



CRESWICK SENIOR CYCLISTS : The first ride

A meeting was held on Sunday, 22 April at the Creswick RSL to form a Senior Cyclists Group under the auspices of the VOGA Cycle Club of Creswick. Twenty-two potential senior cyclists turned up to the meeting where Ray Martin, the Secretary of the VOGA Cycle Club, along with one of our local cycling GPs, Mick Veal, talked to the group about the fun and advantages of cycling as a way to get and keep fit, lose weight, and generally have a good social time.

Ray and Mick spoke on the suitable types of bicycles and the general safety requirements of cycling and bicycle maintenance. Those attending were encouraged to ask questions, and many did, about cycling and fitness and bicycles in general. At the end of the cycling talkfest, those present were invited to join the VOGA Cycle Club for the exorbitantly expensive annual membership fee of zero dollars; nine people joined there and then. Others joined later in the week.

The first ride of the new Seniors Cycling Group was organised for the following Sunday for a short ride around



Creswick at which thirteen senior cyclists turned up. Age is no barrier to cycling, with the Sunday group consisting of cyclists ranging in age from fifty to eighty-five.

The Creswick Senior Cyclist Group is not about trying to be like a gun *Tour de France* rider with long and fast distances and winning at all costs. It's about people with similar interests in cycling getting together on regular occasions for leisurely social rides for all senior age groups, with those of some cycling ability helping and assisting others within the group to attain their best performance, and by doing so improving everyone's overall health and fitness. Though it must be admitted, the coffee and cake afterward sometimes may dull the attained fitness, but that of course is part of the group's aims; social interaction and fitness, not the coffee and cake. As the bicycle fitness of the senior riders increases with time and effort, so too will the distances ridden and the average speeds attained; what was hard a few months past, will soon become a breeze.

Those who attended the first Sunday ride all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to future rides. With consensus of the riders, regular rides will be arranged. We look forward to welcoming new members to the group.

Ray Martin.

Secretary VOGA Cycle Club, and senior cyclist.

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Creswick Angling Club Thank You

Thanks to the very generous and much appreciated donation from the Victoria Street Craft Group. The Creswick Angling Club were able to purchase polo tops for all the junior angling members.

Judy Rieniets

Junior Angler - Jake O'Rourke proudly wearing one of the new polo tops during the 2018 March River Trip.

Creswick District News

The CDN is a community newsletter imparting local information. Copy is invited from individuals and community groups reporting or advising on local events.

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January	34	30
February	37	6.5
March	44.4	30
April	106.5	17
May	39.5	
June	12.5	
July	72.7	
August	59.3	
September	51.5	
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Death notice

Ellis, George

Aged 77 years, formerly of Creswick
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Joan and Bob.
Passed away 20 February, 2018 after battle with cancer,
Privately cremated 5 April, 2018
A farewell was held at Cerberus Naval Golf Club on Friday 13 April

Joan Di Cesare (sister) 03 4333 6734

Exciting Times at Creswick Play Group!



Louise from the Creswick & District Community Bank® presented a cheque for \$500 to one of the organising parents, Lee Thomas.

The children at Creswick Playgroup are happy recipients of new bikes and indoor play equipment through the generosity of Creswick Lions Club and Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch. Carolyn Gargiulo of Creswick Lions Club recently presented a cheque for \$500 to Kate Muscat, one of the organising parents for the Play Group. Squeaky old trikes have been replaced with speedy new balance and toddler trikes.

Creswick & District Community Bank® funding enabled the purchase of a toddler climbing frame and slide, indoor trampoline, soft fall matting and traffic cones.

Creswick Play Group moves inside the Victoria Street Hall for the cold weather program beginning first week of May. Everyone is welcome – from babies to pre-schoolers and a \$2 donation is appreciated. Bring a drink and snack for your child. Details of each week's craft and play activities are on Creswick Playgroup Facebook page – www.facebook.com/Creswick-Playgroup or for information contact Neighbourhood Centre on 5345 2356

Why come to play group?

Playgroups bring young children, parents, families and communities together to learn and develop through informal play activities and social interaction. Playgroups help parents and caregivers build social and support networks that encourage and assist them in their valuable parenting role.

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Julie Moran



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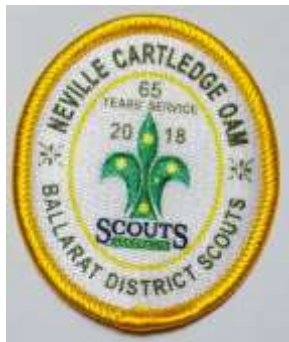
The Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch contribution of \$135,000 towards the cost of recent improvements at John Curtin Aged Care is an outstanding example of the community supporting the community.

The contribution comprised a grant of \$35,000 towards the cost of establishing *Curtin Café* within John Curtin's residential care facility as an amenity for residents, visitors and staff, and the community generally, and a grant of \$100,000 towards the cost of new rooms and redevelopment works undertaken to meet emerging needs. This represents the largest single donation made by the Community Bank Branch since its establishment in 2005.

John Curtin CEO, Jenni Sewell, in acknowledging and expressing thanks for the Community Bank Branch's support said that both John Curtin Aged Care and the

Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch were established by the people of Creswick and district. *'Community support for these community initiatives has given the district two major assets, each of which is now an important contributor to the wellbeing of our community.'*

Creswick District News was also established by the people of Creswick and District. It exists today through the support of our community's business advertisers and the community volunteers who undertake all of the functions involved in preparing and distributing each issue. We believe that, like John Curtin Aged Care and Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch it is a major district asset and an important contributor to the wellbeing of our community.



Neville Cartledge OAM Scouting 65 Year Service Award

Neville was one of the original thirty four youths who joined the 1st Creswick Scout Troop on their re-establishment in 1950/51. Obviously he was impressed with what the Boy Scouts Association

had to offer as he is still active to this day. During the sixty seven years Neville has held positions at 1st Creswick as Troop Leader, Assistant Scout Leader, Scout Leader, Senior Scout/Venturer Leader and eventually Wendouree/Central Highlands/Kulin and District Leader.

Neville has been involved as a Member of 'The Lord Baden Powell Society' since 1997, the 'Australian Scout Fellowship,' since 1998 and the Pax Hill Heritage Committee Ballarat since 2001. Neville is a devoted collector of Scouting Memorabilia having attended seventeen Australian and one World Jamboree as well as the 8th World Rover Moot, (similar to a Jamboree for 18-25 year olds Rover Scouts), he has a significant collection. Having retired from Australian Timken after forty years of employment, Neville accepted an Invitation to join the Pax Hill Heritage Committee. He manages the Display Area in the Heritage Centre with a mixture of Pax Hill's and his own personal collection. With the help of members Neville sets up displays in the Gold Museum at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat Library and the Ballarat Agricultural Society Show, and in 2009 was presented with a Sash for the Best Large Indoor Display at the Ballarat Agricultural Society Show in 2009.

Scout Jamborees

Neville's introduction to Scout Jamborees was with seven other 1st Creswick Scouts when they attended the 5th Jamboree, held at Clifford Park Victoria, in 1955/56 and he found it an enjoyable and interesting ten days. The next Jamboree was in Sydney and Neville's enthusiasm continued to the 21st at Elmore in 2007, a total of seventeen plus the 16th World Jamboree in 1988 and the 8th World Rover Moot in 1991.

Neville's roles at the Jamborees included an Assistant Leader, Leader with three Assistants looking after thirty-six scouts. There are several hundred Leaders appointed to staff positions at Jamborees. Neville's appointment was

working in the Staff Kitchen and the Scouter Fraternity marquee. At the 14th Jamboree Neville attended, his role was with the Scout Shop, what a great job! His role in the Scout Shop continued at six of the next seven Jamborees plus at the 16th World Jamboree and 8th World Rover Moot.

Chief Commissioner Bob Taylor, who Neville had worked with at Jamborees, presented Neville with his 55 Year and 60 Year Awards and on 18 March, 2018, in the presence of 100 members of his family and guests presented Neville with his 65 Year Award. Neville is only the second Ballarat District Leader to receive a 65 Year Service Award.

Queen Scouts

In June 1967 Neville was Appointed Senior Scout Leader at 1st Creswick and in October 1968 was appointed Senior Scout Leader of Wendouree District while still maintaining his role as Senior Scout Leader/Venturer Leader of 1st Creswick until his retirement in 1998. During his time as Senior Scout/Venturer Leader at Creswick, Neville trained thirty-two Queen Scouts from the first in 1967 to the last in 1995. Venturers travelled from Ballarat and Daylesford to join the active and committed 1st Creswick Unit. He enthusiastically followed their successes and achievements in business and community life.

In a leadership role, Neville co-ordinated seven Venturer Leadership Training Weekends from 1976 to 1988 some at Eastern Hill Camp Creswick and others at Pax Hill Ballarat. This was compulsory training for 272 Venturers as part of their Queen Scouts Award. The majority of attendees went on to become Queen Scouts, while most were from the Ballarat Area, others were Venturers from Cobden, Eaglehawk, Terang, Camperdown, Hawkesdale, Allensford, Simpson and Metropolitan Groups. Neville's role as District Venturer Leader included being Examiner on Initiative Courses and Hiking Expeditions.

Neville was the driving force through Ballarat Jaycee's to build the bush toilets at Pax Hill in 1969. He also designed and made scale models of obstacles for Apex Club Members to use in the construction of the Obstacle Course at Pax Hill in 1981.

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Sheila and Neville Cartledge
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Neville's wife, Sheila, has been a great supporter for him during the last fifty-four years attending a number of Scout Jamborees in Australia as well as the 8th World Rover Moot. Their sons, Richard, Nicholas and Bradley have all been active in the Scouting Movement, attending Jamborees and achieving the Queen Scout Award with Richard and Nicholas achieving the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Neville was Awarded a *Certificate for Good Service* in February 1973 and a *Silver Acorn* on Founders Day 22 February 1983. (Both Awards Were Presented by the Governor of Victoria who holds the position of Chief Scout.)

Obviously with his Jamboree Experience, involvement with youth as well as his vast collection of Scouting Memorabilia, Neville assisted Phil Roberts in writing the *Golden Century of Scouting Book* which was launched by the Governor and Chief Scout of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser AC, on 9 May 2009.

What a great achievement over the past sixty five years!

The Music Never Stops

Although the euphoria of the Creswick Brass Band's success at the National Championships has not worn off for your correspondent, the Band moves on, as the music never stops! The Band was honoured once again to take part in the ANZAC commemoration at Creswick, and it was great to see the Youth Brass join with the Band – there were forty-one bandspeople march, which is the biggest number for quite some time.

The Band's *Salute to the ANZACS* concert was yet again a success, and this year we raised \$750 on the day, for which all the Band says a heart-felt thank you to the Creswick community. The money raised will be ploughed back into the ongoing purchasing program of new instruments for the growing Band. The members have also been humbled by two anonymous donations in the last month, totaling \$1000, which have enabled them to bring forward some planned purchasing of instruments.

A smaller ensemble played at the Creswick Market in April, and once again thank everyone for the congratulations all gave the Band members, on their win, when they were playing there. The Band is heading over to Clunes on May 5 to play at *Booktown*, which is always fun for the Band and nice to play for the visitors to the festival.

A reminder that you can follow the Band's movements and events by checking us out on Facebook. We hope to put on a combined concert in June with a Band from Melbourne, if we can make our dates align. So keep an eye on Facebook and around town for that information.

Finally, the Band passes on our hearty congratulations to Band member Tony and his wife Jenny, who have in the last month welcomed Isabelle Grace into their family. All doing well, and nice to see proud new father Tony at rehearsal this week!

Roger Clark



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Park Lake Botanical Reserve Information Centre Hears All About It

Last month, volunteers from the Creswick Visitor Information Centre invited Dr Kevin Tolhurst and his wife Rosemary to speak about the history of and current works at the Park Lake Botanical Reserve in Creswick.

The very informative session included a fantastic handout, illustrated with photographs and garden plans from the earliest development up to most recent times. The original plant selection was mostly exotics, including oaks and pines. This handout will be available for perusal at the Information Centre.

Volunteers learned that the current project, designed by Kevin, is known as the 'Indigenous Walkabout'. The area is divided by paths leading the walker through native plantings from Victoria, Western Australia, New South Wales and South Australia. The aim of the plan is to provide a pleasant, quiet, recreational space, being fire resistant and requiring minimal maintenance, and to provide the opportunity to teach people about our native Australian vegetation. After the talk, volunteers carpooled to the Reserve for a 'walkabout'; some never having been there before.

If anyone would like to help with the ongoing maintenance of the Reserve, you are urged to contact Val at the Friends of Park Lake on 5345 1310. The Lions Club is also hoping to support the future development of the Reserve.

We are looking forward to the Park Lake Botanical Reserve becoming a vibrant recreational focus for the people of Creswick, young and old.

Maria Marco



Cemetery News

Finally work has started on refurbishing the lawn graves at the Creswick Cemetery. The lawns are being seeded and the Trust ask that visitors keep off the growing grass as much as possible please, to give it a chance to grow.

Another reminder that trinkets should NOT be glued to the concrete in front of headstones as they will be removed.

Wendy Ohlsen Secretary Cemetery Trust

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CRESWICK & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE COMMITTEE

DRIVERS NEEDED

The Creswick & District Senior Citizens Welfare Committee needs extra male or female mini-bus drivers for the Friday meetings of the Senior Citizens Club. No special bus license required as the mini-bus only seats twelve passengers.

Drivers will only be required, on average, one Friday every six weeks, between 12 noon and 4.30pm to collect Seniors Club members from around Creswick and the nearby district and deliver them back home after their Friday Club meeting.

If you would be willing to assist with this community task, we would be most pleased to hear from you. Please contact Ray Martin, committee Secretary on Mob: 0409 388 222, or Email: rayandlindamartin@tpg.com.au

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You'll find answers wrapped in love
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Tony Stark

Senior Cits 50th Birthday

Autumn! The best season of the year and what better time could the Senior Members have for a Social Day. A good meal, great entertainment and good friendly company.

Next Social Day, 25 May, will be the Club's 50th Birthday celebration. Other Senior Clubs will join us for afternoon tea and Barry and Margaret, (*Home Brew*), will entertain. Please note there won't be any lunch that day.

Creswick had a pleasant weekend visit from a walking group based in Melbourne. Brian Reasons did the honours of driving some of the 'not so able' to the interesting sites of Creswick, including the Saturday Market. A good way to show off our town in such gorgeous weather. Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray 5334 6526

My Secret Revealed



Did you guess my secret place?
It's really not very hard to trace.
Just walk up Victoria, turn into Drummond.
Tell everyone by Arlene you've been summoned.

When you reach the safety bars on the right,
Step up close and gaze down at the sight.
With so many different shades of green,
a prettier sight you've never seen.

I walk my dog and stop every time.
It makes me feel so sublime.
I stand and gaze and my mind runs wild,
with stories I could create to tell a child,

Of Fairies who live inside each tree,
and grant nice wishes for you and me.
Now maybe your mind doesn't think this way.
As a child you had different games to play.

But Fairies are there for one and all,
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The Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner will be held in the **Creswick Town Hall on 25 May, 2018**. This year the dinner is being held later in May to coincide with Heritage Week. Tickets are \$40 per person for a three-course meal and drinks. Tables seat eight people and you can book as many as you need for family and friends. Don't be put off if you wish to come with a partner or on your own, you will be welcomed and placed on a table.

It's a great way to catch up with friends you may not have seen for many years and also to hear about some of the remarkable people who helped make Creswick such a great place to live.

Mark the date and contact either Jack Van Beveren on 5345 2658 or Marjorie Poole on 5345 2065 for bookings. Bookings will need to be made by 19 May.

Marj Poole

Welcome to New Residents

The Welcome to New Residents Event was held on a very wet Saturday 24 March and despite the weather, enthusiastic spirits were not dampened inside the Town Hall. There was much chatter, information and interest and one new resident noted it was a 'Great Initiative'! Many local groups sent representatives whilst others sent information. Agency staff from Victoria Police, Hepburn Shire and the SES advised locals of key information. Thanks to everyone who supported the Welcome. The Creswick Railway Workshops Association, U3A and Creswick and District Residents Association will be doing it again on Saturday 28 July.

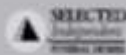
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Jason and Tully pictured with entry gifts donated by local businesses at the New Residents Event

Victoria Street Craft Group

The ladies of the Victoria Street Craft Group have been hard at work around the town, making and selling their goods and then giving back to the community and various charities. They have been busy little beavers! The Special Effort award was won by Lyn Allan of North Creswick, who was very happy with her big basket of Easter Eggs.

The Group has donated a large amount of furniture, clothing, food and toiletries to the Camperdown fire victims last month. It was much appreciated. Gary Charnock was a very happy gentleman when he received a cheque to go towards his efforts for supporting veterans.

A Mother's Day Stall was held on Friday, 4 May at which craft items, cakes, knick-knacks and other items were for sale. Special Effort results were: 1st Neville Keen, Creswick; 2nd Margaret McDonald, Creswick; 3rd Gordon McKay, Dean.

Rita Flapper

Creswick Photography Prize 2018

begins soon!

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Congratulations Lisa!

We are sure that all readers will join with the CDN in congratulating Lisa Weightman, (CDN March 2018), on her brilliant Silver Medal in the Women's Marathon at last month's Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. She came in at a time of 2:33:23. Well done, Lisa! Parents in law, local residents Vicki and Peter McArthur, travelled to the Gold Coast to view the Marathon and join in the excitement of Lisa's success.



Lisa Weightman Silver Medallist at Brisbane Commonwealth Games. Photo by Dean Degan



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THE ART OF LIVING

By Craig Barrett



Over the past couple of weeks, I have been spending a lot of time wandering around and drawing the Berry Consols. The Consols, with their mullock heaps, washed quartz piles, and the occasional mining infrastructure ruin – bring together for me a number of interests.

Aesthetically, I find them really engaging, rising out of the gentle rolling and sloping landscape to the north of Creswick. From a distance one mullock heap looks the same as the next – seen one, seen them all. Not so! Take some time and get around to see as many as you can up close. They vary enormously in shape, size, texture, and of course, colour.

Their colours are extraordinary, varying from the palest of greys and pinks, chalky ochres to deep russet, all depending on the mineral content of the tailings, how they have weathered over a century of exposure to the atmosphere and, critically, the time of day that you get to see them.

I have found it sometimes hard to draw them in the full glare of the midday sun. The colours and shapes are much enhanced in the early morning and late afternoon when the raking light casts shadows that highlight the form. Some mounds are simple little rounded humps, some look like a beached whale, some take the form of a miniature mountain range. A number of them have been, (and still are), worked again for their quartz pebbles and sands, sculpting and adding a new dynamic to their shape. It must have been quite a sight from the 1870s to the turn of the century when all these mines had massive poppet heads, chimneys and winding houses.

I mentioned in a previous article in *Creswick District News*, I have long been fascinated with mining subjects in my art. I have also worked in the field on the exploration side. In the early 1980s, (seems like a lifetime ago now), I worked as a field assistant for exploration companies around Mt Isa and north west of Townsville. I know first hand just how much energy, effort and money is required just to go looking. To the best of my knowledge, only one project I worked on ever became a mine. It was a very rich little zinc deposit and the mine was worked out in about twenty years.

Unfortunately, modern mining tends to leave a much larger scar on the landscape than the historic methods. Drawing the mullock heaps and ruins, I cannot help but be impressed by the sheer determination and grunt needed to haul such massive amounts of rock to the surface looking for yellow stuff!

On a sadder note, it is a pity that most of the roadside signage pointing out the various mines have fallen into such disrepair. Most are broken, rotted or just overgrown. Such an important part of the history of Creswick.



Creswick a Vital Part of the Regional Centre for Culture

Celebrating the creativity and culture of Central Victoria, the first ever Regional Centre for Culture (RCC) is a year-long program of more than 1,000 events.

Across 2018, RCC will present specially commissioned artworks from Victoria's finest artists, grass-roots community projects, surprise performances in farmers markets, tiny towns hosting giant visual arts installations, urban centres premiering new works, massed pipe and brass band events, an art installation at a flour mill and an all-singing town hall crawl. Everyday places will be transformed through music, dance, projections, art, festivals, podcasts and more.

An initiative of the Victorian Government, the RCC is delivered in partnership the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, the City of Greater Bendigo and the Shires of Central Goldfields, Mount Alexander and Hepburn.

The program has been 'built' around the six seasonal times observed by the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung peoples - April is Murnong (Yam Daisy) and Ngaari (Black Duck) Time, May and June is Datimdatim (Boomerang) and Wai-kalk (Wattle) Time. July and August is Wanyarra (Water) and Gurri (Kangaroo) Time, September and October - Boyn (Bread) and Lawan (Mallee Fowl) Time and November to December - Giranul (Perch) and Wirrap (Cod) Time.

Jo Porter, a Producer with the RCC, is enthusiastic about the Central Goldfields area. *'We chose this area as the pilot for this program due to the relative density of the population and yet there are so many diverse communities and countryside. With so many talented local artists and producers in the region, it's an ideal place to support these communities to tell their own stories in their own ways,'* she stated.

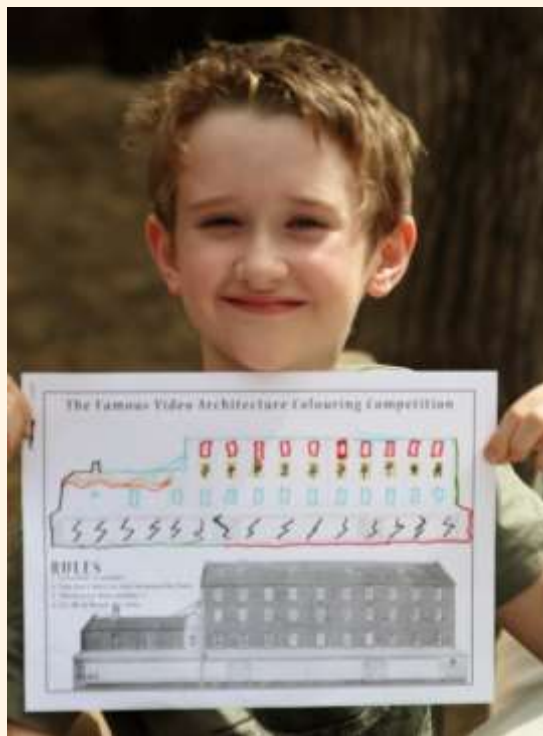
FUN AT THE CRESWICK MARKET

As well as the big-ticket artistic and cultural events, the RCC celebrates *small c* culture such as local markets and local



producers. In February, the RCC came to the Creswick Market where jugglers and acrobats gave impromptu performances. Children were encouraged to participate in a workshop to create a design which was seen on a massive scale at Anderson's Mill earlier this month.

ANDERSON'S MILL



The *Now You See It...* interactive visual arts focus on Smeaton's historic Anderson's Mill was held on the evenings of 11 to 13 May when the Mill was transformed with video/light projections depicting the history of the Mill. The twenty-minute work was generated in two parts - one part was created by over 170 primary school kids across Hepburn Shire (see photos), the other by Dja Dja Wurrung Traditional Owners Aunty Marilyne Nicholls, artist storyteller Rebecca Phillips, and musician and composer James Henry in collaboration with lead artist, Castlemaine-based Jim from Video Architecture.

COMING UP - SINGING AT THE TOWN HALL CRAWL

Next month, the Regional Centre for Culture is hosting ten free singing workshops in regional town halls in Baringhup, Bullarto, Clunes, Creswick, Dunolly, Glenlyon, Lyonville, Maldon, Maryborough and Talbot across three Saturdays. Each hall will be brought to life, with the workshops culminating in a public group performance featuring the participants and tutors in a celebration of song, voice and community on Saturday 30 June at Maryborough Town Hall.

In Creswick, the event will take place on Saturday, 30 June at 10.30am at the Creswick Neighbourhood centre. Tutor Merrin Torpy will conduct the free workshop.



Creswick Lions Club

Are You Seeking Funds?

Creswick Lions have had a busy few months with fundraising activities, the aim of which is to assist, each financial year, groups in Creswick and District. This year funds will be allocated at our June meeting. Any organisations seeking financial assistance are asked to write a short submission outlining the project they would like help with, the proposed cost and other sources of funds being sought. All requests will be considered on their merits, however limited funds mean that not all proposals can be met.

Applications should be posted to Creswick Lions Club, PO Box 55, Creswick or emailed to tacey55@gmail.com by 31 May.

At the May Creswick Market, the funds raised from the BBQ will go towards the purchase of an iPad for a child through the *Keeley's Cause*, a project which provides iPads for children diagnosed with Autism and intellectual disabilities. The project was established by Keeley and her mother Sharon after seeing firsthand the benefits technology can bring to these children. To learn more, go to keeleyscause.org.au/.



Pictured from left three of Carmel's siblings, Margaret Ridsdale, Kevin McKeegan and Gerard McKeegan, with Graeme Mitchell and son Darren.

At the March meeting, the *Leo Tyquin Award* was presented to Graeme Mitchell and the Creswick Lions Club by Gerard McKeegan, brother of the late Carmel Mitchell. This Award is given to honour a member of a Lions Club who has dedicated their time to sight related projects. Carmel was a passionate Lion and gave her time to many projects including those focussed on vision and eye health. We are so proud of Carmel for being a recipient of this wonderful award.

Some diary dates: Wednesday, 4 July monthly Farmer's Arms Trivia Night; 'Two Bob Auction' Saturday, 27 October at the Doug Lindsay Reserve.

Carolyn Gargiulo

President – Creswick Lions Club 0417 349 049

Kingston Friends of the Avenue Trivia Night

Here's your chance to support us and have fun by coming to the Trivia Night on Wednesday 5 June at the Farmer's Arms, 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Just roll up, \$10 per head.

Over 100 people attended the ANZAC Day Service. Thanks to RSL President Alan Morris for presiding. The guest speaker was Councilor Greg May. He spoke of his connections to the Avenue. Local students and Principals were involved in the service. Thanks to Trace Williams for providing rum coffee and to those who cooked Anzac biscuits.

Prior to ANZAC Day, students from Creswick North, Newlyn and St Augustine's participated in activities planned by Friends of the Avenue. These included a visit to the RSL and the Museum. Our thanks to Alan Morris, Paul McGuinness and Margaret Fullwood. Students then travelled by bus to the Kingston Showgrounds where they viewed Chris Fawcett's Light Horse in full dress and historic relics exhibited by Perc Robinson. Activities were then undertaken in the Avenue. Thanks to all the volunteers and especially the Creswick Lions Club for sponsoring the bus and lunch.

Many thanks to Business & Tourism Creswick for your generous donation of \$1000 towards urgent arboreal work.

In the preparations for the reprint of *Sentinels of Service*, if you believe your family history may be incorrect, please email kingstonfoa@gmail.com promptly.

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MUSIC NEWS

The Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital

The *Don Huntley Memorial Piano Recital* on 28 April at the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts was a special night of piano music. Kristian Chong demonstrated why he is one of Australia's leading pianists in a spectacular program culminating in the final Schubert piano sonata, a work of great depth and power.

The *Piano for Pleasure* series continues on Sunday, 20 May at 2.30pm in the Art Gallery of Ballarat. The free one-hour concert is presented by senior students of Bron Sozanski and is a great opportunity to experience fine piano music in the inspirational surrounds of the Gallery. The third concert this year in the series will be on Sunday, 3 June, also at 2.30pm in the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Bronislaw Sozanski

A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON St. Matthew's Church, Newlyn

It was a very pleasant Sunday afternoon at St. Matthew's Church, Newlyn, where a full house enjoyed the concert by *Sweet Biscuit*, an intriguing name for a trio of harpsichord, bassoon and oboe. Peter, Andrew, and Matthew (appropriate names for the venue), all University graduates and masters of their instruments, presented a program of baroque music by Telemann, Vincent, Handel, Galliard and De Boismortier - displaying the instruments to their best and in exciting harmonies.

The performers were happy to describe their instruments, explain their history, and demonstrate the beauty of sound of which each instrument was capable. It was a learning experience as well as an entertaining one. These concerts are increasing in support and are a credit to their organisers, who are to be congratulated for the work they put in to create the Series. The afternoon was concluded with a huge country afternoon tea, provided by the St. Matthew's Ladies' Guild. Well done ladies for your efforts. We look forward to the next concert at Newlyn.

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CRESWICK CAPERS

Students have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn and, as always, it has been a busy start to term.

ECOLINK INCURSION : Prep-Year 4 students had an incursion from Ecolinc which is a science and technology innovation centre that conducts educational experiences for students. This day had a focus on Biological Sciences and the students got to see and hold a variety of animals including green tree frogs, tadpoles, blue tongue lizards and stick insects.

ANZAC DAY : The School ANZAC Day service, conducted by the student leadership team, paid respect to soldiers past and present. Thank you to Alan Morris (President of the Creswick-Smeaton RSL), Ken McMillan and Paul McGuiness for attending this service. On ANZAC Day Creswick Primary School joined the local community marching to the Cenotaph. The following Service saw school captains Isabella Davies and Brodie Tallent read a poem. A wonderful turn out from the school community.

SPORTS DAY : This saw all students from Creswick Primary compete in a variety of events including high jump, long jump, hurdles, shot put, hurdles, relays and 50 and 100m sprints. It was wonderful to see them all trying their personal best and encouraging each other. This is one of the biggest school community events of the year with many parents helping run events and families coming to support students. Students competed for their House, with Napier (Yellow) House coming out the winners for the day.

Melanie Stewart, Acting Principal



Winning Napier House Captains

NORTHERLY NEWS



In April school participated in the Wathaurung Sports Day at Llanberris, Ballarat. Junior students were involved in a tabloid sports theme while senior students competed in traditional track and field events. Several students received ribbons and all students tried their best. It was great to see the smiles on faces!

Students were involved in many ANZAC Services recently and the school service was run by Grade 4-6 where all students spoke extremely well. It was great to see a number of families attend. School Leaders, Beau, Isabelle and myself, attended a Service at Kingston. Beau was involved in reciting *The Ode* and both laid a wreath. At Creswick, it was great to see so many students and families represented our school in the march. Jordie and Isabelle did an excellent job in reciting a poem while Beau and Kade laid a wreath. The sense of community displayed at all these ceremonies was great to witness. Well done to everyone!

The school swimming program is progressing well at the Swim and Survival Academy every Wednesday. Students are showing great improvement with their skills and techniques, whilst also having a great time.

Lastly, Creswick North is now taking enrolments for 2019. If you would like to book a personalised tour of the school or receive an enrolment pack, please contact the school on 5345 2012 or creswick.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Marcus Murrell - Principal



Acting Principal, Mel Stewart with special guests to the school for our ANZAC Day Service, Ken McMillan, Paul McGuiness, Alan Morris



ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

ANZAC DAY



The School Captains, Mia Wallis and Angus Barrett, joined me on Wednesday morning, 25 April, to commemorate ANZAC Day at the Creswick Cenotaph.

It was great to see lots of students, their families and staff come along to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC). The two Captains represented their school by reading a short poem and then laying a wreath at the base of the Cenotaph.

GALLIPOLI OAKS PROJECT



St Augustine's was one of 600 Primary Schools participating in the *National Trust of Australia (Victoria's) Gallipoli Oaks Project*, by planting a special oak tree within the school grounds.

'At the core of this project is the story of how a young Australian soldier, Captain Winter Cooke from Murndal, near Hamilton, noticed some unusual holly bushes while stationed at Gallipoli that had acorns like oak trees', explains Mr Simon Ambrose, CEO at the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

'Captain Winter Cooke remembered that his Uncle Samuel in Hamilton was a bit of a tree enthusiast; someone that would be interested in these rare acorns, and so sent a package of acorns to him from Gallipoli almost 100 years ago.'

With the help of Alan Morris from the Creswick RSL, seedlings that are direct descendants of those acorns from Gallipoli, were planted. In doing so, there will now be a direct link to the environment that the soldiers endured during the campaign.

Enjoy the Month,

*Terry Brennan,
Principal*



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May 3, 1918

A social will be held by the Y.P.S. Club in the Rechabite hall on Saturday (tomorrow) evening, at 8 o'clock, when the proceeds will be in aid of the Red Cross Society. The admission will be 1s. for gentlemen and 6d. for ladies.

May 7 1918

Last week a committee of the Creswick Borough Council dealt with tenders for the erection of a stable and convenience at the town hall. The tenders received were as follows:- R. Gurr, £14/16/6; R. Pasco, £16/5/ The lowest tender was accepted.

May 10 1918

The honor roll in joining with Sir George White Tent, I.O.R., will be unveiled in the local Rechabite hall on Sunday Afternoon, 26th inst., at 3 o'clock, by Bro. A. E. McMicken, P.D.C.R. of Melbourne.

May 17 1918

A hamper containing the following has been sent by the local branch of the Red Cross Society to headquarters – 71 pairs socks, 65 scarves, 16 helmets, 13 pairs mittens, 30 flannel shirts.

May 21 1918

Broomfield- General regret was expressed when it was announced that Mr. Edwin J Redman senr., who is generally regarded as the "grand old man" in this community, has suffered a serious seizure, and his condition is causing his relatives much anxiety, particularly as the patient is advanced in years.

May 24 1918

Wanted Known – That S. Clausen is prepared to quote for removal and re-erection of any buildings anywhere in Victoria.

May 28 1918

Allendale State School- An American Tea – followed by a – plain and Fancy dress dance in aid of the State school's patriotic fund will be held in the Dramatic hall, Allendale on Friday May 31, 1918. Commencing at 7 pm. Admission to American Tea: Adults, a gift worth 1/- or cash; Children, a gift worth 6d, or cash. All Gifts to be disposed of at auction. Admission to Dance, Gents 2/-; Ladies, a basket.

May 31 1918

Sir Alexander Peacock has been advised by the Secretary of Lands that the question of making available the Smeaton Racecourse and the Ullina Park for settling returned soldiers is to be referred to the Local Land Board for enquiry and report. Due notice of the sitting of the Board will be given.

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To the many organisations, businesses and people who helped to make a very successful ANZAC Day in Creswick, the members of the RSL would like to thank everyone.

To the Creswick Band, the Light Horse Troop, the Railway workshops for all the seating, the Creswick Scouts Group, the Red Cross ladies, the Police Force, the local schools, and the donation of food from the Creswick Bakery and from Brian Fleming (Flemo's) for the Gunfire breakfast, we say thank you.

Thank you also to Francis and Ted Howlett from The Laurels for providing the laurel leaves for the wreaths and to all the ladies who assembled the wreaths.

The members of the catafalque party from 8th/7th Battalion Royal Victorian Regiment (8/7 RVR) and 4th Combat Services Support Battalion (4CSSB) did a fantastic job at the Dawn Service, as usual.

The march was very colourful, with the Band, Schools, CFA, Scouts, Light Horse and locals taking part. The record attendance from the public for both services was very pleasing. The service at the Kingston Avenue of Honour was also well attended, and the rum-laced coffee was much appreciated.

The support from the community with sales of tokens for the ANZAC Appeal was exceptional. Over \$5,000 was raised, which will be used to assist veterans both young and old, and their dependants.

Alan Morris

Creswick-Smeaton RSL Sub Branch

ANZAC Day Concert

Creswick's Brass Band strutted their stuff in grand style on ANZAC Day. Both senior and junior musicians took part in the Street Parade and service at the War Memorial in the morning. Then the Town Hall reverberated to some well-known old favourites for the afternoon. A full house greeted the players - but we surely could do with a bigger stage to give them space for their performance.

There were those old favourite marches from WWI, and songs that are well loved and remembered. Michelle, on flugel horn, presented the Last Post with sensitive expression. We swelled with pride as the junior band paraded their skill. The future of the band looks to be in very safe hands, with all these youngsters coming on.

No Band concert is complete without the voice of Tim Drylie and he did justice to more old favourites. As always, the encore was *Rock Around the Clock*. The Band surely does make that clock rock. To Katrina, Jason, Roger, Band President Rob, and all the musicians, we say thank you for a great afternoon. It would be lovely if you could spare us more than one concert a year. A very social gesture is the afternoon tea that is provided by the Band after the performance.

Well done Creswick Brass Band and best wishes as you step up a level to C Grade.

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Saturday May 19, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Thursday May 24, Biggest Morning Tea Smeaton Bowling Club 10.00am – 12noon. Supporting Cancer

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

Tuesday June 5, Garden Club AGM 1.15 at Senior's Club Rooms. Contact Phyllis 5345 2514

Wednesday June 6, Trivia Night, Kingston Friends of the Avenue, Farmers Arms Hotel, 7.00pm – 9.00pm \$10 person

Saturday June 16, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Sunday June 17 Four Seasons Fine Music Festival, Greta Bradman *Home* Live in concert St. Paul's Anglican Church, Clunes 5.00pm

Saturday June 30, Regional Centre for Culture, Free Singing Workshop, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, 10.30am

Saturday July 14 – October 14, Creswick Museum Exhibition *In Celebration of the Pudding*

Wednesday August 8, Words in Winter Open Mic poetry and short stories at the American Hotel. 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Theme Change and Chance.

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

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Creswick & District Historical Society - fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors Club rooms 2.00pm. Ph 5345 1310

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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