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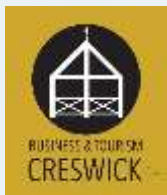
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2022 CRESWICK GARDEN LOVERS WEEKEND

**SATURDAY,
12 NOVEMBER,
9.00am - 5.00pm**

**SUNDAY,
13 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 following a two year hiatus due to COVID-19. This year there are no less than eight gorgeous private gardens to visit, and meet and chat with their creators!

As in previous years, 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 are used for local Creswick projects.

Entry fees: Adults \$6 per garden, children are free.

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

For more information go to: www.creswick.net; Facebook - *Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend* or Instagram - *@creswick_garden_lovers_weekend*.

Enquiries are welcome at info@creswick.net, Sandy Jennings 0405 717 321 or Margaret Giles 0419 326 453.

Christmas in July Bonfire



At 5.00pm on Friday, 22 July we'll be lighting up the bonfire ... and the barbeque. A free Sausage Sizzle along with Christmas carols by the Creswick Brass Band, will warm your tummy and your heart.

Bring whatever you need to make it a truly warm and merry 'Christmas in July' Creswick celebration. Don't be late. We can only serve the first 400!

See you at Creswick Park Lake,
up by the Rotunda. Car entry
on Bridge Street.



Friends of Park Lake

Creswick District News

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SENIOR CITS NEWS

Celebration Month and We Now Know Who Cut the Cake

Seniors 54th birthday celebrations were celebrated with a yummy meal, music by *The Harmonies* and a splendid birthday cake. Thanks to Nora, see the **photo on page 6** showing the cake being cut by Joan and Pat. The next social day will be 24 June.

A fond farewell to Joan Hardcastle and best wishes for her future living near Geelong. Nice to see Audrey joining the seniors again and a jolly welcome to Maria and Andrew, may they enjoy the company and activities.

Sunday, 26 June the Creswick Brass Band will entertain at the Seniors Club Rooms at 2.00pm. Come along and enjoy some rousing good music.

Hopefully the Seniors' Club will have an Annual General Meeting in July this year.

The passing of Shirley Tennant, a member for many years is sad news. Condolences to Meryl on the loss of her Aunt Alma.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526

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	
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	317.8

Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Alma Dimond, who died recently aged 92. Alma was a member of the Dimond family, farmers for many generations in the Mollongghip district where the family continue to farm. Alma had been a volunteer with the Creswick Visitor Information Centre for a number of years and in the past few years had become a resident at the John Curtin Aged Care facility.

Tributes from family and friends of the district paid respect to her kindness, optimism and generosity.

Editorial Apology

The *CDN* Editorial Team would like to issue an apology to Kirsten New for the incorrect spelling of her name when listed as the author of the article about her daughter, Sigrid.

Editorial Team



CRESWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Open Again With Lots to Offer

Term 2 classes and regular programs have recommenced along with some new activities such as yoga and meditation. Also, welcome back to U3A who continue their array of activities for members. Playgroup is back and families with little ones have been enjoying the updated playscape during the good weather.

Following the success of *CresFest*, the children's and adults' choirs continue on Wednesday afternoons and evenings – such beautiful sounds both in the hall and for those walking past. Come along, the more the merrier.

Volunteer Week was celebrated with a morning tea on 19 May, to thank the wonderful volunteers and invite people to join the team. Please drop in anytime to see how you might lend a hand and contribute to your Neighbourhood Centre.

Please note the ***Creswick Market is back to just the third Saturday*** of the month while a review is conducted during the cooler months. Dates are – 18 June, 16 July, 20 August, 18 September.

For kids' activities during the June/July school holidays, see the website. Don't miss out booking for the ever popular winter pruning session with Gael Shannon on Sunday, 26 June 10.00 - 4.00pm.

Kettle is always on, so please come past for a cuppa and a chat sometime soon.

Chrissy Austin, Manager

Are you new to Creswick? Save the Date - 30 July!

A welcome to new residents will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday, 30 July at 3.00pm. Sponsored by the Hepburn Shire, this session gives valuable information from local Agencies (HSC, CFA, SES and VicPol). This is an opportunity to meet locals from the many Social Interest Groups who share their passion for all things Creswick. It is a great introduction to the Creswick Community.

Afternoon Tea is available at 3.00pm so please register, for catering purposes, by popping into the Shire Hub/Library, in Albert Street, via email railwayworkshops@gmail.com or SMS to 0407 622 463.

If there are any other Community Groups which would like to send a representative along to this gathering, please advise U3A Secretary Bill Morrison via email at u3a3363@gmail.com or mobile 0459 981 066.

CRESWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

No meetings in June or July.
Next meeting Thursday, 25 August.



INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM AT THEIR ANNUAL LEARNING DAY

Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve Function Room,
Lindsay Park Drive, Saturday 30th July 2022

\$50pp includes morning tea, Lunch and afternoon tea. There will be plant sales, raffle and lucky seat prizes.

Registration from 9am for a 10am start.

Guest Speakers on the day include:

Jane Tonkin- from Tonkins bulbs & perennials.

Merryle Johnson- Seedscape&Country Farm Perennials.

To book call Jenny on 0408 735 068 or
email secretary Maria at creswickgardenclub@gmail.com

WEBSITE: creswickgardenclub.com



CRESWICK BRASS BAND Would You Like to Play?

Have you always wanted to learn how to play a brass instrument? Are you not sure who could help you? Creswick Brass Band is always looking to support new learners and welcome them into the band. We offer group lessons to new members of any age or experience and encourage new players to join our welcoming band. We are family orientated and have many family groups making up our numbers.

You may have seen, or heard, some of our members around the community attending local schools to demonstrate some of the instruments we play. If you would like to know more about starting lessons with us, email creswickbrassband@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook. **Check out the poster on page 16.**

Meredith

VICTORIA STREET CRAFT GROUP Winners and Jumble Sale

The winners of the Mother's Day Raffle were: 1st Lauren Robotham; 2nd Kelly O'Neil; 3rd Wilma Pitchat. Many thanks to all who supported this fund raising event.

Please note that the Group is holding a **Jumble Sale** on Saturday, 18 June, 8.00am – 1.00pm, at the Creswick RSL Hall.



CRESWICK LIONS CLUB

We Serve

Following the 5 January storm event and flooding, Creswick Lions Club received a large number of unsolicited donations from neighbouring district clubs and across the state. An application to Australian Lions Foundation was successful, providing a total pool of over \$90,000 to help those affected by the storm. A committee was formed with leaders from neighbouring clubs to ensure that assistance was fair and managed appropriately. To date over \$75,000 has been distributed.

As well as providing financial assistance, the club together with neighbouring club volunteers, carried out working bees to help clear and dispose of rubbish. All the work has been carried out by people who wish to give back to the community and has been done without fear or favour. This co-operative enterprise has been an amazing effort from a small club with only eleven active members and fits within the Lions International motto of **We Serve**.

Most people would be aware of the Lions Club as it raises funds through barbecues and other functions, however as a small club with ageing members it is looking for new members to be able to carry on the great service that Creswick Lions has given the community for nearly fifty years. The reward for being a Lion is the satisfaction gathered from helping others.

The Lions Club is for people who are interested in giving and is not for those who may see an opportunity for self-promotion. Members work closely together in a relaxed and casual environment. If you are interested in getting a closer look at what is done, please contact Membership Chairperson Maria Marco on 0410 499 007 or email creswick@lions201v1-4.org.au if you would like further details.

Barbara Urry
Secretary, 0423 536 794



BALD HILLS – CRESWICK LANDCARE GROUP

AGM and free sausage sizzle - 5.00pm Sunday, 26 June
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre,
Victoria Street, Creswick

Please come along to hear about Landcare groups in the region, discover what the local group has to offer, connect and share ideas. RSVP by 20 June to baldhillscreswicklandcare@gmail.com or phone Bruce on 0428 457 363.

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We have our wonderful Michael who organises the storage area and deliveries, but we need someone to help him.

This is a paid role which would entail:

1 - 2 days work per fortnight (these would vary depending upon requirements of patients);

Assisting to move and set up equipment (training would be provided);

Being fit, able to move the equipment and travel in a 4 tonne truck to Melbourne and other areas as needed;

Basic mechanical knowledge would be a plus.

The amount of work would vary as it depends upon requirements. If you would like to apply please send application and resume to - jeremyshannonsbridge@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY BANK TURNS FIFTEEN

Community Bank Creswick & District celebrated its 15th birthday on Wednesday, 25 May.

Chair Marcus Walsh, said the locally-owned and operated branch had grown from strength to strength since it was established in 2007.

'Thanks to community support, and the hard work of our branch staff, we have been able to build the business steadily over the past fifteen years,' Marcus said. *'We plan to continue to share this success with our community through future community contributions and shareholder dividends'.*

Since opening its doors, Community Bank Creswick & District has grown to boast nearly \$220 million in banking business and has returned over \$1.3 million back into the Community.

Marcus said residents, traders and community organisations had all learned the benefits of banking locally. *'As our profitability grows, so too does our ability to channel our profits into much-needed community infrastructure and services,'* he said. *'Our branch was set up by the community, for the community, so we are always looking for ways we can help strengthen our community'.*

See photo on page 6



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Postponement of AGM

For a range of reasons an Executive decision was made to hold the AGM later in the year. Please accept apologies for any inconvenience and keep an eye out for the revised date in the next issue of the *CDN* and on Facebook.

'Sentinels of Service – Volunteers of the Kingston Avenue of Honour' Second Edition, Peter Rickard's book, can be purchased at the Commercial @ Kingston, the Creswick Newsagency, and the Creswick Post Office for \$45 or for \$45 plus postage online at - kingstonavenueofhonour.org.au. The Friends thank these businesses for their continued support.

Kingston Friends would like to acknowledge Alma Dimond's passing. Alma was part of the Avenue Family and sincere sympathy is extended to Ross, Glenda and families.

Condolences also to Frances Fiddian and family on Geoffrey's death. Geoff was a painstaking researcher and spent tireless hours researching the history of the Avenue of Honour.

Julie Baulch
on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue, Inc.

Music in the Community

Winter brings lots of opportunities to make and to hear music in Creswick. Following their successful appearances at *CresFest*, both the *Creswick Kids Choir* and the *Creswick Chorus* (for adults), are continuing. They are now hosted by *Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Inc (CNC)*. Stella Savy, the extraordinarily talented Ballarat choir leader, takes both groups on a Wednesday evening. The *Kids Choir* is working towards a performance in Ballarat at dawn on Saturday, 9 July when they join the *Skywhales* event - *Every Heart Sings*. Prepare to rug up and watch this astonishing open air art show, where the choir will be part of a 100 strong children's choir. Register on the Ballarat Art gallery site to be sure of getting all updates. Both choirs can still take new members - call the CNC on 5345 2356 to enquire.

FOLKY FRIDAYS AT LEAVER'S - *CresFest* presents three nights to relive the fun of the festival on the first Friday of each month, August to October. At each event, locals can pre-register for open mic spots AND you can book in for dinner. Plus there will be a headline and support act. Call Neil 0400 653 589 to register for Open Mic and Chantel to book in for dinner 0428 694 258. Each night commences at 7.00pm with the Open Mic spots. Check notices for performers.

CRESFEST 2023 - Yes, it will be back! Hold the dates March 31 to April 2 for the second *CresFest*. Artist expressions of interest will be opening late June and August for volunteers. To be sure of getting all updates, join the email list at cresfest.com.au and friend us on Facebook.

Judy Turner

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Community Bank Turns Fifteen



Oscar, Natalie and John celebrating the special occasion

Senior Cits



*Joan Hepworth and Pat Sherry
Photo courtesy Nora Stubbs*



Mother's Day Celebration

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Creswick Capers



Charlie and Riley, Victoria House Captains

St Augustine's 150th Celebrations 17-18 September, 2022

Plans for this historic occasion are well underway. Stories of the history of the church, its people and its place in the wider community have been rediscovered including the



Members of the organising committee whose families have had long connections with the parish. Photo: Courtesy Neil Doolan

impact made by the early Irish settlers, and later the Dutch migrants, on the parish and the community of Creswick.

If any readers have any old photographs, stories, memorabilia or anything which you believe may be of interest, please contact David Preston on david@gdptransport.com.au, phone 0419 134 562 or Neil Doolan at ndoolan1@bigpond.com.au.

A highlight of the weekend will be a Celebratory Dinner to be held on Saturday evening 17 September at the Doug Lindsay Reserve at 7.00pm. The night will be a great opportunity to catch up with family and friends. Tickets are \$40 per person. To book your tickets now, please contact Brian Rowe on 5345 6403 or 0418 840 292.

STRUCTURE PLAN

Thank you to everyone who provided input and feedback on their vision for Creswick as part of the development of the draft Creswick Structure Plan. This initial round of consultation has now closed, but there will be plenty of other opportunities to have your say. The next step is to present the community's values and priorities for the town to Council and to use this information to inform the draft Creswick Structure Plan. To find out more visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/structure-plans>.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Our engagement website, Participate Hepburn, is being updated regularly with opportunities for you to have your say. One example is our draft Sustainable Hepburn Strategy, which will open for feedback in June. Keep an eye on Participate Hepburn to find out how you can get involved and be heard. Visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>.

STORM RECOVERY EVENING

Council will host a free event for residents to get together for a social catch-up and bite to eat. Psychologist Dr Rob Gordon will be at the event to talk about the practical and emotional recovery from the storm event. Register via www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/storm-and-flood-recovery or call the Storm Recovery Team on (03) 4373 7373. The event will be held from 6pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday 22 June at Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve in Creswick.

CALEMBEEN PARK WORKS

Works are progressing at Calembeen Park, with the path nearing completion. In parallel with the path and public amenity upgrade, new picnic furniture has been installed adjacent to the BBQ, and beside the toddler pool. A further path will be installed to link the main path with one of the picnic tables and the BBQ to improve accessibility. Three bench seats will be installed along the main path. With the area around the path now re-opened to the public, work is now focused on the public amenity block upgrades. When completed there will be three unisex accessible change facilities with a toilet and shower in each. This work is expected to be completed by September.

HAMMON PARK UPDATE

Works to construct the trailhead at Hammon Park are well underway. Using over 2,000 tonnes of locally sourced and recycled crushed rock, contractors have formed the base of the dirt jumps course, one of the highlights of the trailhead's infrastructure. Progress will continue over the coming months with completion expected in November. Council has accepted a tender to implement a new public toilet and amenities block at Hammon Park. The works will deliver three ambulant toilet cubicles, one accessible cubicle with shower and an accessible changing place. The toilet will be implemented in parallel to construction works at the trailhead.

CRESWICK TRAILS

The Creswick Trails network received its formal planning permit in January 2022, following extensive investigation into the site values and design work. Council and land managers are finalising preconstruction permissions. We plan to commence a tender process shortly. For more information visit www.creswicktrails.com.

2022/23 BUDGET

Council will consider the 2022/23 Draft Budget for adoption at the June Council Meeting at 5.30pm on Tuesday 28 June. The meeting will be livestreamed via our Facebook page. Find out more about the planned investment across the Shire and read the budget and budget summary at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/>.

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June 2, 1922

Correspondence – To the Editor – Sir,- Permit me space in your columns to advise the gentleman who paid me a visit on Monday night, not to come back again and try to open my front window, as I have notified the police. I also warn the same individual that for the future my gun and cartridges will be handier than they were on Monday night last. – Yours, etc., James Sanderson. Red Gully, Creswick. 31/5/22.

June 6, 1922

The local Repatriation Committee for the Creswick Shire and Borough advertise that an area of land at Ullina, formerly portion of the Smeaton Racecourse and Ullina Park, is available for application by returned soldiers holding qualification certificates. Application should be made to Mr. Chas. J. Joy, land officer, Ballarat, on or before Friday next. There is also an area of 170 acres available on the Mount Mitchell Estate.

June 9, 1922

Residents of the town and district are reminded of the great public welcome to be tendered to Commissioner Richards, the new Territorial leader of the Salvation Army, which take place in the Creswick town hall this (Friday) evening. Other prominent Army officers will assist the Commissioner. It is hoped that the hall will be crowded.

June 12, 1922

Returned soldiers or dependants of returned soldiers willing to act in the position of postmaster or postmistress at Springmount are requested to at once notify Mr. W. J. Bowley, secretary of the Local Repatriation Committee.

June 16, 1922

The "battle of the sites" was fought again at the annual meeting of the Smeaton, Spring Hill and Bullarook

Agricultural Society on Wednesday. The committee had recommended that the site at the rear of the Kingston Railway station be purchased for show purposes, and this recommendation was adopted by 26 votes to 20. Cr. Arthur R. Stewart, the president of the Creswick Shire Council, was elected to the presidential position in the society.

June 20, 1922

WAKE UP! CRESWICKIANS! You want Football. The Creswick District Football Club wants your SYMPATHY & SUPPORT.

A meeting of Citizens, Players, etc., will be held in the Fire Station at 8 o'clock on Wednesday (tomorrow) Evening, when the matter of how best to place the Club on a sound footing will be discussed. Everybody who can – BE THERE. T. P. Cushing, Secretary.

June 23, 1922

The first instalment of machinery for the Creswick Brick, Tile and Potteries Ltd. has been landed here, which will be very satisfactory to local residents. Included in the machinery are such important parts as the pug mill and the tile press.

June 27, 1922

Mr. William Jory announces that it is his intention to carry on the old established business of his late father, Mr. Simon Jory, monumental mason, of North Creswick.

June 30, 1922

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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL KINGSTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society has been busy at the Showgrounds! In the past few weeks Ballarat Trekkers and Grampians Carriage Riding Club have enjoyed the facilities.

Thanks to the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions who completed stock proofing the yards for sheep and other animals ready for the December Show. The Department also funded the rebuilding of the loading ramp, now better orientated, correct height and with safety barriers.

Thanks to Community Bank Creswick & District, the Society was able to purchase a display fridge, a pie warmer and extra seating. The facilities are now in great shape to host more events such as an upcoming birthday party.

The Annual General Meeting is set for Sunday, 24 July 2022 at 3.00pm. Afternoon tea provided! All welcome.

The Society continues to make improvements to the grounds and are planning for a fabulous, family-friendly 2022 Show. Expect Saturday, 11 December to be a family fun day and Sunday, 12 December to focus on the renowned horse show with other attractions.

The Society also completed work on three projects which consumed 100 hours of effort. The Society really could use some assistance and every contribution counts, so if you'd like to help in any way, please get in touch. There are many ways you could assist.

For more information, or to volunteer, become a member or book the facilities please contact the Secretary or email to www.kingstonagsociety.org.au.

John Rowland, Secretary, 0419 527 734




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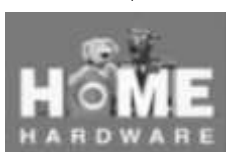
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ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL NEWS

The last month has been delightful, everyone enjoyed a Mother's Day Liturgy and the year 6s were able to experience leadership days. On the sporting side of things, there was the next stage of Cross Country and some kids enjoyed a day at Llanberris on 23 May. A Grandparent's Day was also held.

The Mother's Day Liturgy celebrated the gift of our mothers. The students' gift to their mothers was a sugar cookie and students also made cards for their mums. Mums also had the opportunity to walk around their child's/children's classes during lesson time. Grandparent's Day was a fun day where grandparents came in to play games with the children and then enjoyed some morning tea together.

On Wednesday, 18 May, year 6s from St Mary's Clarks Hill; St Michael's Daylesford; St Patrick's Gordon; St Brendan's Dunnstown; St Brigid's Ballan and St Augustine's, met up in Ballarat to go to Major League Sports. This event was to help get to know each other and make connections for secondary school by playing some fun games. At the next meeting, school leaders from the three Catholic secondary schools will come to St Augustine's and teach the importance of being a good leader.

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CRESWICK CAPERS Sporting Bonanza

Over the past months there has been lots of sporting action happening at Creswick Primary School! This included competing in the Goldfields District and Division levels of Cross Country; commencing after-school netball involvement for both grades 3/4 and 5/6 sections in Ballarat, with huge numbers of girls and boys wanting to participate; the Sporting Schools participation in basketball with coaches and players from the Ballarat Miners (which we have waited two years for due to COVID); and the Annual Athletics Day in Ballarat.

The School Athletics Day is always such a great community day, with family and friends assisting to run events as well as supporting the children in their endeavours to do their personal bests. All the students wore House colours, providing a sea of red, yellow, blue and green across the venue. Competition was fierce as each House was within a range of five points all throughout the day. The last event settled the winning House for the day, with Victoria House (blue) being victorious by one point.

It was a huge credit to all students in how they approached the day, delivered their prowess and supported each other. Sport really brings people together and creates **team** bonds which are such an important attribute for our world. This was very evident on the day. Congratulations to everyone for making the House Athletics, and all the other sporting ventures participated in, so successful and enabling students to develop an active and healthy life-style.

Vicki Hughes
Classroom Teacher

See photo on page 6



Mt Blowhard PS Showing School Values

On ANZAC Day the School Captains and Vice Captains attended the Creswick RSL Commemorative Service. These leaders completed a reading, laid a wreath and paid their respects to those who sacrificed so much. As always the **MBPS** students were amazing ambassadors for the school and themselves. It was lovely to see other students from across the school also take the opportunity to attend the service. Later in the week the school leaders conducted a fitting whole school ANZAC Day commemorative assembly.

On Athletics Day, while the day was interspersed with drizzle, in true **MBPS** spirit, everyone soldiered on making the most of the situation and supporting each other. Some feedback that was received:

'As grandparents we were lucky enough to be present yesterday at the athletic sports ... we felt the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Kindness were reinforced'.

Recently the children in years 3 - 6 competed at the annual cross country event. As always there was plenty of encouragement, support and everyone rising to the challenge of giving their personal best.

A number of **MBPS** students successfully competed at the State Championships in Shepparton. A great effort by all involved!

MBPS recently celebrated a delightful afternoon tea with mums and significant others in the community. Once again thank you Parents and Friends for the power of work completed behind the scenes.

Robert Walsh
Acting Principal

See photos on page 6



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A huge, big thank you to Frances for her help in pruning the roses. Well done and very much appreciated. Thanks also to the Community Bank Creswick & District for their grant of \$2,000 which has allowed row markers to be made for the Church of England section. The aim is to eventually get row markers for all the sections through grants and donations. If there is anyone who would like to help with this project please contact the Secretary on 0412 382 267.

If you have an hour or two to spare through the week and would like to help out with small jobs at the cemetery the small band of workers would love to hear from you. All help is most appreciated and helps to maintain our beautifully kept cemetery.

Wendy Ohlsen,
Secretary

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Northerly News A Busy month

The school has gained some sense of normality with most students and staff returning from illnesses during May. The school community has been wonderful with their patience and flexibility over this time.

May has been a busy month and the school is lucky to have such a wide variety of engaging activities catering for all interests and ages. Such events that were experienced are:

- excursion to Ken Kay stadium for Pickleball, Badminton and Curling;
- a visit to Sovereign Hill;
- District Athletics day at Llanberris;
- NAPLAN testing for the Year 3s and 5s;
- GRIP Student Leadership conference for our Year 5/6s at Fed Uni;
- starting our Sporting Schools AFL sessions;
- a visit from a breakdancing crew to teach us some cool moves;
- a visit from Museums Victoria for the F-2 about Dinosaurs. Students from Newlyn PS and Mt Blowhard PS also joined us for this great activity.

During the Federal election the Multi-Purpose Room was used as a voting venue. With a large number of voters, the school ran a successful sausage sizzle. Lots of people bought their Democracy Sausage! There were many comments from these people on how great the school looks and how lucky it is to have so many wonderful facilities available for the students.

The new After-School Program run by OSH Club has begun with great success. This operates every weekday between 3.30pm – 6.00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The students attending love the wide variety of fun activities that are held each day.

If you would like a school tour to experience the fantastic facilities, please call us on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Vic St Craft Group Jumble Sale,
18 June, 8.00am – 1.00pm,
Creswick RSL.

The Friends of Park Lake Art Show
Friday, 24 - Sunday, 26 June

Kingston Agricultural Society AGM, Sunday, 24 July

Friends of Park Lake Christ-mas in July Bonfire
Friday, 22 July, 5.00pm.

New Residents' Meeting, RSL 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 7.00pm
Bookings Brian Rowe 0418 840 292 or 5345 6403

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

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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
All Welcome
130 Albert Street Creswick
(The pretty pink church on the hill)
Contact Rev. Rosemary Carter
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
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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 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
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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
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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
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week. Tuesdays 8.00am –
9.30am info. Eliz Rhook,
Hepburn Health Service 5345
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In fact you might have already met Mr Midnight at the Halloween Lantern Parade where, on a suitably dark and stormy night, the bestselling kid's horror story author concocted some scary stories with the help of Creswick's kids.

But Mr Midnight has written well over 200 scary books all by himself. And soon, the scariest of them all is going to be made into a global television series. So watch out!

However, Mr Midnight also has a not so scary side. When the sun comes up he turns into mild-mannered poet and writer James Aitchison. In fact you can read his poem *Creswick Twilight* here.

James's interest in Creswick's history extends into his plans for a book documenting the areas old abandoned railways. If you think you can help James in his search for old tracks and obscure facts, please contact him at jimbooks@hotmail.com.

And be careful when next you're walking down the streets of Creswick as day is turning into night. Will you bump into James Aitchison ... or Mr Midnight?

Andrew Bell

Creswick Twilight

*Evening brings light that is poignant and magic,
And only the mullock commemorates mines;
Mellow the lights in the old town of Creswick,
Mellow are mem'ries of that other time.*

*The gold has been taken; miners sleep in its place,
In weary old soil somehow so hallowed.
And here in the gloaming, let there be grace
For the souls of those men broken and bowed.*

James Aitchison



Mr Midnight making up scary stories with Creswick's kids



Mr Midnight has written over 200 children's horror books

