



Local Couple Celebrate Milestone

Maisie and Quentin Turner celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 11 March, 2021, with their family in Ballarat. They received letters from Her Majesty the Queen, Catherine King MP, Premier Daniel Andrews, Governor General David Hurley, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Louise Staley, Member for Ripon.



Maisie Shearman and Quentin Turner met in Ararat when they were seventeen and dated for four years prior to getting married in 1961. Maisie was born in England and migrated to Australia with her parents George and Monica Shearman and sister, Monica in 1951. Quentin lived with his parents Ina and Aubrey, brothers Peter and Kingsley and sister Audrey in Ararat. They met each other through two mutual friends, Elaine and Patricia Cunningham at their parents' home.

Maisie and Quentin were married in Ararat at the Presbyterian Church on 11 March, 1961. Maisie's Matron of Honour was Monica Patterson and Betty Powlett her other attendant. Quentin's Groomsmen were Peter Turner and Allan Phillips.

After the marriage celebrations, they travelled to Sydney, staying with Quentin's sister for some of the time.

Maisie and Quentin moved to Ballarat that year where Quentin was employed at Timken as an electrician. Shortly afterwards the couple settled in Creswick, making it their life long home. Quentin had a variety of occupations as the factory's mechanic and electrician on call, Factory Foreman and Human Resource Manager. Once retired from Timken, Quentin worked as an Industrial Relations Commissioner mainly in Melbourne, principally in dispute resolution matters.

Maisie and Quentin have been volunteers in their community for many years, including their long-term involvement with the Creswick Fire Brigade, Quentin being Group Officer and Captain and Maisie President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Quentin was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) for his lifelong contribution to the Victorian Volunteer Fire Brigade Association as a member and President of the Board. Maisie and Quentin have travelled all over the state attending many Fire Brigade Association competitions.

Maisie is a life member of the Creswick Netball Club and was a previous member of the Creswick Primary School Mothers' Club. Quentin was a member of the Sportsman's Club and Masonic Lodge. He spent ten years as a board member for the Creswick & District Community Bank. Maisie and Quentin have both volunteered their time to deliver Meals on Wheels, Maisie for thirty-two years and Quentin ten years. Most recently, they have been volunteers at the Creswick Information Centre where Maisie's cakes and slices were enjoyed by all the other volunteers.

Maisie and Quentin have three children, Mandy, Penny and Jason who all grew up in Creswick. They have four grandchildren, Jordan, Hayden, Matthew and Dylan.

The Turner Family



Creswick District News

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Senior Cits News

A most enjoyable Social Day was had by all. The hot meal served by the ladies in the kitchen was welcome on the cool day and the entertainment by *The Harmonies* was excellent.

A gift was presented to Margaret Bond for her tireless work on the Social Day stall and the stall is now 'under new management'. Betty Naumann will attend to the sales. Thank you Betty. The next Social Day will be on 28 May, hot meal and entertainment and also companionship. Bus pick up each Friday, be it for cards or social, is available at a small cost.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526

GOOD NEWS

Creswick Senior Citizens Club has been fortunate to receive a \$2000 *Reactivate Hepburn Shire Grant*. With this funding the Club is looking to encourage new members to swell their ranks. Why don't you come along and see what you are missing? The Grant will be used to cover the annual membership fee for the first twelve months; attendance at monthly Social Days (which includes lunch and entertainment). For out-of-towners (and new local members) there is a Seniors' bus pick up service on meeting days.

So why don't you come and try some of the activities like Scrabble, euchre, outings to films, Social Day lunches and just general good fun socialising!

For more information please phone June on 5334 6526 or 0407 336 938.

Crafting for Creswick

The Creswick Victoria Craft Group would like to thank everyone who supported their garage sale. It was a fantastic result to raise \$2,500. Thank you to all the drivers and workers who helped to achieve this.

The special effort was won by:

1st Lauren Robotham (basket of gifts)

2nd Ben Vermeend (large picnic bag)

3rd Bill Weidner (crocheted rug)

All money will go to charities around the area at Christmas.

Thank you from Rita and all the girls at craft.



Rainfall

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

	2019	2020	2021
	mm	mm	mm
January	3.0	53.5	134.5
February	23.0	34.0	13.0
March	15.0	36.5	79.5
April	13.5	97.5	20.0
May	161.5	60.5	
June	133.5	62.5	
July	65.0	35.7	
August	98.0	124.5	
September	57.5	67.0	
October	34.0	73.0	
November	71.0	52.2	
December	20.5	58.5	
TOTAL	695.5	755.4	247.0



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THEY'RE BACK AND DELIGHTED TO BE SO!

Creswick's Brass Band gave its first concert since the lockdown. Their joy at making music again was obvious and they are bigger and better than ever. No less than five trombones marched in the front line of the ANZAC Day parade. There are more junior players than before and even more seniors 'having a go'.

Andrew Power, an accomplished cornet player, has joined the Band as a director to help Katrina Bird cope with the influx. The Band also has a new President, Sheena Johnson who takes over from Rob Ohlsen. Rob has done a great job over a number of years. Sheena plays cornet and is also a vocalist on occasions. The Band has outgrown its premises and now rehearse in the Senior Citizens Club rooms of a Thursday evening. They just HAD to do their ever-popular ANZAC Day Concert in the Town Hall.

The old favourites were dusted off with marches such as *Our Director*, *Slaidburn* and *Colonel Bogey*. Well-known

hymns *Abide With Me*, *Lead Kindly Light* combined with the *Last Post* and all those old sing-along favourites from World War I - *I've got sixpence*, *Nurse Nurse*, *Bless 'em all*, *Hello, hello, who's your lady friend?* The audience dusted off vocal chords with them.

A touch of World War II was given with the march from the *Dam Busters* and the saucy *Who do you think you are kidding Mr. Hitler?* Some of the up and coming youngsters were introduced, Harry on drums, Noah on cornet and Luke on trombone - youngsters who are making their way in the music world. Watch for them the next time the Band appears in public. Give them your support. Be proud that Creswick has such an excellent and enthusiastic gathering of musicians. You might even consider joining this happy group.

Everyone left the Town Hall with smiling faces.

WELCOME BACK TO THE TOWN'S BAND

PARK LAKE COMMEMORATES 160 YEARS

This celebration stumbled and fell last year, but picked itself up again and there was a very happy commemoration of those 160 years. Thanks must go to Hepburn Shire for providing a Community Grant to celebrate this event. About sixty people came to share, listen and (hopefully) learn a little of the life of those people who had cared for this land for many centuries. They witnessed a traditional smoking ceremony, learned its meaning and took part in the ceremony itself.



Smoking Ceremony

Paulie Ugle was an excellent teacher and a very charming lady. With Jason Kerr playing his didgeridoo as background music and burning gum leaves from Park Lake's own trees, it could not have been more authentic. Jason had made that instrument himself, hollowing out a long solid length of eucalypt. Its sound was eerily haunting. His son Tom is learning the traditional dances and performed so well supporting his Dad and showing a keen understanding of the movements and rhythm, playing the clap sticks as he danced.

Paulie's daughter Jacee and Jason's younger son, also Jason, watched on, learning and understanding the traditional ways of their people. Paulie explained how important it is for them to perform their traditional ways and have their children learn and take part, handing those important stories on to the younger generation. The bad spirits rose with the smoke and left the Park. It was a beautiful coming together of the traditional owners and European people and a fitting tribute after all those years.

Paulie and Jason and their children are fine ambassadors for the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

Councillor Brian Hood talked of the Park's history and Councillor Don Henderson re-enacted the presentation of a silver cup to Mayoress Williams some 135 years ago. Everyone helped to plant 180 wild flowers indigenous to Victoria, then partied on together around the barbecue, sharing sausages and birthday cake made by the butcher and local baker. A most happy and fitting commemoration.

A special thank you to Helen Cossenias, who is retiring from her 'pixieness' after many years of service, and to Ron Barron, who also finds the years catching up. Helen's mother, Mrs. Mavis Willis, was a keen supporter of Park Lake seventy years ago. The average age of the Pixies is seventy-five, so some new and vigorous blood is needed. Please contact Val on 5345 1310, if you would like to be a Pixie. Green spaces are becoming more scarce, even in Creswick, as housing blocks become smaller. A vigorous and active presence is needed for Council to give its support.

The Friends of the Park say a very sincere thank you to Pixies Thea Laidlaw, Andrew O'Connell, Barry Heyward and Meryl Dawson; 'rake and burn friends' Peter and Dianne Goates and Helen Ludovici; Elizabeth Howard, Kevin Moneghetti, Ailsa Ginifer, Ellie Van Oirschot, Pam Lockhart, Jenny Jolliffe and Elaine and Michael Clark for their support in making this day a big success.



TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

During a recent caravan and cabin trip to Beechworth, members and friends of the Creswick Proboscis Club made a visit to the Bonegilla Migrant Camp. While this was a very interesting and informative experience for the whole group, it was a trip down memory lane for three of the members as this was their first place of residence when they arrived in Australia. The group learned that one in twenty of the current Australian population has links to this camp and during the twenty-four years it operated over 300,000 migrants were welcomed through the doors. There will be many other local residents who would also have shared this experience.

While in the Beechworth area the group visited Yackandandah, having a guided tour through the excellent museum, and participated in a re-enactment of Ned Kelly's trial at the Beechworth Courthouse. Proboscis members have been very busy in

the past few weeks, making up for a quiet 2020. Several people made the most of the recent free seniors travel and took the train to Maryborough, where they enjoyed a lovely lunch and look around before the return trip. The Club has recently celebrated its seventeenth birthday with some delicious cupcakes as part of their morning tea. A very informative guest speaker, Eric Panther, kept members entertained with his wide range of collectables bringing back many memories for everyone. Members are also looking forward to several daytime and evening local performances in the coming weeks.

If you would like to know more about this group and enjoy the wide range of social activities and outings the members have access to, please contact Joan on 5334 4207 or Aileen on 0407 847 788.

Aileen Dellar, President



Harry Gibcus found his family photo at Bonegilla

Aquatic Strategy Consultation Process Begins

Residents and community groups will shortly be invited to meet with consultants for the Hepburn Shire Aquatic Strategy. *Creswick Aquatic Centre* members will be putting the case for an indoor heated swimming pool, with hydrotherapy facilities, to be built in Creswick.

Creswick is a growth area with many young families, active singles and healthy older people making it their home during the last few years. There's not much we don't have here in Creswick. A golf-resort, numerous cafes and restaurants, hotels, boutiques, three primary schools and aged care facilities. Soon we'll have a world-class bike trail network attracting riders and visitors from all over. They will be surprised to find there is no swimming pool.

Total funding for the shire-wide aquatic strategy is \$80,000. It includes \$30,000 set aside by Council, specifically to investigate Creswick's swimming facilities.

Creswick Aquatic Centre members will endeavour to work closely with local councillors to ensure the best case is put

forward for an aquatic centre in Creswick. Creswick currently has no swimming pool. Lakes and former dredge holes are not suitable for swimming lessons, safe lap swimming or medically supervised physical rehabilitation.

Currently \$240,000 is spent each year in subsidising the running of outdoor pools in Trentham, Clunes and Daylesford. Creswick ratepayers are paying for outdoor pools they don't use. Creswick is the only town without a purpose-built swimming pool.

Otium Planning Group has been engaged as consultants for this study. They need to hear from **you**. Community pop-up session dates will be released soon and information about locations, dates and times once they're available, will be on the *Hepburn Shire Council* website and *Creswick & District Aquatic Centre* website and Facebook page.

Please make sure you get to the pop-up sessions!

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Secretary Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc

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International Women's Day

Local Women Honoured *Verena Doyle*



Verena and Tony at the Award Ceremony

Congratulations to Verena Doyle, who was recently inducted onto the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll as part of the Hepburn Shire International Women's Day celebrations.

Verena has been inspirational in her work with Scouts Victoria and her volunteering at 1st Creswick Scouts has been beneficial for many young females in the local Creswick community.

When Verena first began to volunteer at Creswick Scouts there were no girls in the local scout troop. This changed after Verena began and encouraged girls to transfer from Girl Guides to Scouts. She believed that some girls would enjoy Scouting more as they weren't interested in traditionally 'girlish' activities. She opened the way for girls to join what was often considered a 'boys club' and encouraged them to complete activities like kayaking, skateboarding and archery.

Verena started in Brownies in 1965 and continued through the Girl Guide program achieving Queens Guide in 1976 with East Doncaster Girl Guide Company. She was a leader with Girl Guides until 2007 when she was also the Scout Leader at Creswick Scout Group. *'Basically Monday was Scouts, Wednesday was Guides and Thursday was Venturer Scouts, until the Girl Guide Unit was closed unceremoniously by the hall being removed in 2011.'*

Verena set up the first Creswick Venturer Unit, which was the first all-female Venturer unit until a boy joined six months later. The first chairperson, treasurer and secretary were all female and this showed the other scouting units that it was possible for girls to lead themselves. The Venturer Unit at Creswick is still running today.

Within only a few years of Verena restarting the unit, Creswick Venturers celebrated, for the first time in nineteen years, a Venturer achieving the Queens Scout Award. This was a highly significant event considering the unit was newly formed and was just starting to forge its own path.

Her focus on supporting young Scouts to achieve their Queens Scout Award has also left a legacy of success in the local group and has given future Scouts a goal to work towards.

Verena acknowledges that being a Scouting and Guiding Leader has allowed her to lead by example, supporting and encouraging young people and participating in some extraordinary activities which included: flood recovery programs; climbing the Swiss Alps; sailing yachts in New Zealand; learning to paddle (and not fall out of) a canoe; abseiling; and even making a Venturer shirt when uniforms just didn't fit.

Verena excelled professionally, completing a Bachelor of Nursing which led her to work at Daylesford Hospital.

She then went on to study a Bachelor of

Arts (Rural Social Welfare) with a Graduate Diploma in Chronic Condition Management. At the same time she was working full time as a nurse at Creswick hospital and had three school aged children.

Verena states: *'I have an absolutely amazing husband Tony and we have raised five adult children, have three grandchildren, worked in intellectual disabilities with the Rudolf Steiner Curative Home, studied and worked as a nurse and for the last nine years up to retirement, worked as a Case Manager with Community Services. I have attained a Degree in Rural Social Welfare and a Grad Dip in Chronic Conditions Self Management through Flinders University'.* She lobbied for Swinburne Uni to develop a campus in the Yarra Valley. To her surprise this was successful and the Lilydale campus has been well established.

Verena was honoured and humbled to be nominated for the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll: *'I was quite perplexed as I was always taught to support your community and do service quietly, expect no reward and do not promote what you have achieved'.*

Currently she is studying Horticulture and runs a micro native nursery at Allendale. The Doyles manage and care for *Mataranka Scout Camp* at Dunolly, the only Scout camp dedicated to environmentalism in Victoria, where they focus on revegetating and rebuilding the camp for future Scouts to enjoy. Verena continues to attend almost every camp at Mataranka which has meant that girls from visiting Scout troops are able to attend to learn new skills as girls can only attend camps if there is a female leader present.

Verena loves living at Allendale and has no plans to move. Creswick is indeed honoured to have Verena Doyle in the district.

With thanks to the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll Committee Citation and Verena Doyle.

More celebrations of businesses in Creswick

Maria Taylor

Joe is for Creswick



Photo courtesy of
Wayne-Rex Brereton

Joe Fontana took over the Creswick Bridge Garage four years ago. Having worked for a family run garage in Ballarat for twenty years, he finally decided it was time to move on and start his own business.

The garage does mechanical repairs for cars and bikes, as well as roadworthy certificates. Joe employs two young local men as apprentices, while his wife Krystal looks after the office with sales and reception.

Joe enjoys helping the local community and he considers his customers as friends. Joe is a true son of Creswick – all his family grew up here, and he thinks Creswick is a great town. He puts it simply: 'It's home'.

Inspiration is Clear as Crystal

Kerrie Bernhard and her mum Karen opened the Inspiration shop in Albert Street in 2017. A blend of Karen's existing crystal business and Kerrie's work in spiritual guidance, Inspiration has gained a strong following among those who believe in the healing power of crystals.

What are crystals for?

It is thought that each different type of crystal has its own healing abilities for the mind, body, and soul. They're thought to promote the flow of good energy and help rid the body and mind of negative energy for physical and emotional benefits. Thus, rose quartz, for example, promotes love, restoring trust and harmony in relationships, and amethyst is protective, healing and purifying.



Kerrie and Karen

Inspiration is yet another example of a business that actually benefited from the recent COVID lockdowns. As Kerrie puts it: 'People stayed home and learned to shop on-line. Many new customers joined our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/inspiration) and take part in our regular live sales'. People come on-line at an advertised time to see the crystal offerings; they can interact with Kerrie, asking questions and getting a closer look at the items before placing their orders. Thanks to their clever use of social media and their competitive prices, Kerrie and Karen receive orders from all over Australia. They have four main suppliers in Victoria as well as interstate and overseas. Kerrie offers workshops at the premises in Albert Street, making space for participants to grow and explore their spirituality. She will also shortly be offering crystal healings.

Both Karen and Kerrie live in Creswick. They firmly believe in giving back to people. 'It's very important to build trusting relationships with our customers.'

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Creswick Brass Band New Additions?

You may have seen the players of Creswick Brass Band wearing a new uniform item at playouts. If you worked out that there are new hats, you'd be right. The Creswick Brass Band was fortunate to receive a \$5000 grant from the Creswick & District Community Bank® towards the uniform fund, therefore allowing for the new purchase. Thank you to the Bank for helping the band to be not only sun smart, but looking good too!

In other news, the Band was privileged to be asked by the Creswick-Smeaton RSL to participate in their ANZAC Day March and Service. The Band has always taken pride in assisting the RSL to honour those who served our country. The Band was also happy to play again to a live audience at the annual *Salute to the ANZACs* concert. It was wonderful to hear the crowd singing along to the songs of yesteryear.

The Band is continuing to rehearse in the Senior Citizens Clubrooms with Jubilee commencing at 6.00pm and Creswick at 7.30pm. Those interested to hear what's being worked on are more than welcome to come and listen.

Meredith George

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Creswick-Smeaton RSL

The Creswick-Smeaton RSL would like to thank everyone who helped prepare for this year's ANZAC Day. It turned out to be a successful event after the troubles of last year.

Special thanks to the ladies who made all the wreaths (there were forty this year); the Shire gardeners for cleaning up the cenotaph and arranging traffic diversions; the Railway Workshops for the use of their chairs and gazebo; the local Creswick Scouts Group who did a magnificent job as flag bearers and the Creswick Bakery for the nice pies and sausage rolls.

Finally, thank you to the generous people of Creswick who supported the ANZAC Appeal.

Alan Morris
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Jenny Burke – Floral Artist

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Jennifer Anne Turley was born on 3 December, 1954, the second child of Jim and Anna. They lived in a small homely house that Jim built on the outskirts of Barkstead until they moved to Mollonghip.

Jenny attended Mollonghip State School from prep to grade 6 and loved it when it was her turn to raise the Australian flag on Monday mornings and sing the National Anthem.



Photo Courtesy Jenny's family

After Primary School Jenny went on to Daylesford Technical High School which meant catching the bus early and not returning home until late afternoon. While at Daylesford Tech Jenny became an active member of many sporting teams including swimming, basketball and hockey. She represented the school in hockey at Mildura and was proud to travel up on the train with the team.

Weekends meant junior tennis, travelling around to many district courts on Saturday mornings. She moved on from junior tennis to Senior Pennant at the Mt Prospect Tennis Association grass courts in Creswick where she became a member of many Premiership teams. She also represented the Mt Prospect Association in Country Week tennis.

Jenny entered the workforce with her first job at the Venture Store in Grenville Street, Ballarat. She desperately wanted to work in fashion and after turning up at Menzies fashion shop weekly to ask about any positions, was finally rewarded with a start. She flourished in this field with her sense of fashion and honesty in sales. After selling one customer a dress, belt, scarf and some jewellery the husband of the customer gave Jenny his card and said, 'If you ever want to sell cars, give me a call'.

Jenny met Gary Burke at a local dance who asked if he could drive her home but she first needed to get the approval of big brother Robert, who said, 'Burkey, he's ok'. This was the start of their loving life together. They married on 20 January 1979 and throughout the next forty-two years were hardly apart; working together and sharing wonderful times. Her family, dogs, friends, relaxing Sunday lunches or just hanging around in her PJs made Jenny happy.

Jenny continued to work in fashion, managing several stores in Ballarat, until she and Gary purchased the Savoy Coffee Lounge in Bridge Mall. After three years they sold the Savoy and purchased *The Green Village Florist* in Armstrong Street, eventually moving the business to the Bridge Mall and renaming it *Jenny Burke Florist*. Jenny attended numerous workshops and qualified as a Certificate IV Florist and won awards at the Melbourne International Flower Show. There are few people around Ballarat who would not have seen Jenny's floral artistry over the past thirty years. Hundreds of tributes on social media were a testament to the lives she touched and the memories she helped to make at weddings, funerals, special occasions and events throughout the region.

Jenny passed away suddenly on 1 April, aged sixty-six, after suffering a brain aneurysm, and left a legacy of beautiful colourful memories for thousands of people across the region

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After the 2020 cancellation of all social events, Lilian and Peter Skilbeck are again opening their gardens to host a Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council Victoria. Entry to the gardens is by donation. Unlike other years, the bottomless cups of tea, coffee and scones fresh from the ovens, will be served in a marquee on the grass area to the east of the house. The kitchen and lounge will not be open to the public. There will be stalls with handcrafts, jams and sauces, plants and multiple choice raffles on both days. Music will be provided by the *Platform Souls*. If you too are a musician, the band would love you to bring your instrument and join in.

Plaistow Homestead and Store (H328) is registered by Heritage Victoria as a Heritage Place with a plaque which reads – 'Plaistow was settled in 1840 by Colin McKinnon and sold to George and Alfred Joyce in 1844. The brick overseer's hut and store, brick kitchen and main homestead were built between 1844 and 1852'.

Morning teas will be available from 10.00am - 12.30pm. This will be a COVID safe event with sanitizer, QR code or manual registration and social distancing.

To offer help as a volunteer or to host a stall, call Lilian or Peter Skilbeck on 5476 2450 or 0419 884 710.

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GARDENERS BEWARE

Don't let this happen to you!

With the lovely weather at the end of April, this gardener was busy clearing acorns from her garden in the farthest corner of the property - front gate wide open, garage doors rolled up and back door open. Sight unseen, along came an enterprising person.

Later, the loss of a Canon digital IXUS camera, which had been on the coffee table was discovered. Tore the house apart, not wanting to believe the obvious, to no avail.

Would be nice if this person could return the memory card to my letter box. Its contents are of no use to that person but are valued by the camera's owner. So, don't be the next victim.

Over 60? You belong In a museum.

- Creswick Arts Pavilion has organized a free bus trip to The Art Gallery of Ballarat on Friday afternoon, 28 May. (Masks must be worn on the bus.)
- Lena Gan, Melbourne University Lecturer in Ageing, will give a short talk on the effect of museum and gallery visits on your health.
- The visit will include a free guided tour of the gallery.
- A complimentary afternoon tea by Peter Ford Catering will follow.

Under-60s also welcome! Please email pavilionarts3363@gmail.com or call Andrew on 0490 930 854 to reserve your seat on The Art Bus.



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The Trust is looking for descendants of *William Stuart* who was in the 2nd Light Railway WWI, so that it can be organised to mark his currently unmarked gravesite. He had a wife Florence, three sons and two daughters. Also being sought are descendants of *Victor Noah James* who was in the 18th Battalion WWI, married to Emma, with four sons and five daughters. He too is in an unmarked grave.

Others with unmarked graves are: *William Mitchell*, single with no family who was in the 26th Battalion; *Edward Arthur McLoughlin*, single, no family 40th Battalion; *Frederick Crisp*, 8th Battalion, no family; and *William James Peters* 14th Battalion POW, survived by a wife but no children.

These six men deserve to be remembered with a plaque and it is hoped funding will be obtained for this, but permission is needed from their families.

Wendy Ohlsen

Secretary

Club meetings have resumed and in spite of some restrictions, they have been full of interest. At the April meeting, guest speaker Peter Broughton, owner of Ironstone Park Nursery at Heathcote, both educated and entertained members with his passion and knowledge of rare and endangered native plants. A future visit to Peter's nursery is on the Club's agenda.

The next meeting will be the Club's AGM at the RACV Goldfields Resort on Tuesday, 1 June. The starting time for the meeting is 1.30pm. Members are asked to allow time to park and register from 1.00pm.

RSVP is essential by phoning Phyllis Wright on 0418 303 405 or Vicki McArthur on 0402 390 889 no later than Tuesday, 25 May.

The cost of the venue has been covered by the Club, as has the cost of a light afternoon tea.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Vicki McArthur, Secretary



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WHAT I LOVE ABOUT WINTER GARDENING

By Rhonda Cotsell

Lying in bed listening to the whispering hush of rain on my roof, fresh from an early bolt out into the garden to collect some kindling from my wheelbarrow of prunings, I also started thinking about what I could write for *CDN* about Gardening and it occurred to me that all the above pretty much covered it.

There are things I really love about gardens generally, mine specifically and gardening overall in winter. The smell. When I walk outside the backdoor the air is damp and rich, and at different times of the day and on different days the dampness and richness is a matter of degree and they are all delicious.

My favourite is after the sun has risen. The air then is cool and the dampness is secondary to the perfumes of wet earth, damp grasses and the softer lingering undertones of anything green that has a perfume that is there all the time.

If smells could be described as sound, then gardens smell like an orchestra and a winter garden's smell is a subdued

and sombre symphony. Greenery has a smell. Dampness when it is fresh has one flavour and when it has been there for awhile and bark and fallen foliage have begun to break down and mature, it has another. Breezes sifting through branches pick up an unidentifiable something which is not like that of open air.

The air. Winter air stings and bites or it awakens almost like a friendly slap from an invisible hand. It passes through our skin into our blood and brain and suddenly synapses, nerve endings and all those other things that make us alive are up and running.

My morning vitamin or tranquillity pill for years, if feeling particularly groggy or unhappy, is big lung-fulls of morning winter air. I breathe so deeply I can physically feel it spread from my lungs to my heart. Three will do it. It doesn't take away sadness but it does dissolve much of the stress and it clears my head like magic.

Happy wintering Creswick gardeners.



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue

The ANZAC Day Service, conducted by Brian Reasons representing the Creswick-Smeaton RSL sub-branch, was attended by a good crowd. Ninety-one people registered and heard Ross Dimond speak about his ancestors' involvement in World War I. Charlie Williams, a Year 11 student who lives in the Avenue, read *The Ode* and Doug Slater played the *Last Post* and *Rouse* on his cornet.

Thanks to special guests: Councillors Tim Drylie and Don Henderson representing the Hepburn Shire Council; John Collins and Chris Whitear from the Creswick & District Community Bank®; John Rowlands - Kingston Agricultural Society; Wendy Dutton and Trace Williams - Kingston Fire Brigade. Wreaths were laid on behalf of these organisations and by descendants of people commemorated in the Avenue. Morning tea was shared afterwards.

Thank you to all who attended. It was difficult for some to hear the speakers. Consequently, an application is being lodged for a Council Community Grant towards the purchase of a sound system for future services.

The Rover Car Club of Victoria and the Southern Explorers motorhome group have recently visited Kingston. They were keen to learn about the history of the Avenue of Honour and the Show Grounds. Thank you to both groups for their generous donations.

Wednesday, 9 June – Annual General Meeting, 6.45pm for 7.00pm at Commercial@Kingston.

During the General Meeting afterwards, designs for displaying the plaques on the nine replacement trees will be presented. Supper will follow.

Julie Baulch

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W. S. Northcott, Convenor.

May 6, 1921

Mr. C. Potts, sloyd master at the Creswick and Clunes State Schools, has been unanimously appointed conductor of the Clunes Brass Band. It is understood that Mr. Potts contemplates residing in Clunes.

May 10, 1921

Town Improvements Committee

The adjourned meeting for the inauguration of a Town Improvements Committee will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday (Tomorrow) evening at 8 o'clock. All interested in promoting the progress of the municipality are cordially invited. W. B. Grose, Mayor.

May 13, 1921

Kooroocheang

The Kooroocheang and District Energetic League intend having a "Working bee" on the 18th May, to cart and saw up ready for use Mr. H. Rankin's winter firewood.

May 17, 1921

At the request of the Creswick Shire Council, a further allocation of war trophies has been made to towns in the shire, in the form of a machine gun each for Kooroocheang, Glengower, Kangaroo Hills, and Rocky Lead.

May 20, 1921

The Fire Brigade reel house at North Creswick is to be removed out of the way of the street lamp, the light of which it obstructs. Mr. Curtis has consented to the little building being placed on the front corner of the allotment on which Mr. Fred Simons formerly resided. At the meeting of the Country Fire Brigades' Board on Wednesday, the work of painting the bell tower in the Market Square, near the band stand, was referred to Mr. W. B. Grose.

May 24, 1921

Mr. W. A. Caddy announces in our advertising columns that he has taken over the blacksmithing business of the late James Mann, of Melbourne Road. He hopes for a fair share of public patronage.

May 27, 1921

A.N.A. Hall, Sunday May 29th, at 3 o'clock

P.S.A. under auspices of Creswick A.L.P. Speaker – Mr. J. H. Scullin. "Where Labor stands on the Irish Question".

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We Need a Little Christmas, Right This Very Minute - yes it's only May and Christmas is still seven months away, but after enduring 2020 and still tiptoeing around 2021 with the uncertainty about vaccinations, it's time to start looking toward a brighter future and have some fun. Business & Tourism Creswick (B&TC) has assisted with decorating Creswick to celebrate Christmas for several years ably led by Jan Worthington, which is no simple task. A small team can create wonders, but a larger team can create marvels.

B&TC is looking for marvellous people to help make Christmas 2021 a cracker (pardon the pun). If your creative side would like to be involved either in a hands on role, or throwing innovative ideas into the pot, B&TC would love to hear from you. Bear in mind that this is a small town, with a small budget, but clever people can achieve clever things. Show just how clever you are and have some fun along the way. It may be seven months until Christmas, but it **gets late early**.

To become involved or to share ideas, contact info@creswick.net or the B&TC Secretary, Marg Giles on 0419 326 453.

Marg Giles, Secretary

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CRESWICK HUB

Hub Open: Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am - 12.00pm

What's on at the Creswick Hub?

All library services have resumed after COVID-19 closures and limited services. We would like to thank our community for their understanding during that time.

Library programs are being slowly re-introduced into being onsite.

For updates on programs and what is available, please follow our Facebook page or contact Hub staff directly on 0428 964 419.

Home Library Services will resume in due course and we will advise those who use this service when it becomes available.

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Creswick Capers Responsible Pet Ownership

A very busy Term 2 has begun really well with the Junior Unit already having an incursion on *Responsible Pet Ownership*, the Annual House Athletics and very importantly playing a role in the Creswick-Smeaton ANZAC Day ceremony.

In May and June there will be an extensive array of activities including Naplan; two visits to BioLab and BioCats in Geelong; an incursion from *Earth Ed*; an *Ecolinc* excursion; GRIP Leadership; Goldfields Athletics; a Sovereign Hill Camp; a Sporting Schools program for all students; a secondary school excursion to view their annual production; a NAIDOC Week celebration and much, much more. All these extra-curricula activities compliment the curriculum and programs already in place right across the school. It is so important to give students a diverse range of areas where they can develop new skills and understandings.



School Captains: (L-R) Deklan, Jayda and Luke

Some of the comments from students after the *Responsible Pet Ownership* visit:

I learned what to do if I saw an angry dog – put my hands at my side, be as quiet as a mouse, look at the ground and carefully check to see if it's gone. (Mia, Prep).

If you see a person with a dog and you want to pat it, you ask if you can pat it, let it smell the back of your hand and then walk to the side of it and pat it. (Jack, Prep).

Some of the comments from students from ANZAC Day:

It is important to commemorate the many soldiers who fought and sacrificed their lives for us. (Riley C, Gr 5).

It is important to respect the soldiers that have gone to war and gave their lives for their country. (Ruby, Gr 4).

Vicki Hughes, Classroom Teacher



Creswick Lions Club Funds Distributed

The Creswick Lions Club undertook its annual funds distribution this month which went far and wide. The Club has supported local disadvantaged individuals and welfare groups, contributed to community groups to help them to continue to run their programs and pitched in to support research projects endeavouring to find cures for cancer and other diseases. Thank you to those who wrote seeking financial assistance, it is hoped that the fundraising efforts have helped to provide some relief.

Lions members will be in front of IGA over the coming months with separate wood raffles planned in May, June and July. The wood raffle first prize is a garden trailer load (6m x 4m) of firewood (trailer not included).

With the decline in membership, the Club once again is searching for community-minded people to consider coming along to a meeting or two to see if the Creswick Lions Club is something for you either as a full member or a helper at some activities. The meeting dates have changed to the second Wednesday of the month at the RSL Hall at 7.00pm. Please contact the Secretary as below or membership chairperson, Bernardette Tacey on 0419 326 052, for further details.

A reminder that old car batteries are still being collected (contact Peter 0419 899 810) as well as glasses for which collection boxes are located at The Hub, Neighbourhood Centre and Senior Citizens for the *Lions Recycle for Sight* program. These are refurbished by Lions and distributed overseas.

Carolyn Gargiulo, Secretary
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Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email nstubbs3@bigpond.com

Business & Tourism Creswick - first Tuesday every month. Old Creswick Railway Station 5.00pm Info 5345 2759 or contact via Facebook

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

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

Creswick & District Historical Society - fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm. Phone 5345 2065

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

Pole walkers - St Georges Lake car park. All ages \$2.00 week. Tuesdays 8.00am - 9.30am Info. Eliz Rhook, Hepburn Health Service 5345 9150

RSL meeting - last Wednesday each month 12 noon. RSL Hall Alan Morris 0428 119 420

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

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Grant and Amanda Pascoe loved every day of helping the awesome people of Creswick and district and have many fond memories. Transporting everyone in good and bad situations has been an honour and they will miss the time spent with all.

Our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful people we have worked with and for their support. All the businesses that have supported us, we thank you. We have travelled thousands of kilometres from Creswick to places like, Melbourne, Patchewollock, St Arnaud, Ballarat and just up the hill to Creswick North!

Whilst Grant is taking a well-earned break, Amanda is following her dream working in Community Service.

Farewell to all and welcome Greg!

Grant and Amanda



St Augustine's News

With the theme of ANZAC Day, school has been busy reflecting on the sacrifices made by all who served in the armed forces. A special service was held at school to again pay respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that all can walk the streets as free citizens and have the luxury knowing that the country is free from war.

The school leaders represented the school community and joined with other primary schools from 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 community, particularly the children, show appreciation of the sacrifices made a century ago.

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