



Words in Winter Speak'n Easy in Creswick



Waiting for a poet

The big night of words approaches, our open mic night, Words in Winter Speak'n Easy Creswick, on Wednesday 8 August at 7.00pm. The venue has now been tested and the organisers can report the ambience and sound at the American Hotel is great. So poets, writers or anyone interested in a night of words come and relax with a glass or two of your favourite inspiration and enjoy an inclusive and fun night of sharing stories, poems and yarns.

The format for the evening will be very simple. If you wish to read, put your name on the Readers List when you arrive. Readers will be called in the order their name appears on the list. The evening will get under way after 7.15pm. A microphone and table will be set up in Poets' Corner. Each reader can have five minutes to present their piece. There will be a bell for those who over stay.

While the organisers appreciate original material, this is not mandatory. The theme for this year is *Change and Chance*.

For those who have never presented before this will be an easy introduction. There is no judging just friendly applause. So come, have a go and enjoy the cosy environment at the American with fellow Creswickians and visitors.

Frank Thompson



Creswick Light Horseman Chris Fawcett and his horse Billy in the Kingston Avenue of Honour in 2017.

Photo Anna and Murray Thompson.

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Council Appoints Evan King as new CEO

The newly appointed Chief Executive Officer for Hepburn Shire Council, Evan King, will commence in his role on 23 July 2018. Mr King has previously held the position of General Manager Corporate Services at Hepburn Shire Council.

Evan has worked both in the private and local government sectors. He has a list of achievements in Local Government, and is currently Director of Corporate and Community Services at Pyrenees Shire Council. Evan has a number of qualifications, including a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) from Federation University, he is a Certified Practicing Accountant and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The Mayor, Cr John Cottrell said, 'Evan was a well-respected member of the leadership team at Council during his time as a General Manager, and we look forward to his leadership as the new CEO'.



Mayor Cr John Cottrell, CEO Evan King and Cr Don Henderson

Creswick District News

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New Residents' Alert!

Don't forget it is on again, the second Welcome to New Residents.

Date: Saturday, 28 July

Creswick Town Hall

Time: 10.00am refreshments and informal meet and greet.

Session starts at 10.30–11.15am. Bookings are preferred but not essential. (Let the Shire staff know at the Creswick Hub.)

This event is sponsored by the Hepburn Shire and facilitated by local groups (U3A, CADRA and CRWA Inc), and is an opportunity to find out a little more about Creswick, its history, its people and what is happening.

**Creswick & District
Hospital Auxiliary
Casserole Luncheon
16 August
Senior Citizens Club
Rooms
Commencing 12 noon,
enquiries to Margaret
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creswick Rainfall

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

	2017 mm	2018 mm
January	34	30
February	37	6.5
March	44.4	30
April	106.5	17
May	39.5	93.5
June	12.5	68
July	72.7	
August	59.3	
September	51.5	
October	64	
November	55.1	
December :	58.5	

Children's Photography Event

**September 28 – 30,
Creswick Town Hall**

This event is a part of the Creswick Museum's Norman Lindsay Magic Pudding Children's Festival and is facilitated by the Creswick Railway Workshops Assoc. Inc.

Awards are being sponsored by the Creswick Community Bank® and Creswick Business & Tourism.

More information is available on Facebook - *Creswick Photography Prize* - or contact CRWA 0407 622 463.

Creswick Garden Club

Hi fellow gardeners.

It is not long now to our big day with Jerry Coleby Williams, at RACV Resort on 28 July. We are all looking forward to the day. There are a couple of last minute tickets available, so give us a call if you would like to go. Be quick!!

Next month on 7 August, our guest speaker is Attila Kapitany, Australian succulent specialist and author. His topic will be *Succulents for Gardens of the Future*. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Senior Citizens' rooms in Water Street, directly behind the Town Hall, starting at 1.15pm, \$2 entry. Hope to see you there.

Phyllis and Leanne

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Shannon's Bridge is a local not-for-profit organisation that is passionate and dedicated to connecting patients and families with services to help with home based care at end of life. The aim is to not just make conversations around death more comfortable and normal but change the whole social approach to death, dying, grieving and living well.

Over four days in August (Wednesday 8 to Saturday 11) as part of a National information day, *Shannon's Bridge* will be hosting guest speakers to share their knowledge from knowing how to write an *Advanced Care Plan* to learning about the benefits of Music Therapy along with a visit from some very cute Therapy Dogs.

There will also be drop in times and everyone from the community is welcome to call in and see and hear what it is we do. *Shannon's Bridge* is now located at 94 Albert Street, Creswick – yes, Dr Brian Hepper's old surgery – with all activities being held there. Check out our Facebook page and local notice boards for session times of guest speakers.

Hope to see you there.

Shannon's Bridge Team — www.shannonsbridge.com

www.facebook.com/shannonsbridge/

Grants to boost animal welfare across Victoria

The State Government has announced the Animal Welfare Fund Grants Program is seeking grant applications that benefit creatures great and small. Consideration will be given to applications covering a range of areas including:

- Community education programs on responsible ownership of animals
- Animal relief services and facilities for emergencies
- Facilities to promote dog exercise and socialisation in parks
- Upgrades or extensions to facilities to improve the welfare of companion animals.

To be eligible for a grant, organisations must be not-for-profit and meet a range of criteria – including projects to support the improvement of companion animal welfare. The program will be run in 2018/19 with \$250,000 available.

For more information, visit

agriculture.vic.gov.au/animalwelfaregrants.

Senior Cits

Half the year gone and what a wonderful day to end it. A hot lunch enjoyed with friends and each and everyone loved the entertainment performed by Ricky Lea.

The next Social Day will be 27 July with a hot lunch followed by entertainment (I'm keeping you guessing). I hope members and friends take advantage of the well stocked stall of lovely items for sale each Social Day. The persuasive sales lady does a fantastic job keeping tasty and interesting gifts.



Kingston Friends of the Avenue

Trivia Night: A huge thank you to Claire Stephens for organizing the night, Greg the Quizmaster from Yeehaa Trivia, and The Farmers Arms Hotel in Creswick for hosting. Many thanks to all the businesses and individuals who donated so generously and to everyone who joined in the fun!

Friday 10 August 1918 - 2018

On this day at 2.00pm at the Kingston Showgrounds, a tree will be planted commemorating 100 years since the official opening of the Kingston Avenue of Honour by Sir Alexander Peacock. Catherine King, Federal Member for Ballarat, will plant the tree to honour the horses that didn't return from the Great War. *Sandy*, the horse belonging to the late Major General William T Bridges, was the only horse returned. We are privileged to have Peter Somerville OAM as our guest speaker. Peter is a founding member of Friends of Sandy and the Light Horses Inc (FOSALH).

After a ceremony, afternoon tea will be shared at the Commercial Hotel. A free bus, donated by Creswick Bus and Coach, will transport people to and from the event. The forty-six seater will leave the Creswick Post Office bus stop at 1.30pm and return to Creswick at 3.30pm. To book your seat please contact Brian and Josie 5345 1512.

Kingston Avenue of Honour Centenary Event

Planning is well underway for this significant event to be held in the Avenue on Armistice Day, 11 November 2018. This event is a commemoration and celebration of the end of the first World War and of the local community who came together in 1918 to plant 286 trees remembering the service and sacrifices of relatives and work mates associated with the former Creswick Shire.

The free family event starts at 9.00am and concludes at 4.00pm. We expect in excess of 1000 people to attend from across Australia. The corner of Alcorns and Kingston Roads will be the hub with food trucks, trade stalls, displays and entertainment. Towards the Midland Highway, steam machinery and vintage vehicles will be displayed. The Interactive Tree Trail will encourage families to walk the Avenue.

The formal part of the day starts with the Creswick Brass Band performing at the obelisk and a parade led by the Creswick Light Horse approaching down Alcorns Road at 10.30am. With Michael Ronaldson as MC, the Creswick/Smeaton RSL will conduct the Remembrance Day Service.

Julie Baulch and Leah Armstrong

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of July. Keep this in mind.

On a personal note, my grateful thanks go to the wonderful members and my wonderful family for their help during the time it takes to heal a broken wrist. It was much appreciated.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray - 5334 6526

IN FOOTSTEPS OF HEROES

By Creswick Resident Rosemary Gay



*Rosemary Gay and Ray Newland
Photo Ashleigh McMillan The Courier*

On 23 April, 1918, St. George's Day, my Grandfather Able Seaman Leopold T Newland, a Ballarat boy, aged twenty nine was aboard the primary assault ship *HMS Vindictive*, one of 165 ships including Cruisers, Destroyers and Submarines involved in the Raid on Zeebrugge; an audacious raid on the German held port of Zeebrugge in Belgium. Leo Newland was one of many Australian Seamen who volunteered when the British Navy called for volunteers for a hazardous secret mission. Only twelve seamen, all serving on *HMAS Australia*, were selected, as the criteria was for single men, with no family to care for, as the British Navy considered this to be a mission with little or no chance of survival.

Throughout February and March 1918, eighty-two Officers and 1698 men were given specialist training at Chatham Dockyard and The Royal Marine Barracks at Deal, near Dover in the United Kingdom. The mission called for the *Vindictive* to pull alongside the Mole, a mile-long curved seawall protecting the port of Zeebrugge from the North Sea and create a diversion, while three obsolete ships filled with concrete were sailed into the harbour and sunk, to block the entrance of the canal where German U-Boats were housed. The Mole had been converted by the Germans into a minor fortress supporting gun emplacements and housing garrison troops.

The *Vindictive* made her approach at midnight under a hail of heavy fire and bombardment which inflicted heavy casualties on her crew and killed most of the Officers in charge of her storming parties. As she pulled alongside the Mole, *Vindictive's* upper works were being pounded by the gun battery on the Mole and were soon reduced to a mass of twisted steel. Many of her guns had been knocked out and casualties were mounting. Grandfather was in one of the storming parties whose job was to carry explosives up the gangplank from the *Vindictive* to the Mole, to be placed

at strategic positions, detonated, with the sailors then to make their way back to the ship. When the block ships were sunk, the recall was sounded and the storming parties withdrew to their battered vessels, carrying their wounded.

After just seventy minutes of intense battle, the vessels made their way to open water and their return to Dover. In total, 214 personnel were killed, 383 wounded and sixteen taken prisoner. Miraculously all twelve Australians returned to Dover unscathed. The exceptional bravery shown by those who took part was recognised through the award of Victoria Crosses, Distinguished Service Orders, Distinguished Service Crosses, Conspicuous Gallantry Medals, Distinguished Service Medals, with my Grandfather being one of 283 mentioned in Dispatches.

On Leo's return to Ballarat, several functions were held in his honour including a Civic Reception hosted by Mayor George Crocker, and his story, and that of the other gallant sailors was carried by numerous newspapers across Victoria, including the *Ballarat Courier* and *Ballarat Star*.

My brother, Ray Newland, had been researching Grandfather's involvement in this sea battle of WWI, and our plan of attending the 100 Year Commemoration Services began to unfold. As a result of my brother's intense endeavours, we were among the few descendants, and the only Australians representing the twelve sailors, who were honoured guests of the Belgian Organising Body representing the Belgian Government, the British contingent and the British Navy. On reaching Dover, on the fourth day of the Commemoration Services, we were honoured to be guests of Commander TJ Berry of the Royal Navy at an Official Reception on board the current warship *HMS Somerset* on its return to Dover from the Commemoration Services at Zeebrugge.

Although Ray and I anticipated the four-day Commemoration to be one of extreme importance, we were unprepared for the enormity of what we experienced. The hospitality and grateful thanks bestowed upon all who attended by the Belgian Government and representatives was beyond belief. The Services over a three-day period, included, among the Guest Speakers, the Hon Randolph Churchill, great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill and the attendance of Princess Anne as the representative of The Queen.

Ray and I were invited to participate in Wreath laying at the St George's Day Monument in Zeebrugge and at St.James Cemetery, Dover, to commemorate our Grandfather and those who served in this battle. We also

placed a wooden cross, endorsed with our Grandfather's name and service details, at the St. George's Day Monument in Zeebrugge. We included a photograph of our Grandfather, in his Naval Uniform in both wreaths, which subsequently appeared on the website of *The Daily Telegraph* in the UK. During the Commemoration Parade in Dover, I was interviewed by the BBC and the story of the twelve brave Australian sailors was aired on BBC News throughout the UK. We presented a copy of this photograph to the Curator of the *Exhibition of the Battle for the North Sea*, housed in The Palace in Bruges, where we were among the invited guests at the opening on Friday 20 April. The Curator has since placed our Grandfather's photograph within the Exhibition which runs until August this year. At the opening of the Exhibition, we were interviewed for *Centenary News*, a website dedicated to the coverage of the 100-Year Anniversary of WWI. The story now forms part of their Zeebrugge coverage.

While attending the Services in Dover, Ray and I met Captain Shane Craig RAN, Australia Naval Attaché, based at Australia House, London, where we were warmly invited to join him on our arrival in London, for a personal tour of Australia House. Another of the many incredible experiences we were exposed to during our unforgettable journey retracing our Grandfather's footsteps 100 years on.

Leo Newland lived to eighty-four years of age, and Ray and I were most fortunate to have shared in his life as part of his beloved family. He spoke very little of his involvement in this battle over the years and the story as we now know it has evolved as a direct result of our research, and has been enriched by our attendance at the recent Commemoration Services.

Rosemary Gay



CRESWICK LIONS CLUB

New Executive Members

On Monday, 25 June, the new executive with Peter Cowie (President), Carolyn Gargiulo (Secretary), Pat Tacey (Treasurer), Maria Marco (Vice President) and Bernardette Tacey (Membership Chairperson), was installed as Office Bearers for the 2018-19 year by Sharon Murphy, President of the Ballan Lions Club and Co-founder of Keely's Cause. Graeme Mitchell (Past President of Creswick Lions), inducted Alistair George as a new member of Creswick Lions Club.



Sharon Murphy (President Ballan Lions Club, with 2018 Creswick Lions Club Office bearers, Carolyn Gargiulo (Secretary), and Peter Cowie (President)

On the night a presentation of \$500 was made to Sharon Murphy for Keely's Cause which provides children with autism iPads to assist with their learning. Keely's Cause has already presented four iPads to children in Creswick. During 2018, Creswick Lions Club has distributed an additional \$9,500 to local welfare groups and organisations in the district as well as to disaster relief.

In her outgoing President's report, Carolyn Gargiulo thanked all members for their contributions over the past year and she also acknowledged the support of the wider community. Service awards were made to all members acknowledging their contribution to the club. Long serving members Graeme Mitchell (forty-four years), Max Ainley (thirty-nine years), Lorraine Ainley (thirty-five years) and Bernadette Tacey (eighteen years), are to be commended for their outstanding service.

The Creswick Lions Club and Creswick Men's Shed have put forward a joint submission for funding through the *Pick My Project* program so watch Facebook for when voting occurs and vote for this project. The proposal is to provide additional space for the Men's Shed and a home base for the Lions Club.

We are always welcoming new members and invite anyone interested in finding out more about the Creswick Lions Club to come along to our monthly meetings at 7.00pm on the second Monday of the month at the RSL Hall. Also check out what is happening on our Facebook page.

Pat Tacey



\$3 million to rebuild Creswick Police Station

The Shadow Minister for Police, Edward O'Donohue MP and Member for Ripon, Louise Staley MP have committed to funding a much-needed rebuild of the Creswick Police Station if they win government.

'The hard-working men and women of Victoria Police deserve a modern, contemporary police station to enable them to perform their important work in keeping the local Creswick community safe.'

The rebuilt station will provide Creswick with greatly improved modern police facilities. Significantly better working conditions for police members will assist to give the best possible policing service to the Creswick community.

Tim Drylie : Sustainably Creswick

Tim Drylie has really made his mark in Creswick. When he first moved to Creswick eight years ago from the northern suburbs of Melbourne, he found it had lots of visual appeal with beautiful trees and buildings. Tim also saw plenty of potential in what he calls, '*obvious signs of a living community*'. In talking to him, one quickly realises that *community* is a very real and practical concept to Tim.

With a country background (originally from a Warrnambool family), it seemed a natural fit to Tim to come to the Central Highlands, though it has taken him a while to get used to the climate!

Tim had a Second-Hand shop in Montmorency and kept it running for a few months after first moving to Creswick but quickly realised after a lot of commuting back and forth that it made more sense to open a business here. That became his first business venture in Creswick – the 2ndHandShop at 105 Albert Street. Tim specialises in vintage and mid-century furniture and collectables, and his stock has attracted people from around the region as well as selling through his established on-line business.

The business has since moved into the busy central shopping strip in Albert Street (at number 55), which has given him and his partner Holly more room to expand into vintage clothing as well.

Tim took on the Co-ordinator position at the Creswick Market at the end of 2017. He was a member of the Market committee prior to that, and his experience with running his own market stalls has been invaluable. Tim's background is in media production. He worked at the ABC for a number of years, so he brings to his role as Market Coordinator a good blend of the promotional side of running the market combined with knowledge of the practicalities of setting up and running a stall.

Tim emphasises the value of the Market in allowing the local community to access local producers and local products, and providing an efficient and sustainable way for locals to sell to locals. Tim is very proud of the way neighbours can catch up with neighbours for a natter every third Saturday at the market but he is also quick to point out that the market has now become a *destination* with people coming up from Melbourne to experience a 'real country market'.

Tim is keen for more locals to join in. If anyone would like to become a volunteer with the Creswick Market, they can contact info@creswickmarket.com.au

Running a business allowed him to get to know the local scene very quickly, but Tim also identified a gap around environmental issues, and this led him to set up *Transition Creswick*. Co-founded with Sarah West, they took their model from Transition Towns in the UK. It is run by a core group of six passionate locals, and its goals are to foster community resilience to move away from dependence on fossil fuels in practical ways and to address issues of climate change in a local setting.

So far, these practical initiatives in Creswick include:

A *Monthly Food Swap* which is held in conjunction with the Community Garden at the Neighbourhood Centre on the fourth Saturday of each month. It's a great morning of home-made and home-grown swapping culminating in a pizza lunch.

Soup Sundays took place every Sunday evening in June, and co-hosted with Creswick Community Garden. They aim to encourage people to get together and enjoy the fruits of the Community Garden at the Neighbourhood Centre. Around twenty-five people enjoyed tomato soup and a talk from the Shire Sustainability Officer at the first event last month.

Transition Creswick has partnered with the *Boomerang Bags* program encouraging volunteers to make shopping bags from recycled materials. All single-use plastic bags will be banned in Victoria from 1 July this year.

Transition Creswick has become a strategic partner in Z-Net (Zero Net Energy Transition) - a pilot program with the Hepburn Shire Council and Hepburn Wind. It is a community-focused approach to reducing the local community's dependence on fossil fuels in an efficient and sustainable way. *Transition Creswick* is also keen to attract new membership. They can be found at fb.com/transitiontowncreswick

Z-Net

Z-Net has conducted a 900 household letter drop around Creswick informing locals of the information night held on Wednesday, 20 June at the Creswick Town Hall. The event ran from 12 noon until 7.00pm, featured solar bulk-buy presentations and stall-holders to assist with understanding your electricity bill, financing options for solar and batteries and energy audit information for businesses, homes and farms. To gain an understanding of what households are doing now with their energy needs, Z-net is conducting a survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/hepburn-znet which will continue until mid-July.

However, business and sustainability are not the only strings to Tim's bow. With a degree in music and drama from LaTrobe University and previous experience as a teacher of post-grad cinema studies, Tim continues his love of performance art by singing with the Creswick Brass Band. He has lent his fine tenor voice at Christmas, Australia Day and Anzac Day events, and really enjoys this aspect of community living.

Tim has three children: Lucan who attends Mt Clear College in Ballarat, and Aida and Sorrel who go to Creswick Primary School. All three children also play with the Creswick Brass Band.

In taking on so many roles and local projects - all with the aim of making Creswick a better place - and in such a relatively short time, Tim Drylie has made a difference here.

Maria Taylor



Creswick Scout Group

Creswick Scout Group has gone from strength to strength in numbers and activities supporting the community. Australia Day and ANZAC Day have been some of the most memorable for our youth members as they carried the RSL flags for the first time.

The group now has six Joeys (5 - 8 years), eight Cubs (8 -10.5 years), eighteen Scouts (10.5 – 14.5 years) and three Venturers (14.5 - 18 years).

The Joeys recently had their first two Promise Awards presented on Thursday, 28 June. Well done to Riley Craig and Charlie Scobie for achieving the highest award in Joey Scouts. Two Grey Wolf Awards were also presented in April and June, congratulations to Marshall Hand and Felistee Wilson.

The Cubs also had their first overnight camp at Mataranka Scout Camp, everyone survived cooking their own food and planting shrubs and trees to improve the diversity of plants for wildlife in corridors and sanctuaries. Well done to Callum, Mollie, Levi, Owen and Luke on a job well done.

The Venturers are currently meeting in Ballarat with another Venturer Unit due to lack of numbers. As soon as there are five members, the unit will be returning to Creswick. If you are interested in trying Venturers, please contact Zac Lee (Unit Secretary) on La Gerche Venturer Unit Facebook page.

Due to ill health, I will be taking a break from Creswick Scout Group. For all enquiries, please contact the Scout Group through the Scouts Victoria website <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/>

Many thanks for the community's loyal support,

Verena Doyle

Welcome to Bill and Louise Cole New Proprietors of Creswick Motel



Louise and Bill Cole outside the refurbished Creswick Motel

Bill and Louise Cole are excited to be in Creswick. With a wide experience in retail and hospitality, Bill and Louise were looking for a business with a more relaxed lifestyle. Their last two businesses were running the Post Office at Talbot and later at Bombala, in the Snowy Mountains, which they sold last year after seven years.

Since taking over the Creswick Motel on 1 March this year, they have been working hard to refurbish both the inside and outside of the business. Garden beds, lighting and signage have been renovated, and all bedlinen, covers, towels and artwork have been replaced inside the units.

Louise is excited about the future: *'We don't want this to be an ordinary Motel - we want to offer something different – a bit quirky with the new artwork, but still a comfy, friendly place that makes people feel good.'*

They are also keen to establish a good on-line presence which has been lacking up to now, and have revamped their uniforms and flyers.

While the Motel does not offer breakfast, handy breakfast packs can be purchased, or Louise is very happy to recommend one of the excellent cafes in town.

Bill and Louise look forward to the Mountain Bike track development which they hope will attract more visitors to the town. Specially designed bike storage is a future project.

Maria Taylor

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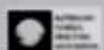


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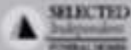
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FOUR SEASONS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Festival gave the District a wonderful opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the rich voice of Greta Bradman in St Paul's Anglican Church, Clunes on Sunday evening, 17 June. This petite soprano enchanted us all in a performance which illustrated her skill, strength and control of her beautiful soprano voice. Be assured, she is the mistress of her talent and what wonderful control she has of that talent.

The programme was designed to illustrate the scope of her voice, and did so admirably, with some 17th Century works, religious pieces and a touch of the 20th Century. There was some nostalgia for her much loved grandparents, climaxing with Dame Nelly Melba's favourite *Home, Sweet Home*. She was accompanied on the grand piano brought in especially for her performance, by Kate Johnson, who acquitted herself most ably and professionally, also providing a Chopin interlude.

It was a magical evening. We are sure that Clunes must be the only place where these two young ladies had to change into their evening gowns in their car. Quite a struggle that would have been, but they did decline use of the Church Vestry. The catering crew of the Parish also performed admirably with hot soup and savouries after the performance. Truly an evening to remember and savour the sounds.



COUNCIL ADOPTS 2018/19 BUDGET

The Hepburn Shire Council Capital Works program for 2018/19 will be \$10.4 million, excluding projects that may be carried over from the 2017/18 year. Of the \$10.4 million in capital funding required, \$6.7 million will come from Council operations, \$1.7 million from external grants and contributions, \$0.8 million from reserves and asset sales and \$1.2 million to be funded by new borrowings.

Following are some of the major projects contained in the 2018/19 Budget:

- Annual asset renewal program including road reconstruction and resheet, buildings, fleet and equipment, bridges and foot-paths (\$4.5 million)
- Drainage maintenance program (\$718,184)
- Hepburn netball change rooms (\$390,350)
- Walking and cycling footpath and trail implementation (\$414,700)
- Jubilee Lake remedial works (\$190,000)
- Outdoor exercise equipment (\$40,000)
- Implementation of Youth Strategy (\$55,000)
- Newlyn netball court upgrade (\$150,000)
- Toward Zero Energy Saving Initiative - Council (\$258,000)
- Weed eradication (\$108,005)
- Implement biodiversity strategy actions (\$60,000)
- Creswick Trails Mecca (\$1,710,000)
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Creswick & District Historical Society

The Creswick & District Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Thursday, 28 July at 1.00 pm. Please note the altered time applies to this meeting only. The venue remains the same - the Seniors' Club Rooms, Water Street, Creswick.

We have a final order of twenty-five copies of *Portraits of Creswick Through the Years*, so if you have been planning on purchasing, don't delay, or you might miss out. The price remains at \$45. For more information, ring 5345 1310.

A great night of brass music was enjoyed on 16 June when Darebin B Grade Brass Band and our own Creswick Municipal Band entertained after enjoying an afternoon of musical workshopping. Darebin opened the program with the theme music from *Hawaii Five-0* followed by a selection from Lionel Bart's *Oliver*, some beautiful solo cornet work and ended with some crazy *Loony Tunes* themes. Then Creswick took centre stage. Since their win in the National Championships, a special march has been composed for the Band, titled *Champions*, and our little champions they are.

We tapped our toes through a variety including the *Cornish Floral Dance*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Putting on the Ritz* and the usual great drum work in *Wipeout*, with Roger Clark doing the crazy ending scenario. He is improving in his imitation too! Rounding the evening off, the combined bands played a selection of Beatles music and the theme music from *The Magnificent Seven*. A great night and a credit to both bands.



NORTHERLY NEWS

Term 3 promises to be another busy time at Creswick North. Amongst many things there will be visits from Glasses on Wheels, Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Life Education Van.

School Open morning/afternoon visits will be held on Monday, 30 July, 9.00-11.00 am and Friday, 3 August, 2.15 - 3:30pm. Families and their children are invited to come and join in some classroom activities. School tours will also be conducted. Please contact the school on 5345 2012 or creswick.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if you would like more information.



Grade 4-6 recently went back to the 1850s with a visit to St. Alipius School at Sovereign Hill. This two day experience was a great opportunity where the students got to dress up and role play what it was like to be a school student during the gold rush days. All students had a fantastic time.

Marcus Murrell - Principal

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Sporting Schools

This term CPS was fortunate to receive a grant from Sporting Schools Australia to conduct specialised sports clinics. Hockey clinics, run by the Melbourne Sports Institute, was the chosen sport. Students participated in a one-hour clinic each week for five weeks and thoroughly enjoyed learning a different sport.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Annual Scholastic Book Fair was held during the first week of June. The week began with a grandparent's afternoon for which there was an amazing turn out. Geronimo Stilton even surprised the students by making a special appearance. Community support for the Fair was outstanding, with the school receiving over \$600 in commission to spend on resources. Thanks to our families for their support.

Transition

School's transition program started this term with Prep and Prep/One students visiting local kindergartens giving them the opportunity to meet and play with the four-year old kinder children. Enrolments are currently being taken for 2019 Prep students. For further information, please contact the school on 5345 2044. Information packs are available as are pre-arranged school tours.

Melanie Stewart, Acting Principal



ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS Senior Transition

In early June the year five class visited one of their choices for their secondary education. The girls went to Loreto and the boys visited St Patrick's College. The St Pat's tour began at 9.15am and quickly moved into the woodwork room where all were required to make a game of Tic Tac Toe. Clutching the new creations, it was off to art where colour was the theme and how to best create an eye pleasing design. Next came science, all gowned up and with safety glasses securely placed, it was time to create. Working in pairs, students created a rather evil looking oozing substance that almost glowed in the dark. To finish the day there was a rather serious game of dodge ball. All enjoyed their first taste of secondary school.

World Environment Day



World Environment Day, held on Tuesday, 5 June, is an environmental awareness day run by the United Nations. One hundred and forty-three countries take part in World Environment Day which focuses on concerns ranging from pollution to global warming, sustainable food production to protection of wildlife. Every year there is a new main focus. This year the focus was *Beat Plastic Pollution*. Our year six class spent time on the day creating a poster that highlighted this message.

Enjoy the month

Terry Brennan - Principal



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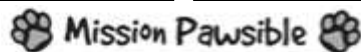
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July 2 1918

A meeting has been convened, to be held in the bank chambers tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual ball in aid of the Creswick District Hospital. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of those interested in the hospital.

July 5 1918

The erection of tree guards in connection with the Creswick Shire Avenue of Honor will be continued tomorrow (Saturday) morning, commencing at 11 o'clock. Everybody in the shire is cordially invited to help in this matter, the "working bee" continuing all day.

July 9 1918

Kingston - Narrow Escape- A very narrow escape from a serious accident occurred on Friday evening last. Two local ladies were coming home from Creswick when a motor car without lights, travelling fairly fast, came round the bend of the road. The horse shot off the road and down an embankment. Fortunately, the occupants of the gig got off with only a severe fright. It is time this sort of thing was stopped.

July 12 1918

Coursing- Champion meeting at Smeaton- The Champion meeting of the Smeaton Coursing Club takes place today and tomorrow. A total of 32 nominations was asked for, but the stake did not fill, 21 entries being received. This must be considered good in view of the fact that there is a great scarcity of racing greyhounds this season.

July 16 1918

The scholars of the Allendale State School were much interested on Monday afternoon in a descriptive account of the extensive travels and war experiences of Sergeant Louis Hopkins, who was among the first volunteers from the shire to proceed to the front four years ago, and who was in the famous landing at Gallipoli. Possessing a very retentive memory, he outlined many phases of the war, and described in realistic language the battle scenes he has witnessed. Mr. A. W. Lawson, head teacher, conveyed their thanks to the returned soldier in very appreciative terms.

July 19 1918

A local Land Board will sit at the Smeaton Mechanics' hall on Tuesday, 20th July, at 10.30 am, to reconsider the question of the disposal of the Smeaton experimental farm, formerly controlled by the agricultural society.

July 23 1918

Mollongghip- School Concert- In the Mollongghip school hall next Friday evening, there will be a school concert in aid of the patriotic fund, when assistance will be given by the Dean and Newlyn schools. There will be supper afterwards, and the admission to both is 1/6.

July 26 1918

The wattle blossom is now coming into bloom, and at a special meeting of the Borough Council on Tuesday Cr. Broom mentioned that people were already picking the blossom in Davies Park, which would have a tendency to spoil the look of the trees. He moved that notices be placed at the various parks, warning persons picking blossom that they would be prosecuted. Councillors agreed that the trees should be protected, and Cr. Haines seconded the motion, which was carried.

July 30 1918

Sir Alexander Peacock, M.L.A., has accepted the invitation of the vicar and vestry of St. Paul's Church of England, Clunes, to give on Sunday evening next, the address on the Fourth Anniversary of the British Empire's entrance into the Great War.

Expressions of Interest –

Community Advisory Committee



Are you looking for an opportunity to contribute to the Hepburn Shire community? Are you passionate about health and wellbeing of local people?

The Board of Hepburn Health Service is inviting expressions of interest from Hepburn Shire residents for the newly established Community Advisory Committee. The Committee will consist of two representatives each from Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford, Trentham and surrounds.

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- approaches that enhance the Hepburn Health experience for clients, patients and residents;
- bringing the perspective of the community into our planning and programs.

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The old ashes wall is down and being removed. Once again the Australasian No 2 Mine Disaster monument is the focus in the middle of the cemetery. All going well new signage will be put at the miners' graves and those associated with the disaster before December when not only will it be 136 years since the Australasian No 2 Mine Disaster, it will also be 160 years since the first official burial at the Creswick Cemetery.

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

Friday July 27 Spit Roast at St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Creswick. 6.30pm. \$20 All Welcome Info Margaret 53452 165

Saturday July 28 New Residents' Meeting, 10.00am Creswick Town Hall, RSVP to Shire Hub.

Sunday July 29, Bald Hills Creswick Landcare AGM at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 4.00pm

Wednesday August 8, Words in Winter Speak'n Easy Creswick, on at 7.00pm at American Hotel

Friday 10 August 2.00pm at the Kingston Showgrounds, a tree will be planted commemorating 100 years since the official opening of the Kingston Avenue of Honour.

Thursday August 16 Creswick & District Hospital Auxiliary, Casserole Luncheon at Creswick Senior Citizen Clubrooms. 12 noon. \$20 Info Margaret 5345 2165

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Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email jackandnorah@vic.australis.com.au

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

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

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

Creswick & District Historical Society - fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors Club rooms 2.00pm. Ph 5345 1310

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

Creswick & District U3A - 0459 981 066 or email u3a3363@gmail.com or www.creswicku3a.com

Creswick Garden Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) Seniors' Club Rooms 1.15pm. Phyllis 5345 2514

Creswick Havilah Lodge - fourth Thursday every month meeting 7.30pm Bob Orr 5345 2165

Creswick Library Baby Rhyme Time Sessions, Tues and Wed 11.00am Parents' Club Tue 11.30am

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

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

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