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Independent Living Units



JCAC Independent Living Unit residents and family enjoying a social catch-up

Creswick Primary School



Acting Principal, Mr Shane Hoffmann

Youthrive Victoria - Award Winners



Mt Blowhard Primary School



Mt Blowhard PS 2023 Foundation students

A beautiful summer's day canoeing on Park Lake



Trish McMahon and David Barclay enjoying the tranquility of Park Lake.

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Creswick Ward Update by Cr Tim Drylie

As the crisp autumn air sets in and fallen leaves begin to paint the town in gold, Creswick is once again brimming with a sense of progress and possibility. The recent \$120,000 government funding announcement for a flood study will allow the community to plan the most effective way to deal with issues such as overflow from the creek, drainage, and flooding in low-lying areas. It is great to see that creek maintenance works have also begun.

The Council must acknowledge the ongoing challenges that our community faces, especially the fourteen families still unable to return to their homes after last year's severe weather events. The psychological impact and disruption caused by these events continue to weigh heavily on the community. The Community Recovery Committee has been working hard to gather feedback and gain a better understanding of the issues experienced.

In other council news, the renewal works on the Creswick Town Hall are progressing well and work on the Creswick Trails Project has begun, along with preparation for the 2026 Commonwealth Games Mountain Biking event.

Congratulations to Margaret Giles, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre for *Cresfest*, and Flossie Haughie for their Community Award nominations. It's inspiring to see so many talented and dedicated volunteers in our community.

If you need advice about council-related services or would like to discuss community concerns, please feel free to email me at tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au, or call me on 0427 503 258. You can also visit the Council website at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au.

As the Council embraces a new season, let's continue to work together towards a brighter future for our community, attend community events like *CresFest*, *Chillout* and *Park Run* and get involved in community projects.

creswick Rainfall

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

	2021	2022	2023
	mm	mm	mm
January	134.5	163.0	9.5
February	13.0	1.0	28.8
March	79.5	49.0	
April	20.0	65.5	
May	79.0	39.3	
June	99.9	104.5	
July	106.5	51.0	
August	66.5	156.0	
September	70.5	82.0	
October	91.0	214.1	
November	66.8	129.1	
December	26.3	40.2	
TOTAL	853.5	1,094.7	38.3



Creswick Cemetery News

The new machinery shed is currently being built at the cemetery and security cameras will be placed on the building to reduce the likelihood of theft.

The Trust apologises for having roads closed off in the cemetery. These are closed because they are not in good repair and it would be terrible if someone's car was damaged as a result. Please stop at the barriers and walk the rest of the way if you wish to visit graves past the road blocks. This is for your own safety.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary

SEVENTY YEARS IN AUSTRALIA FOR LOCAL FAMILY

Edith Pepper (Pfeffer) and her daughter, Deta (Preston), celebrated seventy years since their arrival in Australia on 14 January, 1953. Joined by Edith's five other daughters, they enjoyed a lunch and time together.

Edith, with baby Deta, left her parents, baby brother and Vienna, Austria on 9 December, 1952. They travelled by train to Genoa, a port city in Italy, then boarded the *Oceania* for the trip to Australia. The ship went via Fremantle then on to Melbourne, arriving on 14 January, 1953. Edith had her 21st birthday on the ship, with no celebrations, something she still often mentions today. On arrival in Melbourne, they were met by her husband, Charlie (Karl), who had arrived eighteen months earlier. He was working as a carpenter erecting pre-fabricated homes in Reservoir.

Accommodation at the beginning was in a boarding house in Alfred Square, St Kilda, until Charlie was offered a job by Paull Fiddian to repair/rebuild his partially burnt home in Cambridge Street, Creswick.

The small family eventually moved into that home and were warmly welcomed by neighbours Bill and Nellie Lucas and family. They became lifelong friends. Edith qualified as a dressmaker in Vienna and having arrived in Australia with very little, eventually purchased a *Singer* treadle sewing machine which she still has today. She offered her sewing skills to the local community - the Lindsay and Barrell families to name a few. Edith also spent time as a nurse's aide at the Ballarat Mental Hospital in Gillies Street and its receiving home *Nova* in Webster Street. Later, she worked at the Creswick Hospital with Mary McInerney, Barbara Young and Edna McMillan, well-known nurses there in the 1950s and beyond.

After leaving the hospital, Edith continued sewing and for many years made curtains to order for the local draper, Pat Burke. After a couple more house moves, the family had grown by two more daughters. They moved into a home Charlie built in Melbourne Road where three more daughters arrived. Edith and Charlie were members of the Creswick Lions/Lioness Clubs for many years, both serving as President during their time. Charlie died in 1988.

Edith, having just celebrated her 91st birthday, still lives in the home Charlie built during the 1960s, and remains fiercely independent. Her family includes her six daughters and their partners, twenty-two grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Her family wish her much love and good health.

Deta Preston

The World Comes to Creswick at *CresFest 2023*

Free Programs Sunday, 2 April

There will be no better time to stay put in Creswick than on Sunday, 2 April when there will be free concerts running all day - *The World Comes to Creswick* at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre and the Youthrive Stage at the Old Post Office.

The World Comes to Creswick is a partnership between The Boîte, Victoria's iconic multicultural not-for-profit music organisation and *CresFest* - supported by the Victorian Government's Multicultural Festivals and Events grant. This will be a wonderful opportunity for people from Creswick and the surrounding districts to come and listen to exciting music performed by some astonishingly talented, well-known and emerging artists.

The performers include artists from Italy, Java, Tibet, South Africa, Indonesia, Australia - and Creswick! This eclectic group of musicians will start playing at 9.30am at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, which will be illuminated with a giant world, created by artist electrician Gary Miles as part of the project *Community Bank Lights up Creswick*. The Creswick Market will still be rocking in its usual place, so plenty of opportunities to purchase locally made gifts, food and drinks.

On the Youthrive Stage, The Boîte will be presenting young graduates from its 2022 Portfolio Project including Misagh Zamani, *Vikaye*, Yi-Lynn, Pratik and Mal Par. They will all be playing music with an international and First Nations theme.

There are plenty of activities for kids throughout *CresFest 2023* (who get into all ticketed performances for free when twelve years and under, and when accompanied by a ticket holder).

Check out the website for the full program, tickets, how to volunteer or host an artist. So much to see and so much to do at *CresFest 2023*. For all the information go to www.cresfest.com.au.

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HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE 2022 - ROBERT (BOB) BURNS

Bob was born in Creswick on 25 February, 1940 to Rita Bernaldo and Rupert Stanley Burns, a blacksmith and miner. Bob was the third of their four children - Rupert, Heather, Bob and finally Thelma. His mother's family migrated to Australia from England with a plan to mine in Creswick. They settled in Hyde Park where Rita grew up and lived most of her life in the family home where Bob also grew up.

Bob was educated at Creswick Primary School and then Ballarat for his secondary education. He left school at fourteen and commenced work. By this time his father had died and Bob had the responsibility of supporting his mother and sister Thelma. In 1964, Bob married Kathleen Cecilia Pedelty from Blowhard. They had four children, Rodney, Annette, Joanne and Glen.

Bob completed a carpentry apprenticeship and gained engineering and welding expertise while working at JC Robinson Fibre Plaster Manufacturer. He also worked at Vitclay Pipes, Straw Products Pty Ltd, Jas Smith Pty Ltd and the Mines Department. Bob then set up Victorian Pressed Metals Pty Ltd and later worked at Morsbearings as their Ballarat manager. Victorian Pressed Metals was responsible for the steel construction of the Grenville Street parking bridge, over the Yarowee Creek, in conjunction with Troon Engineering. This building is still standing near the cemetery in North Creswick.

The Apex Club of Creswick was one of the very active Service Clubs in the community during the 1970s and 1980s. Many Apex members, including Bob, grew from their association with the club, completing public speaking education, obtaining a Certificate in 1975 and organising competitions for young citizens. Bob was always deeply involved in the organisation and workings of Creswick's community events. Everyone talks of the barbeque built by Bob, which took three men to lift and could cook 200 sausages at once; taking ages to warm up and days to cool down. Being a member of the Goldfields and Chrysler Car Clubs Bob was the person who arranged for the car clubs to be supporters of the local Australia Day Celebrations and breakfast.

During his time with Apex, Bob was Creswick Apex Publicity Officer and Apex Action Director. The club supported many good causes and events in Creswick such as the Centenary commemorations for Creswick Primary School and the Railway Station, promoting men's health, paper drives (early recycling) and the fire disaster clean up in 1977.

The club ran the annual Carols by Candlelight. Bob's association with the annual Easter Apex Art Show, inaugurated in 1971, was a passion. Meals on Wheels acknowledged the funds raised from the Apex Art Show.

Apex awarded Bob Life Membership in 1979, citing his *'untiring and enthusiastic dedication to the work of Apex, meritorious service to Apex and to the Community Apex Serves'*. He was *Mr Apex* for eight years and at one dinner received a standing ovation.

One of the most exciting events organised by Apex was the visit in 1975 by actress Gina Lollobrigida, as a special guest at a fundraising event supporting Multiple Sclerosis. Apex

Clubs of Ballarat and Creswick were responsible for the promotion, including posters and pamphlets. A Grand Ball at the Ballarat Drill Hall was advertised, to be compered by Brian Naylor and featuring a fashion show. The charge was \$12 per head and included a *'heavy supper and free liquor!'*

A telegram received from Gina after the event said, *'sorry I couldn't enjoy the spaghetti and vino at the motel - save it for my next visit. And, there's really no truth in the rumour that I'm temperamental - it was all part of the act. Muchas gracias to Senor Bobbie Burns.'*

In 1977, the Creswick Shire Council invited Bob to assist in the implementation of an Interim Development Order where the Shire was required, by legislation, to plan for, obtain and maintain Regulatory Approvals under the Town and Country Planning Act of 1961.

Bob was listed as a Reserve Member of the Creswick CFA in 1981 and an active member from November 1983. He was involved in various roles until 1998. Many people will remember Bob in uniform at community events. Bob received many letters and awards of appreciation for his efforts over the years. The Australian Kidney Foundation commended Bob for his promotion of kidney health. In 1980, Bob was made a Life Governor of Creswick Hospital *'in recognition of services rendered'*.

The *Creswick Advertiser* reported *'it would be easier to report what Bob Burns is NOT involved with within the community, than list those of which he is!'* Bob's primary contribution to Creswick was his involvement in anything that needed to be started or done; Apex, CFA, helping people.

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ROBERT (BOB) BURNS

Bob and Kathleen were active members of the Goldfields and Chrysler Clubs of Victoria. Following Bob's death, a remembrance was published in their magazine, *Chryco Reporter*, noting the same personal involvement in the car club as with his community of Creswick. Bob's VE Valiant was a familiar sight on Annual Tours.

His community spirit was evident; mowing lawns, doing messages, collecting newspapers, repairing broken household items. All done with good humour. Bob was known to always have his tandem trailer on the back of the car ready to tackle any job.

Bob's family talk of him being passionate about the importance of a harmonious and inclusive Creswick. He was an example of a doer, an ideas man, who then got others interested. Family members recall bush walks, billy tea, childhood stories, and Christmas Carols by Candlelight.

His only ambition was to make life better for others.

Citation provided by Creswick & District Historical Society

Creswick Railway Workshop Association Inc.

**Huge Garage Sale, Saturday, 1 April
9.00am – 4.00pm**

This will be held at the Goods Shed situated at the top of Raglan Street and will feature the sale of furniture, bric-a-brac and books.

A sausage sizzle, tea and coffee will be available.

Browsing and fossicking welcomed, there will be something for everyone.

The objective - clear out the Goods Shed.

All proceeds go to the not-for-profit CRWA Inc.

JOHN CURTIN AGED CARE INC. Upcoming Projects for 2023

The replacement of the ageing bus and the re-opening of *Café Curtin* each present unique challenges. The bus will challenge fundraising efforts. The overall fundraising target of one hundred thousand dollars will be pursued through grants, sponsorships, donations and general fundraising activities. Then there is the probable delay on delivery of new vehicles.

The biggest challenge for the re-opening of *Café Curtin* is staffing. Hospitality staff are in high demand everywhere, so John Curtin is looking for volunteers to be included in the mix. Do you follow the John Curtin Facebook pages? There are two - *John Curtin Aged Care* and *Cafe Curtin*. Keep up to date with progress on these and other events at JCAC on these pages.

*Susan Craven
President*

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Fires – a Common Reality for Portugal and Australia

Co-operation Between Countries

In November 2022, a team of four forest and fire experts from Australia travelled to Portugal on a Rotary International funded program. Planning for the program started about three years earlier, but was stalled by the COVID pandemic.

In 2017/18, Portugal experienced some of its worst ever wildfires that lead to the loss of 111 lives and burning about 100,000 hectares. These fires resulted from about 8,000 ignitions.

A Portuguese government inquiry was held into the management of the fires and several recommendations were made to help reduce the level of loss in the future, particularly with Climate Change and changing demographic and land-use patterns in Portugal.

It was in this context that the team from Australia undertook a Vocational Training Program which included a report on the findings of the visit. As part of this process, in early 2023, a group of three Portuguese fire and land managers will travel to Australia to learn more about how planned burning and fire management is undertaken here.

All four members of the Australian team were trained as professional forest scientists and had extensive fire experience. The team leader was Gary Morgan AFSM AM with Ruth Ryan AFSM, Neil Cooper PSM and Dr Kevin Tolhurst AM. The expertise of the team covered research, land management, plantations, fire operations and senior policy making. Three of the team were ex-graduates from Creswick School of Forestry and the other was from Australian National University.

The climate in Portugal is Mediterranean, characterised by cool wet winters and hot dry summers, much like south-eastern and south-western Australia. Hence there are similarities in the fire climate between Portugal and southern Australia. Temperatures in Portugal can reach 47°C, but because of the proximity to the coast, humidity is normally higher than in Victoria.

Unlike Australia, the majority of land in Portugal is privately owned. In Victoria about one third of the State is Crown land, but in Portugal less than 10% is government owned. Much of the privately owned land is in unfenced areas of less than one hectare. The small size of the allotments is due to a long succession of inheritance and subdivision. Often it is very difficult to identify the owners of an area of land and where the boundaries of that allotment are. This makes land management across the landscape very difficult.

The Australian team identified a number of areas where Portugal might benefit from Australia's experience. One area was the need for a better structured and integrated system of fire management by the full adoption of the

Incident Control System used in Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Currently, there are many different entities involved in fire management with a very limited ability to work collaboratively within Portugal and with other countries.

A second area requiring change is land management. We saw some great examples of collaboration and integration of land management in Portugal, but it was very limited in extent. These examples of integration were most apparent in private timber companies which leased a large number of contiguous land holdings on which they grew Blue Gum or Pine plantations. A second model of integration was where companies acted as managers and brokers for an Association of landowners, increasing the value of the collective land and providing good land and fire management.

It was observed that most Portuguese do not appreciate that fire is as natural to their landscape as wind and rain. This results from hundreds of years of intensive farming which modified the environment to the extent where wildfires could never spread very far. Today, with fewer people living on the land and more frequent and severe fire weather, wildfires are becoming a regular feature of the country.

For the Australian team, one of our observations was how much is known already by different people across the country, but there was a lack of integration of all this knowledge. With changing climatic and demographic conditions, it is not sufficient to continue '*working as normal*'. There is a need for an adaptive management approach where the best knowledge from experience and research are continually applied and tested. With an adaptive approach, knowledge and experience grows quickly and in a systematic way that can be quickly captured and integrated in new systems.

The need for better collaboration, coordination and integration were central themes we saw. Adapting to changing climatic, economic and demographic environments was another. These issues are not unique to Portugal, but are shared by Australia and most other places in the world.

We hope that the insights and experience the Australian team brought to the growing Portuguese fire management problem was productive. The team certainly enjoyed the openness and hospitality shared by our Portuguese hosts. Although, I am not sure the Portuguese are all together grateful for the Australian gift of Blue Gums to their landscape with their readiness to burn intensely and throw burning embers kilometers ahead of the main fire area!

Dr Kevin Tolhurst AM



CAPITAL WORKS

Creswick Town Hall - repairs to Creswick Town Hall have been progressing well, with masonry and render repairs to the outside of the building, along with replacement of roofing and spouting sections.

The decorative orbs and bases have been carefully removed for repairs and in some cases completely reproduced in the builder's workshop. The cresting cast iron elements have been disassembled, cleaned and repaired ready for paint and installation. This project has been funded with thanks to the Victorian State Government, the Australian Government and Council.

Hammon Park - Hammon Park (Water Street, Creswick) will serve as the trailhead for the Creswick Trails. The trailhead will contain parking, public amenities block – including a highly accessible Changing Place toilet facility, water bubbler, shower, e-bike charging station and trails signage as well as a community BBQ area, children's playspace, learn to ride track, cycling jumps, seating and shade. The trailhead is set up to be host to a range of events with space for food trucks, access to outdoor power/water and several cyclocross elements including competition level stairs, sandpit and 3m wide bridge across the Creswick Creek. Construction of the \$2.5m facility is nearing completion with an April/May finish date on the horizon. Funding for the works is generously provided by the State Government and the Creswick Community Bank.

Conservation works - have started at the Mechanics Institute and Gold Office. The focus is on improving stormwater management and reducing moisture in the fabric of these important heritage buildings. The project is funded by Council and is expected to be completed by May.



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VNI WEST REPORT

We encourage the community to make a submission on the latest report into the Victoria New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West) project. We are pleased to see the terminal station proposed for Mount Prospect in our Shire is no longer the preferred option, but note that it remains an option.

We have concerns that:

- The proposed route of the Western Renewables Link transmission line through Hepburn Shire remains largely unchanged.
- The report recommends an increase in the overhead transmission lines from 220kV (kilovolt) to 500kV along the section of the Western Renewables Link from Mount Prospect through our Shire, which require significantly larger towers.
- The undergrounding of power lines has not been considered.

Council will make a strong submission to AEMO and Transgrid. We encourage you to read the report and make a submission. Submissions must be received by 5 April 2023. Read more and find out how to have your say at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/VNI-West>.



YOUR FUTURE

Council will develop a range of plans and strategies in 2023 and 2024 that will guide the future of townships across the Shire. These include township Structure Plans, Urban Design Frameworks, Neighbourhood Character Assessments, Integrated Transport Strategy, Agriculture Land Study and Rural Settlement Strategy. This is part of the Strategic Planning work that Council is doing to protect and enhance the natural and built environment to improve livability in our Shire. Throughout this process we will be seeking input from the community to inform these documents. Work is already underway on the Creswick Structure Plan. Read about it at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/structure-plans>.

There will be many opportunities to have your say throughout these projects. We will keep you informed via adverts in community newsletters, our Facebook page, website, drop in sessions and our Participate Hepburn engagement platform. Stay tuned for ways to be involved.

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Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Working Bee for ANZAC Day

Are you able to donate two hours of your time to prepare the Avenue for ANZAC Day? If so, please join us on **Sunday, 26 March 10.00am to 12.00 noon** for a Working Bee followed by a BBQ lunch. This is an opportunity to learn about the Avenue and to meet new people. Tasks include tidying grass around the trees, pruning and stacking tree suckers and collecting any rubbish. Thanks to those who stop and collect rubbish throughout the year. Please bring your own tools and register at the Fire Station. Registration is essential for insurance purposes, as is wearing 'hi vis' vests. These are provided.

Hepburn Shire Council and Kingston Friends of the Avenue Working Group meet quarterly. At the autumn meeting, held 1 March, the logistics of implementing the Tree Management Plan and addressing urgent high priority works were discussed. Grant funding is imperative to implementing the Plan. Council will seek quotes so that Friends of the Avenue are well prepared for future grant opportunities.

The Friends are developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hepburn Shire Council and finalising the Conservation Management Plan for the Avenue, with assistance from Heritage Victoria.

In February, a group of twenty-six volunteers from the Creswick Information Centre came to learn more about the former Shire of Creswick Avenue of Honour at Kingston and the *Kingston Remembers* Resource Centre at the Commercial@Kingston. Many thanks to all

involved. Please note the Friends are still developing stage one of the Resource Centre. An information booklet to explain the Memorial Wall and the opportunity to view the short films are being worked on. Find the short films available on the website kingstonfriendsoftheavenue.org.au.

Opening hours – 12.00 noon Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more details, please ring 5345 6576 or 0408 007 464.

Don't forget the plant stall at the Creswick Market - 18 March, 15 April and 20 May. The ANZAC Service is on Tuesday, 25 April 9.00am.

Julie Baulch
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Youthrive Victoria - Award Winners

Youthrive Victoria is a charity that supports young rural Victorians and their communities through scholarships to university and TAFE, leadership development opportunities, mentoring, Dream Seeds workshops and The Rural Youth Network (RYN). The Youthrive office is in the Old Creswick Post Office in Albert Street and we love being part of the Creswick Community.

In November, Youthrive Victoria was thrilled to receive the Nectre Regional Service Award at the Victorian Community Achievement Awards at a gala event at the Sofitel Hotel in Melbourne. Ten members of staff and alumni attended the dinner.

The Nectre Regional Service Award acknowledges Youthrive's work in programs across rural Victoria and their engagement with young people from over 220 rural towns. Youthrive operates on principles of wellbeing, sustainable communities and sustainable environments.

Over the past decade Youthrive has provided almost two million dollars in scholarships; offered transition and career mentoring to almost 400 young people and had over 500 participants in the Young Rural Leaders program. Dream Seeds workshops have been presented to over 1860 Year 5/6 students and Youthrive is very grateful to have received support from the *Community Bank Creswick & District*.

The Rural Youth Network (ryn.org.au) has been created to provide opportunities and connections for young rural

Victorians. In the past few months, five young Engagement Leaders from across rural Victoria have been appointed. They have been working hard with the coordinator to prepare events and add opportunities to the RYN website. A major fundraising campaign is being run to ensure the Rural Youth Network reaches as many young people as possible.

The Rural Youth Network, mentoring and leadership programs expand pathway opportunities, leadership skills and connectedness for young people.

Youthrive Victoria was delighted to host David and Aileen Preston, Irene Martin, Lorraine Kent and Carole Boundy at the Inter-generational Learning morning tea at Narmbool. This has become a great part of the Young Rural Leaders program where stories about life and community connections are shared. The young people really enjoyed learning from the guests and sharing advice. The guests also joined the Values in Clay activity after morning tea. Thank you so much to all involved.

Youthrive celebrates and promotes different regional towns and businesses when we visit and we always support local businesses.

If you are interested in connecting with Youthrive as a participant or supporter, please drop in to the office or contact us at info@youthrivevic.org.au.

Maryann Brown



CRESWICK GARDEN LOVERS WEEKEND Uncertain Future

The 2022 Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend was a resounding success, bringing over 1,000 visitors to Creswick and surrounds, raising the town's profile and bringing extra custom to local businesses.

After nine years, the current committee need a break, so at this point, the event will not continue.

However, if a new committee can be formed (either under the auspices of Business & Tourism Creswick, or another group), the current committee can provide full background documentation on setting up and running the event, including a comprehensive timeline and drafts of all marketing materials and other documentation needed.

If anyone is interested in taking this event forward, please email info@creswick.net.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Margaret Giles
B&TC Secretary

Senior Cits

A short note to let members know that we have made a great start at bus outings along with the usual activities. There have been trips to Carisbrook to the trots and *Morning Melodies* at the North Ballarat Sports Club. More to come later.

The Seniors Social (held on the last Friday of the month), was enjoyed by all. Next one on 31 March is our yummy meal with entertainment by Barry and David, known as *Home Brew*. See you all at the Club Rooms. Best wishes to anyone on the sick list.

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Thursday, 6 April Tennebrae Service 6.30pm,
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Easter Day, 9 April Dawn Service at
St Georges Lake, 6.30am/sunrise.
Breakfast of loaves and fishes served at
conclusion of the Service.

Easter Sunday, 9.30am, St Andrews Creswick.

**Everyone is welcome to join in worship this
Holy week.**

St Augustine's Parish Creswick Easter Ceremonies

Palm Sunday, 1 April Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm

Holy Thursday, 6 April Evening Mass of the
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St John's, Creswick

Maundy Thursday, 6 April, 7.00pm All Saints', Learmonth

Good Friday, 7 April, 12.00pm St John's, Creswick

Easter Vigil, Saturday, 8 April, 7.00pm St John's, Creswick

Easter Sunday, 9 April, 9.00am St Paul's, Clunes

9.00am All Saints', Learmonth

9.00am St Matthew's, Newlyn

Enquiries: Fr Chris Keast on 0402 820 455

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Creswick-Smeaton RSL New Members Welcome

The Creswick-Smeaton RSL has been supporting veterans and their families since 19 March, 1919. Membership to the RSL is open to current and ex-service personnel, their families and members of the Emergency Services (Police, CFA/FRV, Ambulance and SES). Creswick-Smeaton RSL is seeking interest from community members who wish to join the RSL. Meetings are 1.00pm at the RSL Hall, 60 Albert Street, Creswick on the last Wednesday of the month with a social get-together from 12.00pm.

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NORTHERLY NEWS Lots of Sport

Students were excited to be invited to visit the Western Bulldogs training session at Mars Stadium and they were lucky enough to get a few players' autographs. They also caught up with Caesar, the Western Bulldogs mascot, who visited us at school last year.

The students have been busy training and practising for the upcoming Cross Country event at Brown Hill Reserve and Athletics event at Llanberris. The school traditionally does very well at Cross Country and this year will hopefully see good results with some very talented runners coming though.

Work has begun on the bike track. There will be a beginner's course, a more advanced course and work should be finished by the end of the term. This will greatly support the school's bicycle program and students are all looking forward to being able to use it!

If you would like a tour to experience the school's facilities, please call on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal



ANZAC Day Program

5.50am Dawn Service at the Cenotaph, Albert Street, followed by the Gunfire Breakfast at Senior Citizens Rooms.

9.30am Service at the Soldiers Grave, Creswick Cemetery.

10.00am Service at the Memorial Stones, RSL Hall 60 Albert street.

10.15am Anyone wishing to take part in the March please assemble at the Splash Park near IGA. Parade Marshal is Ken McMillan.

10.30am March commences.

11.00am ANZAC Day Service, Creswick Cenotaph.

2.00pm Two-Up in front of the RSL Hall.

The ANZAC Appeal will commence on Monday, 10 April through to Monday, 24 April. Badges will be available on weekdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am to 12.30pm in front of IGA.

Wreaths for ANZAC Day can be ordered for \$35 until 19 April via creswicksmeatonrslsec@hotmail.com.

Anyone who wishes to purchase a Family Memorial Cross, please go to www.creswicksmeatonrsl.org.au/stories---family-memorial-crosses.html prior to 14 April.

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Creswick Garden Club Celebrations and Travels

Hello fellow gardeners. This month the club celebrated its 25th birthday in style with a High Tea. John Patrick, Horticulturist, Landscape Architect and former presenter on ABC's *Gardening Australia* program, joined the group as Guest of Honour. Eighty guests and members enjoyed the talk and a beautiful afternoon tea.

Pam Saunders, Director of Nursing at the Creswick Hospital, was presented with a cheque for the purchase of two portable blood pressure monitors. Overall, a wonderful day was had by all.

Don't forget the bus trip to the Melbourne International Flower Show on 29 March. The cost is \$45pp which includes entry, bus fare and a lucky seat ticket. There are a few seats left so get in quickly and book with Jenny on 0408 735 068.

March 2, 1923

The Minister of Education, Sir Alexander Peacock, will today make a tour of inspection of the State schools at Allendale, Springmount, Dean and Broomfield.

March 6, 1923

Loyal Spring Hill Lodge I.O.O.F.

The fortnightly meeting of the above will be held in the Rechabite Hall this (Tuesday) evening at 7.30 o'clock. A full attendance requested. H. Bowley, Secretary.

March 9, 1923

Mrs. Phillip Mitchell, senr., of Camp street, Creswick, on Wednesday celebrated the 90th anniversary of her birthday. Mrs. Mitchell can be congratulated on the attainment of such a great age, and the possession of good health. She was one of the early residents of this district.

March 13, 1923

Scrub Hill Senior Girls' Missionary Union

Concert and Supper in Scrub Hill Church, on Thursday, 22nd March, 1923. Programme by Mr. W. Boustead and Party of Ballarat. To commence at 8 o'clock. Admission, 1/6; Children, half price.

March 16, 1923

Messrs Righetti and Cuthbert, of Smeaton, had a very successful poisoning of rabbits recently. For two nights they laid down apples, and on the third night the bait was

strychnine and apples. As a result next morning they gathered 600 rabbits.

March 20, 1923

The second day of the woodcarriers' "working bee" for the Creswick District Hospital proved successful. The full total for the two days' work was 67 cords of firewood carted to the hospital grounds from the forest which is a record. For about 4 years the carters each bought in a load, and then 16 years ago the block system was adopted, the cutters cutting the trees into lengths, and later the carters removing the firewood to the hospital.

March 23, 1923

Ratepayers in the Borough of Creswick are reminded that the town clerk will attend at his office up to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next, for the purpose of receiving rates.

March 27, 1923

Notice – Creswick Bakery – The shop will be open Good Friday morning from 8 am to 10 am for the sale of Hot X buns. Customers are requested to place their orders early. James Dowd, Creswick bakery, Albert and Raglan Streets.

March 30, 1923

The Creswick Victory Brass Band will play a programme of sacred music at Park Lake next Sunday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. A collection will be made for the band funds.

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St. Augustine's School Grade 6 Leadership Day

St Augustine's has begun the year with some fantastic events. For the first time in three years, a beginning of the school year Mass was able to be held. The whole school gathered and leadership badges were presented.

There was an open school afternoon where parents and families could come in to have a look at classrooms and meet the teachers. Following this was a picnic in the school grounds.

The Year 6 students had their first Little Feet Big Footprints leadership day, which was held at Major League Sports Centre. Schools involved were St Mary's, Clarkes Hill; St Michael's, Daylesford; St Brendan's, Dunnstown; St Patrick's, Gordon; St Brigid's, Ballan and St Augustine's, Creswick. Students played four different sports: soccer, dodgeball, basketball and beach volleyball. Everyone was grouped with students from other schools to make new friends and learn about each other. At lunch time all of the students had a lunch of chicken nuggets, chips and a soft drink to enjoy. After lunch, everyone played a trivia game to end the excursion.

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CRESWICK CAPERS Welcome to the New Acting Principal

The 2023 year commenced with an Acting Principal, Mr Shane Hoffmann, who has previously taught at Clunes Primary School, Lake Bolac P-12 and Willaura Primary School. He replaced Mrs Melanie Stewart who transferred to Romsey Primary School after four years of being at the helm at Creswick.

As the term has progressed, the Sporting School program in Gymnastics has commenced. This is being conducted through Goldfields Gymnastics, where students from Foundation to Grade 6 are developing their movement skills, along with balance, strength, flexibility, agility, co-ordination and endurance. It was interesting to watch some of these skills progress from the start of the lesson to the end of it and the confidence that each of the students demonstrated.

The Foundation students have been having scheduled interviews with their teacher on a Wednesday and completing a variety of assessments to best place each of them in their area of need for core curriculum. This has also been an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to have discussions with the Foundation teacher about their child.

The school Cross Country will be the first major whole school event where parents are invited to attend. The

course is conducted within the school grounds and students have been practising over the rugged terrain, a true cross country course, during PE lessons. The Foundation students run one lap of the 600-metre course, with the older students completing four laps or 2.4 kilometres. Again, it is excellent to watch the endurance of many of our students when competing in this event.

*Vicki Hughes
Classroom Teacher*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Creswick & District Historical Society.

Please make a note in your calendar that the 2023 Annual Honour Roll Dinner will be held on Friday, 19 May. More details nearer the time.

Friends of the Avenue:

Plant Stall at the Creswick Market – 18 March, 15 April and 20 May
Tuesday 25 April 9am – ANZAC Service.

Biggest Garage Sale Ever

Being held on Saturday, 1 April 2023 at the Heritage Railway Station precinct.

World Piano Day Celebrations

Ballarat Anglican Cathedral Synod Hall.
Free Entry. Donations for the Cathedral requested
Saturday, April 1 at 11.00am-4.00pm

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.

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.

Meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and open to anyone who is interested. Old Creswick Railway Station. Contact the secretary Margaret Giles on info@creswick.net

Catholic Parish Creswick

St Augustine's Church
Mass Sunday 9.00am
except 1st weekend month
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm
Contact: Fr Justin Driscoll
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Creswick Clunes Uniting Church Parish

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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

– 0490 444 519 email info@creswicku3a.com website 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 - Meeting fourth Thursday every month 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
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Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm.

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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, 10.00am, Creswick Hub Meeting Room. Wine O'Clock, 3.30pm every Wednesday on the Park Lake jetty. Enquiries: pres.friendsofparklakecreswick@gmail.com

Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers

– every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website scoutsvictoria.com.au

Museum Research Centre

– Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests 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 6.00pm on the 1st Monday of month Senior Citizens Room.

RSL meeting

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