

Creswick District News

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Creswick Probud Club Olympians All

The Creswick Probud Club members recently showed that you are never too old to be an Olympian. While club members were hoping to partake in the summer Olympics last year, COVID ensured this didn't happen. Fortunately, this resilient lot went to the winter Olympics instead.

Teams rotated through four activities, which closely (or loosely) resembled curling, cross country skiing, ice hockey and luge. The teams gave themselves a name, designed a banner, participated in the opening march and then competed in the activities, which were overseen by judges. There was even an authentic torchbearer, who carried an authentic torch. This may have looked a lot like the torch from the Sydney Olympics! The *Survivors* was the winning team. They were presented with their gold medals and the team name was added to the perpetual trophy. It was great to see the commitment and enthusiasm shown by the participating teams, the judges and the spectators.

This is just one of the many activities the Club provides for the members. While 2020 and 2021 were significantly impacted by COVID, the Club has still managed several theatre outings, locally and to Melbourne, picnics, local excursions, craft groups and interesting guest speakers. Hopefully, 2022 will see things return to normal with fewer disruptions and cancellations.



Winning team – Aileen, Lou, Joan, Barry

If anyone would like to join this friendly group which meets at 10.00am on the first Tuesday of the month, please call Joan on 0413 991 273 or Aileen on 0407 847 788.

Aileen Dellar

Friends of Park Lake



OLD PATHS RE-EMERGE AT PARK LAKE

While clearing branches that had fallen during January's big storm, Friends uncovered a myriad of intertwining pathways that run the whole length of the lake midway up the slope. After two days of the team raking and shovelling, the pathways revealed themselves, crossing the old fernery steps and the pictured footbridge, over a lovely stone waterfall, which sadly only performs during rainstorms!

Everyone is invited to explore these paths. Climb the steps at the western end of the lake and when reaching the top of the stairs, take the path to the right. Follow that until it descends at the eastern end of the lake. Then, the old lake will be visible from a new perspective.

Andrew Bell, President

Creswick District News

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Senior Cits News

On 17 February, the Creswick Brass Band treated members to an evening of rousing good music. The Band practise each Thursday evening in the Seniors rooms and would welcome an audience.

For the February Social Day members enjoyed a summer meal and entertainment and will hold the next Social Day on 25 March. Do come along and join in the happy occasion. The Seniors' Saturday indoor bowls would love to see more players attend the game. You don't have to be skilled players. Come along and enjoy the competition for fun.

Movie day was well attended. A bus load took off for the cinema at Delacombe, a meal and a look around the shopping centre. Morning Melodies at the Ballarat North Football Club was another outing.

The loss of three valuable and well thought of members was sad indeed. Helen Tink, Alan Kinnersley and Geoff Rawson will be greatly missed.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray 5334 6526

Are you new to Creswick?

The New Residents Welcome Event will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday, 26 March at 3.00pm, commencing with afternoon tea. Sponsored by the Hepburn Shire, this session gives valuable information from local Agencies (HSC, CFA, SES, VicPol). Locals will also share their passion for all things Creswick, including the diverse range of social groups that make up this active and creative community. This event provides an introduction to the town and its people. For catering purposes please register at the Creswick Hub, email railwayworkshops@gmail.com or SMS 0407 622 463.

Judy Henderson

Rainfall

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

	2020 mm	2021 mm	2022 mm
January	53.5	134.5	163.0
February	34.0	13.0	N/A
March	36.5	79.5	
April	97.5	20.0	
May	60.5	79.0	
June	62.5	99.9	
July	35.7	106.5	
August	124.5	66.5	
September	67.0	70.5	
October	73.0	91.0	
November	52.2	66.8	
December	58.5	26.3	
TOTAL	755.4	853.5	163.0

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GIFT TO THE CRESWICK COMMUNITY



Photo courtesy Brown Family

An Enhanced Vision machine has been donated to the community of Creswick by the family of Dr Kester Brown, AM. Kester loved visiting his daughter Maryann and her family at their little farm at Smokeytown and also enjoyed many happy visits into Creswick. He particularly enjoyed walks at Le Gerche, the ANZAC Parade and the organ concerts in the district. He was a keen photographer and painter. His vision was affected towards the end of his life and he used the vision enhancer briefly before his death.

Kester grew up in Kenya, the son of medical missionaries and went to university in St Andrews, Scotland. He loved the opportunity to be out in nature and also appreciated the challenges of rural life. He was Director of Anaesthetics at the Royal Children's Hospital for thirty-seven years and trained many anaesthetists in Australia and all over the world. Kester was also a great supporter of *Youthrive Victoria*, a charity which supports young rural Victorians and their desire for further education and training. *Youthrive* is based in the Old Creswick Post Office and his daughter Maryann Brown, is CEO.

The Brown family is pleased to donate this practical machine to the community of Creswick. It is easy to use and simply enlarges any text that a person needs to read or view. It will be available to community members in the Creswick Library at the Shire Hub. The Brown family knows Kester would be very happy that this useful machine has been donated to the Creswick Community.

Dr Maryann Brown

RED CROSS COLLECTING

Creswick Red Cross will be collecting outside the IGA supermarket during March. If unable to donate directly to the volunteers, donations can be made to the Red Cross bank account at the Community Bank Creswick & District, **BSB No 633-000, Account No. 171 304 975.**

Red Cross volunteers have been working hard supporting those people affected by the floods in both QLD and NSW. Emergency relief is being used to help those affected. Thanks for your support.

Marj Poole

Recent Deaths in the Community

Nancy Ross

A member of a well-known and respected local farming family from Bald Hills, Nancy, aged 96 died in early January. Nancy was the last surviving child of the late Walter and Mildred Bennett of North Creswick. Long-time dairy farmers from Bald Hills, the Ross family including children and grandchildren, continue in the dairy, beef cattle and cropping farming sector today.

Widowed a number of years ago Nancy continued to live in the family home with son David. She took a great interest and delight in the family including grandchildren and great grandchildren. Adhering to current COVID requirements a large crowd of family, friends and district farming families attended Nancy's funeral at St Augustine's Church where she and Norm were committed members of the parish community. Sympathy is extended to Nancy's family and friends.

Alan Stoneman – 5.3.1945 – 22.12.2021

After a short illness local man, Alan Stoneman, passed away during December. Alan, a Vietnam Veteran, was an accomplished tradesman with many skills. His work included joinery, making Lacrosse racquets and carrying out maintenance for Pinarc Disability Support, Ballarat. The Stoneman family were members of the Kingston Pony Club.

Like many other residents of the town the family home suffered extensive water damage during the storm in early January. Sympathy is extended to wife Chane and family Timothy, Debra, Emma and Paul along with best wishes for their repairs and recovery work of the home.

CRESWICK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HONOUR ROLL DINNER, 2022

After having to cancel the annual dinner for the last two years, this year's event has been booked for Friday, 20 May from 6.30pm. Because the Town Hall is unavailable due to planned renovations, the dinner will be held at the **Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve.**

Bookings can be made with Jack van Beveren on 5345 2658 or Marj Poole on 5345 2065. The cost is \$45 per person. Looking forward, finally, to another great event. The Historical Society has a new website, check it out - www.creswickhistoricalsociety.org.au.

Marj Poole

Dr Jim Edgar

11.1.1940 – 4.1.2022

Former Principal Victorian School of Forestry, Creswick

James Graham (Jim) Edgar was described in moving tributes, upon his death, as a quiet, intelligent man with a good academic brain, who loved the bush, held a strong sense of justice and believed in helping those around him.

Jim grew up in Warrnambool, one of six children, and completed his schooling at the local High School. Jim's father was killed in a logging accident in 1947 when Jim was seven. The impact of this had a great influence on him which helped shape his character especially as his father asked him to 'Look after your mother'. Evidence was seen of his caring nature later in life, as mentioned by daughter Elizabeth, in his special care and attention of both his wife, Margaret and Elizabeth.

Jim's mother knew the importance of a good education and worked hard to give her children every opportunity. After matriculating, Jim attended the Victorian School of Forestry (VSF) (now the University of Melbourne School of Ecosystem and Forest Sciences) on a Forests Commission Victoria scholarship from 1957 to 1959. After graduating in 1959, Jim and some of his student colleagues remained in touch over the years. They were able to have contact with him when, in recent months, Jim was in care in Geelong. Jim completed his Bachelor of Science in Forestry at the University of Melbourne in 1962-63. His early forestry career saw postings to the Casterton Forest District (FD), the Phasid Survey program (studying the extent of stick-insects affecting eucalypts) in north east Victoria and the Forest Districts of Barmah and then Orbost, at the time the resources of the Errinundra Plateau in East Gippsland were opened up.

Jim and his wife, Margaret (Solly) from Porepunkah, met at a dance in Bright. They married in Bright in 1963. The couple had four children Stephen, Matthew (dec), Elizabeth and Paul. In their early years they lived in Orbost till they moved to Ballarat for a short time before settling in Creswick.

In 1966 Jim was transferred from Orbost to Creswick as a Lecturer and taught Silvics, Silviculture (the growing and



Jim whilst Principal at VSF, 1980

cultivation of trees) and Statistics during 1966-68. In 1968 Jim moved from lecturing to establishing and managing the first Creswick Research Station with an emphasis on native forest silviculture and growth modelling. Jim's native forest research was put on hold when, during the early 1970s, he was awarded a Rockefeller Fellowship at the Institute for Environmental Quality and School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan, USA. Jim's studies and research in the area of natural resources economics and modelling culminated with him achieving his PhD (Thesis title: *A multiple objective approach to planning and use of public forest lands. University of Michigan*). Unfortunately,

Jim's research and findings were never fully acted upon.

His son, Steve, remembers with gratitude and affection their time spent in the USA living and experiencing the life of America. He has memories of his dad in their apartment spending hours typing up his thesis, using two fingers, on an old typewriter.

Returning to Australia, Jim continued to expand field research at Creswick and across Victoria until he was appointed Principal at the Victorian School of Forestry Creswick in 1978, a position he held until 1981. During this time, Jim oversaw the graduation of the first female VSF students and the last VSF diploma graduates. Jim also managed the transition of the VSF Diploma course to a joint VSF and University of Melbourne operation and the first University Bachelor of Forest Science Degree course.

Former lecturer and researcher, Barry Tomkins, remembers working with Jim as a Principal who supported the staff and had confidence in their ability to carry out their work and research. Another colleague, Dr Kevin Tolhurst, AM, remembers how Jim was willing to delegate authority to his staff for their own professional development even though he had the capacity to do the work himself. Jim was a good leader, but acted with the interest of others at the forefront of his mind.

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Dr Jim Edgar

11.1.1940 – 4.1.2022

For approximately the next twenty years after his role as Principal, Jim pursued his career in the Victorian State Government in various departments and roles. Initially, he was appointed Deputy Director General of the then new Ministry of Employment and Training with responsibility for a range of employment programs, TAFE funding and apprenticeship programs. With subsequent State Government changes and re-organisations, Jim was appointed to senior executive positions in the new Business and Employment and Industry Services Ministries. During this time Jim and Margaret continued to live in Creswick and be involved in the local community.

In 2000, Jim returned to forest research in a managerial role at the Forest Science Centre, School of Forestry, Creswick. The following is an extract from an article which appeared in the *Creswick District News* in January, 2001.

'Forest Research is Booming

Few people in the district realise that Creswick is now the centre for a forest research organisation of world repute.

The new Forest Science Centre sits high on Eastern Hill, at the top of the School of Forestry campus. Building on over 100 years of forest history at Creswick, the Centre is now the headquarters of a research alliance with some 120 research staff. It brings together all of the basic, applied and post graduate forest research activities conducted by the Department of Natural Resources, Centre for Forest Tree Technology and the Creswick, Melbourne, Dookie and Burnley campuses of the University of Melbourne.

At that time, Interim Director of the Forest Science Centre and former Principal of the School of Forestry, Dr Jim Edgar said, 'This is just one, very visible sign of a series of leading edge research activities now taking place in Creswick'.

Forest fire, sustainable native forest silviculture, plantation and farm forest management, watershed management, forest nutrition and pests and diseases are other areas where research teams of the Centre are at the forefront of developments.

Again he became involved in a transition phase of the amalgamation of DNRE/DSE research (Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Department of Sustainability and Environment) with the University of Melbourne.'

On retirement in 2005, Jim started and ran an agribusiness consulting company in areas of which he had great knowledge, expertise and experience of forestry, water, wind and agriculture. With his strong interest in native forest silviculture and growth modelling and multi-resource forest development, Jim authored or co-authored papers, reports, and consultancies over his career and taught many younger foresters the rudiments of the craft.

Apex Involvement

Jim was a Founding Member and member of the first Committee when the Apex Club was formed in Creswick

during 1967. At the time Jim was on the staff of the Victorian School of Forestry. Apex was a young men's service club and Jim became very committed. He believed strongly in helping others in the community and took part in many working bees and fundraising. A thoughtful man, Jim was very astute at meetings when the discussion wandered off the point and a quiet comment from him would bring the members back to the point being discussed. Jim was also a member of the successful Public Speaking and Debating Team of the Club.

On leaving the Apex Club Jim joined the local OASIS Club (Old Apexians Still Interested in Service) where his service to the community continued for a number of years. Advancing years saw club members mainly enjoying each other's company socially. Jim is remembered by OASIS members for his generosity at the Dutch Auctions where money raised was given to charity.

After Margaret's death in 2016, Jim lived on at Creswick until ill health saw him make the move to Aged Care in Geelong. **Vale Dr Jim Edgar**

Sources: Thanks to the Edgar family members, former students, colleagues, lecturers and former Apex members who contributed to this story.

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LOCAL PROJECT UPDATES

Hammon Park trailhead: Council has awarded a tender for construction of the Hammon Park Trailhead, with works set to start in coming weeks. The community space will include a cycling jumps course, learn to ride circuit, additional parking and more. Hammon Park will be closed to the public during some parts of construction.

Creswick Trails: In January, Council formally issued a planning permit to construct 60kms of mountain bike and shared use trails in Creswick. This is a significant milestone for the project. Council is now finalising land manager consent to construct, with the view to go to tender for construction in 2022.

Council received a \$2.1 million grant from the Victorian Government for Hammon Park Trailhead and \$2.65 million for the Creswick Trail Network. Find out more at <https://creswicktrails.com>.

Pearman Street works: Works will start in March to improve a section of Pearman Street between Water and Victoria streets in Creswick. It includes upgrade to the road, drainage, kerb and channel, and construction of a footpath to connect Calembeen Park and Creswick Community Park with Hammon Park. The upgraded section will become one-way to traffic (south to north) with exceptions for emergency vehicles.



NEW PLANNING SCHEME

The Minister for Planning has approved the C80Hep Hepburn Planning Scheme amendment, which builds on the significant work of Council and the community in recent years. The amendment protects our towns from inappropriate planning and development and bring the scheme up to current planning standards. It also sets out strategic work that will be undertaken over the next few years.

There will be opportunities for the community to get involved in structure planning for each town. We will share more information on this in coming months.

For the latest details visit our website at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme>.

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We have been holding drop-in sessions around the Shire to discuss the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project with residents. Submissions on the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) will open later this year and we're working to let community members know how they can have their voice heard. Planning staff will be regularly based at the Creswick Hub where you can drop-in and have a chat or ask questions about the project. You can also let us know your thoughts about the project, sign up to receive updates, and find the latest project information at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/WVTNP>.



TALK ABOUT THE STORM

In early March we held sessions for community members from Creswick and surrounds to drop in and speak with staff about their experiences of the storm in January. We want to hear people's stories – to see their photos and videos, to understand what worked well, or didn't work well during the storm, and to hear of any maintenance issues that need addressing.

If you missed out on a session please phone our Storm Recovery Team on (03) 4373 7373 to arrange another time to meet with staff. These conversations will help to inform future flood mitigation works by Council in partnership with other agencies and prioritise work.

Council recently invited psychologist Dr Rob Gordon to Creswick to speak with residents about the recovery from traumatic events. The recording will soon be available on YouTube. Watch a recording of Dr Gordon's presentation at Trentham at <https://youtu.be/0HRg6zO60Rg>.



ARTISAN AG SURVEY

Local producers and growers are invited to complete an artisan agriculture survey. The survey aims to identify trends in the local sector and how we can continue to support growers. It covers several topics, including current agricultural practices, options for business support, and what drives business goals. Complete the survey at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/artisan-agriculture-survey by Sunday 10 April.

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AWARDS TO LONG SERVING VOLUNTEERS OF CRESWICK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

In December, the Hepburn Shire Council hosted the Christmas lunch for volunteers of the Visitor Information Centres from Creswick and Clunes, along with volunteers from the Creswick Museum.

During the afternoon, Shire Mayor Cr Tim Drylie, acknowledged the important work of all volunteers and praised them for their efforts, particularly during the difficult past twelve months dealing with COVID-19 restrictions.

Shire Visitor Experience Officer, Liam Daniels, presented Certificates and Service Badges to long serving members Neil Hunt and Judith Slater, twenty-five years, Val and Barry Yates and Frank Slade, twenty years and Peter Wheeler fifteen years. Farewelled were retiring volunteers Maisie and Quentin Turner who became involved when the new Information Centre opened thirteen years ago, with Quentin chairing meetings with a firm hand, while Maisie is fondly remembered for providing volunteers with her homemade cakes and slices to have with their cuppa. She also brought flowers from her garden to brighten up the Centre.

Mention was made of the contribution of former volunteer Neil Rowe, now deceased, for his efforts in obtaining grants for the establishment of the new building for the Creswick Visitor Information Centre. Eva Mitchell was also acknowledged for her work with the duty roster and Evelyn Wilson for her artistic displays and handling of merchandise.

When the Centre re-opened in 2021, after being closed for a year due to COVID, volunteer numbers had declined and it was not possible to provide service for the full seven days. Since then, numbers have grown and it is hoped that the Centre will again open every day. New volunteers are still needed to make this happen. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer at the Information Centre is welcome to drop in for a chat with the volunteers. Application forms are available there or email Eva at eva@mitchell.cx.

Long serving volunteers from the Creswick Museum who also need to be acknowledged for their contributions are Margaret Fullwood, Val Lawrence and Phyllis Wright.

Eva Mitchell



KINGSTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Showgrounds continue to look fantastic and are open to the community. The perfect spot to have a picnic, walk the dog or sit in the heritage listed grandstand and appreciate the view and surrounding district.

Check the new website www.kingstonagsociety.org.au. The site, together with the new logo, is a great boost thanks to outstanding volunteer assistance. Or find the Society on Facebook.

Thanks to the Community Bank Creswick & District, the Society received funds to purchase a display fridge, a pie warmer and extra seating. As the Society is already seeing increased interest in use of the grounds, these items will be put to good use. The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions has funded stock-proofing yards for sheep and other animals. Have you watched *Muster Dogs* on the ABC? Breeder of the champion pups, Joe Spicer from *Go Getta Stud*, was the key organiser of the Society's last two events.

The Society continues to make improvements to the grounds and is planning for a fabulous family-friendly event in December 2022. Every contribution counts so if you would like to help in any way please get in touch. There are many ways anyone could assist.

Since the Society's last article, it has welcomed the Veteran Vintage Classic Car Club Bendigo for a local tour. Creswick Adult Riders Club met in February and March. Also, the Society's Autumn Horse Show was held on 13 March. Southern Explorers and Central Highlands Trekkers will be onsite in April and May.

For more information or to volunteer, join the committee or become a member, please contact the Secretary on 0419 527 734 or contact via www.kingstonagsociety.org.au.

John Rowlands
Secretary



CEMETERY NEWS

Ongoing works at the Cemetery have seen the dangerous gum trees removed near the front of the cemetery. It is hoped to replace these, in the planting season, with a row of flowering gums behind the rose garden. This will give people the option of having ashes interred near the trees.

A big thank you to the volunteers from the Trust who have been helping with repairs and maintenance around the cemetery. This is much appreciated.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

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Geology and a Volcano

What a fantastic feeling to start Term 1 with a lot of 'normality' happening across the school.

The Foundation students commence full time attendance this month, which is very important for their learning routines as they now experience both classroom and Specialist (Art, PE and LOTE) subjects. They have also been linking in with some of our older students as their Buddies



Playground Mentor and Foundation students

and the Playground Mentors who assist them at recess and lunchtimes.

At the end of February the year 5/6s participated in a geological study as part of the *Earth Ed* program. They travelled to Mount Buninyong, which is Ballarat and District's oldest volcano, to examine the changes which have taken place over time. This also included a walking tour where students looked at the geographical, physical and human impacts on the area, also learning about the discovery of some of the local flora and fauna as they ascended to the top of this extinct volcano mountain. Those who were brave enough also had the opportunity to climb the tower at the top, look at the view and discuss what fire-spotters were exposed to.

When students returned to school they recorded an oral Recount of their new-found knowledge to share with their parents via *Seesaw* (a computer program for communicating with parents).

During March there will be lots of incursions, excursions and community events happening, which will be looked at more closely in next month's issue.

Vicki Hughes
Classroom Teacher



CRESWICK LIONS CLUB

Club Provides Community Assistance

Creswick Lions Club extends best wishes to everyone effected by the 5 January storm and floods. The Club has been working with others in the Zone and the wider district to assist where possible. These have generously supported the Creswick Club by providing funds and manual labour to assist with cleaning a number of properties damaged during the tempest. The Club has also liaised closely with the Hepburn Shire Recovery Unit to source details of those most severely affected and forced out of their homes. Having this information, the Club was able to successfully apply to the Australian Lions Foundation for a grant of \$63,000. This money, plus money donated by other Lions Clubs, has been distributed to seventy-three adults and nineteen children (this number continues to grow), by way of vouchers to help them purchase replacement linen, bedding, clothing and other household items as well as vouchers for personal care items. The local businesses have been very helpful.

On Saturday, 5 and Sunday, 6 February twenty-eight volunteers from our small Club along with other local clubs, cleaned up fourteen properties for their very grateful owners. This effort was repeated on Sunday, 6 March.

If community members would like to contribute to the



*Lions District V1-4 Governor Harry Brindley (second from the left)
Creswick Lions Shirley and Graeme Mitchell
and volunteer Leslie Sullivan)*

Lions Club of Creswick Relief Fund this can be done by making a deposit at the Bendigo Bank or making an online deposit to the account **BSB 633-000, Account Number - 189 490 667** and put your name in the details section. All money raised will be used in the community.

If members of the community still need assistance please contact Lions President Pat Tacey on 0429 581 591.

Pat Tacey, President

Lions Motto We Serve – More than a Sausage Sizzle

Vale - Ian Flynn

The Board and staff of the Community Bank Creswick & District, along with the Clunes Agency, are saddened by the passing of our friend and colleague, Ian Flynn. As some of you may be aware, as Manager of the Wendouree Branch of the Bendigo Bank, Ian was at the forefront of bringing banking services to our local communities. He assisted in the establishment of the Clunes Agency and the Community Bank Creswick & District. Ian subsequently led the team as Branch Manager in Creswick and became a Director for Creswick & District Financial Services Ltd (holders of the franchise for the Community Bank Creswick District), upon his retirement.

Not only did Ian provide stewardship and a steady hand as the leader of our branch, he also extended his kindness and wisdom to everyone he knew within our community. Ian was passionate about the community that he grew up in and was a member of many local groups and organisations. He was particularly fond of golf and enjoyed playing whenever he could find the time. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

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or visit rvahj.org.au for more information



Saint Augustine's New Start To 2022

The school is very happy to welcome all the new and old faces to Saint Augustine's school community. Twenty year six students sadly left the school last year and are now beginning their journey through Secondary school. On the other hand, the school is very excited at the junior end to welcome twenty-four new Foundation students.

It is pleasing to be up and running after some torrential storm damage in January. Luckily, the damage was repaired enough to allow for the return to school but there will be some additional repairs to come over the Easter holidays.

The school community would also like to welcome new teachers, Miss Jess teaching the foundation class and Miss Kate teaching the Arts. It is hoped they enjoy their time at the school.

The school's leaders for this year are:

School Leaders - Milla, Alexa, Cohan and Jack H

Japanese Leaders - Zahra and Lexie

Art Leaders - Charlotte and Mikayla

ICT Leaders - Jack G and Will

Environmental Leaders - Nicholas, Mac, Roy and Isaac

SRC - Jayda and Erika

House Leaders - Hugh and Emelia (Green) Max and Sienna (Blue) Jayden and Dani (Gold)

Editorial Leaders - Miley, Isla, Amelia and Ellie

Terry Brennan, Principal

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100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

March 3, 1922

Memories of the mining disaster at Creswick 40 years ago are recalled by the death at Oxley of Cornelius Quirk, a retired railway employee, aged 64 years. Quirk, who had lived in Victoria for 62 years, went to work at the age of 22 years in the Australasian gold mine at Creswick, and was in the terrible catastrophe that occurred in that mine in 1882. He was one of the 27 men who went below on a memorable Sunday night, and were all shortly afterwards entombed by the inrush of water from the old workings.

March 7, 1922

Three new life governors of the Creswick District Hospital were appointed at the meeting of the committee of management last Thursday evening. Mr. John Clifton, Mr. Jas. McKay and Mr. John Miles.

March 10, 1922

Kooroocheang Energetic League

A meeting of the Kooroocheang and District Energetic League took place on Saturday evening last, in the Kooroocheang State School, to make arrangements for their annual wood sawing at the Creswick Hospital.

March 14, 1922

Mounted Constable Mason, who has done duty in Creswick for over five years past, has received notice that he has been appointed to take charge of the Gordon Police Station. His successor will be Mounted Constable Montgomery, who will come from Gordon.

March 17, 1922

The Clunes Knitting Mills (Cuttle Pty. Ltd.) will shortly have two vacancies for female clerks. Full particulars may be obtained from the firm.

March 21, 1922

Residents are reminded of the public meeting convened by the Mayor for tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, in the council chambers, to make arrangements for the commemoration of Anzac Day.

March 24, 1922

The firemen were called out on Wednesday afternoon by the ringing of the bells. The location of the fire was at Frenchman's Gully, where furze, etc., had become ignited. The fire approached very close to the residence of Mrs. Tute, and the roof caught alight, but the firemen extinguished it at once.

March 28, 1922

Cricket – Junior Match

Long Point played the combined schools last Saturday, the scores supplied showing a win for the former by 25 runs. Long Point made 45 and 130 (Ellis, retired, 87) and the schools 55 and 95.

March 31, 1922

Parents and the public generally will be interested to learn that in connection with the Kindergarten recently formed, a demonstration of kindergarten work will be given next Sunday afternoon in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School, at 3 o'clock, by Miss Johnston, of Ballarat. A cordial invitation is given to all to be present.



ANZAC DAY

25 April 2022

Creswick Program of Events

05.50am Dawn Service at the Cenotaph, Albert Street, followed by the Gunfire Breakfast in the Town Hall.

09.30am Service at the Soldiers Graves, Creswick Cemetery.

09.50am Service at the Memorial Stones RSL Hall.

10.30am Anyone wishing to take part in the March please assemble at the Splash Park (bottom of Albert Street). Parade Marshal is Ken McMillian.

10.45am March commences.

11.00am ANZAC DAY Service, Creswick Cenotaph.

Anyone who wishes to purchase a Family Memorial Cross, please go to <https://www.creswickmeatonrsl.org.au/>

[stories---family-memorial-crosses.html](#) prior to 7 April.

The RSL's Book, *Reflections* (Stories of the WWI crosses), will be available for purchase at a cost of \$40 after the service.

The ANZAC Appeal will commence on Monday, 11 April and continue until Saturday, 23 April. Tickets will be available from in front of the IGA on weekdays from 9.00am - 4.00pm and Saturdays from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

Wreaths can be ordered until 21 April via creswickmeatonrslsec@hotmail.com for \$35.00.

Phil Greenbank
Creswick-Smeaton RSL

St. Augustine's Church Celebrating 150 Years—September, 2022


September this year will see the 150th Anniversary of the opening of St Augustine's Church, Napier Street. Celebrations to commemorate this event will take place over the weekend of 17 - 18 September, 2022.

Initial preparations are underway and it is hoped to contact as many people and families as possible who have been connected to the church over the years. A call is being made to present and former parishioners and residents for any photos or memorabilia connected to the church.

For more information, or to make arrangements for these photos to be scanned, please contact Neil Doolan at ndoolan1@bigpond.com.au or David Preston at david@gdptransport.com.au or phone 0419 134 562.

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REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ANZAC Day Services, see page 13 for details.

New Residents' Meeting, Saturday, 26 March, 3pm.

Kingston Friends of the Avenue, Market plant sale, Saturday, 2 April, 10am.
Meeting, Wednesday 6 April, 7pm.
Working Bee, Saturday, 9 April, 10am

Don Huntly Memorial Piano Recital, Saturday, 30 April, 7.30pm, Wendouree Performing Arts Centre

Honour Roll Dinner, Friday, 20 May, 6.30pm

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief – 2nd Tuesday of the month 10.30am – 12.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from St Johns Anglican Church Hall, Napier Street, Creswick.

Anglican Parish of Springmount:
St John's Church, Napier Street, Creswick.
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Short contemplative Eucharist: 10.00am most Tuesdays.
Contact: Fr Chris Keast
0427 911 792.

Business & Tourism Creswick - first Tuesday every month.
Old Creswick Railway Station

5.00pm 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.

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

Creswick Lions Club second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall Secretary Barb Urry 0423 536 794 urrybarb@gmail.com

Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007
mariamarco3363@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Creswick Walking Group
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am. Meet Albert Studio, Cnr Ballarat Rd and South St.
All Welcome, Rain, Hail or Shine.

Creswick Ward meeting - second Monday every month.
Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm
Creswick Railway Station

Cr Tim Drylie by appointment
Creswick Community Hub
Ph. 0427 503 258
Email: tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au

CRWA Members Meeting - First Sunday every month 1.00pm after Working Bee. Railway Workshops Precinct Judy 5345 1374

Friends of Park Lake
First Monday of month, 10am, Creswick Hub Meeting Room.
Enquiries: andrew@rairakang.com

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website scoutsvictoria.com.au

Museum Research Centre - Closed until further notice
Email requests only to info@creswickmuseum.org.au

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

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc meets 7.00pm on the 1st Monday of month Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

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 1.00pm. RSL Hall Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

Tipplers - third Wednesday every month. email: barrymarj@hotmail.com

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



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Tree Management Plan

Homewood Consulting Pty Ltd were commissioned by Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc. to prepare a Tree Management Plan (TMP). Stage one has been completed. Arborist, Megan Brittingham, Senior Consultant commented, *'the Avenue is one of the most impressive ones I have seen. It is very evident that it has been cared for by the community and Council'*. Over the next ten years replacements will be needed. The TMP is about succession planning to preserve the Avenue into perpetuity.

The next step is to develop a **Conservation Management Plan (CMP)** to formalise processes for the ongoing protection of the Avenue, not only for the trees but the infrastructure to ensure the Avenue is protected into the future.

Sentinels of Service – Volunteers of the Kingston Avenue of Honour, Second Edition

Peter Rickard's book can be purchased at the Commercial@Kingston, the Creswick Newsagency and Creswick Post Office for \$45, or online.

Save the date

Saturday, 2 April - CresFest Market plant sales.

Wednesday, 6 April - General Meeting 7.00pm at the Commercial at Kingston.

Sunday, 9 April - Working Bee 10.00am – 12 noon (followed by a BBQ) BYO hand tools. Register at the Fire Station.

Monday, 25 April - ANZAC Day Service 8.45am at the Cenotaph, corner of Victoria and Kingston Roads.

Julie Baulch on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue



CRESWICK GARDEN CLUB

The Creswick Garden Club is hosting the Western Regional Garden Clubs Conference, 2 April, \$40 pp includes three guest speakers, lunch morning and afternoon tea, raffles, plant sales. For more info, go to: CreswickGardenClub.com. All welcome.

YOU'RE INVITED!

CresFest is finally upon us, and the town will be full of people in costume, carrying drums and guitars, playing ukes & fiddles - the cafes will be crowded and there'll be cars parking in side streets. As a thank you to our district, we offer lots of free fun:

SATURDAY - 8.30-10.00am - ABC Ballarat LIVE from the Market - with Creswick Kids' Choir, Enda Kenny, Stella Savy, ZOJ and more

SATURDAY - 10.30am - 1.30pm - concerts on the market stage incl. Marimba Taters, Andy Rigby, Creswick Swingalong Ukestra

SATURDAY - 10.00am - 5.00pm - IGA Busking competition (IGA)

SATURDAY - 10.00am - 4.00pm - YouThrive youth talent stage (old Post Office)

SATURDAY - 10.00am - late - jam sessions in The American Hotel, main bar

**SATURDAY 5PM - FREE FAMILY BUSH DANCE
'BUSHWAHZE' @ CRESWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SUNDAY - 10.00 am - 1.30pm - YMCA Skate Park Leagues - Skate Park near IGA

SUNDAY - 12 noon - Creswick market stage, live music commences with Melbourne Scottish Fiddlers, Hip Hop Troupe and more

SUNDAY - 1.45pm - **Creswick Brass Band** and the **Festival Parade** featuring a hundred musicians from across the state.

SUNDAY - 3.00PM - Creswick market site - **Brass and Bollywood Extravaganza** - featuring Sapphire Bollywood and Parvyn Singh - shake your booty!

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