



***IN GOD'S GARDEN* - A Community Project**



Mosaic photo by Terry Hope enlarged on pages 8 and 9

The Mosaic Group of Creswick's U3A (University of the Third Age), has recently installed a five metre long mosaic called *In God's Garden*, at the Creswick Cemetery. It is situated on the ground in the Children's Section in front of the seat donated by the Creswick Craft Group. This is opposite the office at the Cemetery, and is designed to be viewed whilst sitting on that seat.

A chance meeting between Elaine Clark, the Group's Facilitator and Wendy Ohlsen, the Cemetery Trust Secretary, led to the creation of the Mosaic. Many U3A Mosaic Group members have loved ones in this section of the Cemetery and were keen to place a mosaic there. Initially butterflies on round concrete blocks were installed and from that small beginning, the idea for the larger mosaic was created.

Elaine Clark and Ailsa Ginifer designed the overall concept and all members were free to create special flowers, insects, birds, animals and other things found *In God's Garden*. Incorporated in the tiles and china pieces used, were pieces that held particularly special meanings and memories for their previous owners. The Creswick Railway Workshops Association (CRWA) made available tiles donated to them from the family of the late Karen Hogarth of Mollongghip, who was a dedicated artist and ceramicist. Some of these tiles have been used in the mosaic.

Reflective sayings have been incorporated throughout the mosaic. These plaques were also made by the group. Because of the length of the mosaic and not having a permanent place to set up and work on it, the mosaic was divided into six sections and initially created on a mesh base. Thanks must go to Ken Ginifer for clearing a shed so that work could continue in the hot weather.

The mosaic took over 1,600 hours to complete and the U3A members are thanked for their enthusiasm, creativity and patience during this time. Thanks go to the U3A Committee and the Creswick Cemetery Trust for their support and financial assistance. Wendy Ohlsen's enthusiastic assistance was also invaluable.

The group responsible for the mosaic included Elaine Clark, Ailsa Ginifer, Lynn Ward, Rhonda Cheyne, Angeline Tracey, Carole Squires, Margaret Giles, Robyn McPhee, Helen Watson, Eva Mitchell and Daphne McMillan.

In addition, Clive and Claire Chadder, Barry Poole and Trish O'Connor also helped with the laying, grouting and sealing of the mosaic. A big thank you to you all. The Mosaic Group is planning another community mosaic.

Elaine Clark



*Members of the Mosaic Group putting finishing touches on their Mosaic 'In God's Garden' at the Creswick Cemetery.
(photo Margaret Giles)*

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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Thank you!

Thank you to the several people who changed the flat tyre on my car in the IGA car park on Tuesday, 11 February, and to the staff member for their help with phone calls and driving. My grateful thanks to you all. You are amazing.

Helen Dickson

Tallawong Kennels, Broomfield

Creswick & District Historical Society

Honour Roll Dinner

The Creswick & District Historical Society's event of the year, The Honour Roll Dinner, will take place on Friday, 22 May, 2020 at the Creswick Town Hall. Make a note in your diary and keep an eye out for information on how to book a seat or a table nearer to the time.

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creswick Rainfall

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

	2018	2019	2020
	mm	mm	mm
January	30	3	53.5
February	6.5	23	34
March	30	15	
April	17	13.5	
May	93.5	161.5	
June	68	133.5	
July	79	65	
August	70.5	98	
September	22	57.5	
October	33.5	34	
November	40	71	
December	80	20.5	
TOTAL	570	695.5	87.5

Graham Robert Wilson

9 September 1943 - 27 January 2020

Thank you for the many tributes and expressions of sympathy on the loss of Bob, 'Bobby', Grandpa Bob and Dad.

Sincere thanks to Dr Michael Veal, Dr Wendy Stevens, and to the compassionate staff at Gandarra Palliative Care Unit.

To Ballarat Hospice, Hepburn Health District nurses, Shannon's Bridge, friends and family - your help was invaluable.

Evelyn, Kathryn, Neville, Josh and Sonya, Beth, Ian and families.

Victoria Street Craft Group Special Effort Results

The proceeds from the Group's recent special effort were donated to Kevin Monaghetti who recently lost plants in the Allendale fire.

First: Liz (Melbourne), Second: Christine Curnard, Third: Malcolm Coulter

Thank you to all who made this possible.

Rita Flapper

Creswick Hospital Nursing Home

A call for cuttings

Creswick Nursing Home residents are looking forward to this year's Creswick Garden Club Horticulture and Home Craft Flower Show. The residents have been busy planting, potting -up and feeding their orchids. However, the residents still need more cuttings, such as hydrangea and geraniums. If anyone can help supply these, please drop cuttings to Maria Marco, *The Manse*, 6 Ford St, Creswick.

The other entry proposed for the Show is a knitting project, which the residents will be busy working on over the autumn and winter months. The project consists of many colourful knitted flowers placed around an old wine barrel ring to create a knitted floral wreath. The ladies took second place last year with their Poppy Mannequin.

The residents are also keen to enter mosaic and painting pieces, which will be created throughout the year as part of the Nursing Home's Lifestyle Program.

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 6.30 am Gunfire Breakfast - Creswick Town Hall
 9.00 am Service and Wreath Laying
 Kingston Avenue of Honour Memorial
 9.30 am Wreath Laying
 Soldiers Section, Creswick Cemetery
 10.00 am Wreath Laying – Memorial Stones RSL Hall
 10.15 am Assemble near Splash Park on Albert St
 for ANZAC March
 10.30 am March Step Off - near Splash Park on Albert St
 11.00 am Cenotaph Creswick - Remembrance Service
 12.00 pm 2 UP at American Hotel -
 Albert St, Creswick 12.00pm – 6.00pm
 2.00 pm Creswick Brass Band *Salute to the ANZACs*
Concert - Creswick Town Hall

ANZAC DAY MARCH 2020 – ORDER OF MARCH

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1 Red Cross Vehicles | 8 Creswick Band |
| 2 Light Horse | 9 CFA |
| 3 WWI Nurses and Soldiers | 10 Creswick |
| 4 Colour Party | Football/Netball Club |
| 5 RSL | 11 Schools |
| 6 Families of Veterans | 12 Other Groups |
| 7 International Training School Members | |

Due to the success of 2019 Anzac Day, the Creswick-Smeaton RSL will again be hosting approximately 100 international officers from the Defence International Training School (DITC), which is based at RAAF Laverton. The countries from which our visitors come are: Afghanistan, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Timor Leste and Tonga.

The RAAF base medical centre monitors and treats the trainees if they show symptoms of any illness. Assurances have been given that all the trainees attending will be healthy. Please make them welcome to our town.

Alan Morris, Secretary



A Safer Albert Street, Creswick A Regional Roads Initiative

Regional Roads Victoria is looking at ways to improve pedestrian and driver safety on Albert Street, Creswick. As the gateway to the township, Albert Street connects locals and visitors to shops, businesses and community services. Regional Roads has developed some simple and effective ways to improve safety in the area and want to know what you think. Come and meet the Project Team on site in Albert Street from 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Friday, 20 March or at the Creswick Market from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday, 21 March.

If you are unable to come at these times, please complete the online survey at regionalroads.vic.gov.au, search for 'Albert Street'.



WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR

CRESWICK DISTRICT NEWS?

Creswick District News began 21 years and 254 editions ago after a small group of volunteers took up the challenge of providing a platform for Creswick voices to be heard and local information to be disseminated. It is still compiled by another small group of volunteers with some of the pioneering group remaining. However, the challenge to continue by recruiting more interested volunteers, with the necessary skills, at times seems overwhelming.

CDN not only relies on volunteers to produce the paper, but the myriad of contributors who provide the information about what is happening of interest to our readers from around Creswick and district. However, both these groups are diminishing because of various factors including age and other commitments.

The present team work together in a friendly, co-operative way to produce a monthly newsletter. However, there is a need currently for someone to assist with the compilation of the newsletter which at present is done with Publisher software. If this changes in the future training will be arranged for volunteers. To have someone to assist in this role will lessen the time and work involved for all.

The team are also on the lookout for someone who likes to write, especially writing about the many interesting people who live in our district. Speak to your family and friends and if you or anyone you know would like to find out more please contact the *CDN* Team.

Some questions need to be asked –

Does the *CDN* have a place in today's Creswick?

Are changes needed to ensure its viability?

What do you, the reader, value about the *CDN*?

Let us know your thoughts and suggestions on
cdn@cbl.com.au

The CDN Team

INAUGURAL HEPBURN SHIRE BUSINESS AWARDS

The Council have announced that they will be hosting the inaugural bi-annual Hepburn Shire Business Awards this year. The awards will acknowledge the outstanding achievements, professionalism and service local businesses provide across the Shire.

The awards will be a self-nomination process with an online application form. By entering the awards, businesses will have a chance to review their strengths and weaknesses. The seven categories are:

- Agribusiness
- Creative Industries and IT
- Health and Wellbeing
- Professional Services
- Retail
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Construction, Manufacturing and Trade

The overall Business of the Year winner will be selected from one of the category finalists and decided by independent judges.

Key dates for the Awards:

- 2 March Online entries opened
- 18 March Information Session - Daylesford
- 19 March Information Session - Creswick
- 27 April Entries close
- 4 – 15 May Judges shortlisting finalists
- 20 – 22 May Judges site visits
- 26 May Awards night tickets on sale
- 10 June Awards night

For further information about the awards visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/awards

For further information, contact Council's Economic Development & Tourism department via email businessawards@hepburn.vic.gov.au or phone 5321 6122.



LIONS CLUB BUSY AS USUAL

Back by popular demand, the Creswick Lions Club is proud to announce the return of the successful *Two Bob Auction*. This fun filled evening will be held on Saturday, 2 May, 2020 at the Doug Lindsay Reserve from 6.00pm. Tickets are \$25 per head. This price includes entry, a free glass of champagne on arrival and a sumptuous finger food meal, including dessert. Auction sheets can be purchased at \$4 for a sheet of twenty tickets. With up to 100 prizes on offer, seats will fill fast.

Lions members have been busy approaching businesses in the lead up to the *Two Bob Auction* and we would like to thank all which have donated prizes so far. Funds raised from the evening will be used to support St John's Emergency Food Relief and local welfare groups in Creswick. If you have something new that you are willing to donate, then please contact me on the number below. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from *Barbara* on 0423 536 794. Tickets will need to be paid for before the evening for catering purposes.

In May each year, **Lions distribute funds collected from fundraising activities to various community groups, welfare organisations and individuals.** Any organisations or individuals requesting financial assistance are invited to write a short submission outlining the project, cause or event they would like assistance with, proposed costs and other sources of funding being sought. Lions considers all submissions on their merits; however limited funds mean that not all proposals can be fulfilled. **Written submissions will be received till 30 April and should be posted to Creswick Lions Club, PO Box 55, Creswick or emailed to carolyn gargiulo@gmail.com.**

A reminder that Lions are still collecting old batteries as well as spectacles through the recycle for sight program. Please contact me if you are looking to offload any of these items. *Carolyn Gargiulo, Secretary, 0417 349 049*

Creswick Lions Club TWO BOB AUCTION

Saturday, 2 May from 6.00pm
Doug Lindsay Reserve, Creswick
\$25 Entry (Meal included and free glass of champagne)
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All funds raised will support St John's Emergency Food Relief and local Welfare Programs
Evening Entertainment includes
Two Bob Auction - \$4/sheet of 20 tickets
Silent Auction, Trivia
For Bookings and more information contact:
Barbara on 0423 536 794

Two Bob Auction Format

Guests are encouraged to buy sheets of 20 tickets for \$4 (two bob per ticket) and place as many tickets as you wish in the containers corresponding to the prize you want to win. The more tickets you buy and put in containers, the more chance you have of winning prizes.

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PERSONALITY – MELANIE STEWART PRINCIPAL – CRESWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL



I grew up and lived my whole life in Werribee, in the outer western suburbs of Melbourne. In January 2019, after my eldest son had completed Secondary School, my husband John and I decided on a country tree change to Kyneton.

I started my teaching career in 1999 at Werribee Primary School. I always knew I wanted to work with children and help make a difference. While completing my teaching course at Deakin University in Burwood, I worked a range of jobs including Before and After School Care programs, holiday programs and in my parents take away food shop.

After one year at Werribee Primary School I moved to Westgrove Primary School, a Werribee School of approximately 750 students, and stayed for eighteen years. Over these years I taught a range of different year levels and curriculum areas with the last five years as a Leading Teacher, Instructional Coach and Literacy Co-ordinator.

I was fortunate enough to gain the position of Leading Teacher in charge of Wellbeing at Creswick Primary School in Term 2, 2017 when Aileen Dellar retired. Being in a small rural school environment was wonderful as was the feeling of being involved in such an amazing school community. At the end of 2017, Ron Sawyer announced his retirement and I took on the role of Acting Principal for 2018. In April of 2019 I was fortunate enough to gain the substantive position of Principal. In my interview I presented my vision for Creswick Primary School which is: *To have a culture and climate of collaboration and trust that supports students to be connected: to their school, learning, peers and their community. To be willing to take risks and dream big. The culture facilitates improved social, emotional and academic outcomes for our students.*

In my personal life, my husband John and I have two sons, Jesse who is 19, and Alex who is 12. We also have a very special family member named Ollie. Since he was eight

weeks old we have cared for Ollie, a Seeing Eye puppy, through Vision Australia's Seeing Eye Puppy Carer Program. Ollie comes to school with me every day and loves seeing the staff and students as much as they love seeing him. A few locals may have seen us walking down the street with some students for the Ollie reward time. Being around children and a school environment has been great for developing his socialisation. Ollie turned one on 28 February and is currently at the Vision Australia Kennels undergoing his Guide Dog Assessments.

In my spare time I like to read, go walking, catch up with friends and spend time with my family. My sporting passion since I was five has been hockey but unfortunately the body is a little old and weary to play anymore.

I truly love being part of the Creswick Primary school community with our amazing students, their families and our dedicated and passionate staff. Our school community is fortunate to be part of the larger Creswick Community which is made up of so many supportive people, businesses and organisations to which we can connect.



Central Highlands Region Cricket Awards: Congratulations Miranda Chalmers

Recently Cricket Victoria hosted the Central Highlands Region Cricket Awards 2019/20.

The evening provided a great opportunity to acknowledge the many outstanding cricketing achievements from across the Central Highlands in season 2019/20.

The night included the announcement of the Central Highlands Region Junior Co-ordinator of the Year Award to Miranda Chalmers of the Creswick Imperials Cricket Club.

In two seasons, and almost single handily, Miranda had grown the number of juniors from twelve to around fifty

girls and boys now playing cricket. Since coming into the role, Miranda has pushed to establish a greater investment from the local community towards junior cricket. Miranda visited the local primary schools, approached local businesses and secured funding which provided new uniforms and equipment for the growing junior club.

Miranda has changed this club from a two and a half side senior club, to a fun family orientated environment that is enjoyed by many.

Well done Miranda!



Creswick Neighbourhood Centre : Term One Update

Now that Term 1 is underway, the Centre is heads down, rumps up, working on the next exciting project which is the 2020 Harvest Festival. It began recently with the *Harvest Art Show and Festival Launch* at the Town Hall. The Festival runs daily to Sunday, 22 March.

Attractions include dining at Odessa Bar, a special Harvest Market, Daylesford Youth Theatre performances and Creswick Theatre along with bush dancing at the Centre. The closing day will be a *Talks and Demo Day* commencing at 9.00am in the Neighbourhood Hall which also includes a free breakfast.

Make sure you find the newly decorated water tank created by Di Lehne, and a *tank team* of ten local children, all made possible by a Community Grant from the Hepburn Shire Council.

Trish McMahon

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JOEY SCOUTS Physical Start to 2020

As Scouting kicks off for 2020, Creswick Joey Scouts were invited to attend an abseiling session with their chums from the 3rd Ballarat Joey Scouts. Under the watchful eyes of Leaders and the amazing Abseiling Team at Pax Hill Activity Centre, these five to seven year olds cascaded down the thirty-foot high tower multiple times! A great start to a busy and exciting year for these youngsters.

Next month they will be off on a two-night camp with over 1,000 of their peers for as much fun and adventure as they can handle. *Kangaree* is a bi-annual event where Joeys are introduced to camping, meet and play team games and challenges with other Joeys from across Victoria. Prepare for adventure, prepare for life!

For more information on Scouting in Creswick please email: gl.creswick1st@vicscouts.asn.au.

Simon Miller, Provisional Group Leader



RED CROSS CALLING Change to Collection Method

The Creswick Branch of Red Cross will **not be** collecting outside the Supermarket this year for the Annual Red Cross Calling Appeal. There will however be collection tins in businesses around the town - Supermarket, Meg's Place, Greenvale Butchers and Flemo's to name a few - for those wishing to contribute.

The Group is extremely grateful for the generous amount of donations collected locally during January for the Bushfire Appeal but disappointed with the amount of negative attacks recently on Social Media, which has caused distress to many volunteers. The staff at Red Cross Head Office in Melbourne are still flat out paying money to those affected by the fires and this will be ongoing for quite some time. Red Cross members get regular updates on the progress of distributions and information can be accessed through the Red Cross Website.

Once again, we wish to thank all those who support the Red Cross and the marvellous work they do both in Australia and Internationally.

Marjorie Poole

CRESWICK HUB

Hub Open: Monday – Friday: 8.30am-5.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am-12.00pm
What's On at the Creswick Hub?

Regular programs:

Baby Rhyme Time: Tuesdays 11.00am
Storytime: Wednesdays 11.00am
Book Babble: First Wednesday of the month at 1.00pm
– join us for a friendly and fun book club

Home Library Service: every fortnight on Thursdays,
contact Creswick Hub for further information

Author Talk – 4 April 10.00am – 11.00am

Join local author Elizabeth Reid as she speaks about her books on the *Huntor Hall* series. These books, which are available to borrow at Hepburn Libraries, explore the rise and fall of an English-based family upon the wilds of Dartmoor, England.

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Senior Cits

Good Start to the Year

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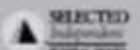
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Shannon's Bridge Fundraiser

Young Sienna McLure, from Clunes, has been growing her hair for three years with a view to having it eventually cut and donated to make wigs for children who have lost theirs as a result of treatment for cancer. Through this act, she aims to raise \$1000 for Shannon's Bridge which is a palliative and end-of-life care charity based in Creswick. One of the charities functions is to connect patients and families with existing services and aim to bridge any gaps. Many groups are supporting Sienna in this endeavour as you may have noticed from the posters around town. Please contact Clunes Primary School or Shannon's Bridge if you would care to donate.

Jo Dalton, Project Manager, Shannon's Bridge



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- Shade cloth
- Support Poles
- Quickset cement
- Potting Mix
- Weed cover/Mesh
- Treated Logs

- Chain
- Bark/Mulch
- Timber for raised garden beds
- Stones / rocks
- Anything else

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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CRESWICK CEMETERY TRUST

The Creswick Cemetery Trust is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified members of the community who would be interested in becoming honorary trust members. Women and those from a diverse background are actively encouraged to seek appointment to ensure that the trust's membership accurately reflects the composition of the community it serves. Cemetery trust members are appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of up to five years and are responsible to the Minister for Health for the proper and efficient management of the public cemeteries under the control of the trust, including the provision of future cemeteries services and the preservation of local history.

Being appointed to a cemetery trust provides successful applicants with a unique opportunity to develop their competencies as a board member. In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services provides free governance training to all trust members.

Current and previous cemetery trust members may apply for reappointment as part of a competitive selection process. More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cemetery-trust-appointments/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

To register your interest please contact the Creswick Cemetery Trust by writing to The Secretary, Creswick Cemetery Trust, PO Box 281 CRESWICK VIC 3363 or emailing: cemetery_creswick@hotmail.com or telephoning the Secretary on 0412 382 267 within two weeks of the date of this advertisement.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. Applications are welcome from people of all ages, genders and sexual orientations, people with disability, Aboriginal Victorians and Victorians from culturally diverse backgrounds.



CEMETERY NEWS

Creswick Cemetery is looking for people interested in becoming members of the Trust. Trust members are required to attend meetings and assist in general duties, when required. Anyone interested to know more, please contact our secretary Wendy on 0412 382 267.

The wonderful mosaic is finally installed near the children's lawn section. Some final works need to be done before the official unveiling. Please do not walk on the mosaic. Sit on the lovely seat and take an opportunity to reflect while enjoying the wonderful work by the Creswick Mosaic Group, led by Mrs Elaine Clark. Many, many thanks for all the hard work and dedication - the result is magnificent.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary, Cemetery Trust

Kingston Friends of the Avenue

Mechanics Institute Ballarat - Twilight Talks

On Friday 21 February Leah Armstrong, Carissa Cain-Sultana and myself, had the privilege of hosting the Twilight Talk. This was an opportunity to share the history of the Avenue to a very interested audience. The talks take place every Friday evening. If you are interested in attending find out more at: ballaratmi.org.au/

It was hoped that the *Kingston Remembers* Resource Centre would be finalised prior to ANZAC Eve. The Diorama is in progress but will not be ready to unveil by then.

The guest speaker on ANZAC day this year will be Ross Dimond from Mollonghip. Ross has two great uncles commemorated in the Avenue. He has two relatives on his maternal side who also served. Many of you will know Alma (nee Lay), Ross's mother. Ross will speak about his grandfather and grandmother Ted and Mary Lay and his great uncle Percy Lay.

Please join us for the 9.00am Service and a cuppa afterwards. People are then invited to join the commemorations in Creswick.

Upcoming dates: 21 March - Creswick Harvest Market
8 April - General Meeting 7.00pm Kingston Fire Station

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Friends of Park Lake

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Plans are well in hand for The Friends' birthday celebration so watch for news of this event.

The Pixies need your help. Do join us. Talk to Mena Turville who is a most enthusiastic leader, on 0418 810 100. Join us of a Wednesday at 9.00am at the Park for that four letter word - WORK!

100 years ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

March 2 1920

The Creswick Victory Brass Band, under the capable leadership of Mr. Percy Northcott, played an enjoyable programme of sacred numbers and marches at the Creswick District Hospital on Sunday afternoon. The band's effort was much appreciated by the inmates, and the matron thanked the members of the band for their thoughtfulness. The band then proceeded to Park Lake, where a further programme was given.

March 5 1920

The annual harvest thanksgiving services will be held in the Victoria street Methodist Church on Sunday. The preachers will be Mr. Neagle and Rev. H. Williams. Appropriate music will be rendered, and the church will be decorated for the occasion. Bright and interesting services are assured and good congregations are expected.

March 9 1920

At the monthly meeting of the Creswick Havilah Lodge of Freemasons, held on Saturday night, it was decided to perpetuate the memory of the brethren of the lodge who served in the great war, by erecting an honor board within the lodge room.

March 12 1920

The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Allendale, by the combined bands of Creswick and Smeaton, has been postponed till Sunday afternoon, the 21st March.

March 16 1920

FOOTBALL- a meeting to discuss the formation of a Football Club will be held in the Mechanics' Hall, Smeaton, on Friday next, at 8 p.m. M. Bourke, Convenor

March 19 1920

Residents of the district are reminded of the annual St. Patrick's Day races to be held at Blampied tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. There will be a most interesting programme of events, including horse and foot races and athletic competitions.

March 23 1920

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church. Tea meeting and concert, in connection with the Anniversary, will be held on Saturday March 27, 1920. Tea on tables at 6.30 p.m. Concert at 8 o'clock. Good musical programme. Tickets 1/6.

March 27 1920

Kangaroo Hills State School, A euchre tournament and dance will be held on Thursday evening, 1st April, in aid of the school funds. Ladies provide refreshments.

March 30 1920

In a message received from the Prince of Wales by the Commonwealth authorities, His Royal Highness expresses the wish that "The wearing of top hats and frock coats: shall be optional to those attending gatherings held in his honor.

Book Review

By Rhonda Cotsell

My Country All Gone the White Men Have Stolen It: the Invasion of Wadawurrung Country 1800-1870.

Cahir, F. (2019) Australian History Matters, Ballarat.

I recently came across this work by Federation University Associate Professor in Aboriginal history Fred Cahir. The history was published last year and is one I think anyone interested in Australian history and especially local history would find valuable. Despite what the title suggests Professor Cahir states clearly that his history is written from a non-Aboriginal standpoint.

His interest was sparked after going without food and water for several days on a bicycle trip across the Nullabor Plain. 'Young, dumb and blonde' is how he described himself. He survived, wanting to know more about survival in the desert. In his searches he discovered that though he could find much about our resourceful white pioneers he couldn't find anything on Aboriginal resourcefulness. This history is the result of his search for answers through archival Colonist records recording the experiences of both groups in the words of the Colonists themselves.

The records, written and pictorial, are predominantly from British written archival evidence as Aboriginal people did not use written words to record their history. These Colonial records, open and unedited, speak to us from the past about both Colonial and Aboriginal experiences in the words of those who were there. Transcripts of records include business records, ships records, colonist's journals and diaries, family papers, letters, articles published at the time in Australian local (including the *Ballarat Star*) and National newspapers and books.

Contents are divided into the years from initial contact between 1800-1834; the years of sealers and whalers, convicts and shipwrecks. This is followed by the years 1835-1850 covering squatters and sheep records, cultural interchange and co-operation and missionaries and concludes with the gold rush years.

This publication fulfils the stated aim of the author, which was to describe the shared history, and not just an Aboriginal history or a Colonial history. It is very much a work from which you can draw your own conclusions.

The book is available for loan from the Central Highlands Library System.



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OBITUARY

FRANCIS NICHOLAS ANDERSON

27 January 1933 – 31 January 2020



Frank, in some circles more commonly known as Strawb, was an only child born and educated in Sunbury. His first job was as a telegram messenger with the then Post Master General's Department, now Australia Post. Frank often said he wouldn't like to go back to those times of delivering telegrams at night in poorly lit inner suburban

Melbourne just him, his bike and a torch.

Later, Frank entered the Postal Training School which was followed by six months of National Service at Puckapunyal. It was his first appointment as a relief postmaster in the Central Highlands, which brought him to Creswick. During the 1950s and 1960s, telegrams were still an important means of communication. Frank remembers the morning of the wedding of Iris and the late Bill Huntley. They received over one hundred telegrams, which took the entire Saturday morning to deliver!

In Creswick, Frank met his future wife Mary Brennan. Frank and Mary had three children – Peter, Karen and Janine. Mary died in 2012 and sadly Janine passed away several years later. His pride in, and enjoyment of, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was unwavering.

Frank and Mary both played tennis and golf locally. It was Frank's love of the Creswick Golf Club that saw him volunteer, in many roles, after his early retirement. In the late 1980s Frank was presented with the Creswick & District Sportsman's Club *Administrator of the Year Award*. He was also a Life Member of the Golf Club. Frank's personable manner saw him, over the years, develop lasting friendships across all age groups and many of these regularly visited him at home as his health and mobility declined.

Frank had an unusual stutter at times which some found difficult to understand, but, when he sang (invariably *Danny Boy* or *Old Man River*), he was word perfect! Frank often bemoaned his only child status and thrived within the large Brennan clan who were still by his side in his final days.



GRAHAM ROBERT WILSON (Bob)

The Creswick & District Historical Society Inc. wish to express our sorrow at the passing of Bob, who was a friend and active member for many years. Until his illness, Bob was always foremost in whatever tasks needed to be done and gave helpful advice and counsel. He was also active in researching nominations for the Creswick Civic Honour Roll and work for the Annual Dinner. He will be sorely missed by us all. We also offer our sincere condolences to Evelyn and his family.

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Water Saving Plants

By Rhonda Cotsell

This month I looked thoroughly at what plants are not high water consumers but this time, in terms of types of plants. Like most gardeners I already know specific plants I have that are not fazed by extended hot and dry conditions, but not necessarily why.

It was fascinating reading. For example, grey and blue plants cope best, and the shape of the leaf contributes much to survival. Best shapes are small, narrow, leathery, hairy, curly or fuzzy. This explained my rosemary and lavender doing well regardless of conditions or neglect. Large leaves are not so good for survival as more surface is exposed to evaporation.

Neither established plants nor slow growers require much whereas fast growing plants suffer and are heavier consumers. Fertilised plants are also obviously high water consumers as it promotes growth.

New plantings require close attention and consistent watering in the first few weeks. Insufficient water at an early stage can either kill or result in stunted or weakened growth in the future. This ensures survival of the hardy however so, though sad, is probably just as well.

Small-established plants tend not to require much watering. Two small companion plant daisies, one yellow and the other a blue native daisy in my garden supports this. The tomato plants near them are pathetic if not tended to daily but the daisies are sailing through.

Succulents I have found do not always do well unless watered or not watered too much and it is hard to tell which as the consequences of either look identical. I have nothing useful to offer here as I fail consistently.

Some plants also will do well with or without regular watering – i.e. their behaviour changes to suit what water is available. They are high water users where water is to be had but do not suffer if there isn't.

In conclusion, I think we can still have the plants we love but limit them and use other water saving tricks. My favourite is strategic positioning utilizing the protection from wind and sun, in the broken shade around taller established trees.

St Augustine's News 2020 Beginnings

The year has started with twenty-two foundation students joining our community and all have settled into their new routines with a minimum of fuss. The school also welcomes two new teachers. Louise Morris has taken on the role of physical education teacher and Staci Jones will teach the Japanese classes.

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. In finishing, I would like to introduce you all to our school leaders for this year.

Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2020

School	Lily Bennett, Mabel Barrett, Ned Charleson and Mason Bullen
Sport	Jade Dummelow, Angus Fraser and Charles Jones
Arts	Adelaide Oswin and Daisy Donovan-Clancy
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Northerly News

Selected Grade 5/6 students have been participating weekly in the YMCA's 'Re-cracked' program. It is a wonderful program, with lots of hands-on, practical learning. The students are busy repairing bikes - it may be their own bike, or one that will eventually go to a needy person in the community. It is great to watch their teamwork and cooperation.



All students from Grades 3-6 had a great time doing the Fishcare program over two days. The first day consisted of learning how to identify fish, tie lures, baiting and casting practice.

The next day was spent at St George's lake, fishing. Many students were lucky enough to catch a fish, although a few of the smaller fish needed a kiss and a return to the water. Despite the average weather, the students all had a great experience!

Our Grade 5/6 students worked with some students from Newlyn PS on the *Dream Seeds* program. The activities and discussions centred around aspirations, resilience, leadership and transition to secondary school.

It was wonderful to see some of the new Foundation students smiling on the front page of the Courier, enjoying their first weeks at school.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal



Students from Creswick North and Newlyn PS at Dream Seeds workshop

CRESWICK CAPERS

Sport, Science and Welfare to Start The Year

Term One has proven to be very exciting in the learning and development of students. The Welcome School Picnic saw an excellent turn out of families sharing a picnic tea, enjoying the many activities organised by the student leaders and with families making new connections in an informal setting.

The Sporting Schools initiative in the area of Netball has shown development across the entire school in skill and co-operation levels. It is impressive to watch how quickly the children develop increased complex ball and team skills in these sessions.

The grade five and six students have been extremely busy with an excursion to *BioLab* in Geelong and an incursion from *Dream Seeds*. The *Biolab* visit was structured around the topic of The Human Machine – our body, where students looked at body systems, brain anatomy, the central nervous system, data collection and analysis, reaction times, balance and DNA. The practical approach to these concepts totally engaged all students with a real WOW factor evident in the results produced from their own 'lab' research.

Dream Seeds was conducted in a workshop setting focussing on building aspiration, resilience and connections and is aimed specifically at grade 5/6 rural pupils. Students participated in a number of practical and interactive activities, where they articulated their understandings of a variety of concepts and emotions. Creswick Primary School is fortunate to be part of the pilot of this very meaningful program.

Vicki Hughes



*Creswick PS visit to BioLab in Geelong
From left: Indi, Macklin and Steven*

Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday March 21 – Sunday March 29, Creswick Museum Exhibition, *Settlers of the district*

Saturday March 21, Creswick Harvest Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Saturday April 4, Creswick Library, Hear local author Elizabeth Reid talk on her *Hunter Hall* series 10.00am-11.00am No booking required

Saturday April 11 – September 12, Creswick Museum 50th Anniversary Exhibitions *Gold Fever* and *Creswick Mining Disaster*.

Saturday April 18, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Saturday April 25, ANZAC Day – as program page 3

Monday April 27, Hepburn Shire Council Business Awards entries close info businessawards@hepburn.vic.gov.au

Saturday May 2, 2 Bob Auction Creswick Lions, Doug Lindsay Reserve, Bookings Barbara 0423 536 794

Saturday May 2, The Great Trentham Spudfest, Recreation Reserve, Trentham

Friday May 22, Creswick & District Historical Society, Honour Roll Dinner Creswick Town Hall

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 nstubbbs3@bigpond.com

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. Phone 5345 2658

Creswick & District Hospital Auxiliary meets at hospital last Monday monthly 7.30pm. No meeting in June. New members welcome.

Creswick & District U3A - 0459 981 066 or email u3a3363@gmail.com or www.creswicku3a.com

Creswick Folk Club Second and fourth Friday 7.30pm, Creswick Railway Station, Contact John Harris 0428 842 234

Creswick Garden Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) Senior's Club Rooms 1.15pm. Phyllis 5345 2514

Creswick Havilah Lodge - fourth Thursday every month meeting 7.30pm Bob Orr 5345 2165

Creswick Library Baby Rhyme Time Sessions, Tues 11.00am Parents' Club Tue 11.30am Story Time 11.00am Wed

Creswick Lions Club second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Peter Cowie 0419 899 810, Secretary Carolyn Gargiulo 0417 349 049, Membership Chairperson Bernardette Tacey 0419 326 052

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Creswick Museum - Open 11.00am-3.30pm Saturday and Sunday every week and Public Holidays 5345 2845 creswickmuseum.org.au

Creswick Probus Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am. Inquiries Joan 5334 4207

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

Creswick Senior Cyclists - meet Sundays and Wednesdays, 10.15am Creswick Band Rotunda. All casual cyclists welcome.

Creswick 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

Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website 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 7.00pm-9.00pm Neighbourhood Centre. Audience welcome

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc meets second Wednesday of month Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 7.00pm

Pole walkers - St Georges Lake car park. All ages \$2.00 week. Tuesdays 8.00am – 9.30am Info. Eliz Rhook, Hepburn Health Service 5345 9150

RSL meeting - Last Wednesday each month 12 noon. RSL Hall Alan Morris 0428 119 420

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