



Service Recognised For Two Local Women

Creswick Red Cross Branch Treasurer, Margaret Orr, was presented with a Red Cross Service Award at the Red Cross Victorian Division Awards Presentation held at Government House on 12 May.



*Margaret Orr and Anthony Howard
Photo courtesy Jade Wisely, Australian Red Cross*

The citation for Mrs Orr's award noted that she has been a member of the Branch for twenty years, has worked tirelessly as Branch Treasurer on fundraising events, and has been an Emergency Service volunteer for over sixteen years. Awards were presented at the ceremony by Red Cross Patron Mr Anthony Howard AM QC, the husband of the Governor of Victoria, the Hon Linda Dessau AC.



*Norma Clifton
Photo courtesy Nora Stubbs*

Branch member Norma Clifton also received a Service Award but was unable to attend the official presentation event. Mrs Clifton has been a member for twenty years and served as Branch President for five years. She was presented with her award at a recent

Creswick Red Cross meeting by Branch President Marj Poole.

Scouts and U3A Enter Unique Partnership

Time and floods have taken their toll on the seventy-year-old Scout Hall. Scouts and U3A have formed a unique partnership to work together to repair and redevelop the hall to meet changing needs. A joint Scouts/U3A committee has been formed to drive the project and access funding. This partnership is believed to be a first for Victoria, possibly Australia.

The Scout Hall in North Parade is home to the very active 1st Creswick Scout Group and also hosts quite a number of U3A (University of the Third Age) activities and classes. Scouts meet at night and at weekends, whilst the members of U3A use it on weekdays.

Contributions towards the project have already been received from the Daylesford Rotary Club and the Creswick Lions Club. Their generous support is helping towards urgent works, planning, and sourcing the funding for what will be a project costing in excess of \$800,000.

The hall was originally built by the community after World War II to meet the needs of growing families. Dances, fairs and raffles were all part of the fund-raising, and parents and their children laboured at weekends to build a hall that was debt-free by the mid 1950s.

Today the Scout Group has some seventy youth members from all over the Shire and is the only Scout Group in the Shire. The Group provides programs for Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers with a Rover Crew in the future, thus providing programs for youth from age five through to twenty-six years.

The Creswick and District U3A is also a very active group for retirees (and semi-retirees), with over 210 members participating in some twenty-four courses and activities both as tutors and as participants.

This joint venture will be another example of Creswick showing the rest of the State what a united, local country community can achieve.

What Goes Around, Comes Around.

A note for history: some of the U3A members now using the hall, used it as Cubs and Scouts all those years ago!

Joint Scout/U3A Hall Redevelopment Committee

Creswick District News

The CDN is a community newsletter imparting local information. Copy is invited from individuals and community groups reporting or advising on local events. All contributions are accepted in good faith with no intention or desire to misinform or offend. Articles must carry the name, phone number and/or email address of the sender. The Editor reserves the right to edit or not publish any article. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the CDN Team.

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CRESWICK & DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary's recent raffle was a great success and raised sufficient funds to enable the Auxiliary to fund the purchase of extra slings for the ceiling-mounted lifting hoist in the hospital's new wing, and two foldable walkers for use in physiotherapy sessions for patients with mobility issues.

The winning ticket was purchased by Mary from Canadian, second and third prizes went to Jill and Alison respectively, both from Clunes.

Thanks to *Tuki Trout Farm* at Smeaton and Creswick IGA for their donations of prizes and the people of Creswick and district who supported the Auxiliary by purchasing tickets during the six days Auxiliary members and supporters were selling them. Also, thanks to the management and staff of IGA who looked after ticket sellers by inviting them to shelter inside the store from inclement weather. The coffee van also supplied lovely hot coffee.

The next fundraising activity for the Auxiliary will be to sell a calendar and post cards featuring historical photographs of the hospital's buildings, doctors, nurses and nurse uniforms. These will be on sale later in the year. To pre-order please contact Margaret Orr on 0407 683 309. The calendars and postcards are priced at \$10 and \$2 each, respectively.

Margaret Orr, President

creswick Rainfall

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

	2020	2021	2022
	mm	mm	mm
January	53.5	134.5	163.0
February	34.0	13.0	1.0
March	36.5	79.5	49.0
April	97.5	20.0	65.5
May	60.5	79.0	39.3
June	62.5	99.9	104.5
July	35.7	106.5	
August	124.5	66.5	
September	67.0	70.5	
October	73.0	91.0	
November	52.2	66.8	
December	58.5	26.3	
TOTAL	755.4	853.5	422.3

Free Stuff - Creswick

Did you know that there is a FREE STUFF - CRESWICK Facebook page?

It is only for residents of Creswick and Cameron Wards (no Ballarat, Maryborough or Daylesford, sorry). It was tried before, with an open membership, but failed. This second attempt is based on the highly successful Clunes page.

Not only is this a great way to prevent **stuff** from going to landfill, it is also a community building activity.

Lots of people have joined without answering where they live, but this can now be checked and if not known, or their profile does not say they live in the accepted areas, they are removed.

Why not join?

Discover Creswick



CRESWICK LIONS CLUB Assisting Community Groups

Lately, the Creswick Lions Club has found itself able to help out three other organisations that needed assistance in running their individual events. The recent Camping and Caravan Show was one where Lions members helped with general parking duties. As no parking accidents happened, the Club can consider this one a success.

Also recently, Creswick Lions assisted Rogaining Victoria with the competition they ran in Ballarat by providing skilled sausage sizzle services. Rogaining is a long distance cross country navigation sport. This particular competition was held over two days, with the Club cooking for approximately three hundred hungry and exhausted people each day of the event. Many of the competitors said the aroma from the sausage sizzle guided them home.

Due to a number of members contracting COVID, the Club was unable to run the sausage sizzle at the market in May. However, this turned out to be good fortune for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia group that needed to borrow a BBQ for their recent fundraising event, which was held on the same weekend.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia is an organisation that provides long-term, one-to-one mentoring to help change the course of vulnerable young people's lives. Ballarat has a program that works across the community to create positive life changing connections for young people. This is an extremely worthy organisation and the Club was glad to assist where they could.

If anyone is interested in getting a closer look at what Creswick Lions do, please contact Membership Chairperson Maria Marco on 0410 499 007 or email creswick@lions201v1-4.org.au for further details.

Barbara Urry, Secretary
0423 536 794

Senior Cits News

What a musical treat at Seniors' rooms for brass band lovers, not only Seniors' members, but visitors as well.

Social Day, last Friday each month, was well attended and everyone enjoyed a hot lunch and Ricky Lea entertaining.

Next Social Day, 29 July, we will look forward to seeing members and friends again. This important day includes the Annual General Meeting.

A warm welcome to the brave who face the cold weather to play Scrabble and Triominos on Wednesday and euchre and bingo on Fridays. Already half the year has gone, so hopefully, the climate will get warmer for these brave folk.

The passing of one of our valued members, John Lawson, is sad. Condolences to his wife, Marie.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray 5334 6526

RACV Goldfields Resort and Golf Course Re-Opens

The RACV Goldfields Resort and Golf Course re-opened on 23 June following the January storm damage.

Extensive repairs have been completed at the venue. In addition to the renovated and upgraded facilities, RACV is also celebrating the launch of *ArtHouse* – a new multi-purpose building within the Goldfields Resort that will be a centre for arts experience.

The RACV Goldfields Resort sustained damage as a result of the major storm on the afternoon of 5 January this year and had been temporarily closed since that date. *'The return to active operation is a boost to RACV members and the local economy,'* says RACV Goldfields Resort Manager, Martin Zumstein.

The work completed to support the re-opening of Goldfields includes an upgraded lobby and new front desk, upgraded gym equipment, new children's entertainment facilities, new carpet, curtains and furniture in the rooms, new conference and events furniture, and refreshed carpet in the Springs Bar & Terrace.

Dining at the Resort will be available to resort guests only in the months immediately following the re-opening.

Part of that exciting future is the RACV Goldfields Resort *ArtHouse*. RACV Head of Visual Arts, Mardi Nowak, said that *'ArtHouse would provide an incredible and unique experience for RACV members and guests'*. *ArtHouse* opened for guests staying at the Resort from 24 June with *My Creswick Sketchbook* where visitors are encouraged to explore Creswick through creative drawing and take home a sketchbook souvenir. It will be open to the public later in 2022.

School Supplies for Pacific Islands Children

St Andrew's Uniting Church ladies have been providing school backpacks filled with supplies, (pencils, textas, scissors, glue) to school children in Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands and Kiribati for the last fifteen years.

Co-ordinator Ann Connan from Frankston, picks up the filled backpacks in November and they are sent out in large shipping containers in the new year. Ann has visited these schools many times over the years and reports that the children are thrilled to receive their very own backpacks.

Many Creswick community members have provided filled school bags over the years. If anyone would like to help by filling a backpack, please phone Joan on 0417 976 352 who will provide a bag and an itemised list of items to purchase to fill it. Ann explains the need for every child to receive exactly the same items so everyone is treated equally.

Shirley Symes, Uniting Church Member

Grow Wild!

A Garden Book Review by Rhonda Cotsell

There are many things I love about living in Creswick but I still remember one quiet and peaceful evening out the back when there was a sudden explosion of sound as a group of kookaburras started to sing, each peal overlapping the others so there was no break in the sound washing down the street from somewhere a few blocks away.

There have been so many bird moments - birdsong early in the morning, in the evening watching them gather on the wires, poles and antennas in rows and pairs or alone as if checking the street out. So, it was great recently to find a guide called *Grow Wild: Gardening to Sustain Wildlife in the Hepburn Shire* written by Glenlyon local, Jill Teschendorff.

My own garden is a mix of mainly local natives plus non-natives including herbs, fruit trees and flowers. I chose plants aimed at attracting wildlife, birds especially. But it wasn't very systematic, gathering information from wherever I could find it. I wish I had known about this guide when my garden was still a relatively blank canvas as it contains absolutely everything I needed to know in one place.

The book is separated into four sections. The first discusses why we should preserve the bush, covers resident and visiting wildlife and how to preserve habitat in a rural setting. The second looks at how to create a wildlife garden looking at design, non-natives, weed control, soil preparation, maintenance and providing background information on Hepburn soils plus bio-regions of the Shire.

The third section is a beautifully illustrated list of recommended indigenous plants with a concise description providing the botanical and popular names, a brief physical description, required growing conditions and size. The final section contains information on indigenous plant suppliers, useful organisations and a list of further readings.

There was much I enjoyed about this book, but what was unexpected and particularly pleasing was the inclusion of non-natives (I have favourites) and how they also can protect and sustain wildlife. Physically, it is well designed and put together. Particular information is easy to find and it is a good size. The cover is strong but flexible, and the glossy cardboard will cope with damp or muddy conditions when taken out in the garden. The inside pages are a strong paper, not liable to tear easily. For those interested, it is worth visiting the library and checking it out.

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Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Invitation to AGM and Tree Management Plan Community Consultation

An invitation is extended to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 17 August at the Commercial @ Kingston. After the meeting and election of office bearers, refreshments will be served.

At 7.00pm Megan Brittingham, Senior Consulting Arborist from Homewood Consulting, and Ben Kenyon, Director, will complete the community consultation aspect of the Tree Management Plan for the Avenue. This will involve a fifteen-minute presentation by Megan followed by a Q and A session.

Once this feedback is documented, the Tree Management Plan (TMP) will be complete. It will then form part of the Kingston, Avenue of Honour Inc. Conservation Management Plan (CMP) which will be presented to Council at a later stage. The CMP will inform and guide Council in caring for the Avenue into perpetuity and provide a firm basis from which to apply for grants, especially Heritage funding.

The draft TMP can be viewed using this link or by visiting the web site:

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Please RSVP to kingstonfoa@gmail.com by 3 August if attending, for catering purposes.

Plants for Markets

Friends of the Avenue is always looking for different plants for their market stall. Anyone interested in potting up some cuttings for the spring markets, please make contact via the email address above or leave a message on 5318 0400. Plants in bloom always sell well. Market sales go towards paying insurances.

Julie Baulch

on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

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Vale Shirley Joy Tennant

Shirley recently passed away peacefully at the age of ninety-seven, at her home in the John Curtin Aged Care Facility.

Born in Creswick on 18 May 1925 to Peter and Caroline Kennedy, she was one of five children. Her parents were extremely hardworking people during the great depression, running a small farm in North Creswick which allowed them to be self-sufficient.

Shirley started school at the North Creswick Primary School then went to St Augustine's, which was a walk of two miles each way. Her favourite subject was Nature Studies. Her formal education finished with the completion of the Merit Certificate (Year 8).

Shirley commenced paid employment at the Morley's Mill in Ballarat. Although she didn't like this work, she stayed until she was offered a position at the Creswick Pharmacy, working for Bill Maine. Shirley recalled how she enjoyed the work, dispensing medicines and tablets, grinding powders, working five days a week and Saturday mornings.

Shirley attended local hall dances across the district of Smeaton, Kingston, Newlyn and Creswick. At one of these dances she met her future husband, Steve. They married on 1 February 1947, after which they moved to the family farm in Smeaton, affectionately known as *Pyle Farm*. It was not long before Shirley had three children, Barry, Cheryl and Phillip.

Farm life was always busy, but there was time for being involved in community activities. These included the CWA, the Presbyterian Church, school committees, tennis and playing golf at the Creswick Golf Club. However, it was lawn bowls that dominated her sporting life. Shirley was a founding member of the Smeaton Bowling Club and eventually a life member, club president, club champion numerous times and a member of pennant premiership teams over the years.

Bowls took Shirl and Steve to numerous destinations around Australia and many friendships flourished. Long treks towing the caravan gave birth to one of her memorable sayings – *have wheels will travel*. They also travelled abroad to the UK, Europe and New Zealand.

Shirley and Steve eventually built a home in Smeaton, where they lived for twenty-five years until Steve passed away. She then moved back to her hometown of Creswick and then added Creswick Probus and the Red Cross to her already busy life.

Shirley was eighty-nine when she made the decision to



move into the John Curtin Aged Care facility, where she continued her busy social life and she renewed her love of the Richmond Football Club. She bought a mobility scooter and could be seen all around Creswick, zipping between her favourite coffee cafes, the florist shop and the bakery for a pastie and apple cake to be eaten later.

She loved playing cards at the Senior Citizens, meeting the girls and then off to bingo. She enjoyed a wonderful camaraderie with the craft group organised by Rita Flapper and was a great patron of the regular stalls. Her great-grandchildren were frequent

beneficiaries of knitted garments from these stalls.

Her family's successes were her successes. She was proud of her ancestry and leaves behind her daughter Cheryl, son Phillip, eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Shirley was an exceptional person to us all who will be sorely missed, but her enduring legacy on how to live life to the fullest, is a shining beacon to us all.

The Family

Thank You From The Tennant Family

Shirley Joy Tennant

18 May 1925 - 22 May 2022

The family of Shirley Joy Tennant wish to thank the Creswick Community for their messages of sympathy and support on the passing of their beloved mother and nana Shirley.

Thank you also to Dr Josh Saunders and staff at the Ochre Medical Centre for your wonderful care. Grateful thanks to the staff of the John Curtin Aged Care, where mum lived for the past eight years, and which, according to her, was the best bed and breakfast in town!





Combined Probus Club of Creswick

Probus is a group of over 55s who meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at St Andrews Church Hall to socialise and enjoy a variety of guest speakers.

Creswick Probus Club celebrated its 18th birthday in April, 2022.

Members can join various groups which include:
craft; dine-out; theatre and movies;
caravan and camping along with general outings and activities.

Some recent activities included:
a film luncheon at Regent Cinema, Ballarat;
Cinderella at Regent Theatre, Melbourne; steak night
at the Farmers Arms, Creswick;
Ballarat Fire Brigade tour and a bus trip to *Coragulac House*, Colac.

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For more information, please contact the secretary
Joan McMillan on 5334 4207
or email to creswickprobus@gmail.com.



Creswick Primary School

A focus on well-being

Ingrid Humm has been at Creswick Primary School since 2002 and over that time has taught across all grade levels in the school as well as being responsible in specialist areas. With this vast experience, in 2018 Ingrid was appointed as a Leading Teacher in charge of well-being.

In this time, Ingrid has introduced a number of initiatives into the school. These have included Hands On Learning (HOL), where a small group of students are part of a weekly session which provides an additional avenue into learning through the middle years of schooling. Here, students are provided with a team-focused atmosphere where they have the opportunity to develop areas around the school and throughout the community as well as pursuing individual projects.

Another area that Ingrid is responsible for is working with the Allied Health placements, where University of Melbourne students have been offered a learning placement at the school. They are responsible for working with students and completing projects as part of their studies.

Over the past few years, they have included students of Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Social Work. Each of these areas can play a vital role and give an insight into a student's development. The role of the physiotherapy students is to support students in movement and identify any underlying conditions that may hinder a child's ability to participate in physical activities. They would then provide individualised programs to assist these students. The occupational therapy students help students and families to access everyday activities and promote independence and well-being. The social work students provide care management, counselling and advocacy to address issues at social and emotional levels across a variety of fields.

The roles that these university students play in the Creswick Primary School community are extremely valuable in assisting students and families in their development and well-being. Through the co-ordination given to them by Mrs Humm, the school looks forward to this partnership continuing to thrive over the coming years.

Vicki Hughes, Classroom Teacher

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The Jumble Sale was very successful and the group would like to thank everyone who supported the sale.

The Special Effort was won by Veronica of Ballarat, a lucky lady who won both first and second prizes.



BUDGET ADOPTED

At the meeting in June, Council adopted a \$49.59 million budget for 2022/2023. The budget contains a total revenue increase of \$8.71M or 21 percent on the previous budget due to a considerable injection of State and Federal capital grants and stimulus project funding, along with reimbursement of the high costs related to storm recovery.

Read about the projects, services and initiatives to be delivered in 2022/23. Visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Council/News/Latest-news/Council-Budget-adopted Over the coming months we'll be highlighting some of the projects contained in the budget.



IWD HONOUR ROLL

We are encouraging you to think about a woman you know who deserves to be recognised.

The annual Heather Mutimer Honour Roll is a forum to acknowledge women who have made a difference in our Shire.

If you would like to put in an EOI to be notified when nominations open for next year: www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Residents/Support/Womens-Honour-Roll



"ACE" YOUTH STRATEGY

Advocating for young people, celebrating and elevating them is the purpose of our new ACE Youth Strategy, which Council adopted at this week at its ordinary meeting.

Thank you to the 500+ young people and adults who were involved in the development of the strategy. It outlines key issues faced by young people, what we heard during the consultation, priority areas and annual action plans.

Fortnightly meetings with young people in the co-design team were vital to the development of the strategy.

Read the strategy on our website.



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HAMMON PARK UPDATE

Despite the chilly weather, progress toward completion of the Hammon Park Trailhead continues, with excavation for the path network, nature playspace and new amenities block. The amenities block will consist of three ambulant cubicles, one accessible cubicle with a shower and a Changing Place. All facilities are unisex. A Changing Place offers the highest level of accessibility including an adult change table, hoist, accessible toilet and shower. There is also ample space for individuals and their carers. In June, Council awarded the tender to construct the new public amenities block to GR Design and Construct. This is one more important step toward completion of the Hammon Park Trailhead. Want to find out more about the trailhead and Creswick Trails? Head to www.creswicktrails.com.



NEW WEBSITE

Council's new website is now live. Some of the features of our new website are our enhanced search function, easy navigation and updated forms which can be completed online.

Visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au to check out the new site. We also want to hear your feedback. Let us know what you think at shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au

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LADY MILLIE GERTRUDE PEACOCK

3.8.1870 – 7.2.1948

HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE 2022

Millie Gertrude Holden was born in Framlingham on 3 August 1870. She was the second daughter of John Bryson Holden, an auctioneer, stock and station owner, and Marianne Holden, nee Arnold, who were Irish immigrants. Her mother died when she was five months old. Her father then married Marianne's sister, Jane Ellen Arnold. Their family home called *Loongarna*, no longer exists. Millie was educated at Port Fairy and the Methodist Ladies College, Melbourne.

Alexander Peacock and Millie first met in 1899 when the

Australian Natives Association conference was held at Port Fairy and her family hosted members from other towns. They married at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Port Fairy, in January 1901. After their honeymoon at Bright, they returned to Creswick by train. At the station they were met by a crowd of well-wishers and the Creswick Jubilee Band. The station was decorated in green and red paper lanterns. The band escorted them to their home in Cambridge Street, *Glemsford*, where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Weeks after their marriage Alexander became Premier of Victoria, an office he held three times during his long political career. He was knighted in 1902.

The year of their marriage, 1901, was the year of Federation and the newly married couple were very much involved as Melbourne was the host city for the opening of the new Federal Parliament in the Exhibition Building in Melbourne. The Duke and Duchess of York, later to become King George V and Queen Mary, arrived for a Royal Visit on 6 May, 1901. Millie accompanied her husband to many of the functions.

In Creswick she undertook duties on her husband's behalf in the electorate of Allendale when he was in Melbourne. The Sydney newspaper, *The Mercury*, commented: *'Indeed, so familiar did she make herself with the people of her part of the country, their needs and problems, that Sir Alexander was often heard to say that she knew more of the electorate than he did and she was popularly known as the deputy member'*. Her charity work involved her with many good causes, not only in the Creswick district but Ballarat and the State.

A Branch of the British Red Cross was founded in Australia in August 1914, nine days after the outbreak of World War I. Lady Millie was a member of the Provisional



Committee of the Victorian Division of the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society (1914 - 1915). The Creswick Branch of the Red Cross Society was founded in April 1915 to which Lady Millie was elected inaugural President. She served as President until her death in 1948. The Society worked hard to provide comforts to all those serving overseas. Along with all the members, she knitted socks and made up parcels of goods to ease the hardships of soldiers and nurses. She would answer letters sent from those serving. In peacetime, as now, the Red Cross provided support in bush fire and

other emergencies. As well as being involved with the Creswick Red Cross, she attended other groups in the Creswick Shire along with areas like Talbot, Clunes and Ballarat.

According to the minute books of the Creswick Ladies Benevolent Society, Lady Millie was President from at least 1932 to 1942. The Association met monthly and assessed the needs of people who applied for assistance. Throughout the district, goods including baby clothes, sheets, blankets, groceries, firewood, books and other essentials, were distributed. Lady Millie remained President and attended most of the meetings even when she was a Member of Parliament. Lady Millie also was involved in the Children's Welfare Association and the Creswick Auxiliary of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind.

Sir Alexander died suddenly on 7 October 1933, and at the State Funeral held in Creswick, Robert Menzies, who at the time was a member of the Victorian Parliament, with others, encouraged Lady Millie to stand for her husband's seat. She stood reluctantly. As she was in mourning during the campaign, she made no speeches or public appearances. She was elected to the seat of Allendale at a by-election on 11 November 1933, defeating the Labour candidate by a record margin of over 1500 votes.

As Dianne Haddon, MLC for Ballarat Province, in her speech to the Creswick Red Cross Unit celebrating its 90th birthday on 31 May 2005 said, *'Lady Millie had lost her husband of thirty-two years on 7 October, buried him on the tenth at a State Funeral and then made political history as the first woman elected to State Parliament on 11 November. It must have been a tumultuous time for a lady in mourning'*.

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LADY MILLIE GERTRUDE PEACOCK

Lady Millie was the first woman to be elected to the Victorian Parliament and only the third elected to a Parliament in Australia. When she took her seat the gallery was crowded with women.

Her only speech to Parliament was on 5 September 1934 moving support for the *Factories and Shops Bill*, which had been of particular interest to Sir Alexander. She emphasised the plight of female outworkers, praising her husband's role in establishing the Wages Board system to fix fair wages and conditions for Victorian workers, concluding '*I feel very proud that I have been able to stand up in this House, which is truly representative of the people and give my support to this legislation which I feel is not only due and necessary, but reflects the highest instincts of humanity*'.

She served her Parliamentary term and did not re-nominate. She is recorded as saying, '*Parliament is not a place for women*'. The book, *Women in the City*, published by the Victorian Women's Trust, said '*During her term, she made fundamental contributions to the community as a champion for women and workers' rights ... and she made fundamental contributions to the Melbourne community by bridging the gap between formal and practical access to public offices for women in Victoria and Australia*'.

Lady Millie and Sir Alexander had no children but she enjoyed her nieces and nephews and was close to the Holden side of the family. They were regular worshippers at St John's Anglican Church in Creswick. Both were strongly motivated by their Christian faith.

The obituary in the Creswick Advertiser of 13 February 1948 stated, '*for nearly half a century, she has been part of the life of Creswick, intimately knowing all its people, mixing with them in happiness and in sorrow*'. Lady Millie Peacock was held in high regard, respected and loved by the community of Creswick and district, and Victorians generally. From her arrival as a young bride in 1901 until her death in 1948, she worked tirelessly for all.

In 2002, Lady Millie Peacock was added to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women. There are plans for one of the tunnels being built in Melbourne to be named after her.

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What a wonderful Term 2 at Creswick North Primary School. It was a very busy time with many incursions, excursions and special school events.

The whole school really enjoyed a follow-up visit by some break-dancers. They taught the students some cool new moves and everyone had a wonderful time.

Some of the senior students were involved in the YMCA's Re-inked bicycle maintenance program. The students have worked on their own bikes and the school's bikes, as well as repaired bikes that had been donated to the YMCA. The donated bicycles will now be trucked up north to flood-affected areas to give to those children who do not have bikes. Not only have students learnt valuable new skills in bike repair and maintenance, they have also been able to give back to the community, especially those in need. More than twenty bikes have been restored over the five week program.



Students repairing some bikes for the community

The Junior School Council ran a pirate dress-up day. The students had great fun in their pirate costumes. The money they raised went to the Kids Cancer Project. They also visited Mt Rowan Secondary College on the final day of term to watch their theatre performance, *Pirate!*.

The new After-School Program has begun with great success so far. Run by OSHClub, this operates every weekday, 3.30pm – 6.00pm, in the Multi-Purpose Room. The students attending love the wide variety of fun activities that are run each day.

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Matthew Reyntjes, Principal

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Bald Hills - Creswick Landcare Group

Landcare is about caring for the natural environment in and around our community. This apt title introduces the continued way forward of Bald Hills - Creswick Landcare Group.

The group projects in the past have been seed collecting; tree planting; property weed control; gatherings with neighbouring Landcare groups; tours and speakers on Landcare initiatives.

Recently, the Annual General Meeting at the Creswick Neighbourhood Learning Centre acknowledged the dedication of Kieren Moore through his on-going membership. Even though Kieren has passed the baton on from his president's role, he will continue to be a **guide-beside** with his skills in land management.

It's at this time the Group would also like to acknowledge the other past members of the committee. Their determination to keep the group going during recent COVID times has been extraordinary. They are Deirdre Roads, Maureen Hazelton, Carmel Roads, Bruce Armstrong and Anna Schlooz.

Now it's time to get onto the next chapter!

The new executive is:

President: Anna Schlooz, Secretary: Bruce Armstrong and Treasurer: Deirdre Roads.

After a great gathering, electing a new executive and sharing possibilities for future activities, I am confident that we can ignite the following aims of the group in the next twelve months.

Current aims are:

- To participate in tree planting activities.
- Promote recycling initiatives.
- Encourage weed control and ongoing maintenance.
- Increase biodiversity.
- Maintain and manage soil health.

Calendar of Proposed Events:

- Working Bee at Park Lake Eastern Plantation, Saturday, 16 July.
- Creek Tour, investigating ways to rehabilitate creek edges.
- Seed collection with Kooroocheang Landcare Group, 14 August.
- Tree plantings.
- Clean Up Australia Day, 5 March 2023.
- Bald Hills - Creswick Landcare Group supports tree planting initiatives on private land as well.

Contact via:

Email: baldhillsreswicklandcare@gmail.com or
phone Secretary Bruce Armstrong on 0428 457 363.
New members for 2022/2023 are welcome.

Anna Slooz, President

100 Years Ago
Compiled by Creswick Museum

July 4, 1922

The light fall of snow last Thursday morning was followed by more at night, and again on Friday night. In some parts of the district snow was visible for three consecutive days.

July 7, 1922

Blampied – A new floor has been laid down in the Blampied R. C. School, and to celebrate the opening, a grand long-night ball is to be held next Tuesday evening. There will be good music, an efficient M.C., novelty dancing, etc., and refreshments will be provided. The admission for gentlemen has been fixed at 3/.

July 11, 1922

We are pleased to note that Mr. Oliver Wood, son of Mr and Mrs W. Wood, of Creswick, has been successful in passing the Commonwealth Accountancy examination held in May last.

July 14, 1922

It was reported to the Creswick Borough Council at the monthly meeting that the lease of the Dean Reservoir farm expires on 1st March, 1923. The Mayor moved, and Cr. Gray seconded, that applications be called for the lease. Cr. Cushing advocated a longer lease being provided for, and the tenant to carry out improvements and repairs. Cr. Wall did not agree with the latter proposal. It was finally decided that a committee comprising of the Mayor, Crs. Oswin, Cushing and Merritt, prepare fresh conditions of

lease, which will be reported to the council at the next meeting, after which tenders will be called for the lease of the farm.

July 18, 1922

Depositors in the Commonwealth Savings Bank are reminded that passbooks should now be submitted for examination and verification of balance. The local postmaster will accept and forward books to the branch where the account is kept.

July 21, 1922

NOTICE – An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the Broomfield Alluviums Pty. Co. Ltd, will be held in the A.N.A. Hall, Creswick, on Saturday, 29th July, at 3 p.m. Business – to receive the Directors' Report and decide on the future operations of the Company. R. H. Nott, Sec.

July 25, 1922

An effort is now being made to raise funds to erect shelter sheds at the Creswick State School. In aid of that object, a grand picture show is to be held in the town hall tonight (Tuesday), and promises to be very successful.

July 28, 1922

Creswick Junior Football Club. Next Saturday (29th July, 1922) – Leopold Park, Creswick. Grand Charity Football match. Redan second eighteen v. Creswick juniors. In aid of the Creswick District Hospital Steriliser Fund. Admission – Sixpence. F. Bailey, Hon. Sec.



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A. Walker



Creswick Cemetery

Works are continuing on repairing the paths and roadway in the Methodist section, so please take care when going through this area. Some roadways are quite boggy when wet and may be closed off temporarily for the safety of visitors.

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St Augustine's School News

The last month has had everything weather can offer, rain, fog and cold winter mornings. Although the weather has not been the best, St Augustine's has still had an amazing month. Year 6 had the second Little Feet Big Footprints day and the whole school had a footy clinic.

On 21 June, despite the bad weather, year 3 and 4 went to the Melbourne Zoo for the day. The classes left at 8.45am, and came back to school at 4.00pm. Before they left for the fun day, they had been researching endangered animals.

On 6 June, St Augustine's got their footy spirit on as some special guests came to visit. Believe it or not, it was the Western Bulldogs! Students got to have a kick around and learn some important skills. At the end, everyone got a mini football and a sheet to scan. It was amazing!

The second Year 6 Leadership Day was on 3 June. The school leaders from Loreto, St Patrick's and Damascus came to school and told about their journey through high school and then there was a Q & A session. Once they left, team building activities continued with a few breaks outside which was great fun.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Kingston Agricultural Society AGM, Sunday, 24 July

Friends of Park Lake Christmas in July Bonfire
Friday, 22 July, 5.00pm.

New Residents' Meeting, Town Hall
Saturday, 30 July, 3.00pm

Garden Club Learning Day,
Doug Lindsay Reserve
Saturday, 30 July

St Augustine's 150th Dinner
Saturday, 17 September, Doug Lindsay Reserve
Bookings Brian Rowe 0418 840 292 or 5345 6403. Email staugustines150th@gmail.com
Website <https://staugustines150.weebly.com>

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief – 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.

Anglican Parish of Springmount:
St John's Church, Napier Street, Creswick.
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Short contemplative Eucharist: 10.00am most Tuesdays.
Contact: Fr Chris Keast
0427 911 792.

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-Clunes Uniting Church Parish
Every Sunday - 9.30am
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0431 286 285

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 -
Meeting fourth Thursday every month 7.30pm.
Bob Orr 5345 2165

Creswick Lions Club second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall Secretary Barb Urry 0423 536 794 urrybarb@gmail.com
Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007 mariamarco3363@gmail.com

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 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

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

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

Friends of Park Lake
First Monday of month, 10am, Creswick Hub Meeting Room. Enquiries: andrew@rairakang.com

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 6.00pm on the 1st Monday of month Senior Citizens Room.

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
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Inaugural Biggin & Scott Park Lake Art Show

The exhibited works of art at the inaugural Biggin & Scott Park Lake Art Show were an interesting example of multi-media interpretations of one subject – Creswick's Park Lake.

'I am full of admiration for professional and amateur artists who are willing to display their works publicly and to be prepared to accept the accolades and criticisms that follow.'

Not one of the exhibitors needed to have been worried as judges, Criss Canning one of Australia's most significant artists, along with Kiri Smart, the Art Gallery of Ballarat's Curator, were most complimentary about the diversity and the quality of works on display.

Andrew Bell, President of Pavilion Arts, was delighted with the Art Show as its aim was to create an awareness of what was once an area of beauty in the heart of Creswick. He said, *'events like this are only as successful as those who contribute and support it. Pavilion Arts was particularly grateful to local community associations and clubs who got right behind this initiative and generously donated prizes for the winning artists, making this a real community effort'*.

The local sponsors were:

Biggin & Scott, Mt Prospect Tennis Association, Pavilion Arts, CresFest, Business & Tourism Creswick, Creswick Lions Club, Creswick Garden Club, Creswick & District Historical Society, Creswick Railway Workshop Association, Friends of Park Lake, U3A and Community Bank Creswick & District.



Photo courtesy Terry Hope

There can only be one winner and Kiri Smart, in opening the Art Show said *'that it was a relief when she and Criss Canning quickly came to the same conclusion. Ernie Terry's sculpture Eucalypt was a beautiful piece of work'*. No one was surprised when Ernie was not there to receive the praises from the two judges, as those who know him, know too well that he is a

humble man and doesn't seek public recognition for what he does through inspiration and a love of nature.

The other prize winners were: Ray Spencer, Hall Table no 2; Lyn Cooke, *Black Cockies*; Janet Cameron, *Feathered Friends of Park Lake*; David Barkly, *Park Lake no 7*; David Barkly, *Park Lake no 8*; David Mellows, *Narcissus*; Russell Bowey, *Misty Morning*; Lisa Timson, *Winter Sunset*; Neil Atkin, *Pine & Pampas*; Angela Atkin, *Island in the Sun*; Natasha Middleton, *Temple*.

Each prize winner's piece of art will be highlighted in the 2023 Park Lake calendar. What a great Christmas present to send to friends interstate and overseas!

The opening was a really enjoyable evening where *The Newlyn Players* entertained guests with delightful baroque music. Everyone wandered through the art works, chatted to the judges, exhibitors and friends, while sipping wine and nibbling on delicious snacks.

Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing together this exhibition to promote a forgotten gem of Creswick.

Fiona Watson

CRESWICK PS

Occupational Therapy Students, Bree and Avalana, with Prep student, Maicee and Mrs Humm



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CRESWICK NORTH PS

Pirates dress up day



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