



## BALLROOM DANCING GROUP Thanks to Teachers

Introducing the amazing ballroom dancing teachers, Elizabeth and Andrew - a very talented duo who generously donate their time and knowledge to teach ballroom dancing to those of us who are eager to learn in our later years. They are experienced ballroom dancers who have the patience of angels! A trophy was presented to them by an appreciative dancer, Alvin, on behalf of the beginners dancing group, in recognition of their teaching skills, generosity, friendliness and dedication to maintaining the lessons.

If you are interested in learning ballroom dancing, want to learn or improve a past skill, please contact Creswick U3A or the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

*Ardyn Decker*



*Andrew and Elizabeth*

## Creswick Hospital Fundraising Update Target Getting Closer

Thank you to the incredible group of volunteers from the *Creswick Railway Workshops Assoc Inc* (CRWA) for donating \$5,000 to the Creswick Health Upgrade Appeal.

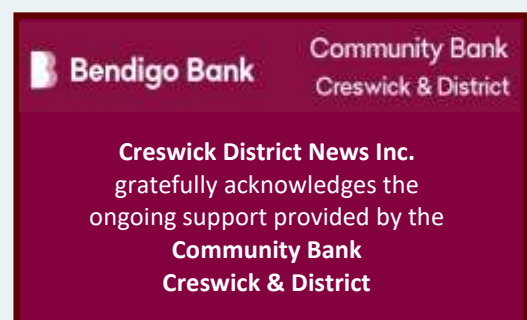
The donation becomes a whopping \$10,000 due to the Community Bank Creswick & District's matched giving for the first \$30,000 donated by the community.

*Creswick Railway Workshops Association* is not really about railways. The group involves itself with many aspects of community, including *Recycle Central*, a truly community op shop. Despite COVID and Town Hall renovations, volunteers who run the shop have done a sterling job over

many years. Locals will know Margie and Sandy, who raised the idea that it would be good to support our local hospital appeal.

Every donation to the Creswick Health Upgrade Appeal helps to improve the health and wellbeing of our community. Donation and fundraising enquiries from individuals, community groups and businesses are always welcome. Please contact Kathryn Kosloff, Fundraising Manager, on 5321 6555 or via [giving@chrh.org.au](mailto:giving@chrh.org.au).

*Kathryn Kosloff, Fundraising Manager*



## 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 Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner

The Creswick Civic Honour Roll Dinner was held at the Doug Lindsay Reserve Club Rooms in May. Three more plaques will now be added to the Honour Board which is located at the front of the Creswick Information Centre. Another successful evening was held during which the Reverend Charles Robinson, Gilbert Taylor and Maxwell Ainley were announced as this year's inductees. During the event the guest speaker, Dr Alan Gregory, gave an interesting talk on former local MP and Premier, Sir Alexander Peacock.

Nominations are now open for next year. If anyone knows of a worthy person, who has contributed to the Creswick Community over their lifetime, the Historical Society would welcome a submission. In order for a nomination to be accepted, they should have lived in the Creswick district for a good many years and must be deceased. The information required needs to be detailed, with family information as well as the achievements and contributions made and will need to be verified by Historical Society members who work on the citations.

Submissions should be received by September 2023. Nomination forms can be obtained from Marj Poole on 5345 2065 or Jack Van Beveren on 5345 2658.

*Marj Poole*



## Anderson's Mill Heritage Weekend

Visitors had a wonderful time at *The National Trust Anderson's Mill Heritage Weekend*. Thank you to everyone for their support. The event, which includes *Mills on the Air*, is recognised as a part of the *UK Mills Weekend* and is an amazing showcase for our community and Hepburn Shire.

*Cheryl and Alan*



## Creswick Cemetery News

The three roads on the western side of the cemetery leading up to grave sites, have been re-done and those on the eastern side will hopefully be fixed in the spring. It will be very nice not having to close off the roadways over winter time.

Big thanks to the volunteers who help out at the cemetery. It is very much appreciated and helps to keep the grounds looking nice and welcoming to visitors.

*Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary*

## creswick Rainfall

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

|              | 2021         | 2022           | 2023         |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|              | mm           | mm             | mm           |
| January      | 134.5        | 163.0          | 9.5          |
| February     | 13.0         | 1.0            | 28.8         |
| March        | 79.5         | 49.0           | 45.0         |
| April        | 20.0         | 65.5           | 116.0        |
| May          | 79.0         | 39.3           | 70.0         |
| June         | 99.9         | 104.5          |              |
| July         | 106.5        | 51.0           |              |
| August       | 66.5         | 156.0          |              |
| September    | 70.5         | 82.0           |              |
| October      | 91.0         | 214.1          |              |
| November     | 66.8         | 129.1          |              |
| December     | 26.3         | 40.2           |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>853.5</b> | <b>1,094.7</b> | <b>269.3</b> |



## Youthrive Victoria

### Supporting young people and the community

Youthrive Victoria, located in the Old Post Office in Creswick, supports young rural Victorians and their communities.

Community Bank Creswick & District has recently partnered with Youthrive Victoria to provide one university scholarship (\$10,000 per year for three years) and two *Rural Chances* vocational scholarships (up to \$5,000) along with wrap-around-care which includes transition and career mentoring, leadership development and membership of a 500 strong alumni network. Scholarships for rural students can be life changing. There are many barriers that young people face when moving away from home to study or train. This is where scholarships with the wrap-around care provided by Youthrive can make a very real difference.

*'I am so grateful for this scholarship. It has helped me so much financially, mentally and I am beyond grateful to be part of a program with so much support from great people', Zoe, Vocational Scholar.*

Youthrive's purpose is to strengthen rural and regional communities by supporting, empowering, and developing young people to become leaders through capacity building, mentoring and leadership opportunities.

Youthrive CEO, Maryann Brown, said, *'We are thrilled to partner with Community Bank Creswick & District, in providing scholarships for 2024. All applicants will be invited to participate in leadership development and mentoring activities. Young rural Victorians who are finishing school this year are welcome to apply for a Youthrive Victoria scholarship. We look forward to receiving applications from people who live in the Creswick district (including Clunes, Smeaton, Newlyn, Blampied, Learmonth and surrounds).'*

University scholarship applications open on 19 June, 2023 and close on 25 August, 2023. *Rural Chances* vocational scholarships open on 4 September, 2023 and close on 4 November, 2023.

More information about Youthrive Victoria's scholarships and how to apply is available at:  
<https://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/>.

If you would like to donate to the Youthrive Victoria scholarship fund you are welcome to contact CEO, Dr Maryann Brown at the Old Post Office or by calling 03 6281 8303. You can also find information on  
<http://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/donate/>.

## CRESFEST PRESENTS

### Three Concert Series For The In Between Times

Not content with presenting a three-day festival in April, the *CresFest* committee is bringing live music to town in three different concert series.

**Folkie Fridays** are coming to Creswick's funkiest venue, Odessa at Leaver's Hotel, on the first Friday of each month for a folk club atmosphere, where great acoustic acts, warming meals and a wonderful vibe is guaranteed.

7 July - *Saoirse* - one of Melbourne's top Irish ensembles.

4 August - Tony Leonard and Jenny Rowlands - Hawaii comes to Creswick.

2 September - Amie Brulee brings Leonard Cohen to Creswick.

**Creswick Goes Classical**, when some of the region's best classical players get together at local venues - Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, RACV Goldfields Resort, Creswick Woollen Mills and more - to share their passion for the acoustic music of the past - from baroque and beyond.

29 July - Hepburn Players - going for baroque at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

26 August - Castlemaine String Quartet - plus high tea at RACV Goldfields Resort.

15 October - *Klemantyne Ensemble* - get warm and woolly at the Mills.

**Music at Mungo Park** - who doesn't love a house concert? In the secluded surrounds of a Newlyn property sits the Great Hall of the People, giving new meaning to the word intimate.

13 August - *WoodsonFinley* - traditional Irish music from America - tremendous young pipe and fiddle duo from Portland, Maine.

12 November - *Evan and Mischa* - incredible musicianship on flutes, whistles and more, as seen by a select few at *CresFest 23* - unmissable.

Concerts are presented with generous support from Regional Arts Victoria. Join the mailing list for further announcements at [cresfest.com.au](https://cresfest.com.au).

Enquiries [info@cresfest.com.au](mailto:info@cresfest.com.au)

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Judy Turner

## Are You Interested?

**Are you interested in how *Creswick District News* is produced? How articles are sourced, edited and then compiled into a printable format? Do you have some time to volunteer on a regular monthly basis? Are you interested in helping secure the future survival of *Creswick District News* as a community resource?**

**If so, and you have some computer skills, please contact CDN at [cdn@cbl.com.au](mailto:cdn@cbl.com.au).**

**CDN Team**





## Launch of New Artwork

Local artist, Georgia MacGuire, recently attended the launch of a new piece of public art at the Queen Victoria Women's Centre, 210 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Georgia is part of the art collective *Ngardang Girri Kalat Mimini*, which created the sculpture *Creative Resilience*. It stands 4.6 metres tall and depicts a First Nations woman's arm holding a woven basket, a powerful pose celebrating and commemorating First Nations women artists and craftspeople.

Find out more about the artwork and hear from the *Ngardang Girri Kalat Mimini* collective by visiting:

<https://www.qvwc.org.au/creative-resilience>

*Georgia MacGuire and Creative Resilience*

## University Of Melbourne School Of Forestry And Ecosystem Science University Gym New Members Welcome

The gym at the University Creswick campus is available for use by members of the community. It is well equipped and membership costs \$120 for twelve weeks. For this, members receive an entry card and can go as many times as they wish.

For anyone not wishing to go along on their own and who would like to exercise while socialising, a group of men attend on Thursdays at approximately 4.00pm and Saturdays at 10.00am, for about an hour each time. Ladies go on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm and again on Saturdays at 9.00am. Members are welcome to join either group.

Contact the reception staff at the University in Water Street on 5321 4300 or go online to apply for membership.

*Marj Poole*



John Curtin Aged Care is fortunate to have a very dynamic Lifestyle Coordinator in Danielle, who works tirelessly to find interesting activities for residents. The *Facebook* page enables extended families and friends to see residents enjoying life and socialising with their peers and staff. Residents' privacy is always respected with regard to publishing photos online. A small group of men attend the Men's Shed, while another group attends the Senior Citizens on a Friday.

The Community Engagement Committee has been working with Danielle to establish another group, *The JCAC Literary Discussion Group*, which will have a broader membership base. It will combine books, films and discussions, hopefully commencing in June. John Curtin continuously looks for opportunities to engage with different groups of residents.

*Susan Craven, JCAC President*



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## Build It ... and They Will Come?

While in the process of trying to find a suitable indoor facility to introduce pickle ball to Creswick, it occurred to me that the lack of any multipurpose indoor sports/recreation facility is a glaring deficiency for the Creswick people. Clunes has one and Daylesford's large complex is also part of the school (limiting day time access for the general community). These facilities offer basketball, netball, volleyball, squash, martial arts and fitness programs.

I understand that previous attempts to address this lack of amenity for the Creswick community have halted, particularly after government funds went to Ballarat. Now, before the process commences again, a committee formed and funding sought, I would like input from Creswickians about their views of the need and benefit for such an indoor facility.

I envisage that such a facility would offer a variety of sports and services including: basketball, netball, futsal, volleyball, badminton, pickle ball, table tennis, squash, fitness and exercise classes along with pre-school sports and dance sessions. There may also be provision for some hobby activity based rooms as well as an open area for art shows.

The actual services that would be provided would be subject to demand and further analysis. Some of these services are currently offered through the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre and Creswick U3A. As I see it, the land is available at the Doug Lindsay Reserve next to the bowls club. I would really appreciate the community's input about making a concerted effort to get Creswick a multi-purpose indoor recreation centre.

Please email your thoughts to [CresStadium@gmail.com](mailto:CresStadium@gmail.com).

*Peter Bruenjes*

### Home Skies

He said  
I get why you live here  
It's so dark, so quiet  
I slept like a log

I smiled  
You missed the sunrise  
Like fire in the morning  
A horizon bursting with gold

That night  
We sat out on the porch  
Watching deep crimson sunset fade black  
Unearthly silence, beneath infinite stars

*Julie Moran*



## WINTER SOLSTICE COMMUNITY BONFIRE

**Friday, 23 June**

Join Friends of Park Lake for an enchanted evening as druids, pixies, elves, fairies and other mystical woodland creatures emerge from the twilight to gather around the Winter Solstice Bonfire at Park Lake.

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes, including a special category for Steampunk interpretations. The Creswick Drum Circle will be performing and will also bring extra percussion instruments for anyone who wants to join in. Creswick Scouts will be providing a FREE sausage sizzle while the Creswick CFA will be there as usual to keep everyone safe.

Kick off will be at 5.00pm with the lighting of the bonfire. See you there. Any questions? Please text them to 0490 930 854.

*Andrew Bell, Secretary, Friends of Park Lake*

## Senior Cits News Upcoming Birthday and AGM

As usual, the Social Day was a warm, happy occasion with many good old songs and chatter after a hearty hot meal. Do come along and enjoy the next Social Day on 30 June, when a cake will be cut to celebrate the club's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ricky Lee will entertain after a yummy hot meal.

It's that time of year again, so the Annual General Meeting will be held on 28 July combined with a Social Day.

The loss of one of our most valued members, Pat Sherry, has saddened us all. Come rain, hail or shine, Pat would turn up in her *mobile* and join in the activities. Condolences to her family.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

*June Gray 5334 6526*



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## CRESWICK CAPERS Action Packed Term

What an action-packed start to second term creating many, many opportunities for students! A new acting Principal, Ben Gallagher, was welcomed. Ben has come from Caledonian Primary School and had previously been teaching at Melton and Meredith schools.

The annual House Athletics were held in Ballarat at the Llanberris Reserve track, where all the students came together to compete in the many events that they had previously practised. Whilst many things can be controlled the weather is not one. Horrendous conditions were endured on the day with rain, sweeping winds then patches of sunshine breaking through. Yet the smiles and the enthusiasm from everyone never waned. Staff were soaked through at times, students sought shelter constantly but families and friends continued their support. This again demonstrated the *community spirit* that is part of Creswick Primary School. The high jump needed to be postponed until the next day so the overall results were held over, with Drummond finally being announced as the victorious House for 2023.

There was a lovely Mother's Day morning in the classrooms, where the mums, grandmothers and special friends worked with the children on a variety of tasks, before being honoured with a morning tea.

The student leadership team attended a conference at Federation University called Generosity Responsibility Integrity People (*GRIP*), where they learned the qualities of a good leader, interacted with students from other schools in similar positions and were given the opportunities to role play strategies discussed on how an effective team operates. This event followed the schools involvement in



*Hardy participants at Llanberris*

the Creswick ANZAC Ceremony and March. Student leaders laid a wreath at the Creswick Cenotaph to commemorate the service of the men and women who fought or made the ultimate sacrifice for the country.

After-school netball has commenced with Creswick again combining with Creswick North PS to compete weekly in Ballarat. There was also the Division Cross Country Championships where one student qualified for the Regional level of competition to be held in Warrnambool.

Although this is only a nine-week term, there is still plenty of teaching and learning to go, along with a variety of extra-curricula activities including: a grade 3 camp at Log Cabin Lodge; a grades 5/6 camp and two-day experience at Sovereign Hill; a Sporting School's development session in hockey; Goldfield Athletics and Life Education sessions.

*Vicki Hughes, Classroom Teacher*



## Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc. Great Grant News

The Hon Natalie Suleyman MP, State Minister for Veterans recently informed Kingston, Friends of the Avenue that they had secured a \$46,509.00 grant under the *Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grant Program*. This is to complete essential work in the Avenue. Hepburn Shire Council assisted in the preparation of the application so the Friends thank them for their input.

Most of the grant goes towards the urgent, high and some of the moderate priority tree works identified in the *Tree Management Plan (TMP)*, with \$4,024 set aside for replacing twenty-seven plaques and installing fifteen plaque mounts. Hepburn Shire Council will oversee the tree work.

The *TMP*, prepared by *Homewood Consultancy* and commissioned by Kingston, Friends of the Avenue in 2022, has identified fifteen trees that need to be replaced over the next three and a half years. The grant allows work to

commence on the eleven identified as most urgent. The life expectancy of an elm is 120 years and The Avenue trees are now 105 years old. Every attempt will be made to contact families associated with the trees that are to be removed, and where possible, involve them in the replanting. Soil testing assessments can now also be carried out.

On 31 May, members of the Ballarat South Probus Club came to lunch at the Commercial at Kingston to experience the *Kingston Remembers* Resource Centre and to learn about the Avenue. People who hadn't travelled through the Avenue before spoke of its overwhelming beauty. One person said, '*thank goodness for the overcast weather. It has made the autumn leaves glow*'.

*Julie Baulch*

*on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue, Inc.*  
*kingstonfoa@gmail.com*





## FUTURE HEPBURN

Future Hepburn, Council's project to develop a range of plans and strategies in 2023 and 2024 to guide the future of townships in our Shire, is well underway. These plans and strategies include Township Structure Plans, Urban Design Frameworks, Neighbourhood Character Assessments, Integrated Transport Strategy, Agriculture Land Study and Rural Settlement Strategy. They will protect and enhance the natural and built environment to improve liveability in our Shire. Throughout this process we will be seeking input from the community. There will be many opportunities to have your say throughout these projects. Keep an eye on our Facebook page, website and Participate Hepburn engagement platform for more information - <http://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn>.



## CRESWICK TOWN HALL



The Creswick Town Hall upgrade project was completed in mid-June with scaffolding being removed unveiling the varied and amazing skills which have gone into this conservation project.

The caretaker's cottage, projector box and a chimney were the last items to be finished off. The clock faces and mechanism have been cleaned, painted and serviced, and are back in use.

The paint, flagpole, roofing elements, glazing replacement, joinery work, clock tower access ladder, cast iron cresting remediation and chimney works all look incredible and have secured the building for future generations.

This project has been funded thanks to the Victorian Government, the Australian Government and Council.

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## CRESWICK MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE AND GOLD OFFICE

The condition upgrade is complete with scaffold removed, new gutters and downpipes, roof and flashing repairs, path and stormwater remediation all complete. Now there will be a period of settlement to commence before further works are completed in the coming years. This project was funded by Council.



## CREEK CLEANING

We have been working with our Community Recovery Committee, established in response to the January and October 2022 storms, on a community-led approach to recovery and future planning. We are progressing with important works such as the creek clean-up in Creswick. This important group is made up of 10 appointed community representatives along with Cr Tim Drylie, Cr Don Henderson and Council officers. We sincerely thank committee members for their continued contribution.



*Image: Committee members, staff and the contractor inspecting the clean-up works.*



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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## Introducing Dr Elizabeth Boulton

### *Is Creswick the way to Destination Safe Earth?*

Both life-experience and scholarly research have led Dr Elizabeth Boulton to believe that community is the key to surviving a global disaster.

Liz was born in Melbourne but moved with her family to Ballarat in 1987 where she and her siblings (two brothers and a sister) attended Ballarat High School. Keen on rowing, her mum once suggested she consider joining the Navy, which somehow seemed linked! She did join the Navy, but whilst undertaking Officer Cadet training at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), she learnt more about the Army, decided it was a better fit for her and transferred. Being keen on bushwalking and rock-climbing and prone to sea sickness, might have had something to do with this!

Liz served with the Australian Army from 1990 to 2005. She was with the first contingent to East Timor in 1999 and also served in Iraq. Achieving the rank of Major, Liz's time in the Army gave her a good grounding in leadership skills and logistic strategy and planning.

In 2004 she read a book about climate change. Further research told her that nothing was being planned about preparing the world for a climate emergency. As she puts it: 'No one was joining the dots'. After leaving the Army, Liz completed a Master of Climate Policy at the University of Melbourne then worked at the Bureau of Meteorology.

Dr Boulton's interest in Creswick began at Ballarat High School while studying Australian History. Her history teacher, Jimmy Stewart, suggested she do her main assignment on historical oral transcriptions which described interactions between European and Chinese miners during the gold rush. Liz concluded that the Creswick goldfields had little incidence of serious problems between the two groups, in part due to a number of key community leaders who kept calm amongst the local populace. This early realisation laid the foundations for Liz's later thinking about how to tackle a possible existential threat in the future. This may also be the reason Liz decided to settle in Creswick in 2017. It was her safe place when personal issues got too much and she needed a refuge.

Liz subsequently completed a PhD at the Australian National University. Her research developed the idea that, considered together, global warming and general environmental degradation constitute a new type of threat



which she calls a hyperthreat, needing a new strategy. Dr Boulton applies military analytical and planning tools to consider how to contain this hyperthreat. She proposes a solution, Plan E, a climate/eco-centred security strategy with a civilian-led Hyper-Response Force. It takes a layered approach to mobilisation (which is different from militarisation) focusing on action at local levels.

Liz spent many hours working towards her PhD and walking around our lakes, thinking and healing. The local community, the RSL and St Andrew's Uniting Church in particular, were great

supports, and cemented in her mind that a strong local community was not only important to an individual's emotional health, but was also vital to any plan for combatting the effects of a global emergency.

Dr Boulton's research has been acknowledged internationally. In the USA, the US Marine Corps published her Plan E, while in the UK, she is a research affiliate at the Climate (in)Security Project involving Oxford University and the British Army. Until recently, she believes the Australian Defence sector had not come to grips with her sophisticated thinking. This changed, however, in April this year when she ran a war-gaming activity at the Australian National University which explored a severe heatwave crisis in South East Asia. The Australian Army supported and participated in this activity.

She has had numerous articles published in academic publications and has provided reports and submissions to a number of government reviews and inquiries. Dr Boulton is also happy to speak to community groups and organisations. In March, she was invited as the key-note speaker at Hepburn Shire's International Women's Day event.

Her ideas are certainly big picture, requiring big picture planning and solutions, but Liz will be the first to tell you that action at a local level, a bottom-up approach, is key to these solutions. She has now decided to move back to Melbourne to be closer to family, but it is gratifying to think that her time in Creswick, in the arms of what we know to be a kind, supportive community, may have led her to Plan E, a way to reach Destination Safe Earth.

Expanded information, should anyone be interested, is available on her website [www.destinationsearthe.com](http://www.destinationsearthe.com).

*Maria Taylor*



### June 1, 1923

The long heralded production "Peck's Bad Boys" with lovable little Jackie Coogan as the Star, will be the feature shown at the Creswick Pictures on Saturday night. The popularity enjoyed by this splendid picture of boyhood days, with this six year old screen favorite, has seldom, if ever, been equalled by any other production shown here.

### June 5, 1923

The official opening of the works at North Creswick of the Creswick Brick, Tile and Potteries Limited took place yesterday afternoon, and, despite the inclemency of the weather, passed off successfully, there being a good attendance. Mrs. M. T. Batkin (Wife of the managing director) started the machinery, and Mrs. S. Fiddian (wife of one of the directors) laid the commemoration stone.

### June 8, 1923

Smeaton Coursing Club – First meeting for season, Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Puppy Stakes – 8 at £1/1/- each. Winner £5. Runner up, £2/12/-

All Aged Stakes – 8 at 30/ each. Winner £7. Runner up, £3/16/-.

First 8 entries received taken in each stake. If stakes not filled, prizes paid pro rata. Nominations close with Secretary, 6 p.m. 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

Draw same night. Dog owners must be members of Club. Fee 5/-.

F. Redman, President, Fred Tolstrup, Hon. Sec.

### June 12, 1923

Mention was made in our issue of Tuesday last to the important invention patented by Mr. D. M. Grant, of Victoria street, Creswick, for the cooling of cream, the use of which greatly enhances the value of butter fat. It was pointed out that Mr. David Fisher, of Union Hill, Creswick had tried the cream cooler with most beneficial results.

### June 15, 1923

Agricultural Society – the annual meeting of subscribers to

the Smeaton, Spring Hill and Bullarook Agricultural Society was held at the Shire Hall, Kingston, last Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance and Mr. A. R. Stewart (President) occupied the chair. Prior to the annual meeting, the retiring committee met, and transacted some business.

### June 19, 1923

Dean – Recently a party of lady friends gathered at the residence of Mrs. Beasley to do honor to her mother, Mrs. Preston (formerly of Kingston) on attaining the ripe old age of 90 years. She received many congratulations on being so hale and hearty and in full possession of her faculties.

### June 22, 1923

A meeting of the members of the Creswick Tobacco Growers' Syndicate will be held in the town hall next Monday evening, at 9 o'clock. Mr. G. E Marks, assistant tobacco expert, will give an address

### June 26, 1923

Preliminary Notice – Town Hall, Creswick. Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1923.

Grand vocal and instrumental concert in aid of Soldiers' Memorial Window of St. John's Church of England. Admission- 2/- and 1/-.

L.S.L. Renouf, Hon. Sec.

### June 29, 1923

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# Biggest Morning Tea at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

## A Huge Success

Over sixty people attended one of two Biggest Morning Teas that were held in Creswick to raise funds for the Cancer Council's 30<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser.

On 30 May, local resident Heather Ingram, with the support of Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, organised a spectacular event in the centre's hall. Before being treated to a sumptuous morning tea, raffles, silent auctions and games, Heather introduced those gathered to special guests Dr Claire Hepper and Jeremy McKnight from Shannon's Bridge.

Jeremy spoke of his personal experience when his daughter Shannon was diagnosed with cancer. While she was able to die at home, he became aware of the gaps in services that are so important to enable people to fulfil their wishes of being cared for at home. Shannon's Bridge connects patients and families with services to help with home-based care at end of life. Shannon's Bridge is based in Creswick and would love to hear from people who might be interested in volunteering. (For more information contact Jeremy or Claire at [shannonsbridge@gmail.com](mailto:shannonsbridge@gmail.com).)

Heather said she could not have been happier with the day. *'We've raised in excess of \$2,100 and I'm still counting! I particularly want to thank Creswick Neighbourhood Centre for its generosity in providing the*



Jeremy, Heather and Claire

*hall. The support from the community has been fantastic: the morning tea, the flowers, the prizes for the silent auction and the financial donations. I've been overwhelmed by the level of generosity. I also couldn't have run the morning tea without my band of lovely helpers who cooked, set up, served, washed dishes and cleaned up. My sincere thanks to you all.'*

It won't be a surprise to learn that Heather is already planning for next year's Biggest Morning Tea!

Fiona Watson



## St Augustine's News

### Mother's Day

May was a very busy month for St Augustine's. A big welcome to the new acting principal, Mrs Paulka, who will be here until the end of Term 2.

Mother's Day was celebrated with a liturgy and morning tea for the mothers. Children made cards for their mums and each mum received a Mother's Day cookie.

School sports day should have been on 5 May but the weather was terrible, so it was postponed and will now take place in Term 4 when the weather is better.

Year 6 had a visit from *YouThrive* who presented the *Dream Seeds* program. Students participated in leadership activities that were a lot of fun and learnt a lot about themselves at the same time. The core themes of aspiration, resilience and connection underpin the workshop which aims to show young people that they have the capacity to be the leaders of their own lives, whatever their background. We thank the Community Bank Creswick & District whose funding enabled students to be a part of the program.



Students during Dream Seeds Program

On Friday, 19 May, over half of the students from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to the Inter School Sports day at Llanberris Reserve. There was a lot of competition and everyone did their best.

*Editorial Team:*  
Christian and Edward



# Creswick Theatre Company

## Calling All Artists and Community Members

Do you have a favourite object in your life that holds a special place in your heart? We want to hear your story! Creswick Theatre Company is excited to invite artists and community members to be a part of *Ordinary Objects, Extraordinary Stories*, a unique event that celebrates the ordinary, but memorable objects in our lives.

Share the story behind a cherished object and have it recorded and featured in our *Words in Winter* event at Creswick Courthouse Theatre over the weekend of the 25 - 27 August. Whether it's a worn-out teddy bear, a treasured piece of jewellery, a tattered book or a garden fork, every object has a story to tell.

Local residents welcome local artists to join us in interpreting these objects through their preferred medium. Let your creativity soar as you paint, sculpt, create music, or write a poem inspired by the stories shared. Your contribution will become part of the weekend exhibition and the live event on 26 August.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow community members, celebrate shared experiences, and showcase the diversity of artistic talent in the district.

To express interest or learn more about this exciting project, please email us at [creswicktheatrecompany@gmail.com](mailto:creswicktheatrecompany@gmail.com) or call Tim on 0490 436 264 for more information. Creswick Theatre Company looks forward to hearing from you and creating an extraordinary event together, no matter whether you are eight or eighty.



## CRESWICK HUB

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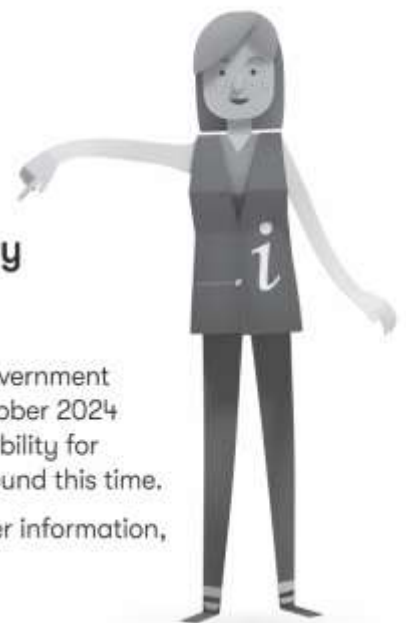
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Authorised by D. Fleming, Acting Electoral Commissioner, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

# Creswick Visitor Information Centre



*Volunteers Aileen, Ev and Lorraine*

Last month the Creswick Visitor Information Centre (CVIC) had more than 600 visitors.

The CVIC is staffed six days a week, 10.00am to 4.00pm, including weekends and public holidays. It is currently closed on Wednesdays. Volunteers work in pairs for three hour shifts. Some have been doing this for a very long time and some dedicated volunteers work two or more shifts per month.

The most common queries from visitors are to do with walks, bike tracks, prospecting and mining history. Often, people come in who are looking to connect with family members who once lived here. Then there are the practicalities like where to camp or park caravans and what accommodation is available locally. The CVIC volunteers provide local and regional maps, and can tell visitors what's on today and where. Then there are

the random questions like 'Why does Creswick have so many dogs?' and 'Where can we eat?'. When answering the latter question, strict impartiality is Information Centre policy.

During the year, volunteers visit newly established or previously little known attractions in order to keep up with what could be of interest to visitors. This ensures that volunteers provide accurate and up-to-date information. A recent visit was to the new *Research Centre* for the Kingston Avenue of Honour which showcases a wonderful display of WWI memorabilia. This display is located just off the bar at the Commercial Hotel, Kingston.

New volunteers are always welcome so if you are interested do come in, meet those volunteers on duty and pick up an application form. Application forms can also be found on the Hepburn Shire Council website. New volunteers are initially paired with more experienced people until they feel confident. This is a great way to meet new people, both fellow volunteers and visitors, and to learn more about our beautiful town and surrounding regions.

*Rhonda Cotsell, Volunteer*

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# CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

**Winter Solstice Community Bonfire at Park Lake.** Friday 23 June. Enquiries: please text Andrew on 0490 930 854

**Creswick Garden Club Learning Day,** Saturday, 29 July, \$50 per head. Contact Jenny 0408 735 068 to book.

**Anglicare Emergency Food Relief** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 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 Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria St.

**Anglican Parish of Springmount**  
St John's Church, Napier Street, Creswick.  
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.  
Short contemplative Eucharist: 10.00am most Tuesdays.  
Contact: Fr Chris Keast  
0402 820 544

**Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.**  
Meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and open to anyone who is interested.  
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Contact the secretary Margaret Giles on  
[info@creswick.net](mailto:info@creswick.net)

**Catholic Parish Creswick**  
St Augustine's Church  
Mass Sunday 9.00am  
**except 1<sup>st</sup> weekend month**  
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm  
Contact: Fr Justin Driscoll  
0448 220 685

**Creswick Cemetery** -  
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**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** -  
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[info@creswicku3a.com](mailto:info@creswicku3a.com)  
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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** -  
Meeting fourth Thursday every month 7.30pm.  
Bob Orr 5345 2165

**Creswick Lions Club**  
second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall  
Membership Chairperson Maria

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**Creswick Market** - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356  
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**Creswick Probus Club** - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am.  
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**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**  
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**Creswick Ward meeting** - second Monday every month.  
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**Cr Tim Drylie**  
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**CRWA** - Members Meeting - First Sunday every month 1.00pm after Working Bee. Railway Workshops Precinct  
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**Friends of Park Lake**  
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**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.

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At the end of last term, students visited St George's Lake to participate in the *Parks Victoria Forest Ranger Program*. Activities included a nature treasure hunt around the lake and a minibeast discovery session which was really interesting and informative.

The Junior School Council ran an Easter-themed dress-up day and had an Easter-egg treasure hunt. The money raised from this day went towards the Royal Melbourne Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Student leaders did an amazing job at the Creswick ANZAC Day service. Some families also participated in the March as well. School leaders, Luca and Chelsea, read the poem *The Brown Slouch Hat* beautifully, whilst Nash and Hollie laid the wreath on behalf of the school.

At the start of Term 2, Harold the Giraffe visited for the Life Ed program. The lessons focused on friendship, connection, respect and safety. These are all valuable areas of learning and it's always a highlight to see Harold! Athletics Day at Llanberris was a lovely sunny day and the students had a great time competing in track and field and tabloid events against other small schools. It was great to see students try their best in their events and many did very well.

The *Dream Seeds* group came to visit the senior students to talk about transition to year 7. There were great activities for the students during the workshop and lots of questions about being prepared for secondary school were answered.

Some students were selected to play in the combined Wathaurung AFL boys and girls teams recently at Marty Busch Reserve in Sebastopol. They enjoyed meeting students from other schools and showing off their AFL skills. Other students represented the Wathaurung District in netball at Selkirk Stadium. As part of the new *Sporting Schools* program, members of the Creswick Bowls Club were invited to visit and showed students the finer skills of lawn bowls.

A casual dress day raised money to send to Exford Primary School whose students and families would be having a very difficult time following the recent bus crash.

Many students gathered at Flemo's Milk Bar to participate in the *National Walk Safely to School Day*. It was a cold, invigorating morning, but it was fun to walk to school all together.

If anyone would like a tour to see this fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012. The After-School program at Creswick North PS is run by OSHClub and offers a variety of fun activities each day between 3.30pm -6.00pm.

*Matthew Reyntjes,*  
*Principal*

*Editors note: apologies for not printing last month's Northerly News.*



*Ezra, Nash B and Nash C representing Wathaurung District*



*Luca and Kaylee representing Wathaurung District*



*School leaders Luca and Chelsea*