



Catering Group Disbands Well Deserved Congratulations

Creswick's *Ten Willing Workers* catering group has disbanded after serving the community for almost fifty years. Formed in 1974 by ten ladies who had previously worked in fund-raising catering activities for the Creswick



The last five members: Joan Neil, Joan Hepworth, Beth Huntley, Norma Clifton, Margaret Orr

Pre-School, the group has supported many Creswick and district organisations by donating all the proceeds from their catering activities to those bodies. The name *Willing Workers*, was bestowed on the group by a Shire President at a Council function for which the group had prepared and provided a highly praised three-course meal.

During its years of operation the group has lost five of its members through retirements, relocations and deaths, but five of the original ten have continued their involvement

through to the present time. Starting off as young mothers of children attending the Creswick Pre-School, the five surviving members now range in age from 80 to 91.

In the years of their existence they have catered for the wedding breakfasts of many brides and grooms who had been Creswick Pre-School attendees earlier in their lives. Other functions catered for include Golf Club Dinner Dances, Presentation and Farewell Dinners, Creswick Garden Club Learning Days, Shire Civic Receptions, Museum Dinners, a Loddon Catchment Authority Luncheon and Creswick's Community Bank AGMs.

Organisations which have benefitted from the group's donations include: Creswick District Hospital; John Curtin Aged Care; St. Andrew's Uniting Church; North Creswick Uniting Church; Creswick Fire Brigade; Creswick Red Cross; Clunes Pre-school; Creswick District Band; Brown Hill Uniting Church; Creswick Pre-School; Creswick Town Hall Improvement Committee; Semmens Park Committee Group; Creswick Football Clubrooms; Uniting Church Manse; Catholic Women's League; Ballarat Division Girl Guides and Lingbogol Girl Guides Camp Building Appeal; Creswick RSL; Creswick Light Horse; Doug Lindsay Reserve; Great Dividing Trail and Creswick Park Lake Botanical Reserve.

As its final act before disbanding the group decided to use the last of its funds to purchase an item for use by patients at Creswick and District Hospital.



Were your Ancestors in the Creswick area in the 1850s?

In the period 1854 - 1888 there were 3,427 births registered in Creswick. In 1855, shortly after Creswick was gazetted, there were 293 births. With these figures in mind, a pioneer index is going to involve quite a substantial number of families.

The Creswick Historical Society is endeavouring to create a pioneer index for families who were resident in Creswick in the 1850s. Through advertising in newspapers, seventy responses have been received, mainly from outside the Shire.

The Society is now looking for input from Creswick residents. There is a contact book in the Information Centre or alternatively email your family name to Marj Poole at barrymarj@hotmail.com.

If you know of friends no longer living in the shire, who have connections to Creswick, their input would also be welcome. The pioneer index will only be as good as the information provided by the families.

Creswick & District Historical Society

Creswick District News

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March	15.0	36.5	79.5
April	13.5	97.5	20.0
May	161.5	60.5	79.0
June	133.5	62.5	99.9
July	65.0	35.7	
August	98.0	124.5	
September	57.5	67.0	
October	34.0	73.0	
November	71.0	52.2	
December	20.5	58.5	
TOTAL	695.5	755.4	425.9

Senior Cits News

It's that time of year again. The annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on 30 July. Nomination forms are available at the Seniors' club rooms.

The next Social Day will also be 30 July with a hot lunch at noon, followed by entertainment with Malcolm Haig and his choir. Come along to a warm welcome and talkative company.

Many thanks to the Creswick Lions Club for their donation of \$250, which will go towards the Seniors' new kitchen.

Sad news for the club was the passing of a valued member in Elaine Hurn. Condolences to her family from all at Creswick Seniors Club.

Get well wishes to anybody on the sick list.

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John Harris Geologist – Right Place, Right Time Part 2

John Harris, surveyor, prospector and raconteur, has become a well-known figure around Creswick. Three years ago, at age seventy-seven, he started studying Geology at Federation University. He likes to tell people that his life has been a series of amazing experiences due to his being in the right place at the right time. Here is the final instalment of his story.

From 1970 to 1972 I spent two years working out of Goroka in Papua and New Guinea. It was the period just before Independence and it was a good time to be there. Since then, the country has become very lawless with the Raskols and I would never be able to return to the paradise that the Territory of Papua and New Guinea used to be.

1975 was a tumultuous year. Gough Whitlam was Prime Minister and at the end of the year there was a recession. There were 150 surveyors in Canberra at the start of the year and at the end seventy-five had left Canberra including me. A surveyor was needed at Waikerie and I obtained a position with the Engineering and Water Supply Department (E&WS), now SA Water. I ended up working throughout South Australia.

In 1996 I moved to Port Augusta to work for Fugro and spent the next four years working throughout the western part of SA. I worked on the Olympic Dam mine and the associated town of Roxby. Some of the other mines I worked on include the Beverley Uranium Mine; the Honeymoon Uranium Mine; the gold mine at Tarcoola and the Dominion gold mine at Commonwealth Hill Station.

Returning to Adelaide in 2000, I worked for Fyfe Surveyors in their Adelaide, Darwin, and Roma Offices. When I retired in 2012, I was working in Queensland at Chinchilla.

Working in such remote places, I had many unusual experiences. Once when driving at night from Tennant Creek to Camooweal, there were literally millions of rats running across the road. It was like a carpet of brown rats and the only way to see the road was by the shape. I was so tired and needing to sleep, I pulled the truck off the road, set up my stretcher which was about 150mm above the ground and put my swag on it. As I was getting into the swag, I shone my torch at all the rats peering at me over the edge of the stretcher. I pulled the cover of the swag over my head thinking that if the rats bit me I would wake up. In the morning when I woke there was not a rat in sight, they had gone down the cracks in the black soil.

While working out near the Canning Stock Route a dingo adopted us. It was so hungry it tried to make a meal out of our leather boots. In the end we fed it bully beef - corned meat in a tin that was almost inedible (in my opinion) - and hoped that it wouldn't die. I believe that you can still buy

bully beef, but it is a meal of last resort.

Gliding opened up a whole new perspective of getting close to birds and I flew with many birds during my gliding career. Over Wilmington in SA I climbed from 1,200ft to 12,000ft sharing the thermal with three eagles. The birds were peeved to be flying with a rank amateur and made their feeling known by screeching at me during the whole of the climb. West of Forbes in NSW I shared a final glide with about six pelicans. My glider had the same glide angle as the pelicans and the same speed of about sixty knots, and as I was behind them, they continually turned their heads around to confirm that I wasn't going to run up their backsides!

In 1984 I was fortunate to spend two months carrying out a hydrographic survey on the Great Barrier Reef. We surveyed around Raine Island (the largest turtle rookery in the world), and the Great Detached Reef (north of Cooktown). During this survey we had numerous encounters with all manner of sharks, sea snakes and the odd turtle or two. During my career as a surveyor, I was very lucky to work in the 1960s which I believe were the best years for working in Australia. Wages were good, house and car prices were low, and overall, we as Australians had more disposable income, and more time to enjoy life.

We undertook the move to Creswick from Adelaide in 2013 with some trepidation. The move far exceeded our expectations. Creswick has been such a friendly town, and we have made many friends. Shirley Watson and I started a Folk Group and we still meet very regularly at the Railway Station. The main reason for moving was to be with our young grandchildren in Woodend and we have been very grateful to have been able to be with them as they have grown up.

With its heritage of mining and association with the golden past, I became really interested in prospecting in the Creswick area. With little to show for my efforts I quickly realized that I lacked knowledge about the geology of the area. During an Open Day at Federation University, I was encouraged to commence a geology degree when I was seventy-seven. Starting with one subject to literally test the water, I then completed the course and so on 7 December, 2020, after three and a half years of study, I obtained my Bachelor of Geoscience. The geology course was great, improving my understanding of the geology of the earth in general, but for Australia and the local area in particular, it has been really fascinating.

Getting a Degree at my stage of life was indeed being in the right place at the right time.

John Harris

John Curtin Aged Care operates one of Victoria's few remaining community not-for-profit aged residential and independent living homes and is proud of the care provided to residents.

The recent report from the Royal Commission and a world-wide pandemic have highlighted the many challenges faced in ensuring the maintenance of the highest standards of care for residents. As many will be aware, this has necessitated a significant independent review of all aspects of operations. It is inevitable as challenges are faced, that a degree of uncertainty can be felt around the future directions the Board has chosen to take. As a Board of Management the duty of care is firstly to residents.

Twelve months ago, the Board faced the reality that the changing environment in which it was operating, required an extensive examination of every aspect of the business. While a not-for-profit, nonetheless, it is necessary to ensure that expenditure is covered. With the assistance of external, professional consultants funded by the Federal Government, the end of a complete strategic review of all aspects of operations is in sight. Everything has been examined: staffing, rosters, facilities, processes, equipment, IT. It is inevitable that this will bring changes to John Curtin Aged Care and aspects of its operations. Some of these will

have been noted by the wider community and while change can be unsettling, it is through change that improvements are made.

No-one could have predicted the impact that the past eighteen months has had on all aspects of life. COVID-19 has caused much stress to the residents, their families and staff. The Board is very proud of the manner in which staff have risen to the challenges presented although it has not been without cost. The recent Royal Commission has not always painted a positive picture of Aged Care and this also impacts upon staff morale and personal stress. In addition, the industry as a whole, is currently experiencing high turnover and staff shortages and the Board is incredibly grateful for the level of commitment and professionalism demonstrated by the staff at John Curtin.

Once again, I thank staff for their magnificent effort under extraordinary conditions. I assure the community that the Board of John Curtin Aged Care is committed to continuing to provide this valuable service and that residents and their care will always be the number one priority.

Alison Trevenen, President, Board of Management

John Curtin Aged Care

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre News

Additional Use for Wheelie Bins?

The new term brochure packed with exciting activities will be on the website and available from 19 July. Check out the website, Facebook page, or drop in and get a copy.

Upcoming is an exciting interactive community art initiative: *The Creswick Wheelism Art Project* or *CWAP* for short. This community led initiative invites everyone to get involved and have a lot of fun doing it. The idea is to get as creative and imaginative as you like and paint your wheelie bin in whatever style takes your fancy. Bin day will become an art exhibition every week and Bin Exhibition Outings will be a cheap night out for the whole family. Prize categories will be announced down the track providing even more incentive to get involved.

There're only a few rules to participation including: no



slogans or texts, don't paint over the bin serial number, lid, or the Hepburn Shire Council logo. Otherwise, go to town literally with your art piece. Everyone is invited to participate so encourage your neighbours, family, schools, and businesses to get involved. If anyone needs a hand due to age or physical ability for example, there are some willing Creswick artists on board, so please don't hesitate to contact the Centre. Can't wait to see how fun, silly and creative Creswickians really are. So, get painting!

There will be a long list of thanks at the end of this project but for now a big thanks to Hepburn Shire Council for funding this project, the brain-child of locals Lisa Timson and Ross Jones.

Contact CNC for more information on 5345 2356.

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MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY

HOW IT'S GROWING!

Thanks to the energy of a number of locals and some generous supporters, the opportunities to play and hear music in Creswick are growing exponentially. Here are just a few examples with details of how to get involved or stay informed.

Ukuleles on fire!

Hepburn Shire has generously supported the formation of the Creswick Swingalong Ukestra, a combination of singing and playing for people who have (or can borrow) a ukulele. The program caters for every level from beginner level up. Music will be swing, blues, gypsy and jazz influenced. Classes commence 14 July but enrolments continue until the class is filled. Stunning performer and teacher, Jen Hawley from Myrniong, will train the group which already has two gigs booked for December. To find out more visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BSHXO>.

Concerts in Creswick and Surrounds (supported by Regional Arts Victoria) – diarise now

October 17, 2.30pm - Bach and Beyond at Newlyn Mechanics Institute. Brandenburg Concerto #4 featuring professional soloists and a community orchestra, led by Shane Lestideau of the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Evergreen Ensemble.

November 12, 7.30pm - Parvyn and Josh, Indian/Anglo crossover as featured on ABC TV's *Spicks and Specks* program recently, at the Creswick Courthouse.

December 4, 7.30pm - *The Ugly Uncles*, everyone's favourite larrikins, supported by Creswick Swingalong Ukestra at Creswick Town Hall.

The Royal High Jinx will now be part of CresFest, see below.

Sign up to receive email from CresFest at cresfest.com.au/email to be notified when 2021 concert tickets go on sale.

Music at Leaver's Hotel – bigger and better

Leaver's popular live music nights on Fridays and Saturdays have become a feature of the town and now, thanks to a generous grant from Regional Arts Victoria, these concerts are assured of continuing at least until the end of 2021. Bookings essential for dinner and show, SMS Chantel on 0428 694 258.

CresFest is Coming

A coalition of groups under the umbrella of the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre have joined together to bring you CresFest in April 2022, Creswick's festival of music and dance. Lots of great acts are signing up, from Bollywood to blues, from sitar to saxophone, from rags to ragas.

Sign up to receive email from CresFest at cresfest.com.au/email and you'll get twenty-four hours priority access when tickets go on sale.

Judy Turner – Director, Mungo Park Music
judyturnermusic@gmail.com



**Creswick
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The Creswick Garden Club Continues to grow

Creswick Garden Club's 23rd Annual General Meeting focussed on looking forward with harmony, growth and renewal. The meeting was at capacity, with members eager to support the club, the incoming president, executive and committee.

It has been a challenging two years for outgoing President Phyllis Wright, who was warmly thanked by incoming President, Pam Lockhart, who established that the club's future was about building on what has been achieved, promoting a club that is supportive where skills are shared with a passion for gardening and a desire to learn. Following Pam's successful nomination, other executive positions were filled by Jenny Joliffe Vice-President, Maria Marco Secretary, Elly van Oirschot Treasurer and eight general committee positions.



Maria Marco Secretary, Jennie Joliffe Vice President,
Elly van Oirschot Treasurer, Pam Lockhart President

COVID-19 changed how the Club operated. Meetings, guest speakers and the annual learning day had to be cancelled, while other visits were postponed. However, garden lovers are a hardy lot and once restrictions eased, members car pooled and set off around Victoria, to share secrets and tips with other garden lovers who generously gave of their time. The Creswick Garden Club has a strong tradition of welcoming gardeners of all ages, abilities and passions from other districts. Its members include well-known international and national horticultural judges and people new to the delights of gardening.

President Pam said that she looked forward to presiding over a harmonious garden club where members will share their skills and their passion for gardening. *'Over the next twelve months I hope that our Garden Club will be able to hold its annual Learning Day, the Flower Show and of course our monthly meetings, held on the first Tuesday of the month in Creswick.'*

Membership to the club is \$10, interested people can contact Jenny Joliffe on 0408 735 068.

Finally, Phyllis and Vicki would like to thank the people (too numerous to mention individually) who supported them over the last few years and particularly during the unprecedented difficulties of the COVID outbreak.

Fiona Watson 0418 127 365



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

The AGM, held 9 June via Zoom, was well attended. Thank you to the fourteen people who participated and to Councillor Tim Drylie for officiating. A special thanks went to Jeff Meager as retiring Treasurer. The many contributions made by Jeff and Chris over the past five years are greatly appreciated. Thanks to Penny Swain for her role as Minute Secretary. The behind the scenes contributions made by Brian and Josie Reasons were recognized.

Thanks also to Jennifer Preston, of Jennifer Preston Accounting, for her ongoing assistance in auditing the books and offering advice.

New Office Bearers are:

President - Julie Baulch
 Vice President – Claire Rowlands
 Acting Treasurer – Trace Williams
 Acting Secretary – Julie Baulch
 Minute Secretary – Greg Collins
 Communications – Leah Armstrong
 Research – Carissah Sultana

Hepburn Shire Community Grant Success! After the ANZAC Service, with over ninety people in attendance, it became evident that we needed a sound system. Thanks to Greg Collins for preparing the application and to Council for funding it.

Julie Baulch

BRING OUT YOUR DEAD

Do you own an artwork by a deceased artist with any association with Creswick and its surrounds, either through the artist or the **subject matter, which you'd be willing to loan to the Creswick Old Masters exhibition?**

The exhibition will be included in the Creswick Spring Festival 2021 and your masterpiece will be exhibited in the Creswick Havilah Masonic Lodge over the Melbourne Cup weekend.

Sharing your district's unique artistic heritage with your fellow Creswickians and others is a priceless contribution you can make to your community's identity and civic pride.

If you are willing for your artwork to be included in this exhibition, please contact Andrew Bell on 0490 930 854 or at president@creswickartspavilion.org.au to discuss further.

Who knows what body of work we'll dig up?



Creswick Old Masters

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BAND NEWS

Whilst the constant changes with the COVID-19 restrictions have been challenging, the Creswick Brass Band and Jubilee Brass Band are continuing to work towards competing in State Championships at South Street. The bands also have some South Street soloists. Best wishes to Noah Vallance, Olena Vallance, Jonah Eggerling and Lucan Buckley. Olena is also working hard on preparing for her upcoming Grade 2 Australian Music Examinations Board exam.



The band at Creswick Primary School

Both bands have demonstrated their resilience throughout the frequent changes due to the pandemic. Michael and Katrina have diligently trekked the band's trailer from venue to venue with rehearsal equipment whilst a more permanent space to accommodate the band is searched for. A big thank you to Michael and Katrina for their efforts.

The band would also like to say a big thank you to Stockland for a grant that is going towards the purchase of new Christmas music. They are looking forward to being able to play new Christmas carols for the community and no doubt the Christmas season will soon be upon us.

In other news, the band is always encouraging new players to join and to support those seeking to learn. Prior to the

recent lockdown, the band showcased some instruments to the students of Creswick Primary School. Once restrictions further ease, the band is looking to attend more local primary schools. Not only are new brass learners welcomed, but the band is keen to start a beginner's percussion group so keep an eye out for that.

As part of the band's fundraising efforts, the Creswick Brass Band is hosting a night on 24 July, 7.00pm at the Creswick Bowls

Club. There will be the return of the Creswick Brass Band Cup with a Christmas in July theme, tickets \$20 per person with tables of eight available. There'll be prizes for race winners and for the best ugly Christmas jumper! The virtual race night held in 2019 was a great success with all the racegoers thoroughly enjoying themselves with the excitement and thrill of horse racing.

To book, call Sheena Johnson on 0422 055 466 or email creswickbrassband@hotmail.com.

The band's Facebook page is the best place to find out what they're up to and see some action photos and videos, or just search for Creswick Brass Band.

Meredith George

Supporting Local Youth OASIS Donations

Recently the OASIS (Old Apexians Still Interested in Service) Club of Creswick presented cheques of \$500 each to three junior clubs of the town. OASIS makes donations annually to various organisations and this year the members decided to support and encourage the youth of the local district. The members were particularly keen to encourage a return to outdoor activities after the enforced recess caused by COVID-19 restrictions during 2020.

The three clubs chosen were the Creswick Scout Group, the Creswick Soccer Club and the Creswick Football Netball Club. The representatives of the clubs, on receiving the cheques, expressed their appreciation for the donation and indicated that it was welcome and would be put to good use with their young members.



OASIS members Maree Bunn presenting cheque to Simon Miller, Scout Group and David Preston to Raelene Knowles, Soccer Club.



David Preston presenting cheque to Darren Antonio, Football Netball Club

Photos: Courtesy Wayne-Rex Brereton



Probud Acting Up?

There is no limit to the talent of many locals. At the recent Probud meeting the audience was entertained by a group of members who came together to put on a version of the Little Red Riding Hood story. It was just what the club needed, to have a good laugh and lift spirits after the cancellation of a recent meeting and events due to the lockdown in June.

Members were then privileged to hear from a retired police officer who was an expert with fingerprints. He gave an insight into the background of finger printing as well as how break throughs can be made to assist with solving various crimes.

While travel may be restricted and outings are sometimes prone to cancellation or postponements, club members continue to enjoy a wide range of opportunities to maintain social contact, which is more important than ever given current conditions. With the upcoming Olympics, the next meeting will see members participate in their own version of this much-anticipated world-wide event. Once again, there will be lots of laughter and talent on display during the *games*.

For information about joining Probud, which meets the first Tuesday of each month, 10.00am at the Uniting Church Hall, call Joan on 5334 4207 or Aileen on 0407 847 788.

Aileen Dellar
President



Helen, Michael, Margaret
Photo: Courtesy Probud Club



Kingston Showgrounds Hidden Gems

Planning is in progress for the annual show on the weekend of 11 and 12 December. If anyone would like to help out, please get in touch.

Kingston's picturesque showgrounds are a hidden gem. Set against the backdrop of Forest Hill, the grounds feature beautiful old elm trees, a magnificent heritage grandstand, a large grassy oval and a range of great facilities. Community and private events are welcome and rates offered are very reasonable. From festivals and weddings through to car rallies, fundraisers, meetings, sports days, school camps and more, the grounds are available for all sorts of functions. Recently, the showgrounds featured in a television advertisement for Furphy Beer – check out YouTube. For couples looking to celebrate their special day, the grounds are ideal for photoshoots, ceremonies and marquee receptions.

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John Rowlands, Secretary
Kingston Agricultural Society

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Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner Cancellation

The Creswick & District Historical Society was to have held the Honour Roll Dinner on Friday, 28 May, but due to the sudden outbreak of COVID-19 in Melbourne and the resulting lockdown, it had to be cancelled for the second year - and with only one day's notice.

A team of artistic ladies had worked for over a week gathering and preparing floral arrangements for the stage at the Town Hall and the dining tables. Thanks to all the people who generously donated foliage and flowers - they were beautiful. Thanks also to the management of IGA Supermarket who allowed the setting up of a stall where arrangements and extra flowers were sold. The response from locals was wonderful so more thanks to all those who purchased the flowers.

Special mention must go to Mark Batchelor of J & M Catering who immediately returned the payment which had been made for the evening's catering which meant refunds could be forwarded to guests. Our thanks too for the support of the Community Bank Creswick & District, the major sponsors. After much discussion, it was decided to re-schedule the Dinner for Friday, 27 May, 2022 during Heritage Week and hope that by then sudden lockdowns will be a thing of the past.

The Society is open for any nominations for people to go on the Honour Roll. If you know of any worthy person who has made a significant contribution to the community of Creswick and district, nomination forms, with a list of criteria, can be obtained by contacting Jack van Beveren on 5345 2658 or Marjorie Poole on 5345 2065.

Marj Poole

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100 Years Ago

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July 2, 1921

The Mayor (Cr. Grose) has had an inquiry as to power for working the machines in a factory. It is not generally known that Ballarat has for some time been sending tons of white work to Sydney and quantities also to Brisbane. Inquiries are being made as to what could be done in Creswick in the way of providing power for industries.

July 6, 1921

Messrs W. Oswin and Co. have a preliminary announcement to the effect that they are starting an up to date motor garage in Albert Street, Creswick. Cars can be hired at any hour of the day or night, on most reasonable terms. Mr. H. Clousen has been secured as a driver, and clients can rely on a prompt, reliable and safe service.

July 9, 1921

Kooroocheang- The rainfall for the month of June, which fell all in the first half of the month, on nine different days, was 292 points. Since the 20th ult. fine, frosty weather has been experienced. The crops and grass are still looking well and stooling out strong.

July 13, 1921

Springmount – In the State schoolroom on Friday evening next, in aid of the funds of the committee, a euchre tournament will be held. There will be good trophies for winners, and an enjoyable series of games should result. The admission will be 1/ each.

July 16, 1921

Mollonghip – Arrangements are well in hand for the unveiling of a captured machine gun on Friday evening, 22nd inst. Tickets have been procured and a large sale is

assured. A good programme of district talent has been secured, and Captain T. Parkin has been asked to perform the unveiling ceremony. Refreshments are to be provided, and a dance is to follow.

July 20, 1921

A very fine honor board has been secured for the School of Forestry, in recognition of former students who gave service in the late Great War. The unveiling ceremony is to take place next Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The principal participants in the ceremony will be Sir Alexander Peacock, Minister of Forests, and Mr. Owen Jones, chairman of the Forests Commission. All interested are cordially invited to be present.

July 23, 1921

Dean – The Social Club met on Saturday evening last. The president (Mr. A. Martin) was in the chair. In spite of the inclement weather, the majority of the members were present, as well as a large number of visitors. After the business meeting, Mr. G. C. Cutbush took the chair, and Mr. G. McKay was appointed time keeper for the debate, 'Which makes the better wife, home or business girl?'.

July 27, 1921

Mount Prospect

The State School Committee, having decided some time ago to place an honor board in the school, have now got it ready, and at the last meeting of the committee, held on Thursday night, it was decided to hold a concert and entertainment in the hall on Wednesday night, August 17th, to raise the funds for the purchase of it and it is intended to unveil it on the Saturday following, when the minister of Education will be asked to perform the unveiling.

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USEFUL WEEDS?

By Rhonda Cotsell

For ages now I have wanted to know more about the many weeds that call my garden home.

Mine all go in my compost heap. When I pull them out, most come with a lot of dark brown, sweet smelling soil attached to the roots - unlike soil surrounding them that looks paler and compressed. Healthy soil I cannot afford to lose, plus theoretically, the heat of the compost will destroy the seeds, though that doesn't seem always to be happening. What I do see however, is it all rotting down nicely and adding to the quality and quantity of my compost. Also, they have to be put somewhere.

I went looking for a reference and settled on Adam Grubb and Annie Raser-Rowland's *The Weed forager's handbook: a guide to edible and medicinal weeds in Australia*. Hyland House Publishing. 2012, ISBN 9781864471212.

I also wanted something which I could carry around with me, with information well organised so I could easily identify what I was looking at on the ground. What it was, what I could do with it and what it might do for me - with lots of pictures and clear descriptive information so I wouldn't make mistakes. This publication does all that.

I also chose it because the foreword is written by *Gardening Australia's* Costa Georgiadis, and it is strongly recommended by David Holmgren - a familiar and beloved name in permaculture.

The authors are also well trained with extensive experience, but those two clinched it.

Weeds are introduced as the *ultimate convenience food* with distinct nutritional value, incredibly easy to grow and requiring no assistance, with a capacity to repair disturbed earth and they do no damage to the environment.

It speaks to any gardener interested in how to incorporate weeds in soil regeneration, but also how to use as nurse plants. Because they are hardy and grow easily, they can be used as companion plants for seedlings, protecting against wind and sun and cooling and humidifying the air around them in hot or exposed gardens. This matched what I saw in my garden. I also particularly liked the top twenty list of edible and medicinal weeds - all very common, most in my garden (so grow locally) and with medicinal information sourced both from traditional lore and scientific studies for verification.



NEWLYN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Japanese Cultural Day

On 15 June, students at Newlyn Primary School enjoyed their annual Japanese Cultural Day. Mrs Baker (aka Carla Sensei) planned a wonderful day of Japanese activities where students sang, danced, played 'shops', completed Japanese inspired artworks and together everyone cooked a delicious lunch of sushi, gyoza dumplings and crepes.



Aidan, Mrs Baker and Tristan making sushi

During the day students were able to practise Japanese phrases and basic conversations learned in their weekly classes.

Samantha Vella, Principal

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Tegan Cross, Kinetic Transformations



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Practical learning for students



NORTHERLY NEW

Reflecting on Term 2

The *Hands On Learning* program was introduced to Creswick Primary School in 2019 and primarily offers students in grades 5 and 6 the opportunity to experience a practical approach within their learning. Originating in Melbourne, it allows students to work in a team, caters for all learning styles and engages them in a way that increases their confidence and allows them to reach their full potential.

Approximately ten students at a time move in and out of the program. Mrs Ingrid Humm has been the co-ordinator of *HoL* since its inception and this year Mark Walker assists each week.

Sessions usually begin with a Tool Box Meeting, a joke or a conundrum, followed by seeing how everyone is feeling as a check-in. Jobs are then allocated with students rotating roles as photographer, work-site set-up, reporter for the Newsletter, group leader and rover.

The *HoL* team have built picnic seats and tables; a mud kitchen; grade 6 graduation frames and relocated the vegetable garden beds to a safer area. The latter an arduous task which deserved the pride they displayed when it was completed. Currently they are in the process of redesigning a complete area from a garden to a special play area for younger students. Within the community, the *HoL* team has designed, created and painted a large mural at Shannon's Bridge as well as working on a garden bed there. This provided students an excellent insight into what is possible beyond their school and some of the roles that they can play in the local community.

The team can sometimes be seen walking down the street in specially designed t-shirts to purchase materials from Davies & Rose. The group takes pride in representing *Hands On Learning* within the community and making connections with local businesses. It is pleasing to watch the team members as they grow in confidence and skills.

The following are quotes from students (new and old) on the program:

Luke, who is a past member of the *HoL* team reflected in saying, *'It was good to learn how to use different types of tools correctly. I got to use a sander, a drill and a hand saw under supervision while we were creating some of the projects. I really liked being part of Hands On Learning'*.

Lily, the newest member spoke about what she hopes to gain from the *HoL* experience, *'My first day was fun because I got to paint the new school values bubbles that will be displayed on the water tanks as well as the new picnic table for the courtyard. I am also looking forward to taking on all the different roles that we can have'*.

Vicki Hughes
Class Teacher

As the Winter holiday break approaches, it is timely to reflect on Term 2 at Creswick North Primary School. Despite a short lockdown period, it has been a successful term with activities such as:

- A visit to Her Majesty's theatre to see the *91-Storey Treehouse*;
- A Student Leadership Conference at Fed Uni;
- Wathawarung District Athletics Day at Llanberris;
- A visit to the Ballarat Badminton Stadium to try out curling, pickleball and badminton;
- Cross Country at Prince of Wales Park;
- National Simultaneous Storytime book - *Give me some Space!* by Phillip Bunting;
- Visits by Community members including Firefighters and Police Officers;
- An ANZAC ceremony at school for students and families;
- Speeches and wreath laying by the School Leaders at the Creswick ANZAC ceremony;
- A visit by the Ballarat Western Bulldogs staff and Caesar, the Bulldog Mascot, for a footy clinic;
- A Mother's Day afternoon tea;
- A five-week Volleyball Sporting Schools program run by Kelly Sports.

Creswick North Primary School aims to provide a comprehensive curriculum while also delivering interesting and practical activities that are highly engaging for students.

Next term everyone is looking forward to the continuation of the building and landscaping program. Next on the list is a BBQ area, complete with tables and seating around the school. There are also plans to upgrade the fencing and car park area and an exciting new challenge-course playground which is hoped to be completed before the end of the year. Along with the building renovations and landscaping, Creswick North is an exciting place to learn and play.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal

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Cemetery News

A huge thank you to Eileen and her daughter, Theresa, who very kindly cleaned and cut back the roses. So very much appreciated.

Thank you also to our casual worker, Rob, who very kindly built a planter box. It is placed near the office to give it a bit of colour. Thank you also to Rita for the wonderful display of succulents planted in the box.

If you are wanting to pre-purchase a lawn plot, wall niche, rose plot or monumental plot, the office is open on Mondays and Thursdays between 9.00am and noon, or by appointment. Please phone 0412 382 267.

Wendy Ohlsen
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What's on at the Creswick Hub?

All library services have resumed after COVID-19 closures and limited services. We would like to thank our community for their understanding during that time.

Library programs are being slowly re-introduced into being onsite.

For updates on programs and what is available, please follow our Facebook page or contact Hub staff directly on 0428 964 419.

Home Library Services will resume in due course and we will advise those who use this service when it becomes available.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 24 July,
Creswick Band Cup, Christmas in July, Creswick Bowls Club 7.00pm

Tuesday 31 August,
Applications close for Jared Tallent Junior Sports Person Award. Contact Community Bank Creswick & District Bank for application forms.

Friday 29 October – Tuesday 2 November,
Pavilion Arts Creswick Spring Festival 2021 Art Show. Enquiries at info@creswickartspavilion.org.au.

Saturday 6 November – Sunday 7 November,
Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend. Enquiries to info@creswick.net, Sandy 0405 717 321 or Margaret 0419 326 453

Saturday 6 November – Sunday 7 November,
Creswick Old Masters Exhibition Havilah Masonic Lodge

Saturday 11 December – Sunday 12 December,
Kingston Annual Show

Please contact individual organisations regarding possible changes to their meeting schedules.

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief – Tuesday, 13 July, 10.30am – 12.00pm. Thereafter, the 2nd Tuesday of the month 10.30am – 12.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from St Johns Anglican Church Hall, Napier Street, Creswick.

Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email nstubb33@bigpond.com

Business & Tourism Creswick - first Tuesday every month. Old Creswick Railway Station 5.00pm 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 2065

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) Seniors' Club Rooms 1.15pm.

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 Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Pat Tacey 0429 581 591, Secretary Carolyn Gargiulo 0417 349 049, Membership Chairperson Bernardette Tacey 0419 326 052

Creswick Market - First and 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 Saturdays only 11.00am to 3.00pm. 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 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

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

Museum Research Centre - Closed until further notice Email requests only to info@creswickmuseum.org.au

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

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc meets 7.00pm on the 1st Monday of month Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

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 1.00pm. RSL Hall Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

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In the Hepburn Shire, forty-six percent of the land is still bush. Over half of the region mapped as native vegetation is owned or managed by private landholders who have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to protecting and enhancing biodiversity. But the current exodus of families from the city to regional towns, the



increasing urbanisation of the area, as well as climate change, put pressure on the region's original inhabitants, the native plants and wildlife.

Bushland is essential to the survival of many local creatures. Birds and animals such as parrots, owls, brush tailed phascogales and sugar gliders, for example, need tree hollows to breed and shelter. Tiny birds need the dense shelter of tall grasses and prickly bushes to nest and rest. Tiny birds such as blue wrens are absent from many suburbs in Melbourne. By creating habitat gardens, local gardeners

can make a home for furry and feathered friends. Through planting appropriate indigenous species, a habitat garden can provide the food and shelter that the local creatures require. Habitat gardens can create wildlife corridors, linking the built environment to the surrounding creeks and bushland.

As more gardens in the region provide the food, water and shelter that is essential for wildlife, more creatures that are under threat will survive. And for the human creatures in the equation, there is the satisfaction of having made a contribution towards protecting the biodiversity of the region.



Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife is offering an eight-week, free training course at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre for Clunes and Creswick gardeners, commencing on 29 July, 2021.

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*Jill Teschendorff, Convenor
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This eight-week training program includes local site visits to

identify and document local flora and habitat conditions for birds and other wildlife. The program commences on Thursday, 29 July running from 1.00pm to 3.00pm and is free. The Facilitator is Brian Bainbridge, the Biodiversity Officer of Hepburn Shire.

This is an initiative of the Neighbourhood Houses in the Hepburn Shire, Hepburn Shire Council and Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife.