pm on Sunday, 17 March 2019. Any interested residents and any known descendants of the WWI veterans are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served to celebrate the birthday.

For catering purposes, it would be appreciated if anyone wishing to attend could inform Alan Morris on 0428 119 420 or Michael Clark on 0409 421 547. Please RSVP by 3 March,

Alan Morris

Senior Cits News

The new year at Seniors' Club has made a good start in spite of the heat. The usual activities are well underway, Scrabble and Trionimos, also Mahjong, Euchre and Bingo, with carpet bowls on Saturday. Exercise class is Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm.

Movie day had the usual members going to see *Storm Boy* and then enjoying their afternoon tea out.

Next Social Day is 22 February which will be a summer lunch and entertainment.

New members are most welcome.

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2019 Annual Mingling Day for the local arts community

Pavilion Arts Creswick held this event in the enchanting gardens of Ian and Ken Kronberger. The afternoon was perfect for a casual occasion, where socialising and future planning went hand-in-hand. The new committee was able to meet with Malcolm Saunders and commit to training and a busy year ahead.

Member, Di Lehne had prepared a speech aimed at those in any Arts field. She emphasized successful methods for self-promotion and the need to develop self-confidence and persistence. It was very well received and applicable whatever your artistic endeavours.

Those present enjoyed a balmy evening of good company and time well spent. The choice of day was unfortunate as over a dozen families apologised for being away for the long weekend!

Pavilion Arts' new Executive members are Peter Hadley – President, Bruce Kronberger – Treasurer, and Trish Stannus - Vice President. The group is hoping those interested in the arts becoming a central aspect of Creswick and surrounding towns will join and attend meetings in 2019 which are held at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm.

Audrey Winther, Secretary, Pavilion Arts Creswick
pavilionarts3363@gmail.com

Music News

The Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields Fine Music Festival was a great success once again and we look forward to the 25th Festival next year. The opening and closing choral performances were outstanding, the organ and trumpet concert in St. John's Creswick was popular, with its unusual program, and the Orava String Quartet's concert was probably the highlight of the Festival.

The first major event this year is the Intercultural Variety concert on Saturday 16 March in the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, at 7.30pm. This is a fundraising concert for the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council, which is looking to have a grand piano in its new performance space. The concert will feature Chinese Lion dancers, Ballarat Grammar's Pipe Band, instrumental and vocal jazz, and 'Marlene Dietrich' amongst the many exciting performances.

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By Craig Barrett



Memory is a funny thing. It is strange which memories present themselves, and why.

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I have been spending a lot of time recently in my studio preparing works for another exhibition in Melbourne this coming May. Yesterday I turned away from the painting on the easel for a moment to clean my brushes. As I did so my gaze wandered through my large studio window to the two snowgums I planted when I arrived in Creswick in June 2016. I thought about how well they had grown – taller than my windows now. They have been so fascinating to explore; they are a great attraction for all manner of jewel-like bugs and birds. The lines of their branches are beautiful, their rounded leaves exquisite. There is something ‘clean’ and elegant about them, not overly complicated.

What I did not expect were the associated memories that came flooding in – and why. All of a sudden I was transported to a time and place nearly twenty years ago when my wife and I were living in France. I had always held deep interest in the art and architecture from the Romanesque period – the tenth to twelfth centuries. I used to visit as many of these historic sites as I could find in our area of Provence. As my interest, and my knowledge grew, so did my focus. I became especially interested in the three Cistercian abbeys in Provence. The simple, elegant forms and colours of my snowgums for me had a direct connection to my medieval abbeys.

The Cistercian monks were an off-shoot from the Benedictine Order in the 11th century in France. Their buildings reflect their belief in a simple, quiet and ordered life. Their abbeys are sublime. They lack ornamentation – no stained glass windows representing biblical scenes. No sculptures. Each room manifests a simple purity of stone and light in perfect harmony.

From a distance, the Cistercian abbeys are almost hidden in the landscape. They were often built in valleys - to encourage the monks to look up, not around. As you approach, the buildings look like they are part of the surrounding countryside, like they have always been there. It is an architecture that invites silence and contemplation. In the Benedictine Rule, written in the 6th century, it states: *‘The disciple’s part is to be silent and to listen’*. Shouldn’t we all do a bit more of that?

Now my snowgums help to take me to that space daily ... and I look up!



Sketch – Le Thoronet Abbey, France

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February 7, 1919

A meeting will be held in the bank chambers tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 8 o'clock, to appoint officials and make final arrangements for the aquatic carnival, to be held in aid of the Creswick District Hospital, on Saturday, 15th inst., at Calembeen Park.

February 11, 1919

Smeaton - Innoculation- about sixty persons, ranging in ages from 2 years to 80, were inoculated with an influenza vaccine by Dr. Wilson, the health officer of the shire, last Thursday afternoon.

February 14, 1919

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February 18, 1919

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February 21, 1919

Diamond Wedding- Whitely- Fitzpatrick- on the 21st February, 1859, at Scot's Church Sydney, by the Rev. John Reid, Joseph Lester Whiteley to Rosa, second daughter of Daniel Fitzpatrick.

Present address- Hollinwood.

February 25, 1919

After a lapse of four years, the rural competitions previously conducted by the Smeaton Agricultural Society have been renewed. The judging of the potato field competition took place on Saturday last under ideal conditions, as the weather was delightful and the crops under review were looking vastly improved by the recent copious rainfall.

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Creswick North has had a great start to the 2019 school year. This year there are six Foundation students welcomed to school – Nash B, Jack H, Ashton H, Jaiden M, Patrick P and Brock S (all boys)! It will be an exciting time for them.

This year there are no grade 6 students, therefore there will be no School Captains or Vice-Captains. The grade 5 students will step up and perform some of the student leadership roles, which will be great practise for them in preparation for next year.

The MARC Van (Mobile Area Resource Centre), will continue to visit with a new teacher, Ms Kathy Norton. Japanese lessons have been organised via Video Conferencing with a teacher from Trawalla Primary School.

There are several school-community events planned this term including:

- Tastepoint - Food Tasting at Creswick Bowling Club on Tuesday, 19 February
- Golf Day - At the RACV Goldfields Resort on Sunday, 3 March.
- Trivia Night - At the Farmers Arms Hotel on Wednesday, 6 March.

All are welcome! Please contact the school on 5345 2012 if you are interested and require any further information.

I am looking forward to working with the families and wider school community this term whilst Principal Marcus Murrell is on leave.

Matthew Reyntjes (Acting Principal)

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Friday March 1, World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Worship Service, St. Augustine's Church, Napier St. 7.00pm, Light supper to follow All Welcome

Thursday March 7, Hospital Luncheon, Creswick and District Hospital Auxiliary, Noon, Senior Citizens Clubrooms Cost \$18, Proceeds to purchase equipment for Acute and Nursing Home components at Hospital

Friday March 8, International Women's Day 2019, Creswick Town Hall 6.00pm Bookings essential www.trybooking.com/ZOHG Light refreshments served

Saturday March 16, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Sunday March 17, Creswick Smeaton RSL 100th Anniversary, 2.00pm RSL Hall Creswick, RSVP for catering by 3 March, Alan Morris 0428 119 420, Michael Clark 0409 421 547

Saturday March 23, New residents meeting Creswick Town Hall, Morning tea 10.00am, session 10.30am – 11.15am. Indicate attendance at Creswick Hub

Wednesday March 27, Creswick Garden Club bus trip to Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, Cost \$45 Bookings Phyllis 5345 2514 or 0418 303 405

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RSL meeting - Last Wednesday each month 12 noon. RSL Hall Michael Clark 0409 421 547

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