



## Diamonds in the Dust Local Women Celebrate Central Victoria

On Friday, 16 February, the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch sponsored fifteen local women to attend a convivial and inspiring evening at the Quoin Hill Winery at Waubra to celebrate all that is great about living and working in central Victoria.

Accompanied by Community Bank® Director Janine Booth, the ladies enjoyed delicious food and heard guest speakers Alexandra Gartmann, Managing Director of Rural Bank and Maria Smith, CEO and Founder of Bounce Australia, talk about how you can chase your dreams while living in a rural community and live your very best life! The evening, hosted jointly by Rural Bank and Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch was enjoyed by all who attended.

*Louise Jennings, Customer Relationship Officer,  
Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch*



*Janine Booth (first on left) with other local Diamonds in the Dust who attended the dinner*

## St Augustine's Parish Primary School



This year St Augustine's has twenty-four Foundation students joining our community and all have settled into their new routines with a minimum of fuss. The school welcomes new staff: Emma Paterson teaching Year 3/4 class and Estelle McLean teaching Year 2/3 class. It looks like we are going to have a very exciting and productive year and I look forward to sharing the journey with you all, so until next time enjoy all you do. Congratulations to all the 2018 school leaders.

*Terry Brennan, Principal*



*St Augustine's School Captains:  
Angus Barrett and Mia Wallis*



*St Augustine's SRC members Yr 1 – Yr 6*

## 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.

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## Are you new to town?

Please consider yourself invited to the first Welcome to New Residents for 2018.

**Saturday 24 March from 10.00am for 10.30am start at The Creswick Hub**

Learn about the town and what is available, meet some locals, taste some local delights and spend 45 – 60 minutes that will give you valuable information and connections to Creswick.

Made possible with Hepburn Shire Council (HSC) sponsorship and by these community groups; Creswick Railway Workshops Assoc. Inc. (CRWA), Creswick and District Residents Assoc. Inc. (CADRA) and the University of the Third Age (U3A).

5<sup>th</sup> Annual



## Creswick Cup Trivia Challenge

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## creswick Rainfall

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

	2017	2018
	mm	mm
January	34	30
February	37	6.5
March	44.4	
April	106.5	
May	39.5	
June	12.5	
July	72.7	
August	59.3	
September	51.5	
October	64	
November	55.1	
December :	58.5 mm	

## Clarification

### Children's Safety

The article, *Out of the Blue* provided by the Police Pro-active Unit, which appeared in the February issue of the *Creswick District News* resulted in a response from a reader who pointed out that there could be misleading information in the article.

The main message of the article which is emphasised again is —

**Children should never be left inside an unattended vehicle.**

Thank you to the reader who brought this to the attention of the CDN Team.



## RSL Jeff McMillan Golf Day

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jeff McMillan Memorial Golf Day was held on Sunday, 4 March.

The winner on the day was Rob Spiers, very fitting as he was the main organiser. Second was Tim Kelly, third Brian Anstey and winner of the non-handicap was Matt LaFranchi.

The raffle winners were first, Eddie Koene, second Ian Flynn, third Lynne Koene, fourth Robert Wilkinson, fifth Joan Neil.

Thanks to all our sponsors, particularly Blakes Building Services, RACV Goldfields Resort and Drummond Golf.

## IS YOUR GARDEN DRYING OUT?

**Here is why! Only 6.5mm rain last month and no rain so far in March.**

## St. Augustine's Parish

### Easter Mass Times

#### Holy Thursday 29 March

St. Peter's Daylesford Mass 6.30pm

#### Good Friday 30 March

St. Augustine's Creswick : Stations of the Cross 11.00am

St. Peter's Daylesford : The Passion 3.00pm

#### Easter Saturday 31 March

St. Peter's Daylesford : Easter Vigil 7.00pm

#### Easter Sunday 1 April

St. Augustine's Creswick : Mass 8.45am

## Bouquets

**Congratulations** go to Blampied farmers, **Doug and Carolyn May**. Their property *Captains Creek Organic Wines* was a Finalist in the Weekly Times Farmer of the Year Awards in the Innovative Farmer of the Year Section. **Well done.**

**Benjamin and his sister Emma Kile** started their primary education at St. Augustine's in Creswick. Professor Benjamin Kile has recently appeared in the media for his outstanding research work at the Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute in unlocking the secrets of human cells. Professor Kile was awarded the Prime Minister's Young Scientist of the Year Award a number of years ago. **Congratulations!**

**Marie Clark** (nee Fletcher) attended St. Augustine's School, Creswick along with her sister Anne, both of whom have since excelled as Medical Scientists. Marie, now living and teaching in Maffra, has recently returned from an all-female scientists' research expedition to Antarctica. She was one of eighty female scientists on board the *MV Ushuaia*. **Well Done.**



### Anderson's Mill Festival 25 March, 2018

Anderson's Mill at Smeaton is one of Victoria's outstanding monuments to our pioneering

past. The property consists of a five-story bluestone building, an 8.5 metre diameter waterwheel, a tall brick chimney and a variety of outbuildings including a bluestone office, stables, granary, blacksmith's shop and a family residence.

The historic five story bluestone mill in Smeaton, will again be the venue for the 2018 Anderson's Mill Festival a showcase for local produce, boutique wines, gourmet and traditional food, many craft stalls and demonstrations from around the time of the Mill like hand wood-work, blacksmithing and steam engines.

Musical entertainment begins at 10.30am with *The Drowsy Maggies* opening proceedings. Playing their original harmony-filled songs and fiddle tunes, these girls are an exciting Australian folk band. Midday will see *The Ballarat High School Band* join us again. Finishing the afternoon will be *John McNamara* and his eight-piece Band. John is an Award Winning Soul and Blues Artist whose recent album received rave reviews overseas.

Stalls offering quality goods of wood turning, blacksmithing, cricket bat making, wooden spoon making, spinning and weaving, sheep shearing and working horse displays will also feature.

An improvement in recent years, and voted the most popular in last year's Festival survey, is the children's area. The entertainment provided is brilliant and captivating with no technology in sight, just basic country fun including construction with timber, biscuit icing and colouring, face painting and much more. Then there are the farm animals, rope maze and Easter craft.

Further Information can be found on the following links - [www.facebook.com/Andersons-Mill-Festival](http://www.facebook.com/Andersons-Mill-Festival) or [www.andersonsmillfest.org.au](http://www.andersonsmillfest.org.au) [See Poster on page 8]



## Creswick Lions Club Community Involvement

As a community organisation, the Lions Club was again pleased to be involved with the organising and running of the Creswick Australia Day Breakfast that served approximately 350 local residents and visitors. Mayor, Cr John Cottrell welcomed everyone. The Australia Day address was presented by Member for Ripon, Louise Staley, and Catherine King, Federal Member for Ballarat, introduced local achievers from 2017. The organising group would welcome suggestions for the 2019 event.

Lions is working with *Pavilion Arts* to foster the birth of a Whole of Community Event through a brainstorming meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 26 March at the RSL Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please come along and share your ideas.

During 2018 Creswick Lions Club will continue to raise funds to distribute throughout the community by way of Wood Raffles (June and August), Pub Trivia at the Farmers Arms Hotel (4 July), a dinner and 'Cent Auction' (September or October) and a Christmas Raffle (December). Lions will continue their presence at the Creswick Community Market with the Sausage Sizzle.

Creswick Lions will be continuing to support Shannon's Bridge (now a Lions Victoria 2-1 District Project) and Keely's Cause (a project of Ballan Lions that has provided five children with learning disabilities in Creswick with an iPad each to support their learning). We ask that the wider public also support these worthy local causes.

The Club continues to be on the lookout for new members. Interested members of the public (all ages) are invited to a meeting, on the second Monday of the month, and find out what Lions is all about. Due to the long weekend the next meeting will be on 19 March, 7.00pm at the RSL Hall.

*Pat Tacey, Secretary Creswick Lions Club*  
[tacey55@gmail.com](mailto:tacey55@gmail.com)

**EASTER GREETINGS  
TO OUR READERS  
from the CDN Team**



## RECYCLE CENTRAL OP SHOP, Caretakers Cottage, Water Street, Creswick

Op Shops offer many things. So often a visit is serendipitous with just the thing you are looking for and

you discover it by chance! Many visitors to *Recycle Central* are long term Op Shoppers, some say that they have been Op Shoppers all their lives.

Op Shops came into their own in the 1970s, no longer viewed as second rate but rather as places of interest and intrigue. For people on low incomes, Op Shopping is a way of getting items they need at a reasonable price. For others, it is a way of living, of being mindful of resources and being economically prudent. The notion of finding something special is what drives many. It might be a silk scarf from the far reaches of India, a piece of early Australian pottery, a designer label at a great price or a vintage hat or piece of jewellery. The potential is almost limitless. Another notion is that of giving something a new beginning, no longer confined to the garbage it can be re-housed and begin a new lease on life. Certainly that applies to many older items of furniture that are spruced-up to be upcycled and desirable.

The other attribute of Op Shops is the capacity to raise funds for community purposes. Groups, such as the Creswick Railway Workshops Association Inc. (CRWA), use *Recycle Central* to fund the Creswick Railway Workshops project of restoring the heritage railway station and goods shed as a community space. So there is a tangible way to support local initiatives and many people have done that over the past seven years.

The CRWA was established in September 2010 with the notion of an Op Shop as a key part of the business plan for sustainability. The Op Shop was well supported when it opened in May 2011 and shortly after, was

registered with the Department of Justice as an official fund raiser for the CRWA. Registration brings requirements for annual financial reporting and re-registration every three years.

Notwithstanding the quest for a bargain, the capacity of Op Shops to be a welcoming place where information is shared and experiences traded, is also very relevant. There are many positive outcomes when people form connections with others. It is also a great way to let visitors know about the district and what local attractions and events exist. These outlets give the community the capacity to recycle, thereby reducing landfill and costs, another community benefit.

Op Shops are good for the township, as many visitors like to go from one to another, just as people frequent the many cafes in town. Extra volunteers are often needed as there is always a lot to do. The CRWA would like to thank all those volunteers who have helped to build *Recycle Central* into a great Op Shop and for all the support and patronage it has received over the past six years.

*Judy Henderson*



### THE SALVOS Volunteers Wanted

Following the fire at the Salvation Army premises at 92 Albert extensive renovations have been carried out. The Op Shop has now been designated a Thrift Shop as opposed to a Salvation Army Store. That means every transaction at the shop contributes to the wellbeing of people whose needs are great - meals and homelessness will be the local focus of the money raised.

The Salvation Army is accessible to all with no criteria except for needing 'help'. The intention is to expand operations to five days a week and this is reliant on recruiting more volunteers. Training for volunteers is provided and is practical *Hands On* training.

The Manager of the Thrift Shop is Helen and her telephone number is 0429 448 470. Helen will welcome those interested in finding out more to ring her or call into the shop, and inquire about becoming a volunteer. At the same time, be stunned by the range of items on offer. Hours of operation of the Thrift Shop will fluctuate until sufficient volunteers are recruited.

The generosity of the people of Creswick and district in donating goods is greatly appreciated by the Creswick Thrift Shop.

### COTTAGE MART

Sixteen or so stallholders combine to present their unique collections of imaginative, artistic, practical items from stunning clothing, trinkets, artworks and more, utilising new, re-cycled, up-cycled and crafted handiworks.

Albert Street, Creswick  
adjacent to the CFA precinct

# Lisa Weightman – Marathon Runner

## Preparing for the Gold Coast Games and the Importance of Family



Lisa Weightman at Australia Day breakfast in Creswick.  
Photo by Peter McArthur

For Lisa Weightman, the idea that being a marathon runner is a lonely existence could not be further from the truth. With the support of her extended family in both Creswick and Melbourne, Lisa has excelled in the sport of marathon running and will represent Australia at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games next month.

Since participating in her first marathon in London in 2008, Lisa has continued to succeed. She was chosen to represent Australia at the London Olympics in 2012 finishing 17<sup>th</sup>, and has participated in marathons all around the world, including the Rio Olympics in 2016. Last year Lisa came fifth at the London Marathon and prior to that won a bronze medal at the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games. She is now ranked the third Australian of all time behind Benita Willis and Lisa Ondieki.

This will be Lisa's second Commonwealth Games marathon. In 2014 she was pregnant with her son Pete and gave up her spot in the Glasgow team for 'our own little medal'. 'Having Pete has been an amazing blessing and getting the opportunity to be a mum and then earn a spot in the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in April is a dream come true.'

Together with little Peter and her husband Lachlan, Lisa spent a large part of the summer break in Creswick running

160km plus per week. 'We are fortunate to have lovely friends in Ballarat who helped us on the bike and drive supplies to us so we could complete our long and tough runs along the trails and picturesque roads (Sandy, Bob, David and Sarah thank you!).'

Lisa's in-laws, Vicki and Peter McArthur of Creswick, share their passion for gardening with little grandson Pete. While Lachlan and Lisa run together, they nurture and build the garden, stopping for morning and afternoon tea breaks. Lisa appreciates that Vicki and Peter have built quite an amazing garden: '...a perfect place for a little active toddler to explore and create adventures for years to come'.

In preparation for the upcoming Games, Lisa also spent some time with family in Nagambie where her grandparents lived for most of their lives. 'We are very lucky to have the opportunity to spend time in the country training and experiencing the beautiful landscape Victoria has to offer.'

As a mum, a full-time business consultant and Program Manager at IBM, Lisa attributes her ability to manage so many commitments to her family's support. 'We live in Melbourne only a few streets away from my sister, nephew, mum and dad and they love taking care of Pete while we train and work too. We manage to get everything done each week because across the Weightman and McArthur families we always take care of each other and we always find ways to put each other's needs before our own.'

And what are Lisa's favourite things about Creswick?

'It would have to be a line ball between the 'Ziggy Burgers' - Vicki's homemade burgers are to die for after a gruelling training session - and the opportunity to run out the front door and into the forest for a lovely run together. Running along with rabbits and kangaroos by your side is pretty special!'

We wish Lisa every success at the Gold Coast next month.

Maria Taylor



Peter with kangaroos at Smokeytown Road, Creswick.  
Photo by Lisa Weightman

# FOUR SEASONS FINE MUSIC FESTIVAL

## Summer Season Opening

The Four Seasons Fine Music Festival opened with its high Summer series continuing the 2017 standard. Lutenist Rosemary Hodgson and tenor Robert MacFarlane, demonstrated great skill, with instrument and voice, in a charming program of folk songs from as far back as the thirteenth century. Both have performed in many countries.

Sunday afternoon saw *Trillo*, a group of six young musicians from the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, entertain with voice and instruments, more pieces from the same era. Each performer introduced his/her instrument and spoke of its history - recorder, baroque violin, viola da gamba, harpsichord, lute and drums - so many drums from different areas of the world. The harpsichord was made in Australia, a modern instrument in age, but still making the familiar sound of far older instruments. Interestingly, not a minor key was heard on either day.

On both days, audience members were invited to inspect the instruments after the concert and talk to the performers. Not to be overlooked was the catering by the ladies of St. John's, delicious temptations at afternoon and evening concerts. A great start to the 2018 Festival.



## Creswick & District Historical Society

### President Retires

The next meeting of the Creswick & District Historical Society will be held on Thursday, 23 March at 2.00pm in the Seniors' Club rooms.



With the retirement from the Chair of Jack Van Beveren, the members have their thinking caps on as to a replacement. Thanks go to Jack for his enthusiastic leadership over the past few years. The Society has grown in stature under his leadership and we wish him good health in his retirement from office.

Don't forget the Honour Roll Dinner, coming up in May - always a great night and an introduction to those people who made a significant contribution to Creswick in their lifetime.

Hon. Sec. 5345 1310

# Creswick Theatre Company presents

## *The Sum of Us*



Megan Riedl, Director  
Photo courtesy Steve Demeye

The Creswick Theatre Company is proud to present *The Sum of Us*, a hit Off-Broadway and later a film starring Russell Crowe and Jack Thompson. *The Sum of Us*, by Australian writer David Stevens, explores the volatile yet loving relationship between an aging widower and his gay son.

In their first production for 2018, Creswick Theatre Company delivers belly laughs with the sitcom-esque antics of Jeff and his dad as they prepare for first dates with new love interests. However, nothing goes to plan and the final heartbreaking scene is guaranteed to bring a tear to the eye.

Ballarat-based playwright, producer and director Megan Riedl, joins Creswick Theatre Company to direct *The Sum of Us*. Ms Riedl's most recent production was historical drama *Hollow*, which she wrote and directed for the 150th Anniversary of the Three Lost Children in Daylesford.

The cast of four is made up of actors from Ballarat, Melbourne, Bendigo and Maldon. Harry is played by Jeffrey Bryant Jones and Jacob Honeychurch plays his son Jeff. Christine Holmes and Alistair Trapnell play the respective love interests.

*The Sum of Us* runs from **Thursday 5 April to Saturday 14 April** at The Old Courthouse Theatre, Creswick. Theatre style seating. Drinks available at bar prices before the show and at interval. Doors open 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Please be aware this show contains strong language and graphic sexual references.

Tickets are \$20 and are available online at: [www.creswicktheatre.com.au](http://www.creswicktheatre.com.au) or phone Kate on 0458 516 275.

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# THE ART OF LIVING

By Craig Barrett



I love a good farm shed.

For the past thirty years I have been drawing them, photographing them, painting them, even making bronze sculptures of them. I am not talking about the ugly prefab steel sheds popping up everywhere now. I mean the thoughtfully slow built sheds from the past. The type when no two looked the same. The type of shed a farmer thought about his needs and his resources ... how much hay to cover ... how many sheep to shear ... I have red gum or ironbark or box or corrugated iron, maybe some stone or spare bricks.

For me, each of these old sheds is a work of art, a sculpture of necessity. We see them everywhere – often now in a sad state of decline. Many years ago, through drawings and photographs, I documented the slow leaning and eventual collapse of a lovely hay shed near Myrtleford. It took nearly two years to finally fall over. It was a thing of beauty to me every time I saw it, even as a pile of rubble.

Some of the really old sheds can tell a very interesting story. About twenty-five years ago, travelling to Lake Mungo in outback NSW with another artist friend, we stopped to walk around the ruins of the old Arumpo station property. The last building of substance still standing was the shearing shed. Respectfully and gingerly walking through the shed, reading the shearers tallies chalked on the wall, I found an historic bit of graffiti. In copperplate script, written in chalk, it read – *ARUMPO IS A UNION SHED*. A powerful reminder from the 1890's shearers strike. For me that was the Eureka flag of the shearers, (and of course, the birth of the Australian Labor Party).

My favorite childhood days were spent messing around in sheds on Uncle Jack's farm near Euroa. Each shed still has its own smell and visual memory. The smell of hay, the smell of cows, the smell of diesel. Best of all was the shearing shed. That amazing smell of lanolin soaked into the boards from countless sheep. Not just the smell, the look of a shearing shed both inside and out is magnificent. On the outside they look like they have been just hammered together. On the inside however, they look like a chapel – soft light falling on well-worn timbers. A sense of pilgrimage.

Look at the sheds as you drive around, have a really good look at the lines and the play of light and shade of these wonderful rural sculptures, imagine the stories they tell.

Craig Barrett  
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## 100 years ago

*Compiled by Creswick Museum*

### March 1, 1918

Rocky Lead, War Savings Group. A War Savings Group in connection with the local school and residents of the place has been formed and a good deal of interest is being manifested therein. The school teacher (Mr. J.H. Gardiner) has undertaken the matter, and at a public meeting recently held he explained the principles of the movement.

### March 5, 1918

Mr. Robert Ellis, of the relieving staff, yesterday commenced duty as head teacher at the Creswick State School, No. 122, pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. M. J. Gleeson, who has been transferred to Cheltenham.

### March 8, 1918

By Christmas last ten sons from the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ball, of Vancouver, had been killed in action during the present war. Six years ago, Mrs. Ball, who was a widow with five sons, married her present husband, who was a widower with eleven sons. All these enlisted. This compares well even with the record of a French veteran who at once on the outbreak of war, joined for garrison duty at Lyons, while his eighteen sons served at the Front.

### March 12, 1918

The right to the publican's boot at the Creswick Easter Monday Sports was sold by auction last Saturday to Mr. E. J. Cleary of the Springmount Hotel, for £10 10s, which is an increase of 10s compared with the amount received last year.

### March 15, 1918

During the recent hot weather bush fires were frequent in the neighboring State Forests. Suspicion was aroused, and last week a resident of Barkstead, John Cowan, who was an employee of the Forestry Department, was arrested on a charge of incendiarism. The accused, who is a married man with a family of young children will be brought before the court on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. He was admitted to bail in two sureties of £100 each.

### March 19, 1918

It is officially announced that the D.C.M. has been conferred on Corporal John L. Mounsey for gallant military conduct. The recipient of this honor was born at Allendale, and is 27 years of age, being the eldest son of Mr Fletcher Mounsey, and grandson of the late Lancelot Mounsey, all of whom were associated with Allendale for many years.

### March 22, 1918

Chief Officer T. S. Marshall, of the Country Fire Brigades' Board, made in inspection of the Creswick Fire Brigade on Tuesday evening, when there was a good attendance. The Chief Officer was suitably entertained at the conclusion of the inspection, and he gave an interesting address.

### March 26, 1918

Cr. John Leishman, J.P. of Kingston, who recently completed his jubilee as a member of the Creswick Shire Council, celebrated his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Friday last, and was the recipient of many telegrams and expressions of good wishes from a large circle of friends.

### March 29, 1918

The State Schools closed for the Easter vacation yesterday. On resuming on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Mr. D. Dimsey of Trentham will take charge of the Creswick school in succession to Mr. M. J. Gleeson. Mr. Robert Ellis, who has been relieving here, will go to the Meredith School.

## FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OLDER GENERATION

As age begins to creep up on us you can find it difficult to get all the exercise you know you should have but often find it too hard, or you just haven't got the time or the will to exercise. Running or even brisk walking can play havoc with old muscles and bones, gyms are too expensive and you really don't want to expose that aged flesh. Besides, you really find it difficult to imagine yourself in gym singlets and leotards.

Fitness is just as important for an older person as for the young. It is well known that a fit person is not as susceptible to illness, that exercise helps the brain just as much as the body, and that being fit and active makes life for the older person more enjoyable.

So what is the way more mature persons can keep fit and active and at the same time enjoy the company of others in the outdoors? **Cycling, of course.**

Creswick and surrounds is a wonderful cycling area for both young and old. Sure, you won't be able to cycle like the contestants in Le Tour de France, or even keep up with younger men and women, but cycling is one of the most effective ways of increasing overall fitness and cardio health, irrespective of age. Also it doesn't matter if you can only ride a few kilometres or hundreds, cycling will get you, and keep you fit.

Creswick's own cycling club (yes, we do have one), the VOGA Cycle Club, is introducing *Seniors Cycling*, to help older folks develop and maintain a healthy, fit, and enjoyable lifestyle.

Advance notice for potential senior cyclists – a meeting will be held on Sunday 22 April, 2.00pm at the Creswick RSL in Albert Street, for those who may be interested in cycling for fun and fitness.

Local doctors have donated their time to this and will talk about the advantages of cycling for older people and perhaps even give some free advice on your own personal fitness for cycling.

Bring your bike to the meeting, not for a ride, though you can do that after the meeting if you wish, but to have it inspected by a professional bike mechanic. The friendly mechanics will give advice on maintaining and getting the best from that old bicycle you perhaps haven't ridden for years.

If anyone is interested in keeping fit by cycling come along and join the cycling fun. Details of rides around the area will be discussed, long and short, hilly or flat, roads and bush tracks; they are all in Creswick.

Have a look at the VOGA Cycle Club website, [vogacycleclub.com.au](http://vogacycleclub.com.au), or join our Club now. Membership is free. Go to the following link to fill in an application form: <https://mailchi.mp/0858d4c14aff/membershipform>

For more information contact: Ray Martin, Secretary, VOGA Cycle Club.

Phone: 0409 388 222 or Email: [vogasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:vogasecretary@gmail.com).

**You are not too old to cycle.**

## Put a Spring in Your Step

Springs Medical recently launched *Put a Spring in Your Step Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Wellness Program* resulting from funding awarded by Western Victoria Primary Health Network.

Trentham Participant, John Nugent, 79, with Chronic Lung Disease says, *'It's changed my life! 'I wanted to be able to walk the dog, which I can now do. I can walk for fifteen minutes now, when I started I could only walk for about three minutes! With balance, I was always concerned I would fall over, now that concern is completely gone. Balance is a key thing, walking and balance. My strength to get out of a chair has also greatly improved. I have an increasing sense of wellbeing which means I don't want to give it up!'*

The program offered to John by his GP, Dr Jon Barrell, is delivered in a friendly supportive group setting, and is mostly government subsidised over a twelve-week period. The focus of the program is exercise combined with education to enable healthy lifestyle change where exercise is tailored and modified during the twelve weeks of structured sessions. The exercise sessions are designed and conducted by Bree Parison, a qualified Exercise Physiologist. The education sessions are conducted by local allied health professionals including a Dietitian, Physiotherapist, Psychologist, Chronic Disease Nurse and Pharmacist.

A commitment of about three hours per week, usually over two days, is all that is required. The program is for anyone over eighteen with a chronic heart or lung condition or risk factors for heart disease, such as high blood pressure or Diabetes. *'We currently have participants ranging from their 30s to their 80s in the program'*, says Karina Crannitch, Program Coordinator.

The program is being conducted for residents across the Hepburn Shire. The program is up and running in Trentham and Daylesford and soon to commence in Creswick. Please see your GP at Creswick and Clunes Medical Centre or Springs Medical to see if you meet the criteria for the program and for referral.

More information can be found at: <http://springsmedical.com.au/put-a-spring-in-your-step.php>  
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Drivers will only be required, on average, one Friday every six weeks, between 12 noon and 4.30pm to collect Seniors Club members from around Creswick and the nearby district and deliver them back home after their Friday club meeting.

If you would be willing to assist with this community task, we would be most pleased to hear from you. Please contact Ray Martin, committee Secretary on 0409 388 222, or email: [rayandlindamartin@tpg.com.au](mailto:rayandlindamartin@tpg.com.au) if you can assist the Committee.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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**Senior Cits  
Trivia Games and Social Day**

The first Seniors' Social for the New Year was well attended and enjoyed. Thanks go to Arlene, Ted and Wilma for setting up the Trivia Games.

Please note that the next Social Day will be held on 23 March as the last Friday of the month will be Good Friday.

It was a pleasure to see Beryl A enjoying her outing with the Seniors. Beryl is a long time member now residing in care. May this New Year bring prosperity to all.

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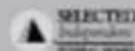


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## No Longer a Mystery

For many years visitors to Creswick Havilah Lodge's lodge room have been told that the identity of the painter responsible for the room's decorations is not known. Several theories have been advanced including that the work is that of an itinerant passing through the district, or of Conrad Ziele, a painter and decorator who was a member of the Lodge about the time the decorating was done.

Knowing that painters and decorators often left a signature mark somewhere within each of their works, searches have been made for such a mark but none has ever been found. The theory that the decorations are the work of an itinerant has never had any reliable support and that suggesting Conrad Ziele as the responsible craftsman, supported by the existence of records that show he did paint the ante rooms of the building, was undermined by the knowledge that Ziele passed away in 1894, almost certainly before the work was done.

The recent return of missing records to the Lodge has resolved the mystery. These show conclusively that the work was that of Thomas Kift, a Ballarat painter, decorator and freemason, and that it was done during February and March 1895. Kift's quotation for the works provided for the walls to be prepared by cutting out *'all blows and excrescences'*, then rubbed down to a smooth surface before being given four coats of paint, the last coat to be *'flatted'*. The side walls were each to be divided into six panels with Masonic themes to be worked into them and the end walls to correspond. The proposed treatment of doors and other woodwork is described in detail. All of the work was *'to be executed in best style and workmanship'*, and the quoted cost was £25.

The final account for the work was for the agreed £25 plus an additional £1 5s for extra work including *'Writing in Ribbon on End Wall'*.

Thomas Kift died in 1922. At the time of his death he was in partnership as a painter and decorator with his son Thomas Joseph Kift who continued in business until 10 September 1930, when he was found late at night in his office, dead from a gunshot wound in the head, in somewhat mysterious circumstances.

Other papers returned to the Lodge show that the plaster ceiling of the lodge room, long thought to have been the work of Mr Anthony Pasco, was cast, molded and fixed in place by the firm of Wardrop & Scurry of North Melbourne and Ballarat, for £53.

Bob Orr

## The Creswick Walking Group

or

### Life in a Country Town

You may have wondered what lies behind the little heading **Creswick Walking Group ... All Welcome. Rain, Hail or Shine** on the CDN back page list of Regular Events. Or you may have driven past a motley crowd, gathered under the verandah on the corner of Ballarat Road and South Street. Jaunty hats, drink bottles and excitable dogs on leads – all are raring to go at the dot of 8.30am.

The walks are completely organic – not to say anarchic! No one leads, no one in particular decides on the route for the day and the route will change depending on whether the blackberries are riper down one track or wildflowers were spotted down another.

People walk in twos and threes, catching up on news if you know each other or asking getting-to-know-you questions if you don't. As the walk progresses, people wind around obstacles – uneven ground, fallen branches, or puddles in the winter. People speed up or fall behind. You can start with one walking companion, find yourself next to another, then finish with someone completely different at the end of the hour.

Even if you yourself are not completely immersed in a discussion about the weather, the latest news or what you saw on Netflix, you can quietly walk on, catching the conversations of those behind or in front of you. One morning recently, they went like this:

*'... you dig and dig until you find a whole nest of them, just sitting there waiting for you...'*

*'What!? A nest of what?'*

*'Potatoes! Gorgeous things!!'*

then:

*'...so I turned the light on and there was a mouse in the bath!'*

*'A live one?'*

*'Yes. We're going to have to get it out ...'*

and then:

*'...we're used to people stopping to look at the old mine in front of us...'*

*'Yes – you have a sign saying no cars.'*

*'...but these people were wandering around taking photographs – naked...'*

The fresh air, the exercise, the seasonal changes, the good friends, the new and interesting faces – these are all the obvious benefits of joining the Walking Group, but for mine – it is the little snippets of life in a country town that make this an un-missable twice-weekly event.

Maria Taylor

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A new personalised *My Local* feature on the website will be introduced to help people in Western Victoria find local activities, events and offers within the community. Active April is also a great way for workplaces to boost morale around the office, and workplace teams are encouraged to apply.

Just by registering all participants receive:

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- A chance to win more great prizes like tickets to the 2019 Australian Open Tennis Finals.

Sign up today at [activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://activeapril.vic.gov.au) or follow the campaign on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Registrations are open until 30 April.

## Brackenbury MTB Challenge returns to Creswick in May

After an unexpected hiatus in 2017, the 2018 Brackenbury returns with a new date and format, but will remain the same great grass roots event that it has always been. Spread over two days, the VOGA Cycle Club is hosting a free women's-specific coaching session, the Junior Brackenbury, a cyclocross event as well as the Mountain Bike challenge across 20, 40 and 60kms that also includes a 20km Gravel Grind category.

On Saturday, 12 May, all the action will be taking place at the RACV Goldfields Resort and Sunday, 13 May, Hammon Park is the place to be. *Le Peché Gourmand* will be providing coffee and pastries, the Bowling Club will be cooking up a BBQ storm and Vic Mobile Bar Services will be providing the cold drinks.

Any other local organisation interested in providing a service (and fundraising for your club/organisation) is encouraged to email the Club at [vogapresident@gmail.com](mailto:vogapresident@gmail.com) with your ideas.

It would be wonderful to see lots of locals supporting the riders across the two days. Even better than that, we'd love to see our local riders competing. To enter, go to [www.entryzone.com.au](http://www.entryzone.com.au) and remember to use the code *VOGA20* to get a locals-only entry discount.

Be sure to check out the Club's website:

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*Chris Chatham, VOGA Club President*



## The O'Brien's from Borrisoleigh Family Tree

### Creswick Reunion. Easter Saturday 31 March 2018

The extended O'Brien family, are meeting for lunch as a private function in the *Lindsay Room* of the American Hotel – Creswick. The Reunion, will view and convey the history and story of the O'Brien family from Borrisoleigh, Northern Tipperary and its ancestral links and movement in Victoria. This will include viewing the family history display which includes the Family Tree, photos and documents and a take home Booklet. After lunch those present will then be visiting the Creswick Museum, Creswick Cemetery, Reed Street and Bald Hills.

*If you have any ancestral links or family ties you are most welcome to join us at the hotel after 5.30pm for a chat. It should be a grand day!*

Any queries or possible historical information you may have please contact Paul O'Brien on 0408 408 004 or email [paulobrien61@gmail.com](mailto:paulobrien61@gmail.com) or bring it along in the evening.



## Cemetery News

With the severe winds we have experienced lately, sadly the Creswick Cemetery has lost some of its lovely standard roses. It is intended to replace them with bush roses as soon as is practicable.

For those people who have left seats at the cemetery, they can be collected from the office on a Monday or Thursday morning from 8.30am. These sorts of items are not permitted to be left in the cemetery grounds and the Trust would appreciate if they could be collected as soon as possible as they will be disposed of at the end of March.

Don't forget if you have an hour or two to spare on a Monday or Thursday morning, come along and help with the weeding of the lovely gardens at the cemetery. Your help would be much appreciated. Morning tea will be provided.

*Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary Cemetery Trust*

## Creswick Garden Club Special Anniversary

At the March meeting the Club celebrated its 20th Anniversary. President, Phyllis Wright, welcomed all and introduced Founding member Mrs Val Lawrence who gave an insight into the history of Creswick Garden Club.

Guest of honour, David Glenn, spoke briefly to an audience of ninety-four people. A beautiful lunch, catered by Adam Crutchfield from *Creswick Catering*, was enjoyed by all. Then there was music by *Sing Australia*, a fantastic choir. Overall a wonderful day was had and the Club looks forward to growing and being part of the community for another twenty years.

Next meeting on 3 April will see guest speaker Linda Marold who will talk on backyard chook keeping. All welcome, \$2 entry includes afternoon tea, 1.15pm start.

*Phyllis and Leanne*



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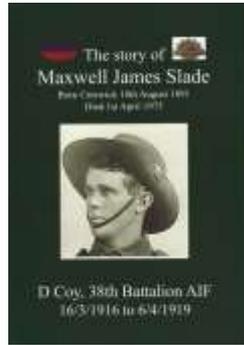
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## Kingston Friends of the Avenue

On 13 January Phil Greenbank, Alan Morris, Kevin O’Hehir, and Julie Baulch had the privilege of meeting Tony and Dianne Fleet from Mildura. They lived in Ballarat for thirty years and Dianne taught at Newlyn primary school for some time. Tony presented a book he wrote for his family to the RSL about his great uncle, Maxwell James Slade, from Springmount and his WWI service. He is commemorated in the Kingston Avenue of Honour tree East 90. If you are interested in the book please contact Alan Morris 0428 119 420.



The RSL also has a copy of Peter Rickard’s book, *Sentinels of Service - Volunteers of the Kingston Avenue of Honour*, as does the Creswick Museum, Creswick Hub, the Visitor Information Centre and local primary schools. The first edition is sold out. To order the book please prepay \$35 at the Creswick Newsagency. The book and biscuit tin can now be purchased on line from the website [kingstonavenueofhonour.org.au](http://kingstonavenueofhonour.org.au)

Regarding our display of poppies on Remembrance Day, please gather together balls of red wool or part balls, to donate for poppies. We are currently organising a central drop off point in Creswick. See the April CDN for details.

Our Anzac Day Service will be held at 9.00am at the Monument.

Julie Baulch

## Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner

The Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner will be held in the Creswick Town Hall on 25 May, 2018. Tickets are \$40 per person for a three-course meal and drinks. Tables seat eight people and you can book as many as you need for family and friends. Don't be put off if you wish to come with a partner or on your own, you will be welcomed and placed on a table. It's a great way to catch up with friends you may not have seen for many years and also to hear about some of the remarkable people who helped make Creswick such a great place to live.

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## NEWLYN PRIMARY SCHOOL - Great Start To 2018

Students at Newlyn Primary have had a fun and busy term so far. Max, Tristan and Toya have settled well into our Prep class enjoying their new friends and learning at school. Student leaders this year are Flissy, Kaylea, Harvey and Zoran who have been supporting new students by acting as buddies and have also organised a free dress day and Easter raffle to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal.

Bike safety has been a focus with students participating in Bike Education and enjoying the use of the school's bikes. In February, the EarthEd Renewable Energy Van visited the school and students investigated solar, hydro and wind-powered turbines and measured the voltage produced by these renewable forms of energy. Balloon powered cars and mini flying foxes have also been designed, built, tested and adjusted, which has been great fun.

Kaylea and Flissy performed admirably at the Sovereign and Eureka Division Swimming Sports against students from other schools in the district and senior students will finish the term at Her Majesty's Theatre watching a hilarious performance of *The 78-Story Treehouse*.

Our students are looking forward to a fun and safe holiday and an exciting term of learning!

*Anthony Tait, Principal*



*Above: Harvey at Bike Education*

*Below: Learning about renewable energy*



## NORTHERLY NEWS - Kelly Sports and Fishcare

It has been a busy February at Creswick North Primary School. Zac from Kelly Sports has been conducting a series of volleyball clinics each Friday. Students have learnt various new skills including serving, digging, setting and passing. It has been a lot of fun with students showcasing their ability during games at lunchtime.

*Fishcare* recently visited our school to teach the Grade 4/5/6 students about fishing. This included casting a line, putting on hooks/sinkers, learning about fish species and legal requirements. On the second day students went fishing at St Georges Lake where they caught two fish!

Lastly, students have recently been engaged in a number of performances at school assembly. This has included whole class songs, guitar solos, sporting achievements and presenting work completed in class. We certainly have many talented students in a range of areas here at Creswick North! Enjoy your month!

*Fishing at St Georges Lake*

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Daisy Blake with Western Bulldogs player Clay Smith

# CRESWICK CAPERS - Visit from AFL Players

As the school edges towards the half way point of term, learning and extra-curricular activities are well underway.

In February the 5/6 students were fortunate to receive a visit from some famous AFL players. Western Bulldogs players Matt Suckling, Clay Smith and Jackson Trengrove came and conducted a question and answer session with the students followed by a short clinic. The students thoroughly enjoyed listening to them talk about their experiences as AFL players.

The Junior School Council Representatives have been voted in by their classmates and were presented with their badges by the School Council President, Olivia Kohn. These students will meet regularly throughout the year to organise special fundraising days and be the students' voice in decision-making and ideas.

The popular Breakfast Club resumed on 13 February. The School is lucky to have two wonderful volunteers, Linda Mereki-Wallace and Julie Skeyhill, who ensure this program is able to go ahead. Milk, cereals and fruit are supplied by the Department of Education Breakfast Club Program. We are also fortunate to have weekly donations of bread from Charlie's Bakery as well as other donations of Milo, jam and honey from members of the school community.

## Taste Testing Fundraiser

On Tuesday 20 February, the school community and the Creswick Bowling Club got together to hold a fundraiser. Both communities organised for sixty people to attend Taste Point Beef Tasting. From this event \$1,000 was raised for the school. Thank you to the Creswick Bowling Club for hosting the event.

Melanie Stewart, Acting Principal



Marshall, Molly, Imogen and Bianka holding the \$1,000 cheque



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## Visitor Information Centres Volunteers Familiarisation Tour to Castlemaine



Recently twenty-nine volunteers from the Visitor Information Centres at Creswick, Daylesford and Trentham enjoyed an informative day trip to Castlemaine. The first visit was to the Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historical Museum. The Gallery and Museum, housed in a heritage listed building in the centre of the town, celebrated its Centenary in 2013. The collection at the Gallery of Australian Art includes works from the late 1800s by artists such as Roberts, Streeton and McCubbin while the Museum features historic displays from the Mount Alexander goldfields district.

The next visit was to the Castlemaine Information Centre and Art Gallery space. Aileen from the Castlemaine Visitor Information Centre was the tour guide to the Pennyweight Flat Cemetery, at Forest Creek as well as a visit to the Botanical Gardens and historical sites.

The volunteers enjoyed lunch at BUDA Historic Home and Garden followed by a tour of the nationally significant historic home, built in 1861, and garden, a surviving 19<sup>th</sup> century garden which features heritage and drought tolerant plants. The day concluded with a short walking tour at the Mill Castlemaine Complex accompanied by landlord Phil McConachy. The complex, built on the site of the old Castlemaine Woollen Mill, includes Coffee House, Brewery, Winery and Smallgoods.

A great day was had and thanks are extended to Mary Walsh, the Visitor Services Officer for the Hepburn Shire for her organisation of the day. Hope to see more volunteers on the next Familiarisation Tour.

*Creswick Visitor Information Centre volunteers*

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**Please note Creswick Hub will be closed for Easter from  
Friday 30 March reopening on Tuesday 3 April.**

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

**Henny Penny Hatching Program 3 – 14 April**

Come and meet our very special baby chicks and hatching eggs!  
You might even be here when one hatches! Come in anytime  
during the two weeks to see these special visitors and do some  
egg-y craft while you're here.

### VIDEO ARCHITECTURE COLOURING COMPETITION

Participants will have the opportunity to create their own  
projection design that will be featured in a show with music  
projected onto the exterior of Anderson's Mill, Smeaton. The  
Video Architecture Colouring Competition is part of  
*Now You See It* on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night, 11-13 May,  
during the National Trust Anderson's Mill Weekend.  
Workshop at the Creswick Hub Wednesday 4 April.

Please call The Hub to book 5345 2145

### MOVIE MADNESS

Friday 6 and 13 April at 1.30pm-3.30pm

### BOOK BABBLE @ THE HUB

No formal book lists, just bring along whatever you're reading to  
discuss, debate, recommend or warn against! The kettle will be  
on and the good biscuits broken out for this informal group.

First Tuesday every Month 1.30pm beginning 6 March.

### BABY RHYME TIME

Every Tuesday and Wednesday 11.00am

### PARENTS' CLUB AT THE HUB

Every Tuesday at 11.30am, after the 11.00am Tuesday Baby  
Rhyme Time Session.

### HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

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# Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday March 24**, Welcome to New Residents, 10.00am Creswick Hub. Learn valuable info about the town and meet some locals

**Saturday March 24**, Transition Creswick Harvest Festival from 10.00am at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

**Sunday March 25**, Anderson's Mill Smeaton, 10.00am-4.30pm See page 8

**Friday April 13**, Creswick Trivia Cup 7.00pm, Doug Lindsay Reserve, bookings 0434 071 185

**Sunday April 15**, Four Seasons Fine Music Festival Concert for Bassoon, Oboe and Harpsicord, St. Matthew's Church, Newlyn, 3.00pm

**Saturday April 21**, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am - 1.00pm. A happy small town market [creswickmarket.com.au](http://creswickmarket.com.au)

**Saturday/Sunday May 5**, Four Seasons Fine Music Festival, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Clunes, Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 2.00pm

**Saturday May 12**, Women's Skills Session, Junior Brackenbury, Saturday CX hosted by VOGA Cycle Club at RACV Goldfields 10am-5pm. [www.vogacycleclub.com.au](http://www.vogacycleclub.com.au)

**Sunday May 13**—The Brackenbury MTB Challenge. 20, 40 & 60km. Includes 20km gravel grind category. Hosted by VOGA Cycle Club at Hammon Park Oval, 10am-4pm [www.vogacycleclub.com.au](http://www.vogacycleclub.com.au)

**Saturday May 19**, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am -1.00pm. [creswickmarket.com.au](http://creswickmarket.com.au)

**Friday May 25**, Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner. Tickets \$40.00 phone Jack Van Beveren 5345 2658 or Marjorie Poole 5345 2065.

## REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

**Anglicare Emergency Food Relief** - second Tuesday. Centrelink card holders. Blankets available winter months. St Johns Anglican Church Hall, Napier Street 10.00am-11.30am

**Australian Red Cross** - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email [jackandnorah@vic.australis.com.au](mailto:jackandnorah@vic.australis.com.au)

**Business & Tourism Creswick** - first Tuesday every month. Farmers Arms Hotel, 4.30pm 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. Ph 5345 1310

**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](mailto:u3a3363@gmail.com) or [www.creswicku3a.com](http://www.creswicku3a.com)

**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 and Wed 11.00am Parents' Club Tue 11.30am

**Creswick Lions Club** - second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall. Fourth Monday location to be advised Carolyn Garguilo Pres. 0417 349 049 Pat Tacey Sec. 0429 581 591

**Creswick Market** - Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. A happy small town market, Bookings 5345 2356 [creswickmarket.com.au](http://creswickmarket.com.au)

**Creswick Museum** - Open 11.00am-3.30pm Saturday and Sunday every week and Public Holidays 5345 2845 [creswickmuseum.org.au](http://creswickmuseum.org.au)

**Creswick Pre-School Childcare** Fridays - School Terms. 9.00am to 1.00pm Bookings ECKA 5339 5055

**Creswick Probus Club** - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am. Inquiries Bob 5345 2165

**Creswick Senior Citizens** - last Friday each month members enjoy social day and \$5 Lunch at Seniors' Clubrooms 12 noon

**Creswick Visitor Information Centre** - volunteers meet first Thursday every month 10.00am RSL

**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

**Folk and Acoustic Club** - Second Friday 7.30pm American Hotel; fourth Friday 7.30pm Creswick Railway Station. Enquiries Kate 0409 179 481, John Harris 5345 2095

**Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers** - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website [scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://scoutsvictoria.com.au)

**Museum Research Centre** - Cnr Raglan and Cambridge Sts. Friday and Saturday 11.00am - 3.00pm every week

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

**Playgroup** - John Curtin Function Room every Wednesday 9.30am Amanda 0427 502 568

**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 Michael Clark 0409 421 547

**Tipplers** - third Wednesday every month. email: [wheeler@cbl.com.au](mailto:wheeler@cbl.com.au)

**VOGA Cycle Club** Regular group rides that may be road, CX or MTB. Details on VOGA facebook page. Free club membership via [www.vogacycleclub.com.au](http://www.vogacycleclub.com.au)

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