



FINN TOBIN – Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Congratulations to the Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson of the Year, Finn Tobin. Finn was selected from a strong field of applicants and won a trophy and a \$500 bank account. Finn's specialty is Archery and he has had a very successful year, receiving Gold Medals at the 2019 Australian Indoor Championships and the 2019 Australian National Youth Archery Championships. He also received Gold Medals at the 2019 Victorian State Championships. In 2020 Finn has his sights set on competing at championships in the USA and at the World Oceanic Championships in Fiji.

Other finalists were Isabella Davies who successfully competes in Football, Netball, Athletics, Tennis, Cross Country and Volleyball;

Adam Barbary (Athletics) excels at running and dominated the 400m at the Under 15 Victorian State Athletics Championships;

Chloe and James Tippet are both gymnasts who have successfully completed at the Victorian Championships.

Xanthia Chatham has been accepted at the WestVic Academy of Sport after successfully competing in the Victorian School Road Cycling Series.



Finalists (left to right) Adam Barbary, Chloe Tippet, Bella Davies, Finn Tobin, Xanthia Chatham

Each of the finalists received a \$100 bank account to assist them to achieve their sporting goals.

Creswick and District can be very proud of these fine young sportspeople!

Forest Fire Management Training in Creswick



Photo by Wayne-Rex Brereton

Forest Fire Management Victoria have been training state-wide crews of fourteen UniMog Tankers recently at the University of Melbourne site in Creswick and surrounding bushland. These Mercedes-Benz vehicles cost around \$500,000 and appear to be state of the art at crossing tough terrain. The cabin roof displays an innovative protective barrier to reduce the risk of the crew of four being injured from falling trees and branches in a forest inferno situation.

The UniMog has a water carrying capacity of 4,000 litres, an ultra-high pressure firefighting pump, water fording capability of 800mm high, superior 4x4 capabilities, a water deluge system over the cabin for further protection of the cabin crew from an overhead fire.

It also has in-cabin firefighting capability, in-cabin fire curtains, and overall ergonomic design; a very impressive vehicle.

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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Music News

Seasonal Musical Events

With Christmas rapidly approaching, there will be many musical events celebrating the season.

A Christmas story, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, will be performed at Scrub Hill on Sunday, 15 December commencing at 2.00pm, (contact 0425 853 071).

The annual *Nine Lessons and Carols* at the Anglican Cathedral in Ballarat will commence at 7.00pm on Sunday, 22 December.

Then in the New Year, the *25th Annual Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields Festival* will take place.

Bron Sozanski

Anglican Parish of Springmount NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

St John's Church

Napier Street, Creswick

7.00pm, Sunday, 8 December 2019

You are invited to come to a special service of thanksgiving and celebration and to sing some well-known and loved Christmas carols.

Light refreshments will follow the service.

Enquiries: Ali - 5345 2958

creswick Rainfall

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

	2017	2018	2019
	mm	mm	mm
January	34	30	3
February	37	6.5	23
March	44.4	30	15
April	106.5	17	13.5
May	39.5	93.5	161.5
June	12.5	68	133.5
July	72.7	79	65
August	59.3	70.5	98
September	51.5	22	57.5
October	64	33.5	34
November	55.1	40	
December	58.5	80	
TOTAL	635	570	604

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U3A CRESWICK

Line Dancing Tutor required

If you have the skills and are willing to volunteer your time to take a one hour class of U3A members (age group 55+), on a weekly basis, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Anne on 0459 981 066 or email info@creswicku3a.com.

Death of Local Identity

Norm Suckling, a local Kingston man who died as the result of a recent accident, contributed generously to his community throughout his life. Norm eventually took over the family farm at Mollonghip on which he grew up. He was a well-known advocate for the local potato growers particularly in dealings with McCains. Norm had become involved in water management issues including those associated with the Murray Darling Basin.

Norm ran a national general freight trucking business. His commitment to the CFA spanned decades, including serving as Mollonghip Fire Brigade Captain for twenty-two years and, more recently, filling the role of Deputy Group Officer. Tributes have been received from various sections of the community since his death. The CDN Team and readers express their sympathy to Norm's family and friends.



Creswick Lions Club (onions underneath)

In November, the Club looks forward to inducting a new member, Barb Urry, as well as celebrating two extra special milestone birthdays with members Max Ainley and Ken Fitzsimons.

The Club helped to man the gates at the Ballarat Show and served up sausages and egg and bacon sandwiches at the monthly Creswick market. Look out for Lions members undertaking front of house duties at the Creswick Theatre Company's Christmas production, *Miracle on 34th Street - A Live Musical Radio Play*.

Lions Christmas cakes are now being distributed to businesses around the district. These yummy Christmas cakes are available at the following outlets around Creswick and District: Creswick and District Community Bank® Branch, Australia Post, Greenvale Meats, Flemo's, John Curtin Aged Care, Smeaton Pub, Clunes Medical Centre and Clunes Newsagency. And, of course, they are also available from the Lions Club stall at the market.

Further ahead, the Club has been allocated two fundraising BBQs at Bunnings, Creswick Road, Ballarat on Monday, 23 December and Sunday, 5 January. These are always busy days but a great fundraising opportunity, so if a visit to Bunnings is planned, tie it in on one of these two days and grab a snag (onions underneath) on the way out.

If involvement in any of these activities sounds appealing, come up and say hi at the Creswick Market, just like Barb did, and come along to a meeting or two. New members are always welcome at Lions.

Carolyn Gargiulo, Secretary 0417 349 049



WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

If you're interested in having a say about your community now is your opportunity. With a review in the Hepburn Shire of what the Community Planning, groups will look like and a review of each plan, now is the time for community to get involved. Funding is available so don't miss your chance.

Contact Community Development Officer, Inga Hamilton, for further information on 5321 6124 or email inghamilton@hepburn.vic.gov.au.

Visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/community-planning/ to find your community plan.

*Maria Abate, Communications Officer
Hepburn Shire 5321 6451*



Review of the Hepburn Shire Council structure

An opportunity for residents to have a say

A review of the structure of the Hepburn Shire Council commenced on 30 October undertaken by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC). Such reviews are held about every twelve years. This review will examine the following:-

- The number of councillors
- Whether the council should remain subdivided into wards
- If subdivided, the number of wards, ward boundaries and the number of councillors per ward

The review will not consider the council's external boundaries or whether it should be combined with another council (or separated).

The Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately, AM, in announcing the review indicated that such a review is an important way of ensuring all voters can have a say. *'I encourage you to get involved. Public submissions are a vital part of the review process, providing valuable local knowledge and perspectives'* he said.

A submission guide and fact sheet outlining the process information and all the relevant information are available at vec.vic.gov.au. The closing date for preliminary submissions is Wednesday 27 November 2019.



Bag Ban has begun in Western Victoria

From 1 November, all lightweight plastic shopping bags have been banned from local retailers including supermarkets, fashion boutiques, fast food outlets, convenience stores, service stations and more.

The ban includes all lightweight plastic shopping bags with a thickness of 35 microns or less and includes bags made from degradable, biodegradable and compostable plastic.

An overwhelming number of responses during community consultation by the State Government indicated people are concerned by the impacts of plastic on our environment and would support a ban on lightweight plastic shopping bags.

There is growing evidence of the damage caused to the environment by plastic bags. They can end up in our waterways, lakes and oceans posing a significant hazard to marine life and contaminating our recycling systems.

For more information on the banning of lightweight plastic shopping bags visit: <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/sustainability/plastic-pollution>

THOMAS JOSEPH RUSH

17 February 1922 - 11 October 2019



Thomas Joseph, known as Tom, was born in Creswick on 17 February 1922, the youngest son of Thomas Joseph and Margaret Rush (Donegan). The couple arrived in Creswick in 1914 and in 1922 purchased a house at Camp Hill. The house still stands at Camp Hill and the story goes that when being moved to its location by horse drawn jinker it got hopelessly bogged, so it was just unloaded and left where it was. It is still in the same place! It was a modest house with three bedrooms and an open fireplace. The kitchen was without running water.

Thomas and Margaret had four children, Michael Thomas, John known as Leo, Mary Ann known as Mollie (Preston) and Thomas Joseph. The children, including Tom, went to St. Augustine's School for their primary education with the nuns from the first year to Grade 8. Times were hard then. However, there were pleasures like the Saturday night dance and being taught ballroom dancing, and the swimming pool at Calembeen Park in the summer time.

Tom's early memories were of a family with very little money. The family's only holidays were going out to the Donegan farm at Gordon and watching the cows being milked. There were two younger Donegan cousins and their parents. Tom's memory of school days was of walking about two miles every day and he was told that he went through primary school without missing a day. Most of Tom's clothes were hand-me-downs, too big when he got them, and he wore them until they were too small. Tom thought he was lucky to have a big sister, Mollie, to look after him.

In 1937, Tom left school and worked at the local chemist for 15 shillings per week. He cut wood for Lady Peacock in part of his lunch break for 5 shillings a week, and on Sunday mornings he would cut a week's supply for the Lindsay family for 5 shillings a week. Tom was raking in 25 shillings a

week and when he purchased a new Healing bike, he paid it off at 5 shillings per week.

As the recovery from the Depression improved, Tom can remember the great heap of bills being paid off by his parents, one by one, until they were all settled.

Thomas Snr and his sons all played in a Premiership team with Creswick Football Club and Thomas Snr was Captain of the Creswick Team in 1923. Youngest son Tom played in the 1940 Premiership team when Creswick defeated Smeaton by two points. At this year's celebrations of the 150th Anniversary of the Creswick Football Netball Club, Tom was the oldest living past player present and the only living player of that 1940 Premiership Team!

In 1941, Tom went to work in Mt Eliza. On 11 October 1941, he enlisted in the Citizen Military Force. Eventually he joined the regular Army in November 1941 and joined the AIF on turning 21. At the time, parental permission was needed to join the AIF before you turned 21.

Tom went into the Army at Mt Martha and this was where he met lifetime friend, Doug Clark. They shared the same tent and were friends until Doug's death, spending time in the Army together and later on working together for many years. The day before Tom joined the Army he went to the Melbourne Cup and his only win was when *Con Naru* ran third in the last race. With no photos in those days, they had to wait for ages to collect the small amount it paid as a dividend. After a few months in Mt Martha, Tom went to New South Wales and then to Toorbul Point in Queensland. After 1,157 days Tom was discharged from Royal Park in January, 1945. The three Rush brothers, who all served in the Army during World War II, are remembered on the plaque situated in front of the RSL Hall in Albert Street, Creswick.

After the War Tom lived and worked in Melbourne. He became involved with Doug Clark and his rubber interests and together they opened the Clark Rubber retail shops with the first one situated in Bridge Road, Richmond. Through tennis and social activities at a Catholic tennis club Tom met and eventually married Ruth Wright in 1948. After some years in Melbourne, the family with three sons, Kevin, Terry and Peter, moved to Creswick in 1955 and lived here for five years.

Tom bought an Austin truck and with the assistance of brother-in-law, Ken Preston, worked in many areas including carting hay, potatoes, and pine logs from the surrounding pine plantations onto railway trucks and carting firewood from the surrounding forests. After five years, Tom said that the truck was worn out and so was he. Tom, Ruth and family moved to Ballarat and Tom worked in various fields, including as a travelling salesman. Clark Rubber stores

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decided to expand to the country and Tom was offered the job of managing the Ballarat shop; firstly in Sturt St and then in 1974 in a larger property in Bridge Street – soon to be turned into Bridge Mall. Almost straight away the work began on ripping up the tramlines, road and footpath proving a difficult time to start running a business.

Tom retired in 1984 as Manager of Clark Rubber in Ballarat. Retirement brought other fields of interest for Tom. About retirement Tom said, '*... retirement was a signpost pointing one in another direction, not a stop sign but where one could have more stops and view life more leisurely, there was something about the sunset making way for a new sunrise*'. Tom and Ruth enjoyed travelling and especially going north to escape the cold Ballarat winters.

While living in Creswick Tom started playing with the Creswick Bowls Club. When the family were living in Wendouree Tom joined as a founding member of Webbcona Bowls Club. Tom enjoyed playing bowls and had many roles with the Webbcona Club including President, Club Champion, Super Veteran, Life Member and Club Historian.

In retirement, Tom was involved in the community and was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was President of the Regional Council for a number of years. Tom was also involved with the Ballarat Sub-branch of the RSL, being a Life Member and a hospital visitor in Ballarat for over twenty years.

At the age of 95 Tom joined the Ballarat group *Rebel Elders*, a group of eight Ballarat residents aged 75 to 95 who took part in a ten-minute film that was projected onto a Ballarat building as part of the inaugural *White Night Festival*. In the film, Tom, depicted as a well-dressed, upper-class British toff, was dressed in a dusty pink suit with a top hat and surrounded by a posse of eight small dogs. Tom commented on why he took part in the film, '*It's about getting the best out of your life in your old age. You never know, you might have a few laughs and make a new friend along the way*'. (2017, *Old Charm Lights up Night, The Ballarat Courier*, 18 February)

Tom also appeared in *The Ballarat Courier* just after ANZAC Day 2016 when he struck up a friendship with a young Ballarat boy, Oscar then aged four, after attending the ANZAC Day Service where a speaker urged those attending to shake the hand of a veteran. This handshake left a lasting impression on both of them and a friendship was formed between Tom and Oscar that lasted until Tom's death.

Tom's wife Ruth died seven years ago and his family indicated that Tom's resilience after her death was inspiring. Tom spent the last fourteen months of his life at the John Curtin Aged Care Facility in Creswick. He had come back to his childhood hometown and with a big crowd in attendance, was buried recently after a service at St. Augustine's; the church where he had been baptised. Vale Tom Rush.

It's Time to Remember

It's time to remember a world that is free
With warmth from the sun and shade from the tree
With stars in the sky for all to see
As streams and rivers flow down to the sea

Nature works wonders and beauty does bring
Blossoms and flowers arrive in the spring
Music from treetops when birds start to sing
Take time to enjoy your favourite thing

The days can be similar but never the same
With sunshine and shadow and life giving rain
Make the most of today it will not come again
There is always a chance tomorrow brings fame

Rainbows and sunsets colour the sky
The beauty of nature just passing by
They stay for a while then on their way
Certain to return with another display

Summer and winter bring their own beauty
Free rain from the clouds and the sun does its duty
When all leaves have fallen the cycle is complete
Ready for the beginning of ancient repeat

Tom Rush – 25/7/2016

Tom asked

Who is in charge of all of these things??

Senior Cits News

Members and friends were treated to a fine lunch and entertainment at the October social day. A well displayed show of flowers was judged by Val Lawrence, with the overall winner being Margaret Bond. A generous gift of two lovely Cliveas from Jim Kinnerly were auctioned and sold off quickly. Thank you to Jim.

Next social day will be on 29 November with afternoon tea and a visit from the Vintage Brass Band.

Christmas Lunch is set for 15 December with a catered hot lunch. The 'man in red' will be visiting so all please be good. Members are asked to put their names down for catering purposes.

There will be a bus trip to see the butterflies on 26 November. Tickets are \$10, buy or bring your own lunch. Raffles will be conducted on the way.

Best wishes are extended to anyone who is on the sick list, get well soon.

June Gray, 5334 6526

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Things to do before Christmas

Drop by the Napier Street entrance and check out the fabulous Community Garden sign with artwork by Jackie Gorrington and funding assistance from Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

Before we all go into hyper-drive about you-know-what (clue: it's in December), there are still goodies waiting to happen at your Neighbourhood Centre. Four Sunday sessions with well-known local photographer, Terry Hope, will skill you up for some future family classics, or visit a local garden and learn what and how to gather, dry, store and later rehydrate amazing materials to weave your own baskets as part of the fabulous Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend. Trying something new is like a tonic for the mind they say, so how do you like the sound of Raising the Barre? Six Wednesday weekly sessions on improving flexibility, posture and grace suits both non-dancers and dancers alike.

A chance to study locally and reach your career goal with the upcoming Certificate III in Individual Support is starting soon. Phone 5345 2356 for details.

Creswick WholeFoods operates at the Neighbourhood Centre and has organic peaches and avocados, Basilio bread, honey, tahini, pasta and more. Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am and 4.30pm - 6.30pm, Saturdays 9.30am - 11.30am and on Creswick Market Day 1.00 - 3.00pm.

See you soon!

Kim Gilliott, Manager

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A BROKEN FAMILY IN A BROKEN GRAVE

'Joe, I tripped getting out and fell.
I tried to throw myself clear.'

On 25 March 1912, Creswick's Clarence Townsend had his leg crushed during a shunting accident at the North Melbourne railway yards. At 3.00am the next morning, he succumbed to his injury. He was twenty-two years old.

Thirteen months earlier Clarence had married Alice Tank at Creswick's Victoria Street Methodist Church.

The happy couple left for Inglewood by the evening train, carrying with them the good wishes of a large assemblage of persons who attended at the railway station to see them away, and who liberally showered them with confetti. (The Creswick Advertiser, 1911)

Perhaps unknown to Clarence, at the time of his death Alice was pregnant with their daughter Clarice, no doubt her name representing Clarence and Alice's union.

Heartbreakingly, in August of 1913, at barely one year of age, the infant Clarice joined her father in his grave in Creswick Cemetery.

Four months later, in December 1913, Alice also passed away, joining her husband and daughter in their grave and tragically bringing to an end this young family. Alice's father too had died the year before.

The deceased had, within a short space of time, suffered heavy bereavements in the loss of husband, father and child. The cause was heart failure, supervening on debility and exhaustion. (Alice's Obituary, The Creswick Advertiser, 1913)



If you could die of a broken heart, surely this must have been the case with Alice Townsend.

Over the years the marble gravestone deteriorated to such an extent that it had collapsed into the grave. Clarence Townsend was an older brother of my grandfather Sydney Townsend, whose ashes are interred in the next grave. When I saw this broken family in their broken grave, it touched me very deeply. Two years ago my younger sister Lorraine and I decided to reassemble the pieces of their gravestone so that this young family would not be lost to memory. The reassembled pieces of the broken gravestone can be seen in the Methodist section of Creswick Cemetery.

Lorraine and I wish to thank Wendy Ohlsen of the Creswick Cemetery Trust for her help.

Andrew Bell

Finding Local Gardening Information People, print and online

The first important contact I made when moving to Creswick was the Creswick Garden Club annual leaflet advertising cheap fruit trees suitable for Creswick conditions. Because they were local and knowledgeable, I knew I could use what was listed safely. The Community Garden at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre is also great for meeting and working beside a range of people who have worked with local conditions. I also found CDN an excellent source for what is happening in all local garden groups, including workshops, garden visits and local gardening events.

Facebook is a very useful social networking base for finding local gardening groups and businesses. I have joined and put up photos, for example, of plants showing symptoms of a problem on the Ballarat Permaculture Guild page, getting responses ranging from sympathy and guesses to professional or highly experienced and often with links to other useful sources. I love the feeling of community this engenders.

Another source was Flora Work, a local environmental consultant suggested by another after I posted a photo of a plant that suddenly appeared in my garden. I liked her approach, she is good for identification and ideas, and also

posts great photos of regional flora and fauna taken in her daily work. Because I dream one day of having a pond to support wildlife into my garden, I also find Bell's Water Gardens' (Newlyn) page informative and hugely enticing.

These sites are chosen to suit my particular needs and I mention them only to show how Facebook can be used. There are countless other useful social networking groups and businesses out there so it's important to tailor it to your specific interests and needs, using the search option at the top of the screen to explore.

Google also helps. By searching the term 'Creswick native plants' when trying to find a source of local native plants recently, I found Goldfields Revegetation (Mandurang) which specialises in Central and Northern Victoria Indigenous plants. As a result, I found plants I have been searching for for ages.

Local and regional books are rare so I always grab them when I find them. Online sources are great but cannot replace the magic of reading outside in a sunny spot with a cup of tea and cake. I have omitted non-local or regional sources but will talk about them next time.

Rhonda Cotsell

Personality

JENNI SEWELL

When I came to work at John Curtin Aged Care facility in Creswick in 2008, I had decided it was my retirement job and that I would stay for maybe three years. It was a homecoming of sorts for me and the community welcomed me as if I had never left the Shire. I was tired from my previous work role and thought that I needed a change and a less demanding position. What I learned very quickly is that residential aged care is one of the most demanding industries in which to work. It is a hard slog, it is underfunded and the compliance requirements are enormous. Add to that the general emotional rollercoaster that I, staff and carers travel with families, life and death, illness and accident.

Still now, if my phone rings in the night, I immediately assume someone I care about has just died.

So, I found not a job, but a home full of eccentric and loveable ageing humans. Together, we laughed and cried through ten and a half years, not three. There was always something important to do, or something to 'fix' or figure out and in a blink, there I was. The years had galloped past.

To psychologically prepare to retire, in 2016, I moved to my dream location, a beautiful old house on best Newlyn soil, surrounding myself with chooks, cats and strangely (for me) a dog. Add a vegetable garden, many new fruit trees, nuts, olives and berries and a decorative garden as well; I had no spare time to speak of. I loved it so much that I wanted to be home all the time. Such a short commute and so private and peaceful to return to.

This is my third spring here and I think I may have lemons this year. Last year a highlight was my first ever passionfruit crop, of which I was ridiculously proud. I love to pickle and preserve and I have rediscovered my jam making skills. I now have a pickle fridge and it still boasts jars of last year's zucchini, jalapeno, beetroot and cucumber pickles. There are also tomatoes dehydrated, sauced, chutneyed, frozen, green, red and yellow.

I did some calculations and figured out I could finish working in March 2018, if I did not have any holidays and nothing got in the way. Well some things must have got in the way because I was finally able to lock in the end of the year – December 31, so I could have Christmas one more time with the residents and their families. One beloved resident wrote our Christmas show, which included a solo for me, *Getting to Know You*, from *The King and I*. Sadly, she died before the show, but that made us all more committed to the production. My Christmas mornings for the past ten years had been spent at John Curtin, setting up the dining rooms and lounge rooms for Christmas lunch, an event when the staff welcomed many family members who joined us. This was my eleventh Christmas set up and the carols had a little hint of something else with them this day.

The agreed date arrived and amidst more laughter and tears, including an amazing thunderstorm at my farewell party, I brought home my cups and pictures. For a few weeks, I behaved as if I was on holidays and my days had little form. Summer gardening and preserving, catching up with family, walking and swimming – lovely relaxing holidays. I decided to take a trip as a symbolic and formal acknowledgement to myself of this new phase of my life. Two of the things I like the most are singing and bushwalking, so when I heard of *Sing Trek New Zealand* that was it! Ticked all the boxes. I joined twenty people I had not met before in Wellington one Sunday in April to hike the Queen Charlotte Track and learn some songs and singing techniques. Two weeks later, the group entertained the travellers on the Inter Island ferry as we returned from the glorious Marlborough region to Wellington.

Since then my life remains unstructured, I tend my garden when the weather suits me to do so, I go to the Saturday gym when I can stir myself. I walk with a couple of groups and I hang around the Creswick Theatre Company, the Neighbourhood Centre and the Market on a fairly regular basis. I sing weekly with The Seven Hills Singers, now in my seventh year. This year, as I have no day job anymore, I was able to participate in the July pantomime for the first time and I am directing the Christmas Show, *Miracle on 34th Street – A Musical Radio Play*, for the theatre.

People ask me if I miss working and I think about this. I think that I will not miss working for a long time yet, if ever. I thank the residents, their families, the Independent Living Units residents, the staff new and old, the new CEO Mary and my Board members for ten great years.

I say when life gives you lemons – preserve them in salt, they are amazing in Middle Eastern cuisine.

Jenni



Elsa is a livestock guardian Maremma

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT RACV GOLDFIELDS RESORT

Dine on a festive five-course Christmas Day lunch at Harvest Restaurant or bring the kids for a family-friendly buffet lunch, both complete with three hours of beverages and live music.

Five-course lunch in Harvest Restaurant

Christmas Day, 25 December 2019

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\$160* per adult

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Christmas Day, 25 December 2019

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Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch Gift to Local Aged Care



*Creswick & District Financial Services
Chairman Marcus Walsh presents the cheque
to Hepburn Health Service CEO Maree
Cuddihy at the launch of the building work*

The Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch has donated \$94,000 towards the major redevelopment of the Creswick Nursing Home.

The gift allows the creation of a sensory courtyard garden which is destined to become the centrepiece of the redeveloped aged care facility. More than simply an aesthetic enhancement, the garden offers significant wellness, safety and lifestyle benefits for residents.

The integration of the garden at the centre of the newly built residential rooms will add amenity and a therapeutic level of natural filtered light into many of its rooms and interior spaces, making the new development easy to navigate, particularly for those residents with dementia.

Likewise, the design delivers staff with good visibility of those enjoying the garden, thus providing high levels of resident safety. Raised garden beds will allow even wheelchair-bound residents to potter in the garden filled with highly colourful and aromatic foliage specifically designed to stimulate the senses and memories. As a home-like focal point, the garden will undoubtedly attract residents' visitors of all ages.

Accordingly, the project is a very neat fit with the Community Bank's desire to create a truly intergenerational and transformational community asset.

The construction phase was launched at the same ceremony with a 'turning of the first sod' performed by Victorian Government Cabinet Secretary and Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas and Hepburn Health Service CEO Maree Cuddihy.

Hepburn Health Service expresses its profound appreciation to the Creswick & District Community Bank® for their generosity and partnership.

Peter McConvill

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65th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations are extended to Rudolph and Jean McAndrew (nee Keen) who recently celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary with a family lunch.

After five years of courtship Rudolph (Mac/Rudy) and Jean married at the North Creswick Methodist Church on 9 October 1954 and travelled by train to Warrnambool for their honeymoon.


In 1949, Rudy had moved from Kingston to Creswick with his parents, Alan and Annie, and his sister Patricia. Jean, the daughter of William and Eileen Keen, was born in Creswick. She has lived here all her life except for approximately five years, soon after their marriage, when they moved away for work.

The couple have three daughters, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Best wishes to Jean and Rudy.



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This is a fantastic opportunity for community groups to celebrate Christmas, wear something seasonal and bring your carol singing talents. The only thing missing will be the snow (although, this spring, who could be certain?). Discounts apply to bookings of ten and over, call Jenni Sewell on 0409 197 254 to discuss.

Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm show. Bar open, **no BYO**. Bookings open now.

Farewell and Thank You

Bank Closure

As has been announced the Creswick branch of the Commonwealth Bank will cease business on 22 November after many years of serving their local customers.

Manager, John Grant and staff have looked after the town and district people in a very friendly, co-operative and capable way assisting with their banking needs. Many customers will miss the efficient way they have been assisted by the staff and changes will need to be made especially for those residents unable to travel to Ballarat or other places for banking.

The CDN team and readers express their thanks to John and staff for their years of service and wish them all the best in their future employment.

Creswick Roast

Another Creswick business which closed its doors during November was the Creswick Roast and David and staff are thanked for their service to their customers during the time they have operated in town and wish them all the best for the future.

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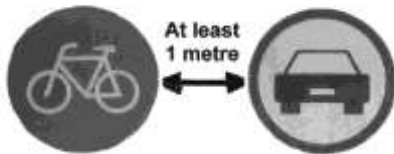
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Garden Tea Party

***Tillandra*, 933 Barkstead Rd, Claretown**

**Saturday/Sunday, 23 and 24
November 10.00am – 4.00pm**



The garden is open free in aid of the Mollonghip Community Hall, and all donations are most welcome. Plants for sale. Come and enjoy a free cuppa and cake in a lovely garden with lots of flowers.

Tillandra is an English-style garden of one acre in the Central Highlands. It is a garden of flowers, including bulbs, perennials, shrubs and trees, which reveal themselves as you wander through the garden exploring the next curve and vista. Late November is a peak flowering time with roses, iris, dianthus, clematis and philadelphus all shown off with the greens of spring.

Tillandra is about 25km Northeast of Ballarat or 25km Southwest of Daylesford. (See Google maps.)

Ceremony of Remembrance

***A ceremony of remembrance for
families and friends of a child, of any age,
who has died through any circumstances.***

Where: *Ballarat General Cemetery*
(Corner Lydiard and Norman Streets)

When: *Monday 16 December 2019*

Time: *5.30pm (if wishing to write on a helium balloon) allowing
for a 6.00pm sharp start.*

Cost: *A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.*
Decorations will be available for the trees provided, but you are welcome to bring your own decorations. BYO chairs and blankets if you wish.

The Ballarat Bereavement Support Network Counsellors are mindful of the environmental harm caused by releasing balloons. The balloons are of natural latex rubber, thus completely biodegradable, as well as the raffia ties. A gradual transition from releasing balloons is occurring, however, we remain mindful of the positive impact for families, sending their loving messages into the ether.



152nd Kingston Show Your Local Show!

The 152nd Kingston Show will be on 14 and 15 December at the picturesque Kingston Showgrounds. All are encouraged to come along and enjoy great country community atmosphere. Maybe drive via the Avenue of Honour?

There will be plenty of activities for children, with \$100 going to the aggregate winning school. Schools will be sent details soon.

Visitors can relax in the heritage listed grandstand and watch the working dogs, and competitors negotiating obstacles in the Stockman's Challenge. There will also be harness horses, goats, food, coffee, and a jumping castle.

The American Creswick tug of war is on – teams of two. Enter on the day. Inspect the fleeces in the pavilion.

The Show Society depends on volunteer assistance so if you are interested in becoming a member, want to help out or have enquiries please find them on the web, Facebook or call the Secretary on 0419 527 734

or email secretary@kingstonagsociety.org.au.

Membership entitles you to free entry to the Show.



**Creswick
Garden Club**
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The October meeting was both a busy and interesting one, particularly as the Club's Flower and Craft Show arrangements ramped up. The Show was held on the same weekend as the Business & Tourism Garden Lovers' Open Gardens. There was a lot to see for both visitors and Creswick locals.

The meeting was informative as the guest speaker, Brian Bainbridge from Hepburn Shire, spoke on biodiversity gardens. Brian had valuable information about what plants to include to attract little native birds and what plants are surprisingly becoming pests.

The November meeting was the traditional garden wander and a moveable meal culminating in watching the Melbourne Cup. Always an enjoyable day and some happy Cup Sweep winners.

Vicki McArthur, Secretary

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Tuesday, November 11 1919

The concert being prepared by young ladies in aid of the Creswick Borough Returned Soldiers' Medal Fund will be held in the town hall next Saturday week, 22nd inst. Further particular will be advertised in future issues of the "Advertiser."

Friday, November 14 1919

Smeaton- An epidemic of influenza, pneumonia following in many cases, has made itself felt in this district, the sufferers in almost every instance being young children. The authorities have closed the school until the 17th inst.

Tuesday, November 18 1919

Mt. Prospect A.N.A. Hall – Welcome home to Driver W. Johnston, Sergeant G. Atkins and Private N. Atkins, will be held on Friday evening, 21st November, at 8 o'clock.

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Tuesday, November 25 1919

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Friday, November 28 1919

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CRESWICK CEMETERY NEWS

New shelters and refurbished gate

Over the next few weeks, new shelters will be erected in the grounds of the Creswick Cemetery, one near the toilet building and another near the Soldiers Memorial. Thanks to the Creswick Bowling Club for allowing the Cemetery Trust to re-cycle two of their surplus shelters for the Cemetery.

Installation of the mosaic, that has been lovingly done by local ladies for our children's area, should occur soon. This is something to look forward to along with our refurbished gates, which should be re-instated over the next few weeks. Access during this time will be via the side gate.

Thanks to those who have offered to help with weeding the gardens, they are in desperate need of some attention and your help is much appreciated.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary



Probus News Retirees Can Teach Kids about Social Media

Youngsters often make fun of how 'oldies' use technology and particularly social media, but there is much we can teach them about social connections.

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Find out more about **The Probus Club of Creswick** by calling Joan on 5334 4207.



Social Support Program in Creswick

Activities for over 65 year olds interested in getting out and about with others

Activities offered include luncheons at various venues, shopping trips, day excursions and social activities at the Community Health Centre, adjacent to the Creswick Hospital in Hill Street. Transport to and from your home is available. All abilities are catered for. The social aspect is also important. As noted by one participant, *'I have met so many lovely people that I had never seen before and made so many good friends'*.

The group activities are in Creswick on a Thursday and include shopping trips and luncheons.

To learn more about these and your eligibility, call Victoria on 5345 9156.

All general enquiries related to the Social Support Program can be directed to the Integrated Community Aged Care Office of Hepburn Health on 5321 6596.

Merryn Tinkler

Hepburn Health



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St Augustine's News

St. Augustine's school has some staff moving onto new career paths at the end of this year. It will be a very different school without the McCaskill duo, who both started in 2013, with Yuki commencing in January and Wazza joining the school community in May. They have both made a lasting impact on students, staff and the parent community. They will be remembered for their passion for teaching, particularly by those students who need us the most. On behalf of a grateful community, I take this opportunity to wish them all the best as they seek new challenges as they explore their options.

The year five/six students have been visiting the John Curtin Aged Care Facility this term. They started by talking to the residents to get their life stories, and then they put a biography together, and this was read back to each of them. At the moment the residents are sharing the games they played as children.

Every year the five/six class plan and co-ordinate a day to raise much-needed money for the missions. This year was no exception - Chris and her band of fundraisers did an amazing job. The students were committed and focused as they raised an amazing \$1550 to help those not as well off.

The month of October has seen the students walking, riding or skating to school as part of a Vic Health initiative. The idea behind the 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 our environment a much cleaner place and if we are just that little bit fitter, all the better.

Enjoy the month

Terry Brennan, Principal

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NORTHERLY NEWS



The front of the school has seen a significant change to its appearance in recent weeks as preparations for the bushfire season take place. A lot of the bushes and undergrowth has been removed and the front entrance to the school will be re-designed and landscaped.

The grade 3-6 students travelled by train to attend the urban camp in Melbourne staying at the CYC City Camp. It was a wonderful venue with nice accommodation, great food and a convenient location. Students visited places such as the Old Melbourne Gaol, Eureka Tower, Skydeck, Melbourne Star, Queen Victoria Market and the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. It was a wonderful experience enjoyed by all.

The school recently held a beach themed disco for all students complete with decorations, a DJ and face painter. The students enjoyed lots of dances, games and activities.

Planning for next year is well under way. If you have a 2020 Foundation student who has yet to enroll, please come to our lovely school for a tour. There are a number of Kinder – Foundation Transition days being held during Term 4.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal





Kingston Friends of the Avenue Inc.

The Friends were saddened to learn of the death of Norm Suckling in a motor vehicle accident on Tuesday, 29 October. Norm lived in the Avenue and provided invaluable and practical support to its maintenance and preservation. He attended working bees and fundraising activities. Norm generously gave access to his paddocks and the verge around his home for the Centenary Event held by the Friends on Remembrance Day last year. On behalf of all members, we express sincere sympathy to Norm's family and friends.

Charlie is a year nine student and filmmaker who lives in the Avenue at Kingston. He has a love of filmmaking and has produced a film about three of the people commemorated in the Avenue. It is recommended to readers and can be found at:
[youtube.com/watch?v=6xeVCfznv4E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xeVCfznv4E)

The Friends will be selling plants and other items at the Creswick Market on 16 November and 21 December, including Raffle Tickets in November. If you can assist at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Friday 22 November, please let us know by emailing kingstonfoa@gmail.com to leave your details and your preferred time (morning or afternoon) or simply come and buy a sausage.

Summer Fields Raffle: Tickets are now available to win a framed oil painting, *Summer Fields*, donated by Deny Christian, winner of the Archibald Packing Room Prize for her portrait of Garry MacDonald. Tickets are available from the *Commercial @ Kingston* and Creswick Nursery in *Miss Northcott's Garden*, who are providing second and third prizes. Thanks go to Bec at *The Farmer's Wife* for displaying the painting. It will be on display at the RACV Goldfields Resort from Thursday, 21 November to Monday, 25 November. The winner will be announced at the Kingston Show on Sunday, 15 December.

Thank you to those who attended the Working Bee and Remembrance Day Service. The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 December at 7.00pm at the Kingston Fire Station. All welcome.

Julie Baulch

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Every name is called a **noun**,
As **field**, and **fountain**, **street** and **town**.
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As **he** and **she** can clap their hands.
The **adjective** describes a thing,
As **magic** wand or **bridal** ring.
The **verb** means action, something done,
As **read** and **write** and **jump** and **run**.
How things are done the **adverbs** tell,
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Friday November 29 Saturday November 30 and December 5, 6 and 7 *Miracle on 34th Street - The Musical* Radio Play Creswick Theatre Company Bookings 0409 197 254, 8.00pm Bar open **NO BYO**

Sunday December 8, Nine Lessons and Carols, St John's Church, Creswick 7.00pm Enquiries Ali 5345 2958 Light supper

Saturday, Sunday December 14, 15, 152nd Kingston Show at the Kingston Showgrounds, horses, goats, food, coffee and kids activities

Monday December 16, Ceremony of Remembrance for families of a child who has died. Ballarat General Cemetery (Cnr Lydiard and Norman Streets) 5.30pm Gold coin donation

Saturday December 21, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email nstubs3@bigpond.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Creswick Lions Club second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Peter Cowie 0419 899 810, Secretary Carolyn Gargiulo 0417 349 049, Membership Chairperson Bernardette Tacey 0419 326 052

Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, Bookings 5345 2356 creswickmarket.com.au

Creswick Museum - Open 11.00am-3.30pm Saturday and Sunday every week and Public Holidays 5345 2845 creswickmuseum.org.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 Visitor Information Centre - volunteers meet first Thursday every month 10.00am RSL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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: wheeler@cbl.com.au

VOGA Cycle Club Regular group rides that may be road, CX or MTB. Details on VOGA Facebook page. Free club membership via

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