



GNOME SWEET GNOME



A displaced family of gnomes has found a new home outside the Creswick Information Centre. It is hoped that in the interest of genome research, more displaced gnomes will soon join them. After all, gnome is where the heart is.

(Submitted anonymously under a gnome-de-plume)



ANZAC DAY

This is to notify the arrangements for 2021 ANZAC Day Commemorations at Creswick.

- 5.45am Dawn Service - Cenotaph. Albert Street, Creswick.
- 6.30am Gunfire Breakfast (if able to go ahead) Rotunda.
Due to COVID restrictions, will be a BBQ, sausage and bread with rum and coffee.
- 9.30am Wreath Laying. Soldiers' Section. Creswick Cemetery.
- 10.00am Wreath Laying. RSL Hall Memorial Stones
- 10.15am Assemble for March: Creswick Splash Park, Albert Street.
- 10.30am March Step Off. Creswick Splash Park, Albert Street.
- 10.45am ANZAC Day Service. Cenotaph, Albert Street.

Service will include the launch of the 622 page book: *Reflections – The Shire & Borough of Creswick and the Great War.*

The stories of the 979 men and women who were born in the Shire and Borough of Creswick, enlisted in the First World War and who are also remembered in the Field of Crosses.

Organisations wishing to order a wreath at a cost of \$35, please contact Phil Greenbank by 19 April, at the following email:-

creswicksmeatonrslsec@hotmail.com.

The RSLs 2021 ANZAC Day port will also be available for \$30 per bottle.

Family Memorial Cross

Lifetime crosses, for permanent placement in the newly created Family Memorial Section, can be purchased for \$10 each. These crosses will be displayed in the Field of Crosses Memorial Gardens, adjacent to the Creswick Cenotaph, on ANZAC Day.

For full information, please go to the Creswick-Smeaton RSL website *Contact us* page creswicksmeatonrsl.org.au/contact-us and follow the instructions. Requests need to be received by **9 April** to be included in this year's service

Phil Greenbank, Secretary and Keeper of the Field of Crosses

Creswick District News

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PLANTING DAY AND BARBEQUE FOR CRESWICK PARK LAKE

Planning is underway for the Friends of Park Lake planting day on Sunday, 18 April to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the granting of land by the Colonial Government of Victoria to the people of Creswick.

Friends of Park Lake was successful in receiving a Community Grant from Hepburn Shire to celebrate the event, inviting the community to take part and build upon existing plantings of native plants.

Come along, select a plant and join the community in planting up the selected area with natives. Finish off the planting with a sausage in bread and a slice of celebration cake. Take part in this special event and put the date in your diary now.

Thea Laidlaw, Secretary

Creswick & District Historical Society - Honour Roll

In 2020 it was necessary to cancel the Honour Roll Dinner usually held in May. This year we hope to go ahead and it has been booked for the Creswick Town Hall on Friday, 28 May. Due to continuing restrictions, the number of people we are allowed has been reduced and so we are asking people not to delay in contacting us if they wish to book a table or tickets for this event. A three-course meal including drinks, will once again be provided and tickets will be \$40 per person. Please contact either Jack Van Beveren on 5345 2658 or Marjorie Poole on 5345 2065 to book.

Marjorie Poole



Rainfall

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

	2019	2020	2021
	mm	mm	mm
January	3	53.5	134.5
February	23	34	13
March	15	36.5	
April	13.5	97.5	
May	161.5	60.5	
June	133.5	62.5	
July	65	35.7	
August	98	124.5	
September	57.5	67	
October	34	73	
November	71	52.2	
December	20.5	58.5	
TOTAL	695.5	755.4	147.5

Creswick Garden Club

It is anticipated that normal monthly meetings of the Creswick Garden Club will resume at the Senior Citizens' rooms on 6 April commencing at 1.15pm. Numbers able to attend may be restricted in accordance with COVID regulations at the time.

All members will be contacted, either by paper mail or email with the relevant details.

Vicki McArthur, Secretary

Congratulations

To our very own Creswick IGA supermarket which won a slew of awards at the recent Victorian IGA State Awards including the Store of the Year, the Customer Service & Experience Award, and Delicatessen Department of the Year. Well done!

Recognition of Community Members

Their Contribution will be missed

Recognition is made of several Creswick and district residents who have died since the August 2020 edition of the *Creswick District News*, for their contribution to our community. Because of restrictions due to the pandemic the community was largely unable to show their full appreciation to these people. These few words of recognition show the depth and richness of their contribution, carried out quietly, through their time, skills and dedication. While there are others who could be included, some are: -

Gay Stanway is remembered for her contribution as an organist for many years at St. Andrews Church, and records show her involvement in the Church 140th Anniversary celebrations in 2001. Gay taught piano to generations of local children and was the accompanist for early productions of the Creswick Theatre Company, then known as the Creswick Amateur Theatre.

June Henderson is remembered for her pleasant friendly personality and good sense of humour. A committed member of the St. Augustine's Parish, June was involved in the school, Parish and Ladies Guild. She was an active member of the local branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society for many years helping in their work of aiding people in need. Until recent years, June was a volunteer at the Sovereign Hill Gold Museum.

Max Coulter was a founding elder of the local church of Christian Bible Fellowship. Established in Creswick in 1986 the members remember Max as a key person in the life of this fellowship. His involvement included the running of the recent community Christmas Carols and Holiday programs for local children.

Max was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal, in the Australia Day Awards of 2003, for distinguished service in fire training, both with the Victorian School of Forestry in Creswick, where he was a lecturer, and the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Paul Ford was a long-standing committee member of the Creswick U3A - a tutor and keen participant in a number of U3A courses. Another involvement for Paul was his participation in the Creswick Theatre Company, and will be remembered from their productions and the monthly Friday night Movies held at Creswick Court House. Paul also volunteered for the Creswick Museum.

The farming and agricultural families of the district have lost some long-term and experienced people. **George Slade** resident of Creswick had been involved in the Transport Industry for many decades carting potatoes during the 1960s for local farmers operating through potato Agent Cutbush and Co of Dean. George was the founder of G E Slade Transport now his son's business, Greg Slade Transport.

Reg Haintz, grew up at Mollongghip and ran his mixed farm at Springbank. Reg had been involved in his younger days in local sporting clubs. Later on as a sports administrator he was the President of the Central Highlands Football League for a number of years.

As Reg was buried during the time of strict COVID restrictions the local community, while unable to attend his funeral, paid their respects by being present at the road side at various points as the funeral procession made its way to the cemetery.

Bernard Righetti, son of Battista and Florence Righetti, was born at historic *Smeaton House* in 1936, the home of the early pioneer Captain John Hepburn. After living there all his life and raising their family there, Bernard and wife Carmel celebrated fifty years of marriage during 2020. The Righetti family celebrated one hundred years at *Smeaton House* in 2004.

Sympathy is expressed by the CDN Team and readers to the families and friends of these residents and to those other local families who have experienced the death of a loved one during the past year and not mentioned here.

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The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett



I have a very old clock, an American made Ansonia from about 1890. Still going great. I retrieved it from my Aunt's home after she passed away – some twenty odd years ago now.

I have had this clock cleaned and serviced only once. It keeps time very well and has a beautiful chime on the hour and half-hour – which can be just a tiny bit annoying at three o'clock in the morning.

I don't know how exactly it came into the family, who bought it or when. I wish now that I had asked more questions of Auntie Phyll while she was still around. My Auntie, Phyllis Allen (of the Allens Sweets fame), was an only child and never married. Actually, she was a first cousin to my mother – but we always called her Auntie Phyll. Years ago, myself and my wife made several oral history cassette tapes with Phyll, to try and record some family history.

Alas, Phyll never spoke about the clock, or many other things that I wish I knew about now. Not knowing way back then that the clock would now grace my home, I did not even think to ask her about it.

She also left me a most magnificent colonial glass fronted bookcase. Again sadly, I do not know how or when this came into the family. I have done some detective work though and had some expert advice. I now have a plausible scenario – it is a good story by my reckoning so I will stick with it.

Phyll did have many stories to tell all the same, about

family history, the early days of Allens Sweets, her father Fred Allen handing out flour and sugar at the rear of the South Melbourne factory to those in need during the Depression of 1930. The preamble above is just to bring me to this point. The importance of knowing our family histories.

There is a very popular show on TV, *Who Do You Think You Are?* The program traces the family history of 'celebrities'. That really annoys me. As if only celebrities have an interesting ancestry.

I would much rather they pick someone off the street and see where that story goes.

Several years ago, while mum was still with us, I made a scrapbook with photos of items of significance in mum and dad's home. I photographed mum's jewelry, old furniture, crockery and dolls. Beside each photo, mum wrote the history of each item. Her Grandmother's ring, the first gift mum bought for her mother from her first paypacket. The furniture that mum and dad saved sixpences to buy when they were engaged. And so it went on.

For those of us who are not indigenous, as migrants to this land, we lost a lot of our family histories. Many indigenous peoples around the world have oral histories going back hundreds of years.

Personally, I don't think we migrant Australians do enough of that. One day, trying to find a bit of history from my Grandpa, he said *'That's all in the past'*.

Sorry Grandpa, I disagree – it is our every day.



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PROBUS TOUR OF LAMBLEY

Enjoying perfect weather, several members of the Club recently spent a very enjoyable time being shown around Lambley Nursery at Ascot by their guide Pat.

It was a great opportunity to hear about the amazing work they are doing there and the enormous mail order business they provide across most states of Australia. While Australia has many native plants, Lambley concentrates on producing and providing quality plants from all over the world, and the gardens showcase how well many of these plants grow locally.

The gardens are open to the public to walk around and check out the plants, but members were privileged to be taken behind the scenes to see some of the private parts of the garden, as well as where the plants are cultivated and nurtured before being sold to the public. The nursery is going to be featured in a ten-page spread in the UK's top gardening magazine in April; a real honour.

A picnic was enjoyed by several of the group following the tour in a relaxing part of the private gardens.

After a very quiet 2020, courtesy of COVID, the Club is looking forward to a much more active and social year ahead, with meetings and several activities already in the pipeline. If you are interested in joining Probus or finding out more about them please don't hesitate to contact Aileen on 0407 847 788 or Joan on 5334 4207. New members are most welcome.

Aileen Dellar



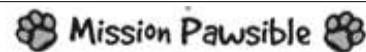
Creswick Lions Club - Community Assistance Available

Each year at this time, the Club invites the community to submit requests for financial assistance by way of written submissions outlining the project, cause or event with details of proposed costs and other sources of funding being sought. This year, it is also inviting people to talk to us about a worthwhile project or program that may be important to the community. As a service club, Lions want to help where help is most needed. We hope that you will help us to identify areas of need within the community.

The Creswick Lions Club hopes to gain insights from responses as to what kind of volunteer services our community needs and which projects and programs are important to the people in our area.

Message us your ideas or submission for financial assistance through Facebook, by writing to Creswick Lions Club, PO Box 55, Creswick or by email to carolyngargiulo@gmail.com or Club President Pat Tacey at tacey55@gmail.com.

Carolyn Gargiulo, Secretary



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One of the CDNs main goals is to highlight local businesses. Considering the exceptional circumstances last year, new people coming to town are to be especially celebrated. Here are just a few...

Maria Taylor

New Faces at the Creswick Motel



*Luke and Tracey Franklin
Photo courtesy Wayne-Rex Brereton*

Luke and Tracey Franklin are the first to admit that taking over the Creswick Motel in March last year was not the greatest timing they could have chosen. No strangers to Creswick – Luke grew up in Invermay and played footy for Creswick, while Tracey hails from Daylesford – they took over the Motel after managing accommodation in Apollo Bay for thirteen years.

Not all was gloom and doom, however. The lockdown allowed them to renovate rooms, continue maintenance in the garden and put in a new barbecue area. The Franklins are very happy with the great support they have received from local businesses in recommending the Motel.

And just to make it more of a challenge, Luke and Tracey have taken over as interim caretakers of the Creswick Calembeen Lake Caravan Park as well. The Park had gone through some tough times of late, but the Franklins have worked hard to clean up the run-down facilities and administration.

After only six weeks, their efforts have already reaped rewards with recent visitors stating what a lovely place it was to stay and that they *'can't wait to get back'*. Luke and Tracey note most of their visitors, to both the motel and the caravan park, are Victorians, and with the lakes, forests, gold history, shops and cafes, Creswick is well-placed to reap the rewards of their hard work.

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Making Good Dough Makes Sense

Both Lindy and Don Oswin have deep roots in Creswick. Don's grandfather William Oswin was a councillor for Creswick Council for thirty years. On his retirement from the Public Service, Don began to play around with different kinds of baking. Lindy is gluten intolerant and could not eat 'normal' bread. So Don began to experiment with different kinds of fermenting to get the perfect sourdough starter which not only made tasty bread but was also good for the gut. Once he started baking, he got the bug, and was giving loaves away to friends and neighbours in the district.

As the country went into lockdown in March last year, Don and Lindy decided to go into business, making free deliveries to Creswick and district twice a week to people who were stuck at home.

Don laughs thinking back: *'It seemed like a crazy time to start a baking business – everyone was home making bread.'* But the products spoke for themselves. People would order on-line, place a shopping bag at their front door, and the Oswins would deposit the loaves there.

Sour Face Sourdough Bread has now graduated to only selling their produce on Saturday mornings from their garage in Camp Street. Lindy has proved a whizz with marketing through their Facebook page, and most produce is baked to order. They use all organic ingredients – even the spices and raisins in their raisin loaf and chocolate loaf. *'We want customers to be confident about what's in the bread.'*

Don and Lindy have relished their reconnection with the local community through their appreciative customers, and are committed to the idea that they are making bread 'good for you' again.



Lindy and Don Oswin

The Forest and the Fae - A Feast for all Six Senses



Belinda Ellams

Belinda Ellams and her family have lived in Creswick since 2010 and had already established a unique business as an apothecary with a medieval bent at Kryall Castle, east of Ballarat. So when business dried up at the Castle due to the lockdown and lack of tourism, Belinda managed to secure her ideal location right in town, and opened *The Forest and the Fae* in August last year.

Locals visiting for the first time are surprised by the experience of the shop. On entering, the senses are assailed by the evocative scent of bunches of herbs drying above the counter, the colours of the fabrics, the shapes and textures

of the jewellery and gemstones, the tasty promise of the herbal teas and organic produce, and hear other customers' queries comprehensively addressed by Belinda.

Belinda has thought a lot about catering for all demographics. She is especially proud of the fact that she has created an all-inclusive space where everyone can find something to pique their interest. She makes many of her own products such as smudge sticks, crystal wands and natural skin care, with leatherwork and pottery to come, but she also supports local artists from around the Shire and Ballarat. The giftware range is unique with a great selection of books, puzzles, jewellery, and men's and women's clothing

Belinda has great plans for the premises next door at Number 88b Albert Street. She is currently refurbishing the space ready for practitioners such as remedial massage and natural healing, as well as creating areas for workshops with a focus on education and sharing of knowledge. She wants to create a hub for people to gather and share their knowledge and to establish new friendships. Belinda would love to hear other ideas from readers.

And what of the sixth sense, you might ask? Well, Belinda is happy to call herself a witch. In fact, she believes that all women are witches – with the latent power to heal and improve the lives of those around them harnessing the products and energy of the natural world. *The Forest and the Fae* is ideally placed to assist its customers in accessing these riches.

One Out of the Box

The little premises on the corner of Victoria Street has finally found the ideal residents. *Beauty in a Box Co.* opened early last year offering a fun and relaxed beauty salon right in the heart of Creswick. Sisters Casey Lenaghan and Carla Preston bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the hair and beauty industry and are loving being a part of Creswick which they describe as beautiful and loyal.

Casey has over twenty years experience and has travelled all over the world perfecting her skills. Carla has not long returned home with her husband and boys from a twelve year trip around Australia and working in a variety of salons.

They can't wait to welcome you.



Casey and Carla

A Short History of Les Gould and the Holden Car

Some readers may remember Les and Ruth Gould who moved from Adelaide in 1981, living first out on Wrigley's Road Broomfield for some years before moving into town at 5 Water Street. Les was active in Probus and Senior Citizens while Ruth's warm friendliness will be remembered from Red Cross. Less well known may be Les's involvement in the birth of the very first Holden and every model thereafter until his retirement.

Born at Stirling in the Adelaide Hills in 1917, Les began at the Woodville Plant of General Motors Holden in December 1933. Apprenticed in fitting and turning (toolmaking) and completing four years in mechanical engineering at SA School of Mines, plus additional training in tool design and body drafting, he went on the permanent payroll in the famous Woodville Toolroom in 1940 as a tool and die designer. His princely wage was £312 per annum!

The outbreak of war in 1939 saw the whole company turned to mass war production and Les's work turned to tool design and development work on anti-tank guns, shells, and Beaufort aircraft frame components. Les and Ruth married in 1942 just before Les transferred to the Fishermans Bend Plant in Melbourne as one of an engineering team to set up a manufacturing plant for torpedo engines and the famous 'Gray Marine' engines that powered the Normandy landing on D-Day.

As the war effort slowed focus again turned to the manufacture of an all-Australian car. By 1945 an Australian Car Project Team of about thirty was being put together and Les became one of six to study manufacturing operations in GM plants in the United States and Canada, his focus being engine manufacture.

Les left for the United States in March 1946. The project was based at the Detroit Head Office and from there Les visited various GM plants of Cadillac, Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, and GM of Canada as well as machinery supply companies. As with other Project Team members, Les would work twelve to fifteen hours a day six days a week, writing and recording well into the night.

Over eight months he studied the production of engines and related components, including manufacturing methods and equipment, tooling, maintenance, quality control and people management, recording in his hand-written journals with detailed notes, drawings, and charts. Meanwhile others in the Project Team were hand-building the first body and engine prototypes for testing.

Three complete prototype cars were assembled for rigorous durability and performance testing at GM's Milford Proving Ground, with a further two later built in Melbourne.

In December 1946 the US-Australian Project Team and all its activities transferred to Fishermans Bend.

On return from the US Les was tasked with setting up the Fishermans Bend Plant for Australian engine production, with a final target date of September 1948. The first car body came off the body production line at Woodville in July 1948 and on 25 September the very first Australian made

Holden engine, number 1001, was started up at Fishermans Bend. These legendary 'Grey Motors' would be used, with modifications, in every Holden produced until replaced by the completely new Red Motor in 1963.

Ten pilot cars were quickly assembled and registered for thorough on- and off-road testing and adjustments, then volume production began. The official launch of the Holden, Australia's Own Car, was on 29 November 1948. The legend of the Holden car and its engine had begun.



Very first Holden engine (Les back to camera) Sept 1948

The next several years saw the rollout of many new models, starting with the beloved FJ. Over these years Les travelled frequently to the US, England, and Germany, usually on equipment procurement for various model changes, expansion projects and manufacturing developments.

In May 1974 he was appointed Manager of South Australian Operations, covering Woodville and Elizabeth Plants of more than 11,000 employees. He had returned to where he began with GM-H and had overseen the manufacture of all parts of the car, mechanical and body.

In 1981 Les retired. As was his practice, he had been visiting night shift to talk with staff and keep abreast of what was happening on the floor. However, on this occasion he was found by security staff around 7am on the office floor. Four days in intensive care in the Royal Adelaide Hospital and four weeks recuperation were followed by reluctant retirement after forty seven years with GM-H.

The move to Wrigley's Road quickly followed. Ruth died in 1993 a few weeks after they celebrated fifty years of marriage. Les died in 2003 of complications after hip surgery.

2017 saw the sad closure of Holden manufacturing in Australia, a huge part of Australia's history and identity. Also that year Les's complete journals were published by his daughter. Details at www.mezwpublishing.com.au for those interested.

Mez Woodward

Pavilion Arts

Well, we've all had a nice siesta and now, it's time to have a stretch, scent the air, and get amongst it again!

The Yartz (as Barry Humphries so brilliantly dubbed the myriad forms creativity takes) are calling, if not from glen to glen, then certainly from our recent meeting where members and supporters of Pavilion Arts came together to discuss *The Future*.



The Lantern Festival

Pavilion Arts is about *building community together* and over the years has created quality exhibitions of fabrics, sculpture, photography, mixed media, painting - who could forget the enchanting lantern parades - is now inviting other interested creatives from any field to enjoy a social pre-meeting BBQ-get-together at **5.30pm on Friday, 26 March** at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Please pop

this in your diary, NOW, and RSVP for catering purposes. Decisions need to be made, and opinions gathered. To enjoy future creative events - think music, poetry, storytelling, writing, dance and more - we really need to hear from YOU!

Trish McMahon for Audrey Winther

Senior Cits News

So much to enjoy

The Seniors' first social day for 2021 was a great success: a lovely day weather wise, a tasty lunch, followed by wonderful entertainment. Four new members were welcomed by all. The next social day will take place on 26 March.

Seniors don't only have a once-a-month social day. There are other activities every week: Wednesday 10.00am, Scrabble and Triominos; Friday 1.30pm, euchre and bingo; Saturday 1.30pm, carpet bowls. When possible, there is a movie day as well as other planned short trips.

Easter is just around the corner. May everyone have a happy time with family.

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Best wishes for anyone on the sick list. Get well soon.

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Maundy Thursday, 1 April	7pm All Saints', Learmonth
Good Friday, 2 April	12pm St John's, Creswick
Easter Vigil, Saturday 3 April	7pm St John's, Creswick
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Red Cross Creswick Branch

Members of Red Cross met on Tuesday, 2 March for the first time since March 2020. *Red Cross Calling* will be via donations in the collecting boxes inside the Supermarket, at Flems, Greenvale Butchers and Krackerjacks to name a few. Over the last year more than \$1000 was donated and the Branch is most grateful for this.

Membership is diminishing as members age and unless we can get younger people willing to join our local Branch it is inevitable that Red Cross will be unable to continue to raise money for such worthy causes, both in Australia and overseas. Creswick Red Cross was formed during World War I and it would be a shame to have to disband due to lack of interest. In times past members were on the front line, sewing, knitting and baking for soldiers overseas, not to mention being the first to leap into action providing refreshments during times of emergency. This is all now out-sourced due to health regulations and so our main object is raising money. We will continue to support the Creswick-Smeaton RSL with catering on ANZAC Day and by helping to make wreaths which are laid at the Cenotaph on that day.

If you are interested in joining us, our next meeting will be on 6 April, starting at 2.00pm at the RSL rooms.

Marjorie Poole



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc ANZAC Day

The Friends are currently working on a range of things. The diorama for the Resource Centre is in construction stage, the scope for the Management Plan is being developed and the plaque working group will soon present a range of ideas about how to name the new trees.

ANZAC Day

Our guest speaker this year will be Ross Dimond from Mollonghip. Ross has two great uncles commemorated in the Avenue - Allen Dimond W57 and Roland John Vernon Dimond W56. He has two relatives on his maternal side who also served. Many of you will know Ross's mother Alma, nee Lay. 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 then have the opportunity to join the commemorations in Creswick.

Dates:

March 20 - Creswick Market plant stall

April 10 – Working Bee 10.00am to noon followed by a BBQ lunch

April 14 – General Meeting 7.00pm at the Commercial@Kingston

Julie Baulch

KINGSTON & DISTRICT POWER ALLIANCE

We wish to welcome all concerned community members to discuss the proposed Western Victorian Transmission Network Project and the impacts it would have on our community and how we can all work together to stop this happening in our area. Please come along and contribute to this very important matter.

PUBLIC MEETING

When: Monday 29th March 7pm

Where: Newlyn Community Complex

2745 Midland Highway Newlyn



Kingston & District Power Alliance

Email: kingston3364@mail.com or phone 0447734004

Creswick North Primary School

Despite a short lockdown period of remote learning, the school has had a wonderful start to 2021.

It was amazing how the students (and parents!) were able to switch easily between learning from home and then back into on-site schooling again. It was a testament to their resilience and adaptability that this was able to occur so easily.

The students have settled into their classrooms very well. They are working hard and learning in all areas of the curriculum. They are all enjoying the renovations to our buildings and grounds, which makes for a wonderful environment to learn and play.

Year 3-6 students were fortunate to have Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson come to talk to them about Cybersafety and the importance of staying safe online.

The students have also been able to start some work in the vegie garden, planting some herbs, fruits and vegetables. Hopefully, in time, it will be possible to utilise this produce in cooking sessions.



Students doing some planting with their buddies in the vegetable garden.

Returning to some sense of normality, the Breakfast Club program has started again for this year, with students able to enjoy a healthy start to the day with a yummy breakfast at school.

It was also fortunate that the annual School Picnic could proceed. Lots of people enjoyed a picnic in the school's landscaped grounds. It was great to be able to connect with school families again after all the on-site restrictions for visitors in 2020. There was extra excitement for the students with a jumping castle and a coffee van for the parents.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal

Fire safe gardens

By Rhonda Cotsell

Wondering what to write this month, I decided again to pick the thing currently dominating my thoughts, garden wise, because there was a reasonable chance other Creswick gardeners were thinking about it too. And the answer was immediate. For too long I have had a plan on the backburner to look more intensely into exactly how fire retardant my garden is. This is different, of course, from fire resistance, which concerns how well gardens regrow after a fire (unlike our homes and us), but they can simultaneously be very flammable.

I found all sorts of useful information online but one source that stood above all others was a downloadable CFA booklet entitled *Landscape for bushfire: garden design and plant selection*. Its stated aim is to provide advice for 'new and established homes in high-risk areas', with a focus on residential gardens. That, I thought, is definitely us.

What I found particularly useful was that instead of simply listing plants, it focussed on the characteristics of individual plants to determine flammability. For example: type of bark and leaves, height of lower branches, shedding habits (leaves, bark, twigs), density, height of grasses, susceptibility to damage, proximity to other plants and whether deciduous or evergreen. It then has a very easy-to-follow pathway through these characteristics to identify those plants most flammable as, quoting from the handbook, '*it cannot be emphasized enough that all plants will burn under the right conditions*'. The Plant Selection Key is only one part of the advice, which this hugely useful and easily readable booklet provides.

The CFA booklet is downloadable at

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/landscaping>

So my plan is to divide the garden into sections and then check every plant following the guidelines. I did a quickie explore and it is a huge understatement to say that I have already uncovered some very unwelcome facts. The first ones I checked of course were absolute favourites from which I was finally benefitting after years of effort. Tough decisions ahead but I will do a systematic search first using the guidelines provided.



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Shannon's Bridge Update



The Sensory Garden at Shannon's Bridge

Some organisations might have had less activity during COVID restrictions, but not Shannon's Bridge. Even though the End of Life Care Hub (94 Albert St Creswick) had to close its doors during the lockdowns, Shannon's Bridge volunteers were active throughout, supporting the community with end of life care needs.

Shannon's Bridge has provided over 300 hours of volunteer support to people who are caring, dying or grieving since July 2020. Just under \$500,000 worth of equipment has been donated to different community organisations and small health services across Australia. It is also exciting to see the Sensory Garden project going ahead so strongly. There have been many community donations, but it has primarily been led and completed by David Poole, his family and a dedicated group of volunteers.

With the End of Life Care Hub reopening, Shannon's Bridge looks forward to welcoming everyone back. We will all deal with loss and grief during our lives, and after the isolation of the last year, getting connected with the community again might take some time for some. Shannon's Bridge works to support people with this process. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 4.00pm and outside these times by prior arrangement (0448 827 956).

Shannon's Bridge Team



Creswick Capers

During February, our students quickly settled back into their school routines, with new uniforms and logos (for the Grade 6s) and significant new sporting equipment in the playground installed.

Within a school the 'community' is such an important part of a child's education. This is where students, staff, parents and other community members work together to support a student in their learning environment.

One very important group of people within a school community are the School Support Officers (SSOs). These staff take on a wide variety of roles to assist everyone in their day to day working lives. Firstly there is Alishia, the Business Manager, and Wendy, who interact with everyone – visitors and delivery people, greet parents, students and answer staff enquiries, answer telephone calls and in non-COVID times, speaking face to face with all our visitors. Alishia deals with all the finances as well as ensuring that all documentation is correctly lodged. As Alishia and Wendy greet the students each morning, it often sets the scene for these students for the rest of the day as they have a chat about something that they have done or something special to them.



Alishia – Business Manager

Further into the school we have our SSOs working in specialised areas. Julie and Jennie provide the students in grades 4 – 6 with the QuickSmart program where Numeracy skills are

honed. Lyn supports the Junior Unit staff and conducts the MultiLit program daily. Stacey works predominately in the grade 5/6 area, providing one on one support for many students, as well as teaming with Julie to deliver the Breakfast Club program. Wendy has also been integral in working with the Foundation class ensuring they all settle into to their educational journey. Then there is Georgie, the School Chaplain, who closely monitors and supports the social and emotional needs of students in individual and group settings, providing strategies for students to make the best choices when facing challenges and is a person of trust who children can chat to about what they are doing.

We, at Creswick Primary School, all recognise that these staff are vital in the day to day operations of our school as we watch their support and dedication make a difference in our students' lives.

Vicki Hughes, Class Teacher

March 1, 1921

Interest in the lamentable disaster which occurred at the Lal Lal Coal mine on Tuesday evening last were revived on Sunday, when the bodies of the two victims- Mark Ellis, of Ballarat East (formerly of Creswick), and Edward Parker of Lal Lal – were brought to the surface.

March 4, 1921

Mr. W. B. Maine, chemist, Creswick, begs to notify farmers and others that having imported a large quantity of the best English strychnine, he is prepared to sell same at lower prices than Melbourne wholesale prices.

March 8, 1921

Shopkeepers are reminded that they must register their shops with the Factories department. Failure to do so before the 14th inst. renders them liable to prosecution. Forms of application for registration may be obtained at the local police station.

March 11, 1921

The report is current that two prospectors, Messrs Ramsay Bros., working on a line of reef in the vicinity of Cobbler's Gully, to the west of Creswick, unearthed a 'pocket' of gold, stated to have weighted 56 oz. These prospectors are devoting much time to the reefs of the district, and it is hoped that they will 'strike' something of magnitude.

March 15, 1921

Clementston- Thursday March 17, 4 pm. Several Vacant Township allotments (comprising some acres) by unreserved sale. John T Sloan & Co, will sell by public auction, under definite instructions from the Executors of the Will of M. A. Clements, deceased, and Mr. W. H. Clements, who have decided to release by unreserved sale- Several vacant allotments, situated in the township of Clementston, comprising some acres of Freehold land, particulars of which will be given at the sale, when plan of township will be available for inspection.

March 18, 1921

We were yesterday informed by telegram that the Creswick Fire Brigade secured third prize in discipline in Class C at the demonstration being held this week at Warrnambool.

March 22, 1921

The committee of the Creswick Easter Monday Sports will meet on Wednesday (tomorrow) evening to make final arrangements. The entries have come in well, and there is every promise of a successful day's sports next Monday.

March 25, 1921

The second Commonwealth Census will be taken as at midnight between Sunday, 3rd April, and Monday, 4th April.

The Committee would like to farewell Mr Bernie Charleson, thank him for his time and help on the Committee over the last fifteen years and we wish him many happy holidays in Queensland over the coming years.

A big thank you to Ray and Colleen for all their help in tidying the cemetery, also Rob E. and Wendy for their ongoing work. The cemetery is looking much tidier. Unfortunately, the two pine trees near the Miners' Monument had to be removed as they were tearing up the roadway and have done for quite a while. This will enable the roadway to be repaired when funds are available.

Remember to be COVID safe when visiting the cemetery, drive carefully and keep dogs on a lead while visiting.

The Committee now consists of Sally Kennedy (Chair), Kieran Moore, Daryl New, Frank Whitfield, David Preston, Colleen Baker, Chris Bullen and one more member awaiting confirmation from the Department of Health in Ray Lethlean.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

KINGSTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society had to cancel the 2020 Annual Show, for only the second time since the period of 1940 to 1944. Despite that, much work has been done and there is a lot to look forward to in 2021. Save the date for the 2021 Show – December 11 and 12.

Thanks to the generosity of Hepburn Shire, ageing locks have been replaced. The pedestrian gates have been unlocked to permit public access to the grounds. Efficient LED lights have been installed.

The Creswick Adult Riders are regular users of our grounds (find them on Facebook). They received Hepburn Shire funding for a round-yard, which was installed last year. The Shire also inoculated the elms around the grounds.

Last year the Society received a State Government grant to install a disabled access shower, which should be completed soon. The Federal Government provided grants to Agricultural Societies to cover annual running expenses.

We rely on community support. If you would like to assist in any way, join the committee or become a member, please contact the Secretary on 0419 527 734. Consider using the grounds for a family or club or group event.

Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

Anglicare Emergency Food

Relief - every 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.00am till 11.30am for Pension, Health Care and Centre Link card holders. All welcome @ St Johns Anglican Church Hall; Napier Stree Creswick

Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email nstubb3@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 2065

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

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

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

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

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

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

Creswick Lions Club second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Pat Tacey 0429 581 591, Secretary Carolyn Gargiulo 0417 349 049, Membership Chairperson Bernardette Tacey 0419 326 052

Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, Bookings 5345 2356 creswickmarket.com.au

Creswick Museum - Open 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 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

Tipplers - third Wednesday every month. email: 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

Please contact individual organisations regarding possible changes to their meeting schedules.

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