

CRESWICK FOOTBALL CLUB Celebrating 150 years



1893 Creswick Football Team. - Back - F. Miliune, W. Liddicoat, A. Praetz, J. Reville, M. Davey, T. Bunce, J. Burnett; Centre - J. Sadler, W. Luke, T. Bailes, J. Rowe, G. Marise, J. Pegler, J. Riley, J. Montgomery; Front - P. Lindsay, G. Shearer, G. James, P. Davey, J. Cameron

The Creswick Football Club, which was founded in 1869, is one of the oldest clubs in Australian Rules history. The first game against the Kingston Football Club was played at Hammon Park then known as Prince Leopold Park.

Present day members are now preparing for the celebrations to mark this historic occasion which will be held on Saturday, 15 June with the match between Creswick and old rivals Newlyn, another club that has been in the league for a very long time, at the Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve with the Seniors match commencing at 2.30pm. All are welcome including present and past players, their families and friends. Photos and memorabilia will be on display in the Clubrooms during the day. Due to a fire in the clubrooms at Hammon Park and also floods, much of the club's historical memorabilia was lost.

The Creswick Reserves and Senior players for the 2019 Season will be wearing jumpers especially designed for the 150th year of the Club.

That evening a Dinner will be held at the Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve commencing at 7.30pm. During the evening former coaches, including those from Senior Premiership teams, will share their thoughts and recollections with those present. Damian Lubeek will be MC for the evening.

During the evening two framed 150th Year Anniversary jumpers will be auctioned. One jumper displays Tim Rieniets' number. Tim holds the Central Highlands League record for number of senior games played. The other jumper displays Wally Booth's number. Wally holds the club record for the number of senior games played with Creswick.

**If you have any photos or memorabilia,
please contact Peter Fontana on 0418 653 128**

For further details of celebrations see page 5.

Creswick District News

The CDN is a community newsletter imparting local information. Copy is invited from individuals and community groups reporting or advising on local events. All contributions are accepted in good faith with no intention or desire to misinform or offend. Articles must carry the name, phone number and/or email address of the sender. The Editor reserves the right to edit or not publish any article. Views expressed are not necessarily those of The CDN Team.

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Victoria Street Craft Group Special Easter Effort

The Victoria Street Craft Group Special Easter Effort was won by Clayton Edwards. The Stall was very successful raising \$1,269.70 which will be distributed to charity at the end of the year. Thank you to all the girls who worked and provided for the stall and to all the people who made it so successful.

The Victoria Street Craft Group

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Monthly Totals as sent to Bureau of Meteorology by Frank Slade.			
	2017 mm	2018 mm	2019 mm
January	34	30	3
February	37	6.5	23
March	44.4	30	15
April	106.5	17	13.5
May	39.5	93.5	
June	12.5	68	
July	72.7	79	
August	59.3	70.5	
September	51.5	22	
October	64	33.5	
November	55.1	40	
December	58.5	80	
TOTAL	635	570	54.5



CRESWICK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Honour Roll Dinner

The Honour Roll Dinner will be held on Friday, 24 May at the Creswick Town Hall at 6.30pm. Due to this there will be no Historical Society Meeting on 23 May with the next meeting being Thursday, 27 June.

Some people may be wondering what the recently erected wall near the Bridge to Castlemaine Road is all about. A plaque from the original Davies Bridge will soon be placed there as well as an interpretive sign. This will be officially unveiled in the near future.

The Society has decided to replace the Brass plaques on the Honour Roll Board outside the Visitor Information Centre as these have deteriorated over the last few years. The new plaques will be stainless steel which will weather better.

Marj Poole

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Senior Cits News

**Sing-a-long atmosphere at
Social Day**

As usual the Social Day brings a happy, toe-tapping and sing-a-long atmosphere to the members after they have had their yummy meal. Ricky Lee is always very popular and will take bookings for other day time groups.

Next Social Day, 31 May, the Club will celebrate its Birthday with afternoon tea – not lunch. Entertainment will be provided by Heather and David Hoffman. The couple have proved to be excellent entertainers.

New members are always welcome and get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray
5334 6526

CRESWICK BRASS BAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONS – AGAIN !!



The Creswick Brass Band returned from Brisbane with another National Championship! Competing in C Grade for the first time since the early 1970s, and for the first time ever in Brisbane, the Band was crowned Champions in the Street March for C Grade. Led by Drum Major Benjamin Gray, the band did a sterling performance of drill and playing to take home the trophy. Not only that, but their 'entertaining change of direction', in which they did the Hokey Pokey (and turned around...) won them third place across all grades for that component of the march. If you log on to their Facebook page you can see video of their marching prowess, and their fine Hokey Pokey!

The Band also performed in the on-stage portion of the competitions, and while they didn't get amongst the places, they did really well, especially considering some dramas with flights that left some of the Band members arriving only an hour before they were due on stage. As always, the National Band Championships is a wonderful festival of Banding, with over seventy Bands attending, and having the privilege of playing in the wonderful Brisbane City Hall, and marching through the CBD.

The Band had a lot of fun, worked hard and enjoyed their trip, with the Championship being a wonderful bonus for them. Two National Championships in two years, in different grades – they've set the bar high, and represented Creswick well.

The Band followed up their win a few days later with their ANZAC Day performances. It was a joy to lead the parade containing defence personnel from around the world who are attending the Defence International Training Centre at Laverton. They really appreciated the Band's music, and it was fascinating to talk to them. The Band members would also like to thank all those who attended the *Salute to the ANZACs* concert in the afternoon for their generosity, as over \$500 was raised for the Band's instrument fund.

Roger Clark

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CRESWICK BRASS BAND

A Supporter's View

It has been an exciting Easter break for the Creswick Brass Band. The Band made the big step up from 'D' Grade to 'C' Grade, in competition work. The Annual Band Championships were held in Brisbane over the Easter break. Much organising was needed to move musicians and instruments all that way, to compete. Many hours of practise and rehearsing preceeded the big move and move they did - some by car, some by plane.



The airline misplaced one instrument - that did not help! However, perform they did and very much to their credit as first timers at that level. Nine bands were competing in 'C' Grade over four days. Their quartet was the highest point scorer of the Victorian entries, though not the overall winner. They scored fifth place with their beautiful hymn *Perfect Peace*, eighth in the set Test Piece and ninth in the Own Choice and March. BUT, on the Saturday morning, in the Street Parade of Bands through Brisbane, THEY WON the 'C' Grade Section.

CONGRATULATIONS CRESWICK BRASS!

There was to be no slacking off, but a race back home to take part in the ANZAC Day Parade and concert in the Town Hall. What a performance they gave. A rousing opening with the March *Death or Glory* followed by the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems. Then the Junior Band showed off their skill. The Juniors now number twenty-five musicians and they are doing a mighty job. Some did go to Brisbane to test their skill with the big band.

The quartet showed off their harmony with a touch of Tchaikovsky. The Test Piece, *Summer Rhapsody* by Eric Thomas brought the band up to concert pitch again. Jason White as MC kept the program running smoothly. Tim Drylie introduced his latest group - *1/4 to Five* - five unlikely local lads who come together to sing and entertain, which they did with style. More marches, including *Simoraine*, the march that they played in Brisbane, then the program concluded with a singalong of old World War I favourites. A great afternoon's entertainment, an almost full Town Hall and afternoon tea to complete the program.

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ANZAC DAY IN CRESWICK - 2019

This year's ANZAC Day march and service were special as it was attended by 100 International guests from all three services, who are currently completing courses at the International Training Centre at Laverton, they certainly added colour to the occasion. They were very impressive in their immaculate uniforms of different styles and colour from sixteen countries from the Middle Eastern, South East Asian and South West Pacific regions. It was pleasing to see that they were well received by the local community.

Organizing an ANZAC Service is a combined effort so many thanks are needed. Firstly, the Hepburn Shire and the Police Force prepared the town for the march and issued permits.

The day started with the Dawn Service and once again members of the 8th/7th Battalion Royal Victoria Regiment acted as the Catafalque Party. They did a fantastic job. Following the service, it was over to the Town Hall where Ed Koene and daughters had prepared the Gunfire Breakfast, enjoyed by all as usual.

The schools and their students marched and read poems during the service. It is pleasing to see the younger generation learning and becoming involved in the proceedings and we look forward to them marching again next year.

Thank you to the CFA, the Creswick Brass Band and the Creswick Light Horse Troop for taking part in the march and service. The band were excellent and the afternoon concert

was brilliant. The Creswick Scouts acted as flag bearers for the parade. Seats during the service were provided by the Creswick Railway Workshop.

The thirty-seven wreaths for the ANZAC Service were prepared by Elaine Clark and her helpers. The leaves were collected from *The Laurels* by RSL members and their wives. Thank you all very much. The turnout for both services and the march was great. The Red Cross ladies made and served sandwiches and all looked really good in their Red Cross uniforms. Creswick Bakery donated hot food plus sandwiches and slices, all well received.

Finally, the RSL members would like to express their appreciation to the citizens of Creswick for their generous donations to the ANZAC Appeal which raised \$5,000 for the RSL Welfare Fund. We would especially like to thank the Cumberland Hotel at Smeaton, Brian Fleming and Creswick Pharmacy for proceeds from the sale of tokens.

The RSL committee would like to thank those RSL members who assisted with setting up and cleaning up afterwards. The RSL has bottles of Centenary Port for sale, cost \$25. One hundred of these bottles have been produced to commemorate the Centenary of Creswick-Smeaton RSL. One day these will be a collector's item.

For information or purchases contact Ken McMillan, 0408 456 701 or 5345 1293.

Thank you all very much.

Alan Morris,

President, Creswick-Smeaton RSL



COUNCIL ADOPTS PROPOSED BUDGET 2019/20 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Read the proposed budget online at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au or at Council Office

At its April meeting, Council adopted the Proposed Budget 2019/20 for public exhibition. Mayor, Cr Don Henderson, said that the 2019/20 Proposed Budget responsibly funds the operations, services and capital investment that we will deliver to the community to achieve the vision of Our Council.

The Capital Works program for 2019/20 will be \$9.84 million, a significant allocation of funding. This is an investment of 55% of general rates, with small and large projects to be delivered across the Shire, including over \$5.5 million in road works.

'Rate increases have been capped at 2.50% in line with the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System, and even with the current concerns within the waste and recycling industry Council has been able to hold increases to waste charges to an average 3.2%.'

If you would like to make a submission, please send by letter or email with the subject '2019/2020 Budget Submission'.

Please forward feedback to:

Chief Executive Officer

Hepburn Shire Council

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or email shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au

If you would like to speak your submission at a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 4 June 2019, please indicate this in your submission. Submissions close 5.00pm, Thursday, 23 May 2019.



ANZAC DAY

Top and left: Members of International Defence Forces completing training at the International Training Centre at Laverton with local RSL member Ken McMillan (centre)

Above: Creswick Primary School students with books presented by Creswick Smeaton RSL



Creswick Football Netball Club 150 Year Anniversary Dinner

Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve Saturday 15 June

**Time: 7.30pm Cost: \$100 per person,
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**'Yes, Prime Minister'
Comes to Creswick!**

The Melbourne-based Highway 1 Theatre Company are coming to Creswick this June with a fresh new production of the classic BBC comedy 'Yes, Prime Minister'.

'Yes Prime Minister' will play the Creswick Town Hall on Saturday, 1 June 2019 at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$39 full and \$35 concession, and can be purchased online at www.highway1theatre.org or at the door on the night. The show will run for approximately two hours including an interval.

Honouring inspiring seniors in Western Victoria



Residents and community groups across Western Victoria are being encouraged to recognise the contributions made to their community by seniors by nominating them for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, recently announced nominations are open for the awards that highlight the role of seniors who inspire others as mentors, educators, role models, leaders or others who make a great contribution.

Categories include the Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year, the Promotion of Multiculturalism Award, the Healthy and Active Living Award, the Veteran Community Award, the Council on the Ageing Victoria Senior Achiever Award and the Age-Friendly Victoria Award.

The 2019 award recipients will be honoured at a ceremony at Government House as part of the 37th Victorian Seniors Festival this October. Nominations are open until 5 July. To nominate or find out more visit Seniors Online www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards

Premier's Sustainability Awards

People in Western Victoria encouraged to enter

Victorian businesses, schools, government and community groups who are leading the way in sustainability can now apply to enter the 2019 Premier's Sustainability Awards. For the first time community groups or individuals can enter a new category that celebrates the positive impact of environmental volunteering.

The categories for this year's awards are: Built Environment, Community, Education, Environmental Justice, Environmental Protection, Environmental Volunteering, Government, Health, Innovative Products or Services, Small to Medium Sized Businesses, Large Business.

The Awards, for which entries close on 13 June, highlight the leading-edge sustainability work that many Victorians undertake every day, helping to inspire greater action and reduce the effects of climate change in innovative and practical ways. For further information visit the website sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au



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Rachel Ellis, Team Leader Creswick Hub



CEMETERY NEWS A Place for families

It saddens the Creswick Cemetery Trust when the members hear that people are still moving or taking items from other people's monumental graves. The Trust requests that everyone, who visits the cemetery, please be thoughtful and have respect for others. The Creswick Cemetery is a place for families to visit their loved ones in peace and they don't need further stress by finding their tokens or flowers are gone.

A HUGE thank you to Ray for all the hard work he has done (with a little help) in tidying the trees and removing the Hawthorn bushes.

WOW! Fantastic!

It all goes to making the cemetery a pretty place to visit.

Wendy Ohlsen,

Secretary, Cemetery Trust

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JACQUI KINDBLAD AND WALER HORSES

A Personal Love Story – Part 1

This is the first half of an edited transcript of a talk given by Jacqui Kindblad to the Probus Club of Creswick in March this year.*



Dardanelle, stallion ex Cordillo Downs Station, SA



Jacqui Kindblad

Horses arrived in Australia with the First Fleet in 1788 and those were the progenitors of the Waler. The term *Waler* was first coined in the early 1800s in Calcutta describing horses that were shipped to India from New South **Wales**. They are a mixed-blood horse, including thoroughbred, Arab and heavy carriage horses. They were bred for a purpose, be it weight-carrying, harness or field work and also for Australian conditions. As some of the main progenitor breeds of the Walers are now extinct, the Waler horse is now accepted as a rare breed.

There was a massive trade in horses from Australia to India and Africa for the Boer War and then later to the Middle East in World War I – not only as army remounts but as artillery horses, carriage horses, polo ponies and officers' chargers. Sorting through army dispatches and shipping logs, we have found that the horses were named for their use and type. This was displayed in notations beside the entry in the log, for example: bay gelding LIG (leader in gun), WIG (wheeler in gun), OP (officer's polo), SR (soldier's remount), or OC (officer's charger) – the army manual describes the OC as 'to be a cut above the rest' – of course!

There is a picture of Lord Kitchener in Anglesea Barracks Hobart, mounted on a beautiful charger and it is said that he tried forty horses before he decided on one that was fitting for his rank.

I am a horse person, have ridden since a child when my father relented and I was given an old trotter who carried me far and wide around Tasmania.

I have always been interested in the Waler. We had a picture of my grandfather, Roy Sinclair Dickson, on his

Waler. It was always a mystery to me when I was told as a child that 'there were no Walers left' – that of the 130,000 horses that went overseas in 1914-19, only one returned. In fact, books in the United Kingdom described Walers but no-one, to my knowledge, knew anything of them in Australia.

My perception changed completely many years later when someone called into *Australia All Over* on ABC radio and asked a question about this mysterious breed. The flood gates opened and people from all over Australia phoned in with stories of this and that horse, on various stations and farms around the country. One caller, a surveyor named Reg Wilson, phoned from the Northern Territory and said the Waler was alive and well and that his own station, originally owned by Kidman, had horses whose ancestry went back to those bred for army use pre-WWI. These territory horses were the ones we eventually became interested in acquiring as they had been bred in genetic isolation due to distance and terrain, unlike those on the eastern seaboard.

Reg Wilson subsequently agreed to come to Tasmania and donated \$3,000 for the establishment of a society that would ultimately try to save the Waler from extinction. This was imminent, as the government had embarked on a program to eliminate all non-native animals, believing that the horses spread brucellosis which was later proved to be false. To this end, massive helicopter shoots were being organised to clean out the wild herds. They had to act fast. Thus, the *Waler Horse Society of Australia* (WHSA) was founded in 1986.

People ask what is the difference between a brumby and a Waler. The word brumby just means a wild horse, so we say: a Waler can be a brumby but a brumby is not necessarily a Waler!

In the early days of the WHSA, it was difficult to sort out the

JACQUI KINDBLAD AND WALER HORSES

A Personal Love Story – Part 1



sheep from the goats. We had information from the various stations to say what line the horses had come from, but unless the horses were branded, we had to rely on the truckies who brought them in to tell us what station they had come from or general hearsay from local people. I made contact with Peter Fischer in Victoria who was bringing in Walers from the Northern Territory.

It was a race against time to locate horses from the various stations. The station owners were becoming antsy about talking to us as the media had got hold of the story of the Walers being shot. Eventually, we found some sympathetic truckies who, when they picked up a load of horses to take them to Peterborough Meatworks, would contact people like us to go and pick them up and take them to Peter's property from where new owners could collect them.

This sounds easy but let's remember that these horses were wild, had never been touched by humans and had their first experience of humans in the meatworks yard. Not a good start, I used to tell people who later bought the horses 'that you had to look to the next generation for a good horse, as the originals were sometimes too traumatised to be useful horses'.

To be continued...

**Jacqui Kindblad is a Tasmanian born artist, living in Creswick with husband Ben, and painting and exhibiting in Victoria as an Equine Artist. They have only recently moved back to Tasmania.*



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Kingston Avenue of Honour

Telling the stories of Hepburn veterans

Recently Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, announced \$12,500 State Government funding for Kingston Friends of the Avenue Inc towards a new Learning Centre adjacent to the Kingston Avenue of Honour.

The grant was awarded as part of the *Victoria Remembers* Minor Grant Program which funds educational and commemorative activities that honour Australia's war and service history.

The *Kingston Remembers Resource Centre* aims to develop a communal learning space located in the historic building, the Commercial at Kingston. The Centre will bring together community resources, photographs, memorabilia and multimedia.

'Kingston's Avenue of Honour is an important part of Hepburn Shire and it is great to see the local community telling these stories,' said Ms Pulford.

For a full list of successful recipients or for more information about grants, visit veterans.vic.gov.au/grants



The Coin Counter

The Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch has recently installed a coin counting machine.

This machine will enable both individual and community group customers to bring in bulk coins without having to sort them into separate denominations. The machine sorts and counts coins and provides a receipt to the customers which is given to counter staff to be credited to an account.

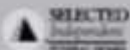
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Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Grant for Resource Centre

The Kingston ANZAC Day service at 9.00am was well attended. Thanks to all involved especially Councillor Greg May, RSL President Alan Morris and Ailish Murphy for her moving account of her family connection to Springmount and the Avenue. The Commercial@Kingston again generously supported us by providing tea and coffee. The Anzac biscuits made by Friends were very good!

The Friends are pleased to report that they were successful in acquiring \$12,500 from the *Victoria Remembers* Minor Grant Program. (See article of left). The Friends look forward to outlining their plans more fully in future editions of the CDN.

Please feel free to join the Kingston Friends in July. They currently meet every two months on the second Wednesday of the month at the Kingston Fire Station at 7.00pm. Hepburn Shire Council is spending \$8,000 left over from the Friends last Heritage Grant to remove suckers. The suckers need to be controlled since this is where the elm leaf beetle thrives.

Deny Christian Oil Painting

Renowned artist, Deny Christian has recently moved from Hobart to set up The New School of Classical Painting: The Atelier School in Daylesford. After learning about the Friends work, Deny has very generously donated one of her paintings for the group to use for fundraising.

Deny has been commissioned to paint over eighty portraits of private and public figures. She has a long list of accolades for her work, including winning the Archibald Packing Room Prize in 1999 for her portrait of actor Garry McDonald '*National Living Treasure*'. A recent commission was for the Tasmanian Parliament Collection, a portrait of then Premier Lara Giddings, MP.

The Friends would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Deny for her donation.

Julie Baulch, Leah Armstrong

Deny Christian in her studio with 'Summer Fields'



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Garden Design

By Rhonda Cotsell

Aesthetics in a garden is a movable feast. I personally do not like gardens where texture and variety and a little chaos have been sacrificed for straight lines and edges. However, this is not judgement, just preference. The Ballarat Botanical Gardens are manicured to the nth degree but they sing. The natural chaos of flora is manicured tightly on all levels creating an overall peace and beauty which comes partly from things meticulously balanced and in their place.

I was thinking about how design worked today looking at a tiny, ugly plot at my back door which always caught the eye. It fills a complicated and messy intersection of the walkway leading away from the back door, to a path leading to cars, and the lawn to an adjoining part of the garden. It served an important need to divert walkers to a safer path so it needed to be kept. However, the bed sloped downwards, and the soil was hydrophobic. It scorched in summer, and froze in winter.

Planning to get something started, as bare soil is sick soil, I pulled up some pieces of a small succulent with boring bead like leaves and uninteresting white flowers that turned a spindly brown in summer but which were hardy and planted them among a few struggling Australian native violets already there. Surprisingly, it turned out well. What would have looked nothing much in a larger area looks pretty and delicate in the smaller. The little beads dominated, the white flowers glowed against the green, and when they changed to their usual deep red-brown they

were quietly elegant amid the fleshier foliage of the native violet. It also matched a nearby clump of watsonias – where the live green spikes are interspersed with the coppery brown dead ones. The fresh green and dry brown together is unexpectedly satisfying and the plot's odd arrowhead shape also balanced the visual 'busyness' of the area.

My reading on garden design repeated the same five elements - colour, line, form, texture and scale, combining to create a harmonious whole. Accidentally I had combined all, which was a win for a gardener whose 'design' approach is Edna Walling extrapolating on Japanese garden design under a wannabe permaculture umbrella.



Old stump with prostrate grevillea, hardenbergia, dwarf magnolia, native grass and amaryllis bulbs planted around it.



Scouting in Creswick - Recent events



Scouts Victoria has had a continual annual growth in membership since 2007 and Creswick is no exception to this expansion. Recently at the 1st Creswick Cub Scout meeting, four new Cubs and two Leaders were invested into this worldwide movement consisting of some thirty-eight million members.

The new cubs, Edward Myers, Charlotte Tink, Mike Dainton and Jai Jamieson, joined their assistant Leader David Steiner (Baloo) in making a promise to live by the Cub Scout law, which is to be respectful, honest and helpful and have a lot of fun! David came to the group from Daylesford when his two sons joined and he became an Adult Helper then moved up to a Leader's role.

Also Invested was the new Creswick Group Leader, Simon Miller, who oversees all the sections of scouting and supports the Leaders in their role of facilitating kids to grow, explore and learn. Simon has a history of Scouting in South Australia, growing up on Kangaroo Island where he rose through the ranks of Scouts and then became a Venturer. Now living in Broomfield, Simon sought out the Creswick

Scout group so that his five year old son could enjoy the action packed fun and learn the same life skills as his dad.

Simon was invested by his predecessor Verena Doyle, who has moved on to other areas of Scouting, together with acting Regional Commissioner Andrew Hubbard. The ceremony was also attended by members of the Ballarat District Committee, Leaders from Creswick Scout Troop and friends and family of the Cubs.

Midway through the investitures the town of Creswick experienced a blackout, however with the Scouts motto being *Be Prepared* there were soon torches and candles and the ceremony was completed almost uninterrupted.

Scouting offers great opportunity for young people aged five to twenty-six to gain confidence in themselves, learn problem solving, risk management as well as life and leadership skills. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the scouting movement, look up your local group at the Scouts Victoria website – www.scoutsvictoria.com.au Scouts are always looking for youth and adult members!

Simon Miller, Group Leader, 1st Creswick Scouts

Photo left: Investing new Cubs at recent Scout meeting.



Northerly News Activities Planned

It is great to be back at Creswick North after some time away on Long Service Leave! This term, plenty of activities are planned including ANZAC Services, Cluster Athletic Sports, Cooking, Election Day BBQ, NAPLAN, Sustainability Activities, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre visit and lots of learning within classrooms.



Virginia McLennan and Katrina Baulch.

At the end of last term, the school said farewell to the Foundation/Grade One Teacher, Kathy Kirby, who retired. The school community thank Kathy for all her fantastic efforts over many years and wish her, and her family, all the best. Virginia McLennan and Katrina Baulch will now be teaching in the junior room.

Recently, one of the school community members, Karen, assisted many of the students with cooking. Whilst upgrading equipment continues, this great hands-on activity was much loved by the students. More cooking opportunities are anticipated in the near future.

The school was proud to be a part of the recent Creswick ANZAC Day Service. Many students and families marched, while some senior students recited a poem and laid a wreath. Sincere thanks to the Creswick-Smeaton RSL for extending the invitation to attend and the school hopes involvement will continue for many years to come.

Enjoy your month

*Marcus Murrell,
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Creswick Capers ANZAC Day and Family Maths

On ANZAC Day, Creswick Primary School came together and marched as a school community to pay respects to service members who have served or are currently serving. Congratulations to school leaders Marcus, Mackenzie, Cohan and Piper on their poem reading and wreath laying. The school would like to extend thanks to the Creswick-Smeaton RSL, Alan Morris and Paul McGuinness for inviting the school to attend and for the wonderful picture storybooks donated to the school library.

Family Maths Night was held on Tuesday, 30 April. Students came with their parents and rotated through a range of maths activities. These included Mathletics, dice games, card games, a scavenger hunt and maths-in-the-home activities like cooking and shopping. The winner of the *Guess How Many Lollies in the Jar* competition was announced at the end of a very enjoyable evening.

Melanie Stewart, Principal



St Augustine's News

ANZAC Day

St. Augustine's school leaders, Christian Morrison, Lily Euvard, Adelaide Oswin, Jesse Cooke, Samantha Crilly, Charlotte Prendergast and Michelle Sampaga, represented their school community and joined with the other primary schools in the area to stand in front of the Creswick Cenotaph and recite verses from a number of ANZAC related poems.

The service gets bigger and better each year as members of the school community, particularly our children, show their appreciation for the sacrifices that were made a century ago. Australians gather like this to honour those who have made extraordinary sacrifice in times of war and in particular to honour the Australians who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to acknowledge those who have survived the conflict and have returned home a different person.

With some research it is very easy to find out how war has taken its toll on Australia; 102,000 service personnel have been killed in action, pre and post the first ANZAC Day, 226,000 were injured and 34,000 taken prisoner. These figures do not reflect the impact of post-war casualties; those yielding to physical injury and those suffering post-traumatic stress disorder.

Enjoy the month

Terry Brennan, Principal



100 years ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

May 2, 1919 In order to procure funds to purchase material, the Creswick branch of the Red Cross Society will hold a "Carry on Tea" in the town hall tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. Patrons are asked to bring a gift and buy a gift. Comforts for the sick and wounded soldiers are still needed, and it is hoped the public will respond to the appeal now being made.

May 6 Last Saturday afternoon the first matches in connection with the Creswick District Football Association were played. The weather was fine, but probably too warm for footballers. Creswick visited Newlyn, and had an easy win, whilst Clunes went to Springmount and were defeated.

May 9 Residents of the district are notified of the public meeting to be held tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 8 o'clock, to further deal with the question of forming a band. It is understood that the collectors have received satisfactory support, and it is expected that no difficulty will be experienced in getting a fairly strong band.

May 13 Mollonghip- as a proof that land locally is not lessening in value, Mr. Wm. Macklin has sold his neat little farm of 63 acres at £35 per acre to Mr. W. Clark, farmer and caretaker of the Creswick reservoir.

May 20 Newlyn – the Creswick Masqueraders will give a grand entertainment in the Newlyn hall tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, in aid of the building fund of the Creswick district branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association. The tickets are 2/- and 1/-. A dance will follow.

May 23 The celebration of Empire Day will take place in the State schools today. Lessons, songs and recitations suitable for the occasion will be given, and addresses delivered to the children.

May 30 Several cases of influenza have occurred in Creswick since the outbreak of the epidemic, but within the past fortnight a mild local epidemic has broken out. Three cases were reported to the town clerk last Saturday (one ending fatally) and on Wednesday a batch of 19 cases was notified. It is understood that many of the cases are without pneumonic symptoms.

Creswick Garden Club

What a lovely time of the Year in Creswick with all the Autumn colour around our area. All gardeners are praying for rain, so let's hope it continues. The Garden Club Tree Drive List has been delivered to local mailboxes, and are also available from the Creswick Hub and the Creswick Visitor Information Centre.

The Club's Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, 4 June, Annual General Meeting (bring a plate to share) LUNCH at 12.30pm prior to AGM. Those attending are asked to please bring something from your garden to swap/share, seeds, excess fruit or vegies, plants or cuttings.

As the days get shorter and much cooler, stay warm.

Happy Gardening.

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Friday, May 24, Honour Roll Dinner, Creswick Town Hall \$40 Tickets call 5345 2658 or 5345 2065

Saturday May 25 – June, Creswick Museum Exhibition, *Digger to Farmer – Story of Soldier Settlement* Open Weekends and Public Holidays, 11.00am-3.30pm

Friday May 31, Social Day, Senior Cits Club's Birthday, Afternoon tea – not lunch, entertainment Heather and David Hoffman

Tuesday June 4, Creswick Garden Club, Lunch (Please bring a plate) 12.30pm followed by AGM

Friday June 7 to Monday 10, *Cats come to Creswick Art Show*, Bill Huntley Function Room, John Curtin Aged Care, 10.00am – 4.00pm \$5, Primary School Children Free

Saturday June 15, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Saturday June 15 Creswick Football and Netball Club 150 Anniversary Dinner. 7.30 Doug Lindsay Reserve. Tickets 0457 547 846 or creswickfncsecretary@gmail.com

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email jackandnorah@vic.australis.com.au

Business & Tourism Creswick - first Tuesday every month. Farmers Arms Hotel, 4.30pm Info 5345 2759 or contact via Facebook

Creswick Cemetery - Gates Open 9.00am to 5.00pm - Daily

Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc. - first Wednesday Feb. Apr. Aug. Nov 7.00pm Phone 0434 071 185

Creswick & District Historical Society - fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm. Phone 5345 2658

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Creswick Probuc Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am. Inquiries Bob 5345 2165

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

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

Creswick Visitor Information Centre - volunteers meet first Thursday every month 10.00am RSL

Creswick Walking Group Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am. Meet Albert Studio, Cnr Ballarat Rd and South St.

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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

Goldfields Spinners - every first, third and fifth Friday from 10.30am at Railway Station, Creswick Rebecca 0416 843 847, Fiona 0402 181 925

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

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

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

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

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

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