



2021 CRESWICK GARDEN LOVERS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 9.00am - 5.00pm

SUNDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 9.00am - 4.00pm

Now in its seventh year!

The Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend is back! This annual community event is on again this year (COVID-19 dependent), bigger and better than ever. This year there are no less than eleven gorgeous, private gardens to visit, meet and chat with their creators.

Local iconic commercial gardens, nurseries and community groups will also be participating in the event.

Organised by *Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.*, this community event showcases private and well-known gardens and celebrates the skills of passionate gardeners in and around Creswick. All profits will be used for local Creswick projects.

Entry fees: Adults \$5 per garden, children free.

Volunteers wishing to be a part of the event and help at the private gardens over the weekend would be very welcome. Please email or phone.

More information is available at www.creswick.net; Facebook: *Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend* and Instagram: *@creswick_garden_lovers_weekend*

Enquiries to: info@creswick.net, Sandy Jennings 0405 717 321 or Margaret Giles 0419 326 453.



Creswick District News

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Creswick Pharmacy's Biggest Morning Tea Celebration Close to Home

For the past ten years, Creswick Pharmacy has held a *Biggest Morning Tea* to raise funds for cancer research. Over those years, approximately \$10,000 was raised. This year the event had a more specific focus, which was to dedicate the event to the recent loss of a long term employee, Vicki Newton, who was not only a cherished colleague but a much loved face by pharmacy customers.

This year's event saw the Pharmacy over-flowing with locals supporting the cause, resulting in the magnificent sum of \$5,000 being raised. Most sincere thanks to all concerned including many local businesses who were generous in their support.

Senior Cits News

What a sorry piece of news this is, no Social Day to report on and euchre, bingo, Scrabble and bowls were a no-go. Never mind members and friends, we will be back before we know it (we hope), and make up for lost time and company.

At least we have had some gorgeous weather and the gardens are getting more attention, which keeps our hands and minds active.

May we all keep in contact by phone at least.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray

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PS: Good news, there will be a Social Day on Friday, 25 June.



Rainfall

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

	2019	2020	2021
	mm	mm	mm
January	3.0	53.5	134.5
February	23.0	34.0	13.0
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	
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	326.0



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The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett



Just on three years ago now, I wrote an article for the CDN about my discovery of the Berry Consols just to the north of Creswick, (May 2018 edition). In that I wrote as an artist, of the fascination I found in the mullock heaps and ruins of mining buildings that make up the Berry Consols.

I wrote of line and light, of shape and volume. I wrote of the uniqueness of each heap. I also mentioned that I have more than a passing interest in geology, having worked as a field assistant for exploration companies in North Queensland in the early 1980s as a young backpacker, (around Mt Isa and Townsville). These strange piles of rock and clay became my artists' muse over the next several months - and continue to be. A number of artists recorded life on the goldfields back in their heyday, from the great Eugene Von Guerard, S T Gill and Creswick's own Lindsay family. My contemporaries and myself get to document the leftovers!

For anyone interested in seeing the outcome of my labours, there are a number of these paintings and drawings currently on display at the *Eureka Centre* in Ballarat, they will be there through to September. There is definitely a lot to not like about this wounded landscape. The very thought of the ongoing environmental damage caused by the 'sludge' and tailings from the goldmines of one hundred and fifty years ago is of great concern.

And yet, I have to say, as an artist, I am really attracted to these heaps. I don't know why, but I have always been engaged by heavy industry as a subject for my art. Twenty-five years ago I made a series of paintings, drawings and etchings of the Loy Yang open cut coal mine in Gippsland - and we all know how sound coal mining is! Still it made a wonderful subject. Those works are now in the collection of the State Library of Victoria along with several drawings of the Newport Power Station.

I think my fascination with these subjects has something to do with finding a kind of beauty in the ugliness. Again, I don't know. I have also produced works of bulldozers, tip trucks and road making machinery. Don't get me wrong, it is not just the grunge of industry that appeals to me, but somehow I keep coming back to it.

I am currently working on a series of etchings from my drawings of the wonderful Andersons Mill at Smeaton. I have always responded to the feel of industrial sites – good or bad as they may be.

Back in my 2018 article, I also bemoaned the state of the signage along the historic Consols. I am happy to report that new signage is currently being rolled out along the Creswick-Lawrence Road. Thank you Hepburn Shire Council. This is an area of great historic and artistic significance.

www.craigbarrett.com.au





Creswick Capers Sporting Times

It has been a very 'active' past month at Creswick Primary School, as the school strongly believes that active bodies create healthy minds. The Annual House Sports were held at Llanberris Reserve in Ballarat, where the students were very well supported by family and friends. As usual, it became a fantastic community day for CPS. All students strived to do their very best, with Drummond House coming out on top at the end of the day.



The grades 5 and 6 students visited *GMHBA Stadium* (Geelong) to take part in the BioCats program where they were put through a series of sporting and reaction tasks, examined sporting data and connected sport to the curriculum areas of mathematics and science.

The new Sporting Schools' program of football (soccer) also started. This activity has seen all grades from Foundation to grade 6 work through a series of skills and minor games pertaining to the sport. The first of these weeks aligned with the Western United Football Club playing Sydney United as part of the A-League match in Ballarat. One of their star defenders, Dalibor Markovic, visited the school. He spoke to the students and watched their movements as they went through a variety of drills. Free tickets to the A-League game were offered to families and students were given merchandise.

The school's after-school netball teams commenced their seasons in both the grade 3/4 and grade 5/6 levels in Ballarat. In the grade 5/6 competition the team has combined with students from Creswick North Primary School.

Towards the end of the month, the Goldfields Athletics Championships were held in Ballarat, where forty-nine students who qualified at the House sports, proudly represented CPS. Thirteen of these athletes have now qualified for the Division competition later in the year.

Vicki Hughes

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Cemetery News

The Cemetery Trust would like to thank the Creswick Bowling Club for their donation of the old shelters for use at the cemetery. Over the next month or so, they will be erected around the grounds, providing people with a spot to sit if weary.

A big thank you to new Trust member, Chris Bullen, who has done a wonderful job repairing some of the eastern fence that blew over in the wind. A nice job. Thanks also to the Langi Kal Kal men who visited and helped with gravelling some of the cemetery pathways.

Wendy Ohlsen

Secretary

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Vale Frank Rieniets

Last truck ride

Family and friends recently attended the funeral of local resident, Frank Rieniets. Frank, who grew up in Blampied, was a member of the well-known large extended Rieniets family of the area. After attending school at the former Blampied Catholic Primary School, Frank left at an early age and gained employment in farm work.

Subsequently Frank obtained his driving license at age eighteen and within a short time began his driving career which covered many decades. He continued driving until in recent years, ill health led to him finishing work. Frank's career saw him working in numerous fields for a number of various companies. For many years, Frank delivered *Franklin* caravans interstate, travelling from Ballarat to Brisbane, Sydney and Adelaide. He regularly travelled the Newell Highway before it was a bitumen road.

As a well-respected and competent employee, at one time Frank worked delivering crushed quartz from the Lawrence crusher, ten years delivering potatoes for Quicks of Wattle Flat to the Sydney market and returning with loads of steel. Another job saw Frank complete a weekly trip to Perth at a time when the road across the Nullabor was still gravel.

Frank, or as he was known, *Spook*, a nickname which no one is sure of the origins, worked for *K T Preston & Sons* and *GDP Transport* for the last years of his driving career. Frank's coffin was transported to the Creswick Cemetery on the back of a restored G88 Volvo Prime Mover, in use during the 1980s, and driven by Tim Preston. This was an appropriate gesture for a well-respected local transport driver.

The *CDN Team* and readers extend their sympathy to Frank's wife, Judith, children Peter, Mark, Leanne and their families.



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John Harris Geologist – Right Place, Right Time Part 1

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

Really, I should have started a geology degree when I finished the Leaving Certificate in 1956 at Canterbury Boys High School in Sydney. That same year, John Howard also completed his Leaving Certificate at Canterbury, and he went on to become Prime Minister. Knowing what you want to do when at school makes a big difference.

Our family grew up in Sydney and for many years I was a member of the Wanda Surf Life Saving Club. Wanting an outdoor job, I drifted into surveying which at that time involved being articled to a Surveyor for four years and passing exams set by the Board of Surveyors. At the end of my Articles, I moved to Canberra where the Chief Surveyor of the Department of the Interior, John Boyle, assured me that the Department would facilitate my dream of going to the Antarctic (I must have been gullible). In 1962 I gained my Certificate of Competency and was registered as a Licensed Surveyor.

1963 saw me fly to Brisbane in February to train as a survey party leader later in the year. Initially the survey party worked around Mackay and Sarina in northern Queensland. A lot of rain fell that year and while headed for Richmond and Hughenden, the group ended up staying a week in Charters Towers waiting for the floods to ease.

At the end of March, I flew back to Brisbane to lead a survey party to Central Queensland. A hectic three days meeting another surveyor, four assistants, a cook and a mechanic. I never seemed to stop signing receipts for the issue of equipment which included an eight ton 4WD Bedford truck, four Landrovers, camping equipment, four large tents, fridges, stoves, tables and chairs, plus the survey equipment. Here I was, a very inexperienced twenty-three year old, armed with a government cheque book and a government order book setting out for the Blackall area. The survey party worked in Central Queensland for the remainder of the year, occupying five different camps, the last being to the north of Injune.

In 1964 the party again left from Brisbane initially working in Central Queensland. After finishing work in Central Queensland we moved to the Northern Territory. The first camp was at Willowra, then the party moved to Wave Hill. At that time there was the great walk-off by the Aborigines



Photo courtesy of Peter McArthur

from Wave Hill. The last camp was at Gregory Downs to the south of Burketown.

Returning to Canberra at the end of 1964, I walked into the Canberra Aero Club with sufficient money to get a private pilot's licence. Two weeks and fifty-five flying hours later, I obtained my licence. The plan was to become a crop-dusting pilot, get the hours up to join an airline, but the concentrated hours of flying for my licence convinced me that flying was not to be my career. Discovering gliding however, satisfied my need for flying. Geology was then on the cards, and I really should have used the opportunities that I had to take it up then, but I got a better offer. Still gullible,

one of the surveyors from National Mapping assured me that if I joined National Mapping that I would be headed for the Antarctic. I joined National Mapping.

1965 found me far from the Antarctic as we pushed out from Coober Pedy down the Gunbarrel Highway into the Great Victoria Desert to Well 35 on the Canning Stock Route. The rest of the year was spent measuring sandhills accurately, for what good purpose I couldn't fathom out. Disillusioned with National Mapping, I re-joined the Department of the Interior at the end of the year.

In 1966 the survey party worked on the western side of the Alice Springs to Darwin Highway. Some of the more interesting camps were Central Mt Wedge and Mongrel Downs, now called Tanami Station. While working to the south down the Northern Territory/West Australian border, crossing many east-west sandhills, we arrived at Lake McKay. Our party was surprised to meet a group of about thirty soldiers, sailors, and airmen who were part of a combined British Services Expedition to Central Australia. Prior to that meeting, our party thought we were the most isolated people in Australia and so did the Expedition members!

Life after the field trips seemed pretty dull and I worked around Canberra until 1970. During this time my wife and I joined the YMCA Ski Club which had a chalet at Guthega. Discovering cross-country skiing, we spent a lot of time on the rolling grounds to the north of Guthega. While camping out in the old cattlemen's huts on the range, I satisfied my need for ice and snow and I finally gave up the Antarctic dream.

To be continued ...

More photos of John on page 16

CRESWICK TRAILS STAGE ONE AND HAMMON PARK

Thank you to everyone who participated in our most recent community engagement on the Creswick Trails – Stage One. We are working to review all of your submissions and populate a report for Council to consider. The focus of the report will be Council's formal discussion of the planning permit which seeks formal permission to construct the 60 kilometres of trail associated with Stage One. Once a meeting date is set it will be posted to www.creswicktrails.com.

Following a funding announcement by the Victorian State Government, we are also progressing the Hammon Park Trailhead, which will serve as the main gathering point for the Creswick Trails Network. In the coming months a construction tender for this exciting space will be released to the market.

For more information on both projects or to sign up to the emailing list, visit www.creswicktrails.com or contact the Project Manager at abreach@hepburn.vic.gov.au.



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Council is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from local businesses or community organisations for a lease of the former Senior Citizens Centre at 25 Fraser Street in Clunes. Council would like the use of this building to support active and engaged communities, with a focus on positive ageing, healthy active living and building social connections. For an EOI information pack email property@hepburn.vic.gov.au. The EOI will close at 5pm on Friday 25 June 2021.

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Entry deadline? Monday 25 October, 2021

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Winter is Here

By Rhonda Cotsell

I like what happens in winter in my garden. I like the smells and the sculptural effect of frost on succulents and grass, the solitary flowers that remain on bushes that are otherwise bare limbs, and appreciating more the different seeds, reedy plants and the curves of bare tree limbs. Also, definitely, not having to mow. Having said that, there are a few things that need to be dealt with still and to enjoy that are unique to winter.

Firstly – winter means that my daphne is going to flower as winter is reaching its end and the smell as I walk out from my kitchen is bliss, every time. This year too, if I didn't kill them, I will have white hellebores. Some roses are covered in fat red rose hips which glow against the spindly limbs. A favourite native reed, two of which have cropped up in my garden, with its little spiky seed heads at the top of the slender stems stand out more dramatically than they do in warmer seasons where they are swamped by all the warmer weather growth.

Pruning – winter is the season for light pruning. Any plants that blacken or turn into mush, like geraniums and veronicas, should be cut back and I've seen advice for long, strappy limbs of roses to be pruned to avoid them breaking in wind and frost. Bearded irises also, as they harbour insects and disease over winter. There are many common garden plants that cope well with and benefit from a light pruning.

Green mulching in preparation for spring – there are different ways of doing this but basically it means preparing ground with matter that will break down over winter and be available for spring planting and growth. Placed around the base of trees and plants it will provide insulation against the effect of frost on roots and dormant perennials. As with composting, layering different types of material is best but simply protecting with straw is a benefit too. Mulching also protects against dehydration from winter cold and frost after dry days.



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Creswick Men's Friendship Shed

A community asset

On entering the *Creswick Men's Friendship Shed*, one is immediately aware of the warmth and banter. Groups of men work around the machines and benches. Others sit by the fire, just hanging out, talking and drinking coffee, with the whirring machinery providing a noisy counterpoint to their quiet contemplations. What is a Men's Shed? According to the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA), a Men's Shed is a:

community-based, non-profit, non-commercial organization that is accessible to all men and whose primary activity is the provision of a safe and friendly environment where men are able to work on meaningful projects at their own pace in their own time in the company of other men. A major objective is to advance the well-being and health of their male members.

This broad definition of Men's Sheds allows a wide range of different models across Australia, all reflecting their own special character. The Creswick Shed is one such unique place. Under the auspices of Central Highlands Rural Health, this Shed more than fulfils the stated objectives of offering a safe and welcoming place.

Charlie Schembri is currently President of the Management Committee and has been a member since 2001. Charlie explains that the main aim of the Shed is to alleviate social isolation for men who come from a wide geographical area, from Clunes to Ballarat to Smythesdale. With around thirty members, at least twenty regulars attend each week. They also go out for coffee mornings and social nights from time to time.



President Charlie (second from left) with some of the members

The members have made great improvements to the facility. In 2009 they built and opened an annex to the Shed in the name of the late Jim Pollitt, a founding and long-term member of the Shed. Indeed, there is an obvious and enduring acknowledgement of the founders, with plaques on the wall honouring several original members who were instrumental in its foundation and later success.

Despite its seeming haphazard layout, there is a practical purpose to the space. Together with grants and donations, the Shed makes items for sale such as outside tables for the National Hotel at Clunes and the Mt Prospect Tennis Association. It's not just woodwork. Members collect donations of bread which they bag up for anyone in need. They also run raffles and organise fundraising sausage sizzles.

New members looking for fellowship and happy to share their skills are always welcome. The Shed is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm and can be contacted at www.chrh.org.au/services/creswick-mens-friendship-shed, by email at creswickmensshed@gmail.com or via Facebook @CreswickMensShed.

The whole Shed is imbued with noise and purpose. Whether it's the machinery whirring away, the piles of materials just waiting for the right project, or the 'boys' sitting around the fire nattering, it is clear that it is the people and the friendships which are important here - a very worthy asset to the community and deserving of support.

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Following the cancellation of the June AGM, a rescheduled annual meeting will take place on Tuesday, 6 July, at the RACV Goldfields Resort, starting at 1.30pm. Please allow time beforehand to register and park. This will replace the normal July meeting. RSVP by Tuesday, 29 June to either Phyllis or Vicki.

A complimentary light afternoon tea will be served. Second time lucky - all members are urged to please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Vicki McArthur, Secretary

Reprinted from Creswick District News, June 2006

Stargazer's Corner

Sometimes, the best astronomical events are clouded out. This particularly affects rare events, like Total Solar Eclipses. 'Totality' (when the sky goes dark in the daytime) lasts a maximum of 7 minutes 40 seconds - EVER, but usually much less.

The eclipse centred over S.A. (2002) lasted a mere 33 seconds at Ceduna. The next one will be centred over N.Qld. in 2012.

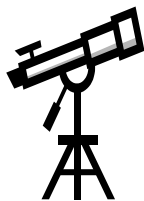
A rarer event - the second-in-eight-years Transit of Venus - occurs in June 2012. Mid-winter! At the previous Transit, in 2004, we were lucky to observe part of the event. Clouds encroached and the sun set half-way through.

Comets, like 73P, are visible for weeks or months, depending on the initial magnitude (brightness) and proximity to earth and sun. Lately, clear nights have been few, moonlight affected observing and the comet was rising in early morning. 73P is now moving away from the sun, the disintegrating fragments B and C now close together and beginning to fade. They will seem to slow down, after their quick passage across the sky, in May. This is an effect of perspective, as they move away from us.

Meanwhile, Saturn is in the N.W. evening sky, near the Beehive cluster and Jupiter - bright - is high N.E.

As always, NEVER look directly at the sun with binoculars, telescopes, or any other optical aid. You could be blinded.

Karenza Burk.



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June 3, 1921

The second of a series of addresses under the auspices of the Creswick Branch of the A.L.P., was given in the A.N.A. hall last Sunday afternoon, the speaker being Mr. J. H. Scullin, of Ballarat, a well known leader in the Labor movement.

June 8, 1921

The usual monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held in Wesley Hall this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. A good attendance is desired.

June 11, 1921

On the 11th May, Dr. G. F. Sleeman tendered his resignation as health officer of the Borough of Creswick, stating he felt that the duties and responsibilities of the position are out of proportion to the remuneration. For many years £20 was the remuneration received by the borough health officer, but in recent years it was reduced to £10 per annum.

June 15, 1921

Residents are reminded of the Australian Tea- (bring a gift and buy a gift) – to be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school hall on Thursday (Tomorrow) afternoon. The opening ceremony will be performed by Lady Peacock at 3 o'clock.

June 18, 1921

Springmount M.I.A.

A meeting of the M.I.A. was held in the schoolroom last

Monday. The president (Mr. R. Flynn) occupied the chair, and presided over a fair attendance of members. The special business of the evening was a reading competition. Mr. J. S. Morrison acted as adjudicator and awarded Miss E. Pollard first, Miss L. Slade second, and Mr. J. Slade third.

June 22, 1921

Newlyn Ladies' Guild

The ladies of the congregation of St. Matthew's Church have recently formed a guild to work for the improvement of the church and its surroundings. It is their intention to hold a fair in the near future, and for the purpose of raising funds to assist them, a concert was held last Friday evening in Mr. J. T. Yates' barn, which was nicely arranged and decorated for the occasion.

June 25, 1921

Two local hotel businesses have changed hands. First the British hotel was sold by Mr. A. N. McGregor to Mr. Peter Mattei for £900, and then Mr. McGregor bought the American Hotel from Mr. T. M. Haines (who had been the licensee for about 37 years) for the sum of £1000.

June 29, 1921

Allendale – Police Court

Mr. W. W. Harris, P.M., presided on the bench at the local court on Thursday last. Mounted Constable Treacy proceeded against a parent for having failed to have his child vaccinated. The defendant, who was not in attendance, but who pleaded guilty, was fined 10/.



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

A big thank you goes to all the wonderful Bunnings sausage sizzle volunteers who gave up their time to help make it a successful day - Jeff and Chris Meager, Marg Armstrong, Julie Baulch, Claire and John Rowlands, Di Mannuell, Sue Scott, Claire Stephens, Marg Robinson, Penny Swain, and Jeremy Harper. Josie Reasons also deserves special thanks for peeling and cutting the onions. A sunny day assisted a healthy profit of around \$1,280 being made.

Greg Collins

Postscript

The Avenue is beautiful in all seasons. Currently the trees have shed nearly all their leaves to reveal their tracery against the winter skies. The recent Council mowing effort is impeccable, enhancing the work done by volunteers. Why not consider taking your exercise in this significant landscape, just ten minutes from Creswick?

Julie Baulch



*Local identities at ANZAC Day Service. From left: Ben Charleson (Kingston), Clare Maher (Kingston), Robin Cawthorn (Newlyn), Lou Charleson (Kingston) and Jim Elsworth (Smeaton)
Photo Julie Baulch*

It has been a busy term 2 at Creswick North Primary School. The students are all still enjoying the building renovations, landscaped grounds and new classroom furniture. It makes a wonderful environment to learn and play. There is still more to come with a BBQ area and playground to be built. Along with a strong curriculum, the school is certainly growing.

Some school students won a competition which saw Ballarat Western Bulldogs staff visit the school. They ran footy clinics with the students and gave out some prizes. It was also thrilling to have mascot *Caesar the Bulldog* visit too! The Junior School Council ran a Footy Colours dress-up day to coincide. This raised money to donate to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

School Captains Zali, Emmy and Amelia, attended the *GRIP* Student Leadership Conference at Federation University recently. They participated in lots of activities and learnt skills and strategies on how to become a better leader. They also came away with some great ideas to implement back at school.

Three students competed in the divisional section of the Cross Country at Prince of Wales Park. Akira, Bodhi and Luca competed admirably in the freezing and muddy conditions.



Students with mascot Caesar the Bulldog

Students also participated in the *National Simultaneous Storytime* event. The book was *Give me some Space!* written by Phillip Bunting. This year the school was lucky to have Shannon Walker, NASA Astronaut, reading from space on the International Space Station. As a follow-up, students made rockets with their buddies and propelled them into the air on the basketball court using a plastic soft drink bottle and PVC piping to launch them.

Just before the most recent lockdown and return to remote learning, school was fortunate to celebrate the Education Week theme of *Building Connections in the Community*. This took the form of visits from the local CFA and Police who spoke to the students. Students were very excited to see the fire engine and the police car!

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal

The Creswick Lions Club undertook its annual funds distribution this month. Funds go far and wide, supporting local disadvantaged individuals and welfare groups and also contributing to community groups to help them continue to run their programs. Also supported are research projects in their endeavours to find cures for cancer and other diseases. Thank you to those who wrote seeking financial assistance. It is hoped that the Club's fundraising efforts have helped to provide some relief.

Lions members will be in front of IGA over the coming months, with separate wood raffles planned in June and July. The raffle 1st prize is a garden trailer load (6m x 4m) of firewood (trailer not included).

With the decline in Lions Club membership, once again the call is out for community minded people to consider coming along to a meeting or two, to see if the Creswick Lions Club is something for you, either as a full member or a helper at some activities. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the RSL Hall at 7.00pm. Please call the secretary or membership chairperson, Bernardette Tacey on 0419 326 052, if you would like further details.

A reminder that Lions are still collecting old car batteries, contact Peter on 0419 899 810, as well as glasses, for which collection boxes are located at the Shire Hub, Neighbourhood Centre and Senior Citizens, for the *Lions Recycle for Sight* program. These items are refurbished by Lions and then distributed overseas. Please contact Carolyn or Bernadette if you are looking to dispose of any of these items.

Carolyn Gargiulo

Secretary, 0417 349 049

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Only a small number of Victorians who failed to vote in the 2020 local council elections will be receiving a Penalty Reminder Notice soon, which carries an additional fee of \$25.80.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately, advised recipients of a Penalty Reminder Notice to act as soon as possible.

'If you receive a Penalty Reminder Notice in the mail you need to take action,' Mr Gately said 'do not ignore the notice, or your details will be provided to the Director of Fines Victoria for further enforcement action'.

Non-voters have twenty-eight days to respond to the Penalty Reminder Notice. The VEC encourages people who are unsure what to do, to call 1300 551 575 or visit vec.vic.gov.au/voting/fines-and-reviews.

Hub Open: Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am - 12.00pm

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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Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 19 June - Friends of Park Lake, Rake & Burn Day. RSVP to Val 5345 1310

June & July, Lions Club wood raffles outside IGA.

Tuesday, 6 July, Creswick Garden Club AGM, RACV Goldfields Resort, 1.30pm. RSVP by Tuesday, 29 June to Phyllis or Vicki.

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.

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 nstubbbs3@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. Phyllis 5345 2514

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

Joeys, 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 12 noon. RSL Hall Alan Morris 0428 119 420

Tiplers - third Wednesday every month. email: barrymarj@hotmail.com

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