## Creswick District News

**Still Priceless** 

Issue 247 July 2019

## Foundation Member of CDN Resigns Jack Sewell



At the recent meeting of the Creswick District News Inc., foundation member Jack Sewell submitted his resignation which was accepted, with regret, by the committee.

The members expressed their thanks to Jack for his work with the newsletter as, among other things, a writer and proof reader for more than twenty years.

In Jack's letter of resignation, he stated, 'I have been extremely proud of the contribution the CDN has made to the community of Creswick and District from a very humble beginning. I believe that it has made a very significant contribution to the life and development of the town and district.

The early success of the publication I believe was due in no small way to the work and dedication of four people: Geoff Cole, Marj White, Margaret Edgar and Jo van Oostveen, all of whom made a major contribution, each in their own way.'



**Creswick Football Netball Club 150th Celebration** L-R: Tom Rush (97), a player in the 1940 Creswick Premiership Team and Mick Aslop (current President) See page 11



Historic Rossmore Cottage Photo Margaret Giles. See page 6



Maureen J Andrew See page 9



Creswick Bowling Club New Life Member Lance Keen. See page 8

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### DEATH: IT TAKES ALL OF US

Let's create a world where we all

know what to do when someone

is dying, caring or grieving.

94 Albert Street, Creswick 8 August 2019 Program to be advertised on Socials



### Creswick District News AGM

Tuesday August 21, 4.30pm Creswick Information Centre

creswick		Rainfall	
Monthly Totals as sent to Bureau of Meteorology by Frank Slade.			
	2017	2018	2019
	mm	mm	mm
January	34	30	3
February	37	6.5	23
March	44.4	30	15
April	106.5	17	13.5
May	39.5	93.5	161.5
June	12.5	68	133.5
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	349.5

#### Bouquet

Congratulations go to Robert Flynn, a former local, who was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday recent Awards. Robert, aged 79, now living in Grovedale, has been volunteering in his community for over 60 years and still drives patients to and from medical appointments. Robert attributes his lifetime in volunteering stems from taking the Scouts Pledge in the 1950s to help others.

Creswick & District Hospital Auxiliary Casserole Lunch

12 noon, 8 August at Senior Citizens Clubrooms All welcome. Enquiries to Joan 0400 537 382 or Margaret 5345 2165



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### NOT SO SILLY SAUSAGES Central Region Butchering Competition

Did you know that Creswick's own **Greenvale Butchery** has won the prize for the Best Pork Sausages in the Central Region of Victoria? That is a high accolade for those boys and they are very pleased with themselves. Creswick has had many butchers since its founding and the current store, bought by young Brandon May two years ago, is maintaining a high reputation. Have you met the staff?

Young owner Brandon is very sure of where he wants his life to go. Mature and positive, his head is definitely set in the right direction, but there is a cheeky sense of humour woven through his character. A member of a well know agricultural family in the district, Brandon is a dedicated farmer and producer of top quality stock for the butchering trade. That is a very big load for this young man and he is rightly proud of his achievements so far. Brandon's aim is to have a chain of stores, all selling top quality meat. His approach is up to the minute. Look at some of the lines such as the latest introduction of beef pinwheels. Do you fancy a chicken parmigiana with cheese in the crumb coating? New ideas are coming forth all the time. As well as the champions, there is a variety of flavoured sausages.

For some 'light' recreation, Brandon is President of the Dean -Newlyn Young Farmers Association and Vice President of the Kingston Young farmers. His hobby is Camp Drafting, so horse riding is another passion. Have you noticed the smart boots that he loves to wear to the horse-events? Brandon is a very straight forward young man, looks you directly in the eye and knows exactly what he wants out of life – and it is all rural. There is great camaraderie in the shop. The men who work for him are all very happy in their work and relate well to each other. The shop has a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere

The big boy is Wyatt. He is in his first season of football with Creswick. A Hepburn Shire boy, educated at Daylesford Secondary College, he is working towards finishing his apprenticeship. Wyatt loves the diversity of his work and meeting all the different characters who come into the shop and greets them with a big smile and friendly manner. Nothing is too much trouble for him. He shares his life with his partner and would like to own a shop of his own one day. Definitely a people person.

Mark is the latest member of the staff and new to this area. He has shifted here from Balwyn to set up house with his



Best Pork Sausages in Central Victoria Left: Mark, Barry and Wyatt. The owner of Greenvale Butchery, Brandon absent Photo: Wayne-Rex Brereton.

young son. A keen fisherman and snow boarder, Mark is enjoying country life and his work. Special is the extra time he now has to spend with his lad. No doubt he will enjoy teaching him to fish and enjoy those winter sports. Mark, too, has a friendly and easy-going manner, with a dimpled grin in a face full of good humour to greet all the customers.

Then there is Barry, the senior hand in the business. He has been butchering for forty nine years, has been working in the shop for nine years and was the Sausage King of Ballarat in 1995. He is married, has a son and a daughter and a young grand-daughter. Barry was a keen cricketer and footballer in his youth and remains a passionate Essendon supporter. Holidays are spent fishing on the Murray River and in some spare time enjoys a drink with his mates. If you want to know how to cook some of the items on offer, Barry is your man. He claims to have never ruined a steak and is skilled in advising on times and cooking methods for those big pieces of meat that appear at Christmas time. Barry is not fazed by the youth around him and enjoys their company.

When you walk into the shop the friendliness of the staff is obvious. They work as a united team and that helps to make the business a success. Their success in the Central Region Butchering Competition is well deserved, so make sure you try their award winning sausages as well as all the other lines that they stock.

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#### Congratulations Brandon and his staff.



## Community Bank<sup>®</sup> branch donations top \$1 million

The Creswick & District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch has recently achieved a significant milestone by donating more than \$1 million to the local communities since it was established in May 2007.

The Bank reached its \$1 million milestone on 25 June 2019 after donating \$94,000 to Hepburn Health to assist in the redevelopment of the Creswick Hospital Aged Care Home. This donation will be used to build a new internal garden for residents in the home and as part of a significant hospital redevelopment project.

Chair, Marcus Walsh said the Creswick and District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch was deeply committed to supporting local communities.

'Reaching the \$1 million mark is such a fantastic achievement for a community enterprise that many perceived as a far-off dream 12 years ago,' Mr Walsh said. 'But we have taken this dream for a locally-owned and operated bank and turned it into a reality, financially supporting hundreds of community initiatives in the process.'

'Thanks to the support of our shareholders, branch staff, company board and customers, we have been able to grow to be one of the biggest sources of community funding in our District' he said.

Funding granted by Creswick & District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch has gone towards supporting a range of community groups, projects and events including:

- A partnership with the Hepburn Shire to create the Creswick Community Outdoor Exercise Park,
- Supporting the Clunes Art Hub,
- Helping to develop facilities at Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve Creswick and
- Assisting a significant number of sporting clubs in the Clunes, Newlyn and Creswick areas.

Mr Walsh said he hoped \$1 million in donations would be just the start for the Creswick & District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch.





### Kingston Agricultural Society 152<sup>nd</sup> Kingston Show

Kingston Agricultural Society held its AGM in June, chaired by Councillor Greg May. It was a cold night, but the trusty pot belly heater kept all present warm. The 2018 committee was re-elected then, with many hands, the new stove was lifted into position. Supper was appreciated!

The members are currently renovating the kitchen with greatly appreciated support from both Hepburn Shire and the Creswick and District Community Bank <sup>®</sup> Branch. There was a working bee over the weekend of 13 and 14 July.

Planning is in progress for the Society's 152<sup>nd</sup> Kingston Show on December 14 and 15 this year. It is on track to expand again this year with Stockman's Challenge, horse showing events, working dogs, poultry, carnival rides and other attractions.

If you would like to become a member, help out or have enquiries, find us on the web, Facebook or call the Secretary on 0419 527 734 or email *secretary@kingstonshow.org.au* 

John Rowlands, Secretary

#### **CEMETERY NEWS** Recognition of Long Term Service

As they have decided to not re-apply for positions, the Creswick Cemetery Trust would like to thank Mr Ken Neill (ten years' service) and Mr Ron Head (five years' service), for their help over their time on the Cemetery Trust and wish them well. The Trust members would also like to congratulate Mr Stanley Johns on thirty years of service with the Trust to date. The Department of Health and Human Services, Cemetery Sector, have recognised them all with certificates which will be presented at the Cemetery Trust's next meeting.

The Trust would also like to welcome back Paul Ford who has re-joined the committee and the new Trust Member, Sally Kennedy who comes with great experience and enthusiasm.

Sadly, someone broke into the cemetery and stole the Greenfield mower last month. It is very disappointing that people will steal from community committees.

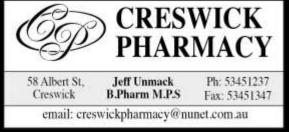
Please be aware that the three roads on the eastern side of the cemetery (between the Catholic and Methodist areas and each end) have been closed off for the winter months. Apologies for the inconvenience but the roadways are very wet and could cause an accident. For everyone's safety car barriers have been installed, but access by foot is permitted and encouraged.

A huge thank you to the Langi Kal Kal work crew who hand mowed the lawns, hand topped the graves and burnt off the piles of branches left after tidying the trees. Your help was well timed and much appreciated. *Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary* 

## Winter blues ??



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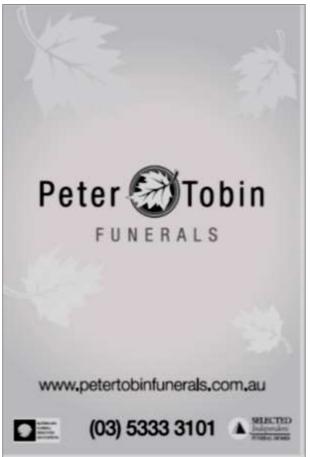
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# Rossmore Cottage A New Chapter in its Long History



Rossmore Cottage c1950s

Many will have noticed the cute little cottage called *Rossmore*, situated at 12 Bald Hills Road Creswick, which has operated as a Bed & Breakfast business since 1996. Margaret and Neville Giles purchased the property in 1994 and renovated the back section, building a new kitchen, laundry, toilet and bathroom. The front section of the cottage was left untouched except for the addition of antique mantelpieces, a combustion heater and a gas log fire heater. Unnamed when they bought it, Rossmore was Neville's second name.

In 1989 the Shire of Creswick Heritage Study listed the cottage as being built somewhere between 1861 and 1879. The statement of significance by Heritage architect Wendy Jacobs states that *'the timber gabled roof is typical of the miner's cottages of the latter half of the nineteenth century. The building retains the characteristic 12 pane windows. The cottage has been extended but it retains the form, materials and detail characteristics of cottages in the gold mining era'.* 

Whilst in no way a definitive history of the cottage, over the years Margaret has gleaned some background of those who lived at 12 Bald Hills Road. Vic Grose, who lived around the corner in Reed Street (but has since passed away), was able to provide photos and details of some of the owners in the 1930s and also helped Margaret make contact with other connections.

Glenys Groat visited the cottage a few years ago to tell Margaret her story. Her father was Frederick Herbert and he owned a butcher shop in Creswick about the site of 84 Albert Street (now 84 on *Albert*) until 1914. Glenys told her that as children, one of their pastimes was searching for gold around the old diggings nearby and they always carried a jar in the front pocket of their pinnies for the specks of gold they might find!

The Hitchcock family also had a long association with the cottage around the turn of the century. Henry Hitchcock (born 6 February 1890 in Bald Hills Road Creswick, presumably in the cottage, and died in 1970) lived in the cottage until approximately 1920 and was a self-employed wheelwright. He left Creswick and moved to Melbourne to find work as a wheelwright which was a dying trade by 1920. At that time, the cottage was owned by his parents

### Rossmore Cottage - A New Chapter in its Long History

Pauline and Roland Hitchcock. Pauline Hitchcock was known as *Auntie* to the neighbourhood.

Vic Grose lived in the cottage with his family who rented it from the Hitchcocks from 1931 to 1934. A photograph taken in 1931 shows the Grose and James families standing outside the cottage. It was Fred James' wedding day, while the small boy standing in front is Victor Grose. Fred James had a plumbing business in Creswick for many years and built the handsome period home on the western corner of Cambridge and Victoria Streets. (Fred was inducted into the Creswick Civic Honour Roll in 2014.) Vic's brother Norman was born in the cottage and further stories provided by other families indicate that there were other babies who came into the world at 12 Bald Hills Road!

Since 1996, many local people have stayed at Rossmore Cottage, with members of the McMahon family staying in the cottage on several occasions for 'old time's sake'. It would be hard to estimate just how many people have stayed in the cottage since 1996 but it would be hundreds. The cottage proved to be very popular, providing an introduction to Creswick's attractions and lifestyle, and by offering pet friendly facilities attracted many bookings. Quite a number of people came to live in Creswick as a result of their holiday there.

There have been major changes in how the B&B business has operated over the past twenty-five years. Not many people owned computers, mobile phones or were able to make online payments in 1996! All advertising was in print using brochures, magazines and Information Centres and all bookings were made in person by phone. Now most people book online via popular accommodation booking sites and that has meant careful management to avoid double bookings!

In 2005 a *Storybook* home was built at the rear of the cottage for ease of management but sadly Neville died in 2010 and Margaret continued to run the B&B business. Presently Margaret is building a new home in Creswick.

On 11 February 2019 the cottage was purchased by Robin Philip and has now ceased to operate as a Bed & Breakfast business. Robin, a relative newcomer to Creswick, is looking forward to living in the cottage and enjoying life in Creswick.

Margaret Giles



James and Grose families April 1931 (Photo B. Grose)

Any other information from readers pertaining to 12 Bald Hills Road would be greatly appreciated. Many other cottages in the town or district would have equally long and interesting histories and the CDN would be happy to hear them.

Margaret Giles has always enjoyed an interest in tourism and has worked to promote Creswick as a destination. Arriving in Creswick with her husband and family in 1979, they purchased the Creswick Newsagency (now the site of *Smokeytown Café*) which they operated for fourteen years. Margaret has been a member of many tourism committees for the Shire, is a volunteer at the Creswick Visitor Information Centre and for the past forty years has held executive roles on *Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.* 

Creswick has now developed as a tourism destination in its own right, enhanced by promotion undertaken by Creswick Woollen Mills, RACV and Hepburn Shire Council, amongst others. With work commencing on the Creswick Mountain Bike trails and the popularity of Creswick in general, there is a great need for more boutique accommodation in the area.

#### Allendale Nursery 'Hooked On Herbs'

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### CRESWICK BOWLING CLUB Service Awards

The Creswick Bowling Club AGM was held on 12 June. This was quite a significant event for the Club which was founded in

1875 and celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2000. The Creswick Ladies Bowling Club was formed in 1949 and for the next forty years was a separate entity from the Creswick Bowling Club. This changed in 1991-92 when lady bowlers became full and equal members. Now, after seventy years, the ladies and men have united to become one bowls group. Judith Caddy was elected as president, Richard Burt Vice President, Joyce Head Secretary, Ross Prictor Treasurer, Chris Boyd Assistant Treasurer with Committee members, Stephen Hepworth, Bernie O'Malley, Greg Peel and Helen Seiler.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Judith Caddy, Ross Prictor, Ron Head, Alan Kinnersley, Barry Yates and Bernie O'Malley. Life Membership was presented to Lance Keen. Lance joined the Creswick Bowling Club in 1987 and has been a loyal member for the past thirty-two years. 'Mustard' (Lance), is not only a true sportsman, but a highly qualified tradesman who put his efforts into the maintenance of both the old and new clubhouses (Albert Street and Doug Lindsay Reserve). His plumbing, carpentry and mechanical skills have been very much appreciated.

Throughout his time at Creswick Bowling Club, Mustard has been involved as a member of various sub-committees including pennant, social and works. He worked conscientiously as Treasurer for many years, including many years as Treasurer for the Bowling Club Bingo which raised valuable funds. Mustard has always been a very keen bowler and continues to be a successful and rewarding team player in both Saturday and Monday pennant.

Joyce Head, Secretary



### **BAND NEWS**

#### **Rehearsals for South Street and Upcoming Performances**

You know it's winter when it takes half an hour of solid playing to warm up! Cold wintry nights are perfect for playing Hymns and Marches to get the blood flowing and the hardy members of Creswick Brass Band have been doing just that. While the Band hasn't been out and about in the last month, it doesn't mean they haven't been busy.

Both Bands have been working out their repertoire for the competitions at South Street and are well into rehearsal. A few players are performing in the Solo competition in September as well and so they have been thinking about what to play and doing extra rehearsal.

Some of the youth members have done lots of rehearsal and got the results – congratulations to both Noah and Sophie who received credit in their respective Grade 4 AMEB exams – a great effort!

The Band would like to thank the Creswick Community Bank<sup>®</sup> for a wonderful grant that will allow for the replacement of hats – they are going to look great and members can't wait to show them off.

There are a few dates to keep free if you'd like to support the Band – the weekend of 17 and 18 August is when the State Championships are on in Ballarat at Her Majesty's Theatre. Creswick will be playing on both mornings. This competition will be live-streamed on *Brassbanned.com* 

September 7 will be the big fundraising night for the year with the inaugural running of the Creswick Brass Band Cup! Details will be on the Facebook Page closer to the event. Also, the exciting announcement of a combined concert with our friends the Daylesford Community Brass Band in October – it will be a great event – details to come!

Roger Clark



## Maureen J Andrew Talented, Hard Worker, and Energetic

Who and what is Maureen Andrew, one may well ask? The question should really be, who and what isn't she?

Maureen Andrew is a talented and sought-after multifaceted artist. Her twelve-page CV lists a bewildering range of skills and achievements of a lifetime in the arts. She has performed in more than thirty musicals, has acted on the stage, in films, on television series and commercials. She has even worked on *Neighbours* as three different characters over a span of six years.

Maureen was in the original cast of *Hair* in the 1970s. She worked with Hugh Jackman on *The Boy from OZ*, and travelled 25,000 kilometres in thirteen months around Australia with *Grease the Mega Musical*. She sings, dances and writes, and teaches in all those fields.

In real life, Maureen's vivid personality jumps off the pages of her CV and bathes the visitor in a warm and breathless glow. Maureen moved to Daylesford a number of years ago for family reasons, then decided she wanted to see more of the world. 'It was going to be LA, Paris or Byron Bay, but it was too far to send the cat and the pot plants.' So she bought a house in Springmount. Her cosy home is full of photographs, posters and momentoes of her busy life so far. Even the garden outside seems full: 'I have more than fifty fruit trees and I've planted heaps of shrubs.'

As a young mother, Maureen worked 9-5 at KPMG Hungerfords as a PA, teaching aerobics at lunchtimes in the gym next door, teaching ballet after school at Presbyterian Ladies College, running her own dance school, picking up her kids after school, then singing at clubs late at night.

Today, Maureen is still teaching ballet and dance at *Dancemakers* dance school at Magpie outside Ballarat. She loves to teach – she has been teaching for fifty years – and enjoys working with children and adults.

Currently, Maureen is also teaching a *Ballet for Baby Boomers* class for Creswick U3A. She came up with the idea for *Baby Boomers* as something she could do for senior women who missed out on dancing lessons, when they were young, for one reason or another. 'Young people today take such things for granted; there's more money and opportunity these days, but many older women did not get such chances when they were young.' The class is in its second term. It's not only ballet moves - Maureen brought her feather boas in last week and they are all learning a routine to Abba songs.

When not teaching or performing, Maureen is an avid reader. She would read all the time if she could. 'When you read you get to know how much you don't know.' She also loves to garden. She keeps fit, goes rock-climbing, does crafts, makes her own clothes and 'I'm a wild op-shopper!' as she proudly shows off her latest finds.

Maureen has not had a real holiday in forty years. As an artist, you never know when you could be called in for an



Maureen Andrew treasures her collection of photographs from some of the shows and stars she has worked with.

audition, and this goes a long way to explaining her passion for working for the rights of those in the showbiz industry, not just for actors but also for the set builders, wardrobe ladies and roadies. She is a member of a world-wide group called the *Debonaires* which helps raise money for *Support Act* helping actors, performers and others who are down on their luck.

In the 2016 Federal Election, Maureen stood as a candidate for The Arts Party, highlighting the rights of those in the arts. Most artists don't have superannuation; sick leave or holiday pay. 'Do you know that a few years ago, the average wage for artists was \$8,000 per annum.'

Most recently, Maureen has been writing and starring in a number of cabaret acts based on famous divas including Marlene Dietrich, Barbra Streisand, Tina Turner, Dolly Parton, Judy Garland and Liza Minelli.

Maureen is like a force of nature – she seems to be on the go all the time. 'Last weekend I performed at the Palais at Hepburn Springs at a fund-raiser for the wildlife shelter, and I have just acted in another television commercial – can't say what it is yet until it goes to air!' She says she is incessantly interested in everything: 'The world and people fascinate me - all the brilliance and stupidity.'

Since moving to the district Maureen admits she does miss her friends. She needs to travel to Melbourne often for work but: '*I'm grateful to be living in a lovely place like this.*' While showing her fantastic collection of posters, photographs, scripts and other memorabilia, Maureen declares: '*Aren't I lucky?*' But she is also quick to point out that as Anna Pavlova once said, talent is 90 per cent hard work.

One could say that we have been the lucky ones to benefit from Maureen's prodigious energy, hard work and talent. *Maria Taylor* 

## JACQUI KINDBLAD AND WALER HORSES A Personal Love Story – Part 2

This is the second part of an edited transcript of a talk given by Jacqui Kindblad to the Probus Club of Creswick in March this year. Jacqui Kindblad is a Tasmanian born artist, living in Creswick with husband Ben, and painting and exhibiting in Victoria as an Equine Artist. They have recently moved back to Tasmania.



Jacqui and Homelands Sapling

As part of the efforts by the Waler Horse Society of Australia and many interested individuals to save the wild Walers from culling in the Northern Territory, Jacqui was waiting to collect her first horses ...

I got the call eventually from Peter Fischer in the Northern Territory and together with a friend we came over from Tasmania and I picked out a black stallion who I named *Dardanelle*, a mare called *Tipperary* and another pregnant mare *Rose of Picadee*. Our arrival in Old Beach in southern Tasmania was greeted by a crowd, including television journalists. *Dardanelle*, initially refused to exit the truck. A black head poked out, looked around in amazement, grabbed a mouthful of grass then retreated to the safety of his truck. Well, he was my horse and amid dire warnings, I went in to retrieve him. I told him that if he didn't come out he would probably go back to sea. He looked me over and decided maybe it would be better to go with his friends, and walked out without a murmur.

This was the sum of this marvellous horse – intelligent, trusting and superbly gentle and he has passed on these wonderful traits to all his offspring, grandsons and daughters. *Dardanelle* was an eight-year-old when we got him and thirty-three when he left us. We evented him, showed him, hunted him and he led countless parades. He led his first ANZAC parade just two years after being broken in.

In one such parade in Hobart, *Dardanelle* walked with the last of our Light Horsemen, Ray Chatterton, who was 94. Ray declined his ride in the jeep that was assigned to him that day. He told the young army lass tasked to drive him that he *'was walking with his horse'*. He made it right down Davey Street, up the hill to the Cenotaph, with someone from the crowd giving him a hand on the last hill. After the ceremony, Ray came over to *Dardanelle*, grabbed his bridle on either side of his head, looked him in the eyes and said *'I've ridden many a mile on you, old son'*. Years later, an over-enthusiastic journalist wrote about this and said Ray rode the Waler on his last ever parade. Despite my anger at this use of poetic licence, his niece subsequently phoned me and instead of accepting my profuse apologies she said,

'You have made the memory even better – it was a lovely story'.

My husband Ben and I moved to Victoria with the intention of getting some more wild Walers. We travelled to the Northern Territory where a station was being cleared of 600 horses. We ended up taking twenty-three. We continue to research and investigate and from time to time a new mob of horses pops up. One of the latest was at Mt Weld near Broken Hill – beautiful black horses with bloodlines to shires, horses that were in the area in the late 1800s. These horses are definitely artillery types and we were very excited to hear about them.

Ben has a background in carriage driving from Sweden, his home country, and as climbing onto a horse these days was presenting a challenge, we have proceeded to break them into harness. The DNA of the old stallion *Dardanelle* showed that these horses would have strong links to a carriage ancestry. The genes do not lie.



Dardanelle's oldest grandson, Sapling, has taken to carriage driving with aplomb and we now lease him for Combined Driving Events (CDE). CDE is a sport that was initiated by HRH Prince Phillip. It is a carriage version of three-day eventing and can be driven with a single horse, a pair or a team of four.

We have started an online site called the Australian Waler Database where we have collected and are still collating the names of all the foundation horses and their offspring, there for all the world to see. Any horse owner aspiring to have his new Waler on the database must present DNA certification that the horse is the genuine article.

We feel we have helped in a small way to bring the Australian Waler back from the brink of extinction and he will take his rightful place in history. He is our homebred horse. He still displays faithfulness, calmness, loyalty, hardiness and superb agility. He was built for Australian conditions – still the Holden of the day - now maybe a classic.

Maria Taylor

#### Creswick's War through the War Letters of S. Gordon Spittle MM

### The War Correspondent



The eight from Ascot all joined up together and all came home alive. Sent home as a postcard, Gordon Spittle wrote on the reverse: "Our little family group taken somewhere in France, 26th Aug. 1916."

Back Row: Jack Nase, Joe Fawcett and Harold Reid;

Middle row: Les Walter, Ray Bright and Gordon Spittle;

Front row: Les Sim and Harry Holmes.

The above photo is labelled 'The Ascot Boys' in the book 'The War Correspondent' Samuel Spittle, a Cartage Contractor, married Henrietta Richards of Creswick in 1885. They had four sons: Peter (died aged 9), Will, Stan and Samuel Gordon. When mining in the district began to decline Samuel bought an 800 hectare farm in Allendale, north of Creswick.

Samuel 'Gordon' Spittle was born in Creswick North on 5 October 1891, and was well-educated at Creswick Grammar School. In 1912 Gordon purchased the farm *Mount Cavern*, near Ascot, and was to take possession of the farm on 1 April 1916. When war broke out Gordon felt it his civic duty to serve and enlisted in the AIF on 17 July 1915. Along with many acquaintances from the Creswick and Ballarat districts, Gordon was allocated to 18 Company, Australian Army Service Corps. The company left Melbourne on 10 November 1915 and sailed to Egypt. In mid-1916 they transferred to France and for the next two-and-a-half years fought on the Western Front in France and Belgium. Samuel took possession of *Mount Cavern* on behalf of Gordon.

Gordon ensured that every Sunday night he would write letters to his family. Many of those letters survived and in 1994 the family had the letters typed up and a book, *The War Correspondent*, was produced.

*Creswick's War* has been written based on Gordon's letters. It includes background information on what was happening in the war that Gordon could not specifically mention, such as the villages they were *'billeted'* in, or the battles that were being fought around them.

Being a supply wagon driver Gordon had more freedom than most other soldiers and he wrote about the many people he met along the way. Most of them were from the Creswick Shire as Gordon knew it. He also wrote of his *'leave'* to the UK (twice), Paris and, after hostilities had ended, Brussels in Belgium. Gordon returned to Australia and was discharged on 15 August 1919.

#### **Book Launch**

To celebrate the centenary of Gordon's discharge from the Army, the book *Creswick's War Through the War Letters of S. Gordon Spittle MM 'The War Correspondent'* will be launched by the author, Neil Leckie, at the RSL Clubrooms in Creswick on Sunday, 25 August 2019 at 2.00pm. For catering purposes please contact Alan Morris on 0428 119 420 of your attendance.



### Creswick Football Netball Club 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

A large crowd was in attendance at the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations of the Creswick Football Netball Club held recently. Many memories were shared among former players, club members and coaches of both the football and netball teams.



L-R: Lance 'Mustard' Keen, former player and long-time member of the Club; Tom Rush (97), a player in the 1940 Creswick Premiership Team; Jimmy Stephenson, former player and coach of the 1961 Premiership Team.



Netballers Stacey Coyle and Tammy Brand with Tommy Brand. Photos courtesy of Creswick Football Netball Club



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### Rain, frost and sunshine

Hi to all gardeners. The weather has been a bit of a mixed bag with rain, frosts and sunshine. The gardens and country side, with dams starting to fill, are looking much better. Creswick Garden Club fees are now due.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6 August 1.15pm at the Senior Citizens Rooms, Water Street, Creswick, where the Guest Speaker will be Rebecca Djordjevic from Munash Organics (Indoor Plants).

All welcome.

Phyllis Wright, President

#### Flower and Home Craft Show 9-10 November

It's time to dust off the knitting needles, paintbrushes, embroidery cottons and get those flowers blooming in preparation for this year's show put on by the Creswick Garden Club.

The organisers would love to see loads of kid's entries this year, show up those adults and start making stuff. You never know, you might enjoy it and learn a new craft at the same time. Only 50c to enter so get busy and get ready to enter. The organisers are here to answer any questions, to help with entering or how to stage your exhibit, so give us a call.

Leanne 0437 518 159 or Elly 5345 2342



Baldhills-Creswick Landcare AGM approaching

Landcare is a community based volunteer movement involved in action that cares for our land.

For years, Baldhills-Creswick Landcare have helped property owners with grants for gorse and blackberry eradication, collected seeds to propagate native trees and planted trees in community precincts and on private properties.

Landcare is a vital community asset with many advantages for members.

Baldhills-Creswick Landcare group is holding its Annual General Meeting at 4.30pm on Sunday, 28 July, at the Neighbourhood Centre. Members are not required to be landowners to be involved in Landcare activities.

For catering purposes, please contact Maureen on *0409 702 532* or Carmel on *0400 049 670* if you wish to attend.



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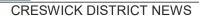


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### Hydrophobics and soil wetters... By Rhonda Cotsell

Last month I explored what makes soil hydrophobic to solve an ongoing problem with its presence in my garden. One piece of repeated advice was that a little detergent mixed with water assisted absorption so I tried this and it worked well. However, I wondered about the wisdom of adding chemicals to damaged soil, so looked further.

According to the commercial cleaning product standard (CPv2.2i-2012) from *Good Environmental Choice Australian Ltd (GECA)* in accordance with international standard ISO 14024 detergent biodegradability only applies usually to the active ingredients and not to additives. Dish washing detergents can contain many additives, e.g. surfactants, stability and dispensing aids, fragrances, colours, mildness additives, preservatives and antibacterial agents, most of which are not naturally occurring substances.

Many additives react with soil and fertilizers risking damage to plants, and the improved absorption did not last - so no more detergent.

I then looked into wetting agents. Could they play a role alongside my other commitment to improving my soil health through composting? Here I found that not all soil wetters are the same. Those based on petroleum and alcohol can damage the soil and harm sensitive plants, especially ferns, orchids and proteas - however there are others made only of naturally occurring substances which were both effective and improved soil microbial activity.

All failed to be the permanent solution I aimed for however. Long term use was potentially damaging and it was costly. The best solution seemed to be what I was already doing, i.e. constantly enriching the soil by layering compost, mulch, animal and green manures which decomposed into humus thus increasing micro-organisms, which were referred to on one web site, as 'nature's soil wetters'. This provided a permanent solution over time, was cost efficient and brought additional benefits.

Next summer, however, I will try out a suggested home-made version mixing agar-agar, a powdered kelp available from health food stores, with boiling water to make a custard like paste, and mixing 250 ml of that with 4.5 litres of water - sufficient to cover four square metres, in pots or beds.



## Park Lake Pixies on Fire Help!

To all good citizens of Creswick, the Park Lake Pixies are hoping to hold another Rake and Burn day on Saturday, 27 July from 10.00am. They need your help! Please bring a rake and your old clothes. Reply to the Hon Sec on 5345 1310 if your plan to attend so lunch can be provided for you.

Looking forward to enjoying your company while we work.

The Pixies

### SENIOR CITS AGM

It might be wet and cold outside, but the Seniors' Club rooms had a warm glow after a good hot meal and wonderful entertainment by the *Celtic Band*. The next Social Day will be 26 July with a hot meal and entertainment by Barry and Margaret of *Home Brew*. This day will include the AGM.

A couple of trips are being considered later in the year. October to see the *Hofmans* at Melton and the Butterfly House in November. Members will be notified about dates.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526

## The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett



In the ever quickening rush of life we so often overlook the small things, and those small things are very often of great significance.

Making the best of rare fine weather at this time of the year, bushwalking as much as I can, I have become besotted by small things everywhere. There are just so many exquisite and tiny things around us. I have spent many hours absorbed in the miniscule worlds that abound in the forest. Wonderful little moss and lichen gardens growing on the rocks and rotting trees. Breathtakingly poetic fungi in dozens of different guises showing their final flowering of all the work they have been doing out of sight, underground, transporting nutrients across great distances that help fertilize the forest in their neighbourhood. Again, the mosses and lichens, that have over millions of years, slowly, gently, helped to break down even the hardest rock to finally produce soil.

As I discover and explore these micro worlds, I imagine myself ant size. What a glorious world it must look like from that perspective – with towering mushrooms and toadstools and tangled mosses. One can't help but think of Japanese Bonsai trees, or Haiku poetry, just three short lines, words that transport the reader into a vast experience of contemplating nature and the universe.

I have always been drawn to small things. As a child, it was pebbles and sea shells and leaves that captivated my attention. I would collect stones and look at them through my magnifying glass – every child should have a magnifying glass on hand. So should every adult!

As a young aspiring artist, it was the small paintings, drawings and photographs of great artists where I found my greatest reward. I always did, and still do, find the most profound experience in being very close to a small beautiful work – be it a painting, a sculpture, a photograph, a stone or a flower. There is something very special to be found in the intimate space we share when we closely observe the tiny worlds.

Nobody else in the way of my view and experience. Just me and the art of nature.



### 100 years ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

#### July 1, 1919

The following tenders have been accepted for six months' supplies to the Creswick District hospital- Groceries and medical comforts, J. Tait and Son; bread, C. C. Bowley; meat, J. Bennett.

#### July 4, 1919

In accordance with the King's proclamation that next Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, should be observed as Thanksgiving Day for Peace, special services will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and at Dean.

#### July 11, 1919

Returned soldiers are notified that a meeting of the district branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association will be held in the club rooms, town hall, Creswick, next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

#### July 15, 1919

We remind our readers of the grand entertainment to be given in the town hall this (Tuesday) evening by the Ballarat Lilliputians, under the direction of Miss Freda Hooper. An enjoyable programme is promised.

#### July 18, 1919

A special meeting of the Creswick Borough Council is to be held next Tuesday evening, to consider the circular from the Municipal Association, which states that the Repatriation department will grant loans to municipalities primarily for the employment of returned soldiers.

#### July 22, 1919

Town Hall, Creswick. The Annual Catholic Ball will be held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1919. Supper. Double Tickets, 6/-; Single, 3/-; Extra lady, 3/-. D. Heagney, Hon. Secretary.

#### July 25, 1919

A 'working bee' to complete the erection of the tree guards in the Creswick Shire Avenue of Honor will be held tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock. It is hoped to complete the work, and a large attendance of those interested is asked for.

#### July 29, 1919

Allendale – the local State school re-opened on Monday after being closed for a fortnight through the head teacher (Mr. A. W. Lawson) being away on sick leave. Early last week Sir Alexander Peacock M.L.A., made representations to the department that the parents felt much concerned about the educational neglect of their children, and the department gave him an assurance that a relieving teacher would be directed to proceed here without delay, this promise being given effect to by the arrival of the relieving teacher on Friday last.

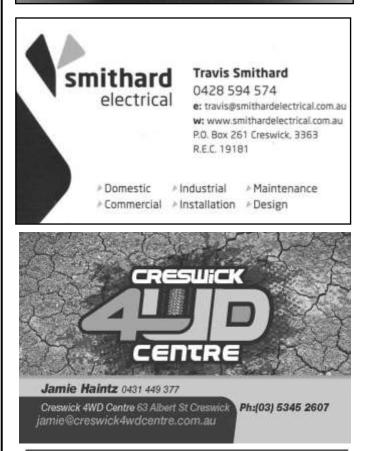


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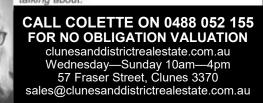
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### **CRESWICK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

At the June meeting of the Historical Society a proposal was made that it would be a good idea to hold a Back to Creswick in 2021 as this will be 170 years since the township was settled. Expressions of Interest are being sought from all Societies and Clubs in Creswick which would like to be part of putting on a celebration of the town.

Those interested in putting together an event or exhibition as part of this - whether it be a sporting tournament, a concert, an historic display or any other event, the Society would like to hear from you.

Please contact the Secretary, Marilyn Lennox, on 5334 7980. It is hoped that a meeting of all those interested can be organised as soon as possible so there will be plenty of time to plan for a successful Back To.

Marj Poole

## Helping Western Victoria manage e-waste e-waste landfill ban starting on 1 July, 2019

As stated by Jaala Pulford MP the e-waste to landfill ban was introduced by the State Government to ensure valuable materials left inside e-waste can be safely recovered and reused, while reducing the damage electronic items can have on the environment and human health.

From 1 July 2019, any item with a plug, battery or cord can no longer be placed in kerbside bins and instead must be deposited at a designated e-waste drop-off point including the Creswick Transfer Station.

Officeworks is helping to boost the number of collection sites available, forming part of a network of more than 1,000 locations across the state that will take a range of ewaste items.

The State Government has invested financially to help local councils, including the Hepburn Shire, upgrade their e-waste collection and storage facilities, and deliver an education program to support the ban on e-waste in landfills.

E-waste is the fastest-growing stream of waste worldwide and covers everything from old mobile phones, computers, audio devices, refrigerators and other white goods, hair dryers, TVs, heaters, and air-conditioners.

To learn more about where you can recycle e-waste, what e-waste is, and how e-waste is processed and re-used, go to ewaste.vic.gov.au



International and Australian **Balloon artists converge for Balloon Convention in** Creswick

#### **Balloon Artists & Suppliers Association** Victoria (BASAVIC)

#### 21-23 July

BASAVIC is Hosting World Renown Balloon artists for a prestigious Convention in Creswick to take place at Log Cabin Lodge, Ascot Road, Creswick on 21 – 23 July. This, an industry only training event, is run every two years and booked out in record time. This and other events are run as part of a Professional Development series, which are run several times a year in smaller format, but the Balloon Camp is the Jewel in the Crown.

This year there are four internationally renowned teachers attending who are Giants in the Balloon industry in both balloon twisting and decorations/delivery. National and international artist delegates are coming from all over Australia and the world for this highly prized training.

BASAVIC is part of the Pro Environment Balloon Alliance (PEBA) https://www.peba.com.au/ PEBA was started in Australia by Balloon Professionals to help both industry and public to understand and work together for a bigger brighter, better outcome teaching the latest techniques in recycling/reusing balloons and how to be the most environmentally friendly. BASAVIC is a state run association for Balloon Artists/Balloon Retailers/Balloon Suppliers.

Melinda King, **BASAVIC Committee Member** 





#### Kingston Friends of the Avenue Inc. Possible Grants and The Need For Future Change

An application to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) for a *Living Heritage Grant* to complete the second stage of the restoration of the Avenue has been submitted. This was prepared with assistance from Mandy Jean, the Hepburn Shire's Heritage Consultant and the Hepburn Shire. If successful, this will allow for the removal of the fence line sucker growth which harbours the elm leaf beetle and also the completion of other works. Results will be announced in late August.

Currently, Friends are working with the Creswick/ Smeaton RSL sub branch to have the Kingston Primary School Honour Roll displayed. A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed and a concept drawing for the diorama has been designed. Further feedback from the community is being sought and plans will be available for viewing at the Creswick Hub. Comments and suggestions are sought with the deadline being 4.00pm Monday, 26 August. If you have items that could contribute to this display, please call Trace on 0408 007 464.

The Friends have undertaken considerable research into future possible incarnations of the group and its role in the community. The group wants to establish Deductible Gift Recipient status which will allow donations to the Avenue to be tax deductible.

The group in its current operation will exist until May 2020 when the aim is to register with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. The involvement of interested and skilled volunteers to assist in this involved process is being sought. If this applies to you, please attend The Friends 2019 AGM and be aware that any positions taken up will be for the transition period of six months.

The 2019 AGM will be held on Wednesday, 10 September, 7.00pm at the Kingston Fire Station.

Julie Baulch Leah Armstrong

## **CRESWICK HUB**

Hub Open: Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Baby Rhyme Time: 11.00am every Tuesday

**Parents' Club @ the Hub:** 11.30am Tuesday. Mothers, fathers and carers of babies and pre-school aged children are invited to connect with other parents.

Storytime: 11.00am every Wednesday

**Book Babble:** First Wednesday of the month at 1.00pm for a book club with a difference. No set book lists, just bring along whatever you are reading to discuss, share or dispute!

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Creswick Hub, 68 Albert Street Ph: 5345 2145 library@hepburn.vic.gov.au

Rachel Ellis, Team Leader Creswick Hub



## Request for Remembrance Day photos

On Remembrance Day 11 November 2018, the Creswick-Smeaton RSL were involved with two services, the main one being at the Kingston Avenue of Honour and the RSL photographer was covering this event.

The RSL is asking if anyone took any photos of the service at the Cenotaph at Creswick, could you email them to *creswicksmeatonrsl@gmail.com* and include your name for the photo credits.

Phil Greenbank RSL Web Manager





## St Augustine's News Semester Happenings

This has been a fantastic semester here at St. Augustine's Creswick, the integrated units of work covered over the two terms included, *Change* and *Community*. On Wednesday, 19 June, school celebrated grandparents and grandcarers. It was an awesome day, and as I wandered and chatted, a very common theme emerged. It was that grandparents love to talk about their grandkids' successes and milestones, whether this event is as simple as a first word, first tooth or sporting achievements.



On Wednesday, 5 June, the whole school joined together to raise funds to support a school family. Although the weather was slightly cold, all were rugged up ready to battle whatever came. The event started with a brisk walk down to the Doug Lindsay Reserve, a slow wander around the oval to get some laps in then all were ready for a BBQ lunch. Following lunch students gathered into class groupings and participated in a tabloid sports session organised by the year six students. Another wander, and for some a quick sprint around the oval, before reversing the morning walk, arriving back at school in time to head home.

On Tuesday, 4 June, the Year five class visited one of their choices for their secondary education. The girls went to Loreto College and the boys visited St Patrick's College. It was an excellent day, many thanks to staff and students at St Patricks College for their kind welcome and for allowing a small taste of life in a secondary school.

Enjoy the month

Terry Brennan, Principal



## Creswick Capers Grandparents' Day



An amazing afternoon was enjoyed recently by grandparents and special family members of Creswick Primary school community. Classrooms were open to visitors where students were able to show their work and learning. This was followed by a small afternoon tea and the whole school put on a special vocal performance.

Some grandparents then chose to take their grandchildren to the Book Fair in the library. Thank you for your support of this event which pays the school a percentage of what is sold which can then be put towards literacy resources for students. Thanks to all family members who visited on this special afternoon. The students were extremely excited to be able to invite you into their classrooms.

On Thursday, 13 June, the Year 5 and 6 students participated in an incursion from *Warner Youth Education*. Xavier, the presenter, used theatre and comedy to get the message across about personal responsibility and how to resist peer pressure. The incursion was held thanks to the Hepburn Shire funding through the School Community Grants Program. Mayor Don Henderson also attended the performance.

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the year already. This has been a Semester of many extra-curricular activities and a lot of learning. There has been NAPLAN, Year 3/4 camp, Book Fair, Sporting Schools AFL Program, Goldfields Athletics, Kinder Transition Visits, Whole School Sports Day just to name a few. It has been a fantastic half year. I would like to congratulate all of our students on their hard work, our community for your amazing support with every event conducted and last but definitely not least, our amazing staff for their dedication and commitment.

Melanie Stewart, Principal

#### Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District Sponsored by Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch

#### FORTHCOMINGEVENTS

Saturday July 20, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market *creswickmarket.com.au* 

Sunday July 21 – Tuesday 23 Balloon Convention at Log Cabin Lodge, Ascot Road, Creswick, industry only training event

Friday July 26, Creswick Theatre Company presents *Creswick Livid*, 0425 716 544, music, poetry, stories, song. Tickets 0458 516 275 \$10. Saturday July 27, *Friends of Park Lake* Rake and Burn Day 10.00am Bring rake and old clothes. Phone 5345 1310 for lunch catering. Sunday July 28, Opera Vam Diemensland presents Greatest Hits from Opera and Music Theatre, 2.00pm St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Creswick Featuring Martin Thomas Buckingham, Principal Tenor with Opera Australia

Sunday July 28, Baldhills-Creswick Landcare AGM 4.30pm Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Maureen 0409 702 532 Carmel 0400 049 670

Friday August 2, Spit Roast at St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Creswick.6.30pm. All Welcome. Bookings 5345 2165.

**Thursday August 8,** Creswick Hospital Auxiliary Casserole Luncheon, Creswick Senior Citizen Clubrooms. 12pm Enquiries 5345 2165 or 5338 2584

Saturday August 17, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. creswickmarket.com.au

Wednesday September 10, Friends of the Kingston Avenue, AGM Kingston Fire Station 7.00pm Anglicare Emergency Food Relief - second Tuesday. Centrelink card holders. Blankets available winter months. St Johns Anglican Church Hall, Napier Street 10.00am-11.30am

Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email *nstubbs3@bigpond.com* 

**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. Phone 5345 2658

**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 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) Senior's Club Rooms 1.15pm. Phyllis 5345 2514

**REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS** 

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

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

**Creswick Lions Club** second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Peter Cowie 0419 899 810, Secretary Carolyn Gargiulo 0417 349 049, Membership Chairperson Bernardette Tacey 0419 326 052

**Creswick Market** - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, Bookings 5345 2356 *creswickmarket.com.au* 

Creswick Museum - Open 11.00am -3.30pm Saturday and Sunday every week and Public Holidays 5345 2845 creswickmuseum.org.au

**Creswick Probus Club** - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall 10.00am. Inquiries Joan 5334 4207

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

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

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

**Creswick Walking Group** Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am. Meet Albert Studio, Cnr Ballarat Rd and South St. All Welcome, Rain, Hail or Shine. Creswick Ward meeting second Monday every month. Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm Creswick Railway Station

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

**Goldfields Spinners** – every first, third and fifth Friday from 10.30am at Railway Station, Creswick Rebecca 0416 843 847, Fiona 0402 181 925

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

Museum Research Centre -Cnr Raglan and Cambridge Sts. Friday and Saturday 11.00am – 3.00pm every week

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

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc meets second Wednesday of month Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 7.00pm

**Pole walkers** - St Georges Lake car park. All ages \$2.00 week. Tuesdays 8.00am – 9.30am Info. Eliz Rhook, Hepburn Health Service 5345 9150

**RSL meeting** - Last Wednesday each month 12 noon. RSL Hall Paul McGuiness 0407 928 570

**Tipplers** - third Wednesday every month. email: *wheeler@cbl.com.au* 

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