



## The Laurel Wreaths of Creswick

Since World War I, laurel leaf wreaths have been laid at memorials and cenotaphs to remember those Australians who have died in service during wars, conflicts and peace-keeping operations. Creswick has been no exception.

This ANZAC Day, a record fifty laurel leaf wreaths were hand made by twenty-five people, who had a part in all the processes required. Over the years, volunteers from many different organisations have been involved, building on the original RSL Women's Group which comprised wives or widows of servicemen.

First comes the team who hand-pick the 5,000 laurel leaves at a local property whose owners have for many years generously allowed the leaves to be harvested. The team's quality control is excellent.

Over the next two days, each leaf is individually washed and dried, assembled and attached to the pre-prepared cardboard shapes. The rosemary, poppies and ribbons are then attached. Finally, the leaves are oiled and the labels are fastened. The process is completed with finishing touches and a quality control inspection.

Each wreath takes up to an hour to make. Of course, there is much talking and sharing amongst the workers during this time.

The use of the laurel leaf wreaths in the ANZAC tradition appears to come from a drawing by Australian Signaller Ellis Silas who, in 1915, sketched an angel with such a wreath appearing to an Ottoman soldier on the Gallipoli battlefield.

Laurel leaf wreaths have been used in Creswick since at least World War II. Many of the current makers and helpers remember helping their mothers sew each leaf and the attachments when they were little children - making wreaths in much the same way as they are made today. Continuing the tradition is important to them.



ANZAC wreath-making team members 2023  
Photo Peter McArthur

Each part of the wreath has symbolism and meaning:

*Laurel wreath denotes immortality  
The shape represents the tears that were shed  
The Laurel tree represents Glory  
The Laurel leaves represent Victory  
Rosemary is for Remembrance  
Red Poppies for Consolation, one each at the bottom for the three services*

Like so many events that take place in Creswick, many people come together to make the ANZAC Day ceremonies and the ANZAC Day wreaths happen. A big thank you to all of those who contributed to this part of our ANZAC Remembrance.

*Elaine Clark, Convenor*

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## Biggest Morning Tea - Plaistow Homestead

**Thursday, 25 May, Entry by Donation**

Whenever people gather, almost inevitably a discussion will occur about health and of course that will include cancer. Every family will have stories of medical experiences and, in ever increasing numbers, stories of full recovery.

Cancer Council Victoria is a fabulous organisation which provides a diverse range of services to support anyone diagnosed with cancer of any form and their families. Cancer Council has an online and telephone nurse support and advisory service. They offer some financial advice and support. They can provide wigs, organise respite holidays and are proactive in providing lifestyle recommendations. All of these services are provided from fundraising by the community. Cancer Council receives no funding from government for their programs. For the past twenty-five years the Newstead community have been able to support the Cancer Council by attending a Biggest Morning Tea at Plaistow Homestead, Joyces Creek.

Every cent raised on the day goes directly to the Cancer Council.

The extensive gardens at Plaistow are looking lush (and so are the weeds). Come along with family and friends to enjoy some fellowship and great music. Spend some cash on the stalls while enjoying an endless cup of tea or coffee and scones direct from the oven.

Plaistow is a heritage listed squatter's house from the 1840s surrounded by gardens created for relaxation.

Plaistow Homestead is located at 324 Rodborough Road, Joyces Creek, approximately seven km from Newstead. Follow the flags from the intersection of the Pyrenees Highway and Rodborough road to the venue.

Volunteers to help on the day would be appreciated.

*Lilian and Peter Skilbeck*  
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## creswick Rainfall

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

	2021 mm	2022 mm	2023 mm
January	134.5	163.0	9.5
February	13.0	1.0	28.8
March	79.5	49.0	45.0
April	20.0	65.5	116.0
May	79.0	39.3	
June	99.9	104.5	
July	106.5	51.0	
August	66.5	156.0	
September	70.5	82.0	
October	91.0	214.1	
November	66.8	129.1	
December	26.3	40.2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>853.5</b>	<b>1,094.7</b>	<b>199.3</b>

## Smeaton Presbyterian Church Biggest Morning Tea Thursday, 25 May

Come and join the ladies of the Smeaton Presbyterian Church for a cup of tea for Cancer research at the Smeaton Bowling Club on Thursday, 25 May between 10.00am and 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

## New Residents Welcome Event

The next New Residents  
Welcome Event will be held at  
**3.00 pm on Saturday, 3 June at  
the Senior Citizens Centre, Water  
Street, Creswick. Please register  
via email to  
[railwayworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:railwayworkshops@gmail.com)  
or SMS to 0407 622 463.  
Judy Henderson**

# ANZAC DAY 2023

*(Photos on page 16)*

## ANZAC Day 2023 Creswick

The ANZAC Day Service at Creswick, began with a march, led by flag bearers from 1<sup>st</sup> Creswick Scouts, followed by members of the Defence International Training Centre, young representatives from the primary schools of Creswick, North Creswick, Newlyn, St Augustine and Mt Blowhard, all marching in time to the Creswick Brass Band.

Albert Street was lined with families and visitors who came to remember relatives and friends who fought overseas and the many who did not return to their loved ones. Memories went back a long way, not just to World War I, but to other wars that have had the same devastating results on families who waited in vain for their loved ones to return.

The laying of wreaths, the solemn prayers and reading by Father Chris Keast; the story of Thomas Bell Hogg as told by RSL President Alan Morris; the singing of the Naval Hymn and the National Anthems of Australia and New Zealand, made this a very special ANZAC Day.

*Lest we forget: we will remember them.*

*Fiona Watson*

## SALUTE TO THE ANZACS

It happens every year, always the same, yet still we go and still we love it, that is the Creswick Brass Band's contribution to the Commemoration of ANZAC Day. The band had already participated in the Street Parade and the 11.00am service at the Cenotaph. This year, even more demand had been made on their time, with the weekend visit and musical workshop of the Victorian Junior Brass Band. Two brass concerts in two days - what self indulgence for a brass-loving audience.

This year they again delved into the mists of time to pull out the much loved old WWI and II songs. The audience sang their hearts out re-living the memories. Three band members played in the Victorian Junior Brass Band and still fronted up for more in the afternoon. Thank you Creswick Brass. We are so proud of you and the contribution you make to our town. They tell us that they are part of a big brass concert at Daylesford towards the end of May. (Where is Daylesford?) Forget Sunday football, search your GPS and take a day out to support your Band.

Two members were presented with Long Service badges at the end of the concert. Thank you and well done to them both. Thank you to the band for yet another happy and memorable *Salute the ANZACS* Concert.

*Val Lawrence*



## ANZAC DAY 2023 *Wonderful Community Support*

The Creswick-Smeaton RSL would like to thank the public, who turned out in large numbers for the Dawn Service lined the street to support the veterans, guests and the community groups who took part in the March and also for attending the main Service. This was excellent.

A special thank-you to the Creswick and district community for the support with the ANZAC Appeal. Also to the Commercial Hotel Kingston; Flemo's; Creswick IGA and the Creswick Pharmacy for their assistance in selling badges. Although the final figure is not in yet, it is believed that last year's record amount raised for the Veterans Welfare Fund was broken.

The RSL would like to thank the following for helping commemorate ANZAC Day: the Creswick Scouts as flag bearers; Creswick Brass Band; Ed Koene – Gunfire Breakfast; Bugler - Craig Latrobe; Creswick Senior Citizens; Creswick Police; Father Chris Keast; staff and students from Defence International Training Centre; Creswick Railway Workshops Association; the ladies who made the wreaths; Creswick Red Cross – assistance with the catering; RACV for the golf cart for veterans along with Damien Knowles from CFA who drove the cart; Hepburn Shire – gardeners/traffic management and finally to RSL Members for all the work before and after the events.

If anyone took any photos of the parade which could be put onto the RSL website, please send them to [creswicksmeatonrsl@gmail.com](mailto:creswicksmeatonrsl@gmail.com). Your name will appear in the photo credits.

*Phil Greenbank*

*Secretary, Creswick-Smeaton RSL*

## Senior Cits

Another month has rattled by. Chilly days ahead, but not at Seniors Club Rooms, with warm companionship and happy social days on the last Friday of each month. There's a hot meal and entertainment to warm anyone's heart. The next social day will be on 26 May when *The Harmonies* will entertain.

The usual activities of euchre, bingo, Scrabble and Triominos are on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Members pass on their sincere sympathy to Carmen for the loss of her mate, Fred Green.

Condolences to Kate for the loss of her mother, Margaret Shirley. We always have fond memories of our departed members.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

*June Gray 5334 6526*



## Pavilion Arts Small But Beautifully Formed



*Co-Secretary Glynis Edwards, Vice President  
Russell Bowey and President Jennifer Powell*

In a quiet corner of the booming *CresFest*, Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc held their first Postcard Exhibition. It was organised as a fund raiser. They sold the blank postcards for \$5 each. Those who bought them were free to work on them however they chose and sell them at whatever price they thought appropriate. However, creating these little treasures of art proved quite a challenge. Of the eighty-two cards sold only sixty-three made it to the wall. Those that did were remarkably diverse in style and media. The images ranged from delightfully whimsical to quite stunning. It is not surprising that so many of them were sold with many people keen to collect their own little treasure of art.

Given the very positive response from patrons and artists alike, the Exhibition will definitely be back next year. It is obvious that next year's event will be bigger and better than before as now artists have a better idea how to tackle the challenging small size, we can't wait to see what turns up and maybe you will be fast enough to nab yourself a little treasure of art.

*Jennifer Powell*  
*President, Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc.*



## The Art of Living

*By Craig Barrett*

Arguably, the most important part in *The Art of Living*, is in fact, *The Art of Dying*.

Recently I happened to mention to a friend that, along with my home grown salad greens, I was having pan fried kangaroo for dinner. My friend replied 'poor 'roo'. Then I let loose with a diatribe about my 'roo having lived a good life in the wild, dead in an instant with a clean shot, and now sustaining another life – mine.

Surely that is much better than lying dead or dying in a roadside ditch as road kill with a big X spray painted across it to mark as inspected then left to rot. So, this exchange with my friend led me to think further on the subject of life and death. Amongst the books on my bookshelf, a treasured hardbound copy of *Poor Fellow My Country* by Xavier Herbert. A classic of Australian literature, a tad under 1,500 pages - it is a long, rambling story of outback life. Why I mention this is that one of the enduring characters is a young Aboriginal boy named Prindy. Whenever he kills something to eat, he always says 'poor bugger'. It is a statement of empathy and respect. A recognition of the importance of life ... and a death. So I practise that also, whether it be a fish I have caught for dinner, a lamb chop, a carrot or potato pulled from my garden .... *poor bugger* ... and thank you for sustaining me.

Where am I going with this story? Not really sure myself. The very subject has brought in a flood of ideas and memories.

If you have a moment to take a look at my website and click on the *SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE* page, you will see an installation of banners that I created for the Shrine back in 2005. These works were inspired by the great English poets Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon – both active soldiers in France during WWI. Owen, in fact, was killed on the Western Front one week before Armistice. Very close, as it happens to where my Great Uncle George died. George was in the dismal evacuation at Galipolli, only to be killed in the mud on the Somme – his two younger brothers Earnest and Hubert returned wounded.

Having lived the better part of two years in France, I look at those fields and think of all the blood and bone that has fertilized them ... over so many centuries.

Still not sure myself where this rambling is going. All I know is that it is something to do with respecting life where you see it, and respecting death where you see it.

I sat with my mum for hours after she had died, to comfort my dad and to honour what mum had given to me.

Life and Death are equal in their importance ... bookends I reckon ... with a damn good story in between.

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## Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc ANZAC Day Service

It was estimated by Cr Don Henderson, and someone who counts sheep on a regular basis, that about 150 people were part of the Service at Kingston. Thanks to everyone who attended. A special thanks to Brian Reasons, Creswick-Smeaton RSL, who officiated and to those who participated in the Service.

The *Commitment to Remember* was delivered by nineteen year-old Lucas Duffey. Lucas's presentation was most engaging. He spoke about his great grandfather, J T O'Connor and his involvement in WWI. He referred to his family paying tribute to him each year on ANZAC Day, by visiting Tree West 32 that commemorates his service. He reassured us that this tradition will carry on. Lucas spoke of peace and filled us with hope that young people will continue to value the freedom we share because of the service and sacrifice of veterans. His speech can be found on the website [kingstonavenueofhonour.org.au](http://kingstonavenueofhonour.org.au).

A primary objective of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue is to continue to recruit young people like Lucas to the group to ensure that the Avenue is protected, promoted and patronised into the future.

A special mention must go to the students from Creswick Primary, Creswick North Primary, Newlyn Primary, St Augustine's Primary and Mt Blowhard Primary schools who, with respect, poise and dignity, read appropriate passages to remember ANZAC Day.

After the Service, Cr Tim Drylie spoke of the significance of the *Kingston Remembers Resource Centre* in preserving the history of the Avenue. Cr Don Henderson referred to the strengthening partnership between Kingston, Friends of the Avenue and the Hepburn Shire Council in caring for the heritage-listed former Shire of Creswick Avenue of Honour at Kingston.

Thanks go to the Hepburn Shire Council, the Kingston Agricultural Society, the Kingston Fire Brigade and the Commercial at Kingston for their contributions. Thank you also to all the behind the scenes individuals who assisted.

*Julie Baulch*

*On behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue, Inc.  
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## Creswick Capers School Wide Award

Late in Term 2 Creswick Primary School was announced as the recipient of the Bronze Award for their *School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)* program. This award is in recognition of achieving the incremental (Blue through to Gold) Bronze level standard of this program. Led by Ms Oriana Colangelo as the co-ordinator, Creswick PS has been part of the SWPBS program for the past six years. Oriana had been a key person with SWPBS at her previous school and was the driving force in making it an initiative at Creswick. The program involved forming a school wide team and liaising with the Regional Coach, currently Martine Wakeham, who has worked closely with Creswick staff conducting Professional Development sessions across the school.

The program can be defined as strategies that are adopted across an entire school with the aim of setting clear, consistent expectations and positive values. It is evidence-based behaviour support for all students.

As part of the SWPBS program a variety of structures were used to foster a positive environment with all stakeholders (students, staff and parents/carers) having a clear understanding of expected behaviours. Students are rewarded for consistent positive behaviour both in the classroom and in the yard. Students receive raffle tickets from which a weekly draw is made.

Rewards may include: Ollie time (time spent with the school dog); the relevant class receiving a thirty minute

game; having lunch in the staffroom or sitting in the teacher's chair for the day. The consequences of inappropriate behaviours are also clearly displayed in flow charts, ensuring everyone fully understands what is acceptable and what is not.



*Teacher Oriana Colangelo*

As Creswick PS is the only school in the Region to hold this status, it will now be open to hosting other schools in the area to share the journey and assist them in making links within their own schools. Creswick Primary School has also been asked to make a sequential and clearly detailed presentation to a larger education forum during the latter part of this year, to share key ideas, including the celebrations and challenges, that have been encountered along the way.

*Vicki Hughes*

*Classroom Teacher*



## Mt Blowhard Primary School

### Busy, Busy, Busy

A glorious morning at the Creswick-Smeaton ANZAC Day Service acknowledging those who sacrificed so much. The school leaders Thomas, Abbey, Julius and Molly read a poem and laid a wreath during the Service. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and themselves and received praise from strangers at the service!

Mrs McErlain selected the date for the Athletics Day and the weather delivered. A glorious day for the Athletics Carnival with Waubra PS and Trawalla PS. All the children gave their best and supported each other ensuring an inclusive and fun atmosphere for all. Mt Blowhard also managed a few age group champions! Mrs McErlain and Mr Nettelbeck ensured the day was well organised, the staff from all schools kept the events ticking along and the parents and visitors were a great support.



*Happy smiles on Athletics Day*

Many students reached the home reading goal of thirty-five nights last term and celebrated with a cup cake decorating session. We hope you enjoyed making your cupcake.

Every term a variety of Lunchtime Clubs are offered for children. Clubs include: gardening, cubbies, sport, board games, art and craft, STEM, choir and AUSLAN. This term, Art and Craft Club with Mrs Ackland has been well attended. Recently, the children were very engaged in their flower-making task!

*Robert Walsh*  
*Principal*



## St Augustine's News New Classroom

St Augustine's enjoyed a great break over the Easter holidays.

Term 2 saw a double portable building arrive which is now being set up. This will become the new Year 5/6 Hub as soon as it is ready.



On ANZAC Day, which is a public holiday for all, there was a march that most of you probably went to, to remember the fallen soldiers who fought for our country. Our school leaders, Charlie and Georgie, read a poem called, *For The Fallen*, and then laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of our school. Other schools and many clubs also laid wreaths to show their respect for the fallen soldiers. Thanks to the Creswick-Smeaton RSL for the two books presented to our school for our participation in the event.

We are busy preparing for the school sports day. Students are looking forward to a great day and keeping fingers crossed for good weather. (PS: unfortunately the day was rained out.)

There are children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will take place on Pentecost Sunday which is 28 May.

*Editorial team: Christian and Edward*

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## HAMMON PARK OPENING

The Hammon Park trailhead in Creswick is officially open. To celebrate we are joining the fun at the Dirty Pig and Whistle ride event at Hammon Park on Saturday 20 May. Come along, watch some of the races, try out the jumps and the pump track, learn about the Creswick Trails and enjoy a free coffee and face painting (10am to 12pm) at this fun community event. Everyone welcome. See you there!

## CAPITAL WORKS

**Creswick Town Hall** repairs have been progressing despite the unpredictable weather. The decorative orbs and bases have been re-installed to the parapets, the render repairs to the two facades and brick pointing to areas requiring repair have been finished and windows and glazing repaired.

Painters are nearing completion of the street frontages, meanwhile builders are busy repairing chimneys and chimney pots over the caretaker's cottage and stage changerooms, at the rear of the building. Elements of the brick façade of the caretaker's cottage have required careful reconstruction and one of the windows completely rebuilt due to rot. Of interest, the external door was not original and has been reproduced to its period design.

The project has had minor delays and is now projected to reach completion in early June 2023. This project has been funded with thanks to the Victorian State Government, the Australian Government and Council.

Conservation works have been progressing at the **Creswick Mechanic's Institute and Gold Office**. Carpenters have replaced some fascias and roof plumbers have replaced gutters, downpipes and some flashings in galvanised steel. Painters are currently working on sealing it all in original period colours taken from paint scrapes. Next stormwater and asphalt will complete this stage of the project.

The project is funded by Council and is expected to be completed early June 2023.

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## FUTURE HEPBURN

Council will develop a range of plans and strategies in 2023 and 2024 that will guide the future of townships across the Shire. These include township Structure Plans, Urban Design Frameworks, Neighbourhood Character Assessments, Integrated Transport Strategy, Agriculture Land Study and Rural Settlement Strategy. This is part of the Strategic Planning work that Council is doing to protect and enhance the natural and built environment to improve liveability in our Shire. Throughout this process we will be seeking input from the community to inform these documents. Work on the Creswick Structure Plan has already commenced, with more engagement to come. There will be many opportunities to have your say throughout these projects. We will keep you informed via adverts in community newsletters, our Facebook page, website, drop in sessions and our Participate Hepburn engagement platform. For information visit

<http://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn>.

## WASTE SURVEY

We have a survey open to understand how you use your bins - do you recycle carefully? How full are your bins? What do you do with food scraps? The answers to these questions and more will help Council to determine how we can support residents towards a low-waste lifestyle. The survey is available at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/waste-survey> and will be open until Friday 9 June.

## 2023-24 BUDGET

We will release our 2023-24 draft budget in May. The draft budget will be available for feedback on Participate Hepburn at <http://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>.

## CAT CURFEW

Council will introduce a dusk until dawn domestic cat curfew from 1 July 2023. This is a key action of our Domestic Animal Management Plan. A cat curfew is a specified time where cats are not allowed outside of your property boundary.

Find more information on our website at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/cats](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/cats).

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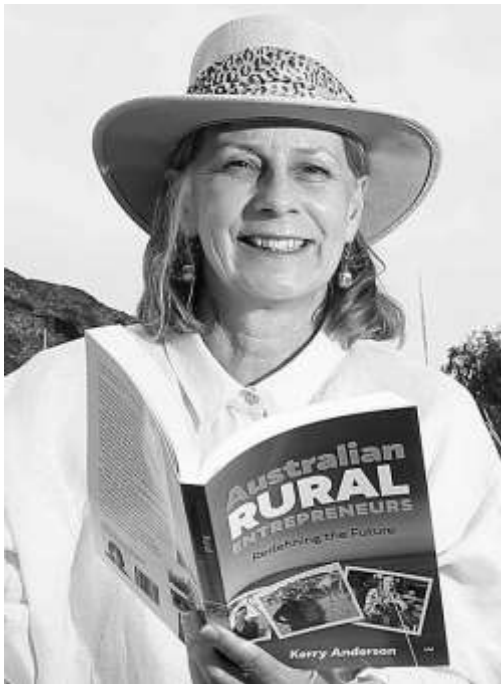
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## Business & Tourism Breakfast Event Friday, 9 June

Are you interested in helping to shape the future direction of Creswick? Then come along to a free Business & Tourism Inc breakfast event, on Friday, 9 June 2023, 7.00am to 9.00am at the University of Melbourne, Creswick Campus Dining Hall.

This event will bring together local businesses, tourism operators and community leaders to discuss opportunities and ideas for Creswick, including the Commonwealth Games and the opening of the Creswick Trails Mountain Biking Track.



*Kerry Anderson*

The event will feature Kerry Anderson, a renowned rural entrepreneur and facilitator, who will lead a conversation on how local businesses and communities can work together to take advantage of these opportunities and promote sustainable growth in the region. With her extensive experience and expertise, Kerry will provide valuable insights on how to approach challenges and seize opportunities in a changing economic landscape. James Freemantle, a prominent local leadership expert, will serve as the MC for the event. This promises to be an inspiring forum for local businesses, tourism operators and community leaders to collaborate, learn and grow together. Thanks must go to the local Community Bank Creswick & District, which is generously assisting with funding.

Participants can register for the event via: <https://events.humanitix.com/creswick-opportunities-business-and-tourism-breakfast>.

*Tim Drylie*  
President of Business & Tourism Creswick  
0425 716 544



## Creswick Garden Club Renowned Guest Speaker

The Creswick Garden Club welcomed Penny Woodward to its May meeting. Penny is a renowned herbalist, horticulturalist and author. For many years she was the Horticultural Editor for the ABCs organic gardening magazine.



*President Pam Lockhart and Penny Woodward*

Penny came to talk about pest repellent plants – and what a lot there are! Besides her prodigious knowledge, which was amazing, she happily shared other important information about ensuring members enjoyed a healthy garden.

If a garden is healthy, pests of all varieties live in balance. This can be achieved by ensuring diversity in the garden, with something in bloom all year round. If possible, don't use sprays that kill everything because predators are so important in keeping pests under control. Consider installing nesting boxes for small birds that love aphids, as do ladybirds. And while you might not like spiders, they are fantastic predators – so learn to love spiders!

Mix up vegetables with strongly scented herbs as this really confuses pests and keeps them away.

Penny's talk was most informative, with ideas on how to make your own sprays from garlic, how to protect fruit trees from pests and how to live in harmony with everything in the garden.

The Creswick Garden Club welcomes new members. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 6 June** starting at 1.00pm at the Senior Citizens Club Rooms.

*Fiona Watson*



### May 1, 1923

Ullina- The municipal windmill and trough is affording district farmers an ample supply of water, and a constant demand is being made for carting long distances to supply domestic needs, while stock is being driven daily to the reserve, as all other supplies are exhausted.

### May 4, 1923

Mt. Prospect Tennis Club – A grand ball will be held in the A.N.A. hall on Friday evening, 25<sup>th</sup> May. Double tickets, 3/; Extra Lady, 1/. A. Tanner, Hon. Sec.

### May 8, 1923

The Mayor has convened a public meeting for Friday evening next, at 8.30 o'clock, in the council chambers, for the purpose of making arrangements for the fitting observance of Empire Day. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of both ladies and gentlemen.

### May 11, 1923

A public meeting will be held in the Kooroocheang school on Saturday (Tomorrow) evening, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of forming a District Bush Fire Brigade.

### May 15, 1923

Creswick District Hospital – Applications are invited for the position of Probationer Nurse, returnable up to 6 p.m. on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1923.

Applicants must possess the Merit Certificate or its equivalent, state age, interview the Matron and be medically examined. Further particulars from the undersigned. Robt. Wall, Secretary

### May 18, 1923

Miss Joyce Jebb announces by advertisement that she will commence her adult dancing classes in the A.N.A. hall next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp. Particulars may be obtained on application to Miss Jebb.

### May 22, 1923

Creswick Gas Company – All consumers are requested to note that, owing to the Coal Shortage, The Gas will be Cut off from 11 o'clock p.m. until 11 o'clock a.m. each day in the week, with the exception of Saturday's when it will be turned on at 8 a.m. and be shut off at 1 p.m. This arrangement will take effect from 11 o'clock on Thursday night next, 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### May 25, 1923

Creswick District Hospital – Appeal for Potatoes – Whilst thanking the District Farmers for the past donations of potatoes, which have benefited the institution greatly, the committee again appeals for their generous support in the same direction. All who feel disposed to assist are requested to kindly notify Mr. J. Myles, Newlyn; Mr. M. Kane, Kingston; Mr. G. C. Cutbush or Mr. John Morrison, Dean. F. Gibbs, President; Robt. Wall, Secretary

### May 29, 1923

Three applications were received for the position of probationer nurse at the Creswick District Hospital. Miss Margaret McKay, of Dean, was appointed.



## RED CROSS CALLING

The members of the Creswick Branch of Red Cross collected outside the IGA Supermarket over six days during March. A total of \$2,597.20 was raised which is a terrific amount for this small community. Thank you to all who donated so generously. Special thanks must go to Creswick IGA and to the *Little Ezra & Olive* coffee van owner who supplied the collectors with free coffees while on duty.

Marj Poole

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*Jacqueline (buyer) March 2023*



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*Parlane (buyer) March 2023*



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## Creswick Cemetery News



*Margaret, Helen and Wendy*

A huge big thank you to the RSL who cleaned up the Soldiers area at the cemetery in time for ANZAC Day and also to Margaret and Helen from the Garden Club who helped with weeding and mulching the gardens.

Any assistance is very much appreciated and helps to keep our community cemetery looking lovely.

The Trust is hoping to have the roadways open this winter as much needed works are being done very soon.

*Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary*



## Kingston Agricultural Society Food and Wine Festival

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

**Save the Date! Saturday, 28 October 2023**

Kingston Agricultural Society is planning a Food and Wine Festival on its iconic grounds for October. The event will showcase the amazing produce the area has to offer. The Society is taking expressions of interest from producers in the region. With strong interest already from exhibitors, a broad range of products are expected.

Everyone is invited to sample, taste, view and enjoy the produce while listening to music in the big marquee. Buy lunch from the vendors, relax and picnic under the elms.

This is a new event just starting to take shape. If you would like to be involved or have any ideas, please get in touch with the Society. Volunteers are needed for the steering committee, liaising with contacts, setup and pack down, parking and communications. Any help you can give, even a couple of hours, will be greatly appreciated as it is a small committee, keen to ensure the magnificent grounds are used and enjoyed by the community.



Contact the Secretary on 0419 527 734 or at [www.kingstonagsociety.org.au](http://www.kingstonagsociety.org.au).

*John Rowlands, Secretary*

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## Book Review

By Rhonda Cotsell

I like to take advantage of our wonderful public library system to explore the catalogue for material related to Creswick or regional Australia generally. One I found by chance was *Australian Ghost Towns*, by George Farrell, published in 1968.

For some reason an entire chapter was devoted to Clunes which many inhabitants might find a bit of a surprise, however in 1968 things would have been a little quieter than now, that is as it was pre *Book Town*. Its principle inhabitants at the time being described as mainly small holdings farmers. This is worth reading for the three phases of Clunes. Firstly, as an important gold mining centre, secondly as a well preserved ghost town in the 60s, and then knowing the town today.

In the catalogue beside it was another also titled *Australian Ghost Towns* by Barry McGowan, published in 1993.

Both are fascinating works focusing as they do on a side of history that slides easily into oblivion as history studies tend to concentrate mainly on those places that have survived. These dying towns are moving reminders of years of invested labour resources and energy, with ghostly echoes of bustling life through the various community halls, pubs, churches and Honour Rolls. All towns are well researched with anecdotes of those who once lived in them. There are some truly tragic tales of what happened to the people when the fortunes of the towns changed, forcing them to leave comfortable homes they could not sell to build a new life elsewhere starting with little.

Each book is divided into the separate states. In the Victorian section of Barry McGowan's book six pages are devoted to Fryerstown near Castlemaine in the goldfields region. I found both books also good for simply dipping in and out of, even just to look at the many photographs from the 1800s and 1900s of wide, empty dirt main streets lined with vacant buildings built over a century ago, some standing proud in empty paddocks, others sinking tiredly into the dust Australia wide. Both are also well indexed so easy to search for specific topics like the experiences of specific groups such as the Chinese people and women.

Both books are available via the local library.



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## CRESWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

**Tuesday, 30 May, 10.30 am – Creswick  
Neighbourhood Centre Hall - \$10**

This year, the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) is hosting an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to help Cancer Council raise vital funds for people impacted by this disease. This annual event is in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. The Cancer Council is Australia's leading cancer charity which works across every aspect of the disease.

A fundraising goal of \$1000 plus has been set. This total is on the way to being achieved, but could really use your help! Just know that every cuppa is making a life changing difference to those affected. Just \$55 pays for a cancer nurse to be available to offer support to those in need.

So, will you help us reach our goal? A fundraising page for donations has been set up for online donations at <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/heatheringram>.

Come along for coffee, tea and food. Lots of fun games, a lucky door prize, plus raffle and a silent auction has been planned to help bolster the fundraising total. Entry is only \$10.

Please RSVP for catering purposes to 0409 230 586, 5345 2356 or email to [info@cnc.org.au](mailto:info@cnc.org.au).

CNC is also looking for donations of prizes and morning tea items. If you are able to help please ring Heather Ingram on 0409 230 586 or email [info@cnc.org.au](mailto:info@cnc.org.au).

*Chrissy Austin Manager*

John Curtin  
Aged Care



John Curtin's major fund raising activity for the next two years was announced in April. Unfortunately, that is the wait time for a new bus to come from overseas. The old bus is not in bad condition, but it is a manual drive and some of the drivers have difficulty with that, particularly the petite Lifestyle Co-ordinator, Danielle. So while there is good resale value for the current vehicle, the process to get a replacement has begun.

While this was a soft launch, the immediate response from the community was surprising and delightful. For donations to this project, please email [jcac@jcac.org.au](mailto:jcac@jcac.org.au) and include your contact number for details. Proceeds from the return of the *Cats Come to Creswick Art Show* in September will go towards this project.

John Curtin is also working towards a re-opening of Café Curtin which closed during the COVID lockdowns. There are volunteers wanting to work in the Café, but the running of the operation still needs to be resolved. So much is happening at John Curtin Aged Care at present, all positive and so good to be a part of.


*Sue Craven, President*

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# CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

**Annual Honour Roll Dinner Creswick & District Historical Society.** Friday, 19 May. Tickets from Jack van Beveren on 5345 2658 or Marjorie Poole on 5345 2065

**Kingston Friends of the Avenue Plant Stall** at the Creswick Market -20 May.

**Calembreen Park Working Bee (Bald Hills-Creswick Landcare Group)** Saturday 20 May from 2pm. All welcome.

**Creswick Garden Club Learning Day,** Saturday, 29 July, \$50 per head. Contact Jenny 0408 735 068 to book.

**Anglicare Emergency Food Relief** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 10.30am - 12.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria St.

**Anglican Parish of Springmount** St John's Church, Napier Street, Creswick. Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Short contemplative Eucharist: 10.00am most Tuesdays. Contact: Fr Chris Keast 0402 820 544

**Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.** Meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and open to anyone who is interested. Old Creswick Railway Station. Contact the secretary Margaret Giles on [info@creswick.net](mailto:info@creswick.net)

**Catholic Parish Creswick** St Augustine's Church Mass Sunday 9.00am **except 1<sup>st</sup> weekend month** Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm Contact: Fr Justin Driscoll 0448 220 685

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

**Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church Parish** Every Sunday - 9.30am All Welcome. 130 Albert Street Creswick (The pretty pink church on the hill) Contact Rev. Rosemary Carter 0431 286 285

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

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

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

**Creswick & District U3A** - 0490 444 519 email [info@creswicku3a.com](mailto:info@creswicku3a.com) website [www.creswicku3a.com](http://www.creswicku3a.com)

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

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

**Creswick Havilah Lodge** - Meeting fourth Thursday every month 7.30pm. Bob Orr 5345 2165

**Creswick Lions Club** second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007 [mariamarco3363@gmail.com](mailto:mariamarco3363@gmail.com)

**Creswick Market** - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356 [creswickmarket.com.au](http://creswickmarket.com.au)

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

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

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

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

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

**Cr Tim Drylie** by appointment Creswick Community Hub Ph. 0427 503 258 Email: [tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

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

**Friends of Park Lake** First Monday of month, 10.00am Creswick Hub Meeting Room. Wine O'Clock, 3.30pm every Wednesday on the Park Lake jetty. Enquiries: [pres.friendsofparklakecreswick@gmail.com](mailto:pres.friendsofparklakecreswick@gmail.com)

**Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers** - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website [scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://scoutsvictoria.com.au)

**Museum Research Centre** - Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests to [info@creswickmuseum.org.au](mailto:info@creswickmuseum.org.au)

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

**Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc** meets 6.00pm on the 1st Monday of month Senior Citizens Room.

**RSL meeting** - last Wednesday each month 1.00pm. RSL Hall Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

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## International Visitors for ANZAC Day



Attending the local ANZAC Day activities this year were two officers from Timor-Leste as part of the contingent from the Defence International Training Centre in Laverton, pictured here with another visitor from Brisbane, Theresa McShane, (sister of Aileen Preston). The three enjoyed talking about the progress of their country following Independence. Theresa was the Project Co-ordinator of the AusAid/QUT (Queensland University of Technology) Teacher Education Program in Dili and in Brisbane in 2001.

Both the officers are enjoying their stay in Australia and their program at Laverton.

## ANZAC DAY 2023



Flag bearers from 1st Creswick Scouts: Mollie Koene, Bing Scopes, Finial McPherson, Joshua Sandwith, Jessica Langley, Mathilda Trounce

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