

Issue 227 - November 2017

The School on the Hill

The School on the Hill is an Exhibition currently on display at the University of Melbourne's Creswick campus. It showcases a selection of photographs, information and objects from the Creswick Campus Historical Collection. These items date from the founding of the Victorian School of Forestry on this site in 1910, through to more recent times. The focus of the exhibition is on the Forestry students, their education, recreation, and experiences of living on campus.

The Exhibition runs until Friday, 8 December and is open 1.00pm – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Entry is via the Campus Library. Park in the University carpark (accessed from the top of Water Street) and enquire at Reception.

More information about the Creswick Campus Historical Collection is available at <http://go.unimelb.edu.au/py86>

The Library itself also is worth a visit, (1.00pm – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday), with interesting pictures and historical items on display; or take a walk through the beautiful grounds (leaflets available from the Visitor Information Centre).

Enquiries to Gerry Fahey, Librarian on 5321 4116.

Rosemary Tolhurst



Photos: Rosemary Tolhurst

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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Congratulations!

The citation of 2017 Honour Roll Inductee, Dr Robert Lindsay, which appeared in last August's CDN was a Finalist in the Best History Story Category at the recent Conference of CNAV (Community Newspapers Association of Victoria).

The story which was researched and written by a member of the Honour Roll Committee won Third Prize. The Award was presented to President of the Creswick District News, Barbara Spencer, who was in attendance at the Conference. Well done!

VALE

Enid Hepper

Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Enid Hepper. A long-term resident of John Curtin Aged Care, Enid only recently re-located to Narrabri.

Cemetery News

Drive Slowly

Just a reminder to drive slowly through the Creswick Cemetery please. Also, a reminder that plants of any description are not to be planted on any graves, monument or lawn.

If anyone has any spare time and would like to help with weeding the gardens at the Cemetery, there is a small group of volunteers who work every Monday and Thursday at the Cemetery and extra help would be very much appreciated.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary Cemetery Trust

Caritas Group High Tea

A very successful High Tea was held on 22 October. An enormous thank you to all who attended resulting in \$1700 being raised. This will not become an annual event.

Victoria Street Craft Group

The Group would like to thank everyone who has donated goods. As many are anonymous, please accept this as a personal thank you.

On 1 December the Group is holding a cake and craft stall in front of the laundrette in Albert Street. Come along and buy your cheap Christmas presents from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Rita Flapper
5345 2239

Thank You

A group of Creswick residents would like to extend a generous thank you to Wendy and the crew of volunteer workers for the fantastic job being done at the Creswick Cemetery. It is looking wonderful and all Creswick should be proud.

100 Years at the Victorian School of Forestry

(Reprinted with the permission of Librarian Gerry Fahey)

Since opening in 1910, the Victorian School of Forestry has undergone many changes.

In the early years, practical training was completed under the direction of John Johnstone, Superintendent of State Plantations, but the School lacked trained foresters to teach specialised coursework. Teachers were recruited from the Ballarat School of Mines and focussed solely on basic sciences and labour in the nearby nursery and forests.

In 1923, Principal Charlie Carter, recently returned from Yale with a Masters of Forestry, used his expertise to reform the curriculum. Alongside more advanced theoretical classwork, he encouraged the development of practical skills and student research through opening a eucalyptus still, a charcoal kiln, an oil testing laboratory and a sawmill. During this period, the School also established a strong relationship with the University of Melbourne, sending high-achieving graduates to Parkville to complete a Bachelor of Science.

In the 1940s, despite forestry being deemed a 'reserved occupation,' many students enlisted in World War II and served predominantly in forestry companies for military construction. Following the war between 1946 and 1950, student enrolments at the School increased with the annual intake of four students bolstered by the enrolment of nine ex-servicemen.

In the 1970s, the School experienced a tumultuous and exciting period. This included a visit from HRH the Prince of Wales in 1974, and in 1976, enrolment was opened to women for the first time in the School's history. In 1977, after federal funding to single disciplinary colleges ceased, the Victorian School of Forestry and the University of Melbourne commenced the integration of their forestry programs.

Following the introduction of the Melbourne Model in 2008, the School evolved again to cater principally for post-graduate study and research. In 2015, the most recent change occurred, with the campus joining the Faculty of Science as the School of Ecosystem and Forest Sciences.

Articles for December Issue

The CDN Team ask any contributors to the December issue to have their articles in early. The newsletter is off to the printer early so to ensure inclusion, have your articles submitted by the first of the month. Thank you

Creswick Garden Club

Colac Trip and Cup Day Luncheon

Hello fellow gardeners,

Thank you to the fifty five people who joined us for the trip to Colac. What a great day was had. The group visited four lovely gardens and had lunch. Each garden was different and all took ideas away from each of them.

The November meeting was the Cup Day Luncheon with a record number of people attending. Again we were treated to some lovely gardens, thanks to all who opened their gardens allowing us to visit.

The December meeting will be the Club's Christmas lunch at a cost of \$30 per person. Please call to book as it is a catered event. Everyone is asked to bring a posy from their garden to swap. This can be foliage, flowers, herbs or any combo from your garden.

For bookings call Phyllis on 5345 2514
or Leanne on 0437 518 159.



Creswick Town Hall Market

Friday Market 6.00pm – 8.00pm 15 December 2017
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Our Journey and early years in Creswick - Jo and John van Oostveen

As a young engaged couple in Holland in the 1950s with no prospects of owning a house for years, we turned our thoughts to South Africa. But John would have to go there by himself for six months to find work and accommodation before I would be allowed to follow. We didn't like that idea so we looked to Australia.

After marrying on 9 November 1957, we left Holland on the 17th on a KLM Super Constellation with about eighty passengers and arrived in Australia on 21 November. We flew from Schiphol airport to Frankfurt in Germany, and then took off for Rome, but one of the engines played up and wouldn't make it over the Swiss Alps, so we returned to Frankfurt. Being on our honeymoon we loved our stay in a great hotel while KLM got a replacement plane. Next morning, we were given a coach tour around Frankfurt and after a sixteen-hour delay we headed for Rome, then Beirut where we were greeted by guards and guns! As KLM had given us vouchers to buy food at different airports, we ordered a chicken dish and got a raw chook on a plate - great fun trying to explain what we really wanted!

The next leg was to tropical, steamy Manilla where we ordered ice cream but only got a teaspoon full on a small plate, so we had to use more vouchers to get a decent scoop. We then flew to Biak, a small island, where the landing felt like we were going into the ocean, which was scary because it had happened a few months before, killing everyone on board. On the ground they took us to a cabin where a boy waved a big fan to create a breeze.

After our next flight to Sydney, arriving 3.45 a.m., we took a taxi to a hotel and I used my high school English to understand most of what the staff told us. As we still had to fly to Melbourne, we asked to be called early the next day so that we could catch our domestic flight, but we got a fright when the alarm woke us from a deep sleep. After the initial shock, we went outside and, lo and behold, there was a beautiful view of Bondi Beach! What a sight after the rainy, cold Holland that we had left behind!

We flew to Melbourne on a DC-6 and landed at Essendon airport where John ate his first salad sandwich; it was priceless to see his first reaction, suggesting 'I am not a rabbit and don't eat lettuce'. However, it must have tasted OK because he loves salads now. We took a taxi from the airport to Southern Cross Station (Spencer Street in those days) where that day's last steam train to Ballarat was waiting for us. Can you imagine that happening today? Being a warm day, we opened the window when the train got going but we weren't prepared for the smoke and soot. It seemed a long journey to Ballarat and Creswick and was dark when we got there, but we had lots of fun. It was daunting not knowing where we were going or whom we would meet, but being young it was a big adventure that we relished.

John's Aunt and Uncle (Mr and Mrs Bert van Hamond) were caretakers of the Creswick Migrant Hostel, formerly the Railway Hotel on the corner of Victoria and Lewers Street, and found us accommodation there, where many Dutch Catholic families had started their lives in Australia in the 1950s. As we were one of the last couples to be accommodated there, we had the place to ourselves. We were given two rooms, a kitchen and bedroom, which was great as we lived there for three months while looking for work - John as an electrical fitter and me as a typist/clerk. However, in those days you couldn't be fussy and applied for any job at any factory displaying a 'vacancy' sign. We got work fairly soon, John at a foundry where he used a dictionary to help him communicate and understand what his boss wanted him to do; me as a

steam ironer in a textile factory. In those days you had to work for seven years in a trade before qualifying for an Australian trade certificate; we had Dutch qualifications and references but they didn't help. There was also a convention that the last person employed was the first to be dismissed when jobs got scarce. Therefore, you took any job going but there were many opportunities if you were willing to work hard.

In his first five years John had several jobs before starting at Australian Timken in 1962, where he worked for nearly thirty years until ill health forced him to stop. I worked at the local sock mill in Creswick for several months until I discovered I was expecting our first child. Son Marco was born in 1959, followed by Robby in 1961, and daughter Jo-Anne in 1962. After that, I stayed home to look after the children until 1971, when I started what was to become a thirty-six-year career in the Nursing profession.



John, Robby, Jo-Anne, Marco and Jo van Oostveen

Our Journey and early years in Creswick - Jo and John van Oostveen

When we first went walking around Creswick we scanned the ground for gold but the Aussies looked at our feet and asked where our clogs were! They were very surprised when told that we never wore clogs because we lived in the city. With financial help from a local couple, we bought a small cottage with nearly three acres of land at North Creswick and moved in on 5 March 1958, after a big tea chest containing our belongings arrived by boat. We felt like a King and Queen because we would never have been able to buy a house like that in Holland. Initially our cottage was very basic, with an outdoor toilet where snakes could surprise you by lying near it!



*The van Oostveen House
1972 and 1958*



I used an old tin bath and washboard to wash clothes, a trough to rinse them, and an old hand wringer, but when our first child came we bought a twin-tub washing machine. The cream truck used to come past twice a week and deliver a big ice block in a hessian bag for our icebox; we lived like that for a while until we could buy a fridge, very necessary in the hot summer. We had second-hand furniture for many years but thought we were so rich to live in such a wide-open space where we raised pigs and piglets, which we sold at the market, and had calves and chooks. One year when potatoes were very expensive we ploughed our paddock and planted spuds, but when we harvested them we couldn't give them away, so we lost out there. We also grew vegetables to share with family and friends who gave their labour to help us because no one could afford to pay.

As we were three km from the town and without a car for the first five years, we walked or rode pushbikes everywhere and travelled to Ballarat by bus or Railmotor from North Creswick, waving a red flag to signal the train driver to stop. It was fun! We found that Australians were generally very helpful: Frank Kennedy, the butcher, had a list of Dutch/English names for his meats to make it easier for us Dutchies; Bill Huntley in the main grocery store and Ian Huntley in North Creswick gave Dutch names to some of their products, especially 'koekies' (biscuits); Mr Wilkie, from the Shire, helped with planning permits and advice when we started to demolish the cottage and build a new house – which became a twelve-year project!

After we arrived in Australia, other family members followed: John's sister Annie van Rossum and family; his brother Gerard van Oostveen and family; my parents Mr and Mrs Thomas, and brothers Henry and Theo. Another of John's brothers, Nico, arrived in 1963. We helped them all settle as best we could and made many good friends in the Dutch expatriate and older Australian communities.

When our eldest son started school in 1965, I went along to the Mother's Club AGM and when John asked how it went, I floored him when I told him I had been elected President! That was the start of many years of volunteering in the community, which I have greatly enjoyed.

Five years after arriving in Australia, we became Australian citizens and have never regretted immigrating to Australia, even though the early years were hard. Our children, from an early age, have willingly contributed to our many projects, learnt a lot, and developed a great work ethic. They have also given us four grandchildren and four great grandchildren, who are all doing well. John and I feel very proud of what we have achieved during our 55 years in Australia.

[Extract from Portraits of Creswick and District Through the Years.

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An update.

Recently Jo and John celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary and Sixty years since their arrival in Australia along with Jo celebrating her 80th Birthday.

Jo and John now have four grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.



Robby, Jo, Marco, John and Jo-Anne 2017

Senior Cits News

Seniors' Festival Week

A most enjoyable day was had by a group of Creswick Seniors when the Hepburn Shire put on an afternoon's entertainment for *Seniors' Festival Week* at the Daylesford Town Hall. Thanks go to all who organized the day.

One of the Seniors favourites, *The Celtic Band*, put on a wonderful performance for Social Day and the Flower Show was a pleasure to behold. First prize went to Margaret Bond. Thanks to all who participated to make it a success. Next Social Day, 24 November, will be afternoon tea, not lunch, as we have *The Vintage Brass Band* to entertain.

Members' Christmas lunch will be held on 10 December so please put your name on the list for catering. As lunch is early in the month the usual activities will continue for at least another week, then return after the New Year.

The sudden loss of one of our members, Enid Hepper, was a shock to all. Our sincere sympathy goes to her family and close friend Arlene. Our thoughts are with Liz Hocking and hoping for her speedy recovery. Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

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BAND NEWS

Euphonium Victorian Champion

Our esteemed leader, Katrina Bird, has been filling her trophy cabinet – she competed at the State Solo Championships and came home as **Victorian Champion in the Euphonium section. Congratulations Katrina!**

Many of our Youth members (and some not so youthful) competed at the South Street Solos in Ballarat, and congratulations go to Bailey on his First Place in the thirteen and under, Ada on her Third place, also to Samuel and James, First and Second respectively in Under Fifteen. In the Open Section, congratulations to Meredith (Honourable Mention), Alex (third), May (second) and our President, Rob Ohlsen, on his First Place - It's raining trophies at Creswick! A special thanks to our indomitable accompanist Fran, who was a key part of everyone's success.

Creswick Market goes on 21 October were entertained by a group of band members. Thanks to all who supported them and the good news is that they will be there again in December.

The Band will be heading across the border later this month to the Mt. Gambier Competition. This is always a fun weekend for the Band, and a chance to catch up with friends in other Bands around the region. It's also a time for Band members to relax together and look back at our work during the year. It's hard to credit, but Christmas is coming.

The Band will be running Carols again this year, at the Doug Lindsay Reserve, on Saturday 16 December – keep an eye out for more details around town in the coming weeks. The Band will also be popping up around the place, caroling.

Roger Clark

Hand written articles

While articles received by email is the preferred method of the CDN Team, hand written articles are accepted. However, for accuracy especially with names, it is requested that names be printed in BLOCK LETTERS in handwritten articles.

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GARY'S VISION

The Adventures of Sniffer and Flutter

Gary Charnock is the smile, the voice and the up-front face of *Café 56*. He has an eternal optimism in human nature and is an author of children's books. With a vision, informed by his long stint in the United Kingdom forces, further reinforced by recent preventable suicides and mental health issues of returning veterans. The nub of the vision is to develop a facility for men and women who have developed PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), and other mental or physical impairment through their work. Suicide prevention works if people are supported adequately to work through the issues and develop self-worth, self-esteem and become productive members of society.

How can this be achieved? Initially with a pilot program. By providing those in need with housing in farm like surroundings. Residents will be supported by some administration and others who advocate for them. This compassionate approach has the potential to help them make the transition back to civilian life after their roles in the forces or emergency service.

Gary has written and illustrated a book for children of all ages, *The Adventures of Sniffer and Flutter*. A second book is ready for publication and Gary will gradually complete a series of five. Gary is donating Five Dollars from the sale of each book towards the project.



Book Launch

The Adventures of Sniffer and Flutter, a children's book written by Gary Charnock, was launched on Sunday, 29 October, in front of the RSL Hall amid gusty winds and motor bike squadrons passing through town. The book has been well reviewed by primary teachers and considered of great reading assistance for young children. The book is available from Gary at his shop in Albert Street. Cost \$25.

Gary has plans for more adventures for this intriguing combination of a hedgehog and a butterfly, and another book will be released mid-2018. Gary is passionate about the cause to which some of the profits will go, helping veterans suffering trauma as result of their military experiences.

Thanks to the Lions Club, who ran a sausage sizzle at the launch with profits going to help the veterans.

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Music News Upcoming Concerts

November will see some excellent concerts presented for music lovers in the Central Highlands district. The *Piano for Pleasure* concert on Sunday, 12 November at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, commencing at 2.30pm, showcases some of the district's finest pianists in a free one-hour concert.

On Sunday, 19 November, The Ballarat Symphony Orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky's popular *5th Symphony* and the much loved *Bolero* by Ravel, at the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, again at 2.30pm.

The Penny Quartet will perform Beethoven, Biber, and Stravinsky in the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, Ballarat, on Sunday 26 November, at 2.30pm. As a bonus this will be followed by a choral evensong.

Bron Sozanski

Park Lake AGM

The AGM for Friends of Creswick's Park Lake Botanical Reserve will be held at 10 South Street, Creswick on Monday, 4 December at 9.00a.m.

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Creswick & District Historical Society *Portraits of Creswick*

Creswick & District Historical Society's next meeting will not be held on Thursday, 23 November. Instead of the usual monthly meeting, the Society will be gathering at the American, Creswick, for Christmas breakup lunch on that day. Sitting back and relaxing over lunch will be welcome after all the hard work organising the *Beersheba* commemorations. The Society hopes that the Creswick community has enjoyed these local events.

Remember that our book *Portraits of Creswick* 2nd edition, is available and would make a great Christmas present. Purchase from the Hon. Sec., 10 South Street, or Creswick Post Office for \$45. For the children, there is also Gary Charnock's book *Sniffer and Flutter*, available for \$25 from his shop at 56 Albert Street. Please book with Val if you intend coming to the Christmas lunch, so that catering figures can be determined.

Hon. Sec. 5345 1310.

Words in Winter

For the last couple of Words in Winter festivals in Creswick the ink was dry, the pages were blank and not a spoken word was to be heard. But look out for 2018, because Words in Winter will be back in Creswick with a roar.

Following on from other great events Creswick's Pavilion Arts is looking to provide umbrella co-ordination efforts in Creswick with Words in Winter. Already one event is in early planning stages.

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Creswick Scout Group News

Local Group Achievements



The Scout Group has had a very exciting October with the Scout Troop winning Bronze and Silver at the Ballarat District Cohen Shield camping competition, well done for a great job. The Cub Pack had a new Grey Wolf, congratulations to James Doodt on completing and being presented with the highest award possible at Cub Scout Level.

The Group welcomes Sarah Binks as a Joey Leader and with Zoo Day coming up Sarah is excited to be taking Joeys to the Melbourne Zoo on 18 November.

Rowan Meehan was presented to the Governor of Victoria, Linda Dessau, at Government House on 28 October where he received his Queen Scout Award. This is an outstanding achievement and Rowan is the second Queen Scout for La Gerche Venturer Unit since the Unit reopened in 2009. Venturers plan their own Queen Scout program, organise friends and family to participate in activities and community service and exercise exemplary self-discipline to see it through. Rowan said 'Scouts has given me some of the best times in my life'. He is an outstanding young man who plans to study at RMIT after year 12. Congratulations to all our young achievers at Creswick Scout Group.

All enquiries Scout Group enquiries:
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Rohan Meehan with his
Queen Scout Certificate

Verena Doyle

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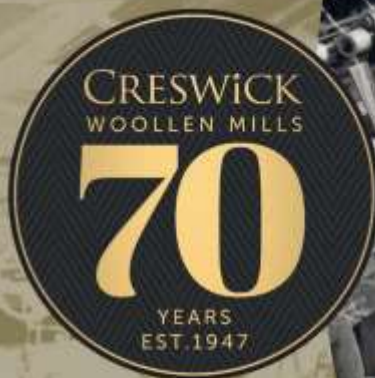
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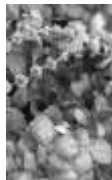
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St Augustine's News An Active Month

Year five/six students visited the John Curtin Aged Care Facility and staged a student talent quest. The residents were very receptive to what turned out to be a rather eclectic range of acts.

October has seen students walking, riding or skating to school as part of a Vic Health initiative and with further support from the Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch the exercise regime will continue into November. This initiative is to promote healthy habits that will hopefully last a lifetime and at the same time reduce traffic congestion, alleviate parking difficulties and help make the environment a much cleaner place. If everyone is just that little bit fitter, all the better.

The junior classes held their part of our School Camp Program on Friday, 27 October. The Foundation students enjoyed a games session and barbeque while the year one and two students spent the night at school. Thanks to all in our junior school for their efforts in making the sleepover such a success.

Enjoy the month
Terry Brennan, Principal

CRESWICK MUSEUM



The Allen Bernaldo exhibition is still attracting visitors. His illustrations in the Victorian Readers are bringing back memories of schooldays.

Recently a question was asked about the Chinese Field Cape that we borrowed from Melbourne Museum for the *Spirit of China Exhibition*. Since the museum borrowed the item work has been undertaken in fulfilment of the University of Melbourne's Master for Cultural Materials Conservation and is considered of high significance in the Museum Victoria's collection.

The cape, together with a basket and hat, had been in the possession of a family who occupied the same property at Smeaton for four generations. It was acquired for the collection in 1998.

The palm fibre cape is constructed from the matted and fibrous palm sheaths of the Chinese windmill palm (*Trachycarpus fortunei*). Although sighted throughout Asia and the tropics, the palm fibre cape has been specifically attributed to the rural areas of the Guangdong province in Southern China. Worn by both men and women in the roles of porters, farmers and fishermen, it provides protection from the elements as the rigid structure extends from the shoulders and effectively funnels rain away from the wearer. The cape most likely arrived in Australia during the Chinese immigration of the Gold Rush era. Mining attracted Chinese migration during the 1850s with the first arrival reported in 1848 and the majority of migrants came from the fertile farming plains of the Canton Delta region of Guangdong.

Large scale migrations were in decline by 1880 as mining work ceased and while many Chinese migrants returned home, those remaining returned to agricultural pursuits, general labourers and market gardeners.

(Neale, E. (2014) *Provenance Study of a Chinese Cape, Basket & Hat, Australian Gold Rush Era in Museums Victoria Collections*)

Recently, a visit by a Chinese group, informed the Museum that the capes are still worn today.

Margaret Fullwood

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The Foundation students enjoying their first camp experience



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Newlyn Dean Christmas Carols

Suddenly, the Christmas Season is upon us and as folk who follow our Facebook page know we at Newlyn Antiques & Cottage Garden Nursery endeavour to support local Community building activities. One activity we have been involved with since its inception is the Newlyn & Dean Community Carols in support of the Newlyn & Dean Country Fire Authority (CFA) volunteers.

These are the folk, men and women, local farmers, tradesmen, retirees, pensioners, shopkeepers, public servants and others, who at a moment's notice, especially during the dangerous, hot fire months, turn out to fight the perilous bush fires that threaten us. The Carols provide a focal point for the Community. An opportunity to meet neighbours in a scattered rural community. This year, in Newlyn, there are many more new neighbours.

On a personal level, I would like the Carols this year to be bigger than ever. As folk who know us will be aware, my wife Fay has been using her past theatrical experience to organise, coordinate, programme and present the Carols. Unfortunately, this will be her last 'hurrah'. The ravages of Parkinson's disease and age have taken their toll. She simply will not physically be able to 'carry on'.

For that reason alone, apart from the community benefit, I would love to see the Newlyn Community Complex filled to the brim on the evening of Friday 1 December. Kind Regards,

John Hungerford 5345 7458



CRESWICK MOUNTAIN BIKE MECCA

- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Since Regional Development Victoria announced the State Government's generous funding, work has commenced to finalise the funding agreement and prepare for early stages of implementation. Work currently being undertaken includes:

- Drafting of the funding agreement
- Development of the Project Management Plan
- Scoping documentation for a master-plan of Hammon Park
- Establishing partnerships and commencing initial discussions with key agencies/stakeholders

Community members will have the opportunity to provide advice and feedback on the project through community engagement sessions. There will also be the opportunity for those interested to be part of the User Reference Group that will convene regularly throughout the project's life.

The first Community Engagement session is scheduled for 23 November 2017. This session will focus discussion on the overall project objectives, general outline of stages as well as details around the Project Reference Group that will be open for nominations.

When: Thursday 23 November 2017

Time: 6.00pm-7.00pm

Venue: Creswick Town Hall



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Four Seasons Concert Final Concerts

The final concerts in the Four Seasons series were a great finale to this first year of concerts. St. Paul's, Clunes, was the venue for a fiesta of gypsy music, brilliantly performed by the *Babaganoush Ensemble* - violin, string bass, accordion, clarinet and bouzouki / percussion. Centuries old Folk Music from the Eastern countries of Europe, exciting, toe-tapping rhythms and tempos that defied the ordered world of Bach and Beethoven. The audience could have been sitting round a camp fire, on their caravan doorstep, or in a Greek Taverna, such was the atmosphere that was created by these talented young musicians. They gave their audience a superb evening of entertainment.

This was complemented at St. John's the next afternoon with a performance by organist Rhys Boak and trumpeter Bruno Siketa. These two instruments work so well together and, once again, the little Church swelled to the grand sounds that emanated from these two instruments. Music of the 17th and 18th centuries this time, regular tempos and structured compositions, performed by masters of their instruments. A great finale to a great festival!

The organisers are to be congratulated on the diversity of the whole season. There was something for all tastes. We look forward to the next series in 2018.

LET'S HELP

I wonder what it's like to be homeless to sleep on the cold, cold ground.
Well there are people who try to help and in Creswick some are found.
They collect and save plastic bags and you could help them too.
So in a few simple words, I'll try to explain it to you.

They turn plastic bags into sleeping mats to protect the homeless from the cold.
As each person receives their mat, 'You can keep it' they are told.
Drop your plastic bags into the Neighbourhood Centre or at Cafe Fifty Six.
The ladies will turn them into sleeping mats with a few magic tricks.

They meet on Tuesday morning, at 11.30 they begin,
to cut, loop and crochet what most of us put in the bin.
Nine mats have already been made which might not sound very many.
But with only a small group of ladies that's better than not having any.

Part of the job is simple, which anyone can do.
Just cut the bags into strips, that's something even I can do.
By joining the strips together they make a yarn so strong.
Then with a big crochet needle they work 'till it's six feet long.

Then they're sent to the shower or soup bus to be given to those in need.
Please come and help if you can, it's a worthwhile deed.
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Arlene Geoffrey



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Creswick Capers Clubs Program

The beginning of Term Four at Creswick Primary School means the beginning of many learning opportunities for the students. The children are involved in extra-curricular activities such as swimming lessons, excursions, Grade Two camp, Prep/Grade One Pirate Tea, a whole school Jogathon, Kanga Cricket and more.

The Grade 5/6 students have had some great opportunities participating in the Clubs Program. Firstly, the children chose the clubs they were most interested in from a list that included: woodwork, lawn bowls, brass band, cooking, photography, multi-sports and off-road bike riding. With support from local volunteers and school staff, the children have been eagerly awaiting the start of this two hour per week program.

The interaction, engagement, learning and community nature of the Clubs Program has a very positive impact on the children. They are proud of their achievements in their chosen club and take pictures and write reflections to highlight this. Many of the students have also been keen to share their experience in front of a large audience by giving speeches at the Friday school assembly.

The students in Grade Prep and Grade One enjoyed an evening meal as part of Creswick Primary School's camping program. This year the meal was a Pirate Tea and it came with lots of pirate language, pirate clothes, pirate games and pirate fun!

*Ron Sawyer
Principal*



The bike riding group taking a rest out in the forest.



The young buccaneers had a great time living the characters they were dressed as.



Term 4 at Creswick North Primary School

It is a very busy term at Creswick North Primary School. It began with a Working Bee to clean up the grounds and rejuvenate the garden and cubby play space. Parents, staff and students all chipped in prior to the School Market and Garage Sale Day, which was chilly but a great success.

The excellent support received from school families, staff and students on the day, was much appreciated – there was great fun and many a bargain to be found!



We LOVE our newly surfaced basketball court

This term has also celebrated the completion of the renewed basketball court. The children have enjoyed a variety of games on this surface including tennis and basketball. They also enjoyed a three-day bike program. The Milo Cricket team, who represented Creswick North Primary School at Victoria Park on 26 October, were not the overall winners but everyone participated well and showed terrific sportsmanship. A golf day with Tony Collier has been scheduled and there will be a basketball clinic later in the term.

Everyone is looking forward to meeting the new Foundation students for 2018 when they visit on 21 November and 12 December. Planning for next year is well underway and is already shaping up to be full of high quality learning experiences. Anyone who wishes to have a look at the educational opportunities offered at Creswick North Primary School is very welcome to call and make a time to visit. Enrolments are now being taken for 2018.

*Sue Izard
Acting Principal*

Carmel Mitchell

Residents of Creswick and district along with the CDN Team were saddened recently with the death of Carmel Mitchell, wife of Graeme, long time well-known and respected resident of the town as the result of a bus accident. Carmel has given valuable service to the community being an active member of the Creswick Lions Club for over thirty years. A keen bowler Carmel had an active role in the bowling community as a member of the Mt Xavier Bowls Club and a member of the Regional Board of Bowls Victoria.

Below is an extract from a story originally printed in the *Creswick District News* in August 2005.

'For many years, Carmel and Graeme have looked after the clothing needs of people of Creswick and district in their shop simply known as 'Mitch's'. Both Carmel and Graeme grew up in Ballarat, coming to live in Creswick during the early 1970s. They have three children, Darren, Tania and Graeme and five grandchildren. In 1987, Carmel and Graeme opened their original shop in Albert St before moving into their premises in 1990 after the retirement of Pat Burke. In the early days of their business, with Graeme still on the road as a rep in the clothing industry, Carmel ran the shop mostly on her own.'

Both keen sports people, Carmel and Graeme have had a long involvement in the local community and became involved with local sporting clubs partly through the involvement of their children. Carmel is a Life Member of the Creswick Morning Netball Team which was awarded after many years of involvement in both coaching and umpiring for the Junior Netballers.

Their long term involvement in the community, spanning thirty years, has been through the Creswick Lions Club. One of the most significant activities they were involved in was the establishment of the Meals on Wheels service in the town. Starting in 1978 it was a project of the Lions Club, when Graeme was President and Max Ainley one of the main organisers and early workers. For many years Carmel was a weekly voluntary driver until business commitments forced her to discontinue this role.

Other Lions projects they have been involved in are the bi-annual Garage Sale in conjunction with the Elderly Citizens and the Christmas Carnival held for many years at Coopers Reserve. This was a highlight of the town's Christmas activities and a major fund raiser for the Lions.

As long time business operators in the town, both Carmel and Graeme said they have met many people and formed many lasting friendships during their time in business and would like to express their appreciation for the support of the people from Creswick and district.'



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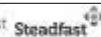
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November 2 1917

Basket Ball – The Creswick Club played St. Peter's Club at Creswick last Saturday afternoon and the games were interesting owing to the keen and close competition. The scores were: Creswick A team, 4 goals thrown by V. Mann (3), D. Gardner (1): St. Peter's 6 goals, thrown by L. Carroll, E. Maddern and I Roberts (2 each).

November 6 1917

Friday has been proclaimed as a public holiday for the Smeaton show throughout the Borough and Shire of Creswick, and as a bank half-holiday from 12 noon. Post offices will also close at 12 noon, but mails will be received and despatched as usual.

November 9 1917

The Creswick Bowling Club will commence operations for the season to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, when the green will be declared open at 2.30 o'clock. A hearty invitation to attend is given to members and intending members and their lady friends.

November 13 1917

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November 16 1917

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November 20 1917

Members of choirs and other singers are requested to meet at the bank chambers to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for a Sacred Concert to be held on Xmas Night, in aid of the funds of the Creswick District Hospital.

November 23 1917

Dean- Flower Carnival – In order to supplement the Trench Fund and to raise money to assist in the Flower Day movement of the State Schools of Victoria, the ladies of the Dean Red Cross Society and the staff and pupils of the local State School held a highly successful flower carnival last Friday.

November 27 1917

Moorookyle – Soldiers' Comfort Fund. A dance is to be held in Mr. R. Longmire's barn at Moorookyle on Wednesday evening, 5th December, in aid of the Soldiers' Comfort Fund. The admission for gentlemen will be 2s, and for ladies 6d. Supper will be provided, and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

November 30, 1917

The Mayor (Dr. T. A. Wilson) notifies by advertisement that applicants from Creswick and District for relief from the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund are required to see him personally at the Creswick Town hall on Saturday, 8th December, at 11 am.



Kingston Friends of the Avenue News

Thank you to Michael Clark, Secretary of the Creswick/Smeaton RSL Sub Branch for conducting our Remembrance Day Service. Many thanks to all those who attended.

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Peter Rickard's eagerly awaited book, *Sentinels of Service - Volunteers of the Kingston Avenue of Honour*, will be launched at the Kingston Fire Station. We are grateful to Dr Robert Webster OAM, State President of the Victorian RSL for undertaking this duty and for writing the forward to the book. Thanks also to Peter for his years of meticulous research and to Leah Armstrong for editing and cover design. Friends are giving copies to local schools, libraries, the War Memorial and The Shrine of Remembrance using some funds from the sale of the old Kingston Hall. Heather Leishman will present these. Books will be available for \$35, then from the Creswick Newsagency.

Beersheba Video

Is available for view at <https://youtube/OJhFvig410M>. Thanks to Jane Lovejoy and Daniel Mizzeni (year 7 at Ballarat Grammar), for their various contributions to the video.

Paying Respect

On 15 October, the family of Gilbert Brinsden gathered to commemorate his death at Passchendaele Flanders, Belgium in 1917. The following weekend, families of Douglas May and Albert Marshall, who both died in active service, joined to recognise the planting of the two replacement trees. These were particularly special given the presence of three generations. Ribbons have been placed on two trees on the east side of the Avenue recognising Sister Margaret Anderson and Sister Greta Bloink. Thank you to Julie Lindsay and Josie Reasons for making the ribbons.

Julie Baulch

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Saturday November 18, Kingston Friends Open Gardens, 10am – 4pm, Tickets \$10 available on day at former Kingston Primary School

Friday November 17 – Friday December 9, The School on the Hill Exhibition, 1.00pm – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, Enquire at University of Melbourne Reception

Sunday November 19, Voga Cycling Club, The Brackenbury MTB Challenge, Hammon Park, www.vogacycledclub.com.au

Saturday November 25, Transition Creswick SWAP-IT. 9.30am – 11.30am, Homemade and Home grown Food, Produce. Swap and Share. No money changes hands. Rear Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

Saturday November 25, Transition Creswick, Community Film and Dinner, BBQ followed by Alexis Pitsopoulos *Edible Wilk Plants* film, Neighbourhood Centre. Cost \$6/\$3. 6.30 - 9.00pm

Wednesday November 29 – Saturday December 9, Creswick Theatre Company, *Riverboat Follies*, by Carol Cole. \$15 Bookings 0458 516 275

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

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

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

Creswick & District U3A 0459981066 or email u3a3363@gmail.com or www.creswicku3a.com

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 10.30am and 11.30am. Story Time Wed 11.30am

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

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

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

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

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

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Tony or Verena 5345 6154 or Amanda Pascoe 5345 2228

Movies at Court House Theatre - third Friday every month. 7.30pm entry by donation

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

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

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

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 Michael Clark 0409 421 547

Tipplers third Wednesday every month. email: wheeler@cbl.com.au

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