



COMMUNITY BANK, CRESWICK & DISTRICT JARED TALLENT JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

The winner of this year's *Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson of the Year* was Dusty Taylor-Irwin who received a \$500 bank account. Dusty joined the Creswick Bowling Club in 2019, bowling with her father and brother. Her most recent achievement was winning the Ken Gullock Under 18 Junior Indoor Bowls Championship. Dusty was also selected for the Victorian State team to play Tasmania, but unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the event was cancelled. The Bank looks forward to following Dusty's future endeavours and achievements.

The Award runners-up were Jayda Wright, Fraser Saunders and Oscar Wootton, who all received \$100 bank accounts.

Jayda Wright is an all-rounder in sport but most notably in women's cricket. Jayda also plays football and has represented Creswick Primary School at the Goldfields Sports Association Athletics, in shotput, triple jump and relay.

Fraser Saunders is a seventeen-year old race walker. He has already gained a number of first places in a variety of championships.

Oscar Wootton commenced triathlons at

the age of seven. He was recently selected into the Team VIC All Schools Squad. Oscar has a long list of triathlete achievements from his participation in many elite events.

The *Community Bank – Creswick & District*, wishes to congratulate all applicants and winners.



Left to right – Dusty Taylor-Irwin (Winner), Jayda Wright, Fraser Saunders Oscar Wootton (Runners Up) and Marcus Walsh (Chairman – Community Bank - Creswick & District).

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CONTRIBUTORS, ADVERTISERS AND READERS

Creswick District News would like to advise all contributors, advertisers and readers that the publishing date for the December edition is earlier than usual, it would be appreciated if all content could be received as soon as possible.

Also, please note that *Creswick District News* will no longer publish a January edition. This decision while difficult, was unavoidable. Please contact *CDN*, via email, if you have any questions relating to either of these issues.

CAN YOU HELP?

Along with many other community groups, *CDN* is in need of adding to its small group of volunteers. If you have some regular time you could put aside, some computer skills and an interest in the editing process, please contact *CDN* via email.

CDN Team

Creswick District News

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CRESWICK SPRING FESTIVAL 2021 ART SHOW AND CRESWICK OLD MASTERS EXHIBITION

The **Art Show** is open 1.00 – 4.00pm on Friday, 19 November then 10.00am – 4.00pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, at the **Creswick Town Hall**.

The **Creswick Old Masters** exhibition, celebrating Creswick's artistic heritage, is open 10.00am – 4.00pm Saturday, 20 and Sunday, 21 November, at the Creswick **Havilah Masonic Lodge**, 96 Albert Street.

Tickets for these events are available at their respective doors and provide entry to both events.

Andrew Bell, creswick.net/whats-on/spring-festival-2021

BOUQUETS

Our sincere thanks to the man wearing high-vis work clothes who helped an elderly man out of an embarrassing situation at the local IGA recently. The man was caught short of money for his purchases and the Good Samaritan helped him out by handing over his credit card and saved the day.



Cemetery News

Just a friendly reminder to all, please **DO NOT** drive on grassy areas at the cemetery and please park on the roadways only. The ground is so very wet at the moment that you could easily get bogged.

A **HUGE** thank you to Ray, Colleen, Chris, Kieran and Rob E, for all their work over the past month in erecting the shelters and getting on top of the mowing. The cemetery is looking very nice thanks to all the hard work.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

creswick Rainfall

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

	2019	2020	2021
	mm	mm	mm
January	3.0	53.5	134.5
February	23.0	34.0	13.0
March	15.0	36.5	79.5
April	13.5	97.5	20.0
May	161.5	60.5	79.0
June	133.5	62.5	99.9
July	65.0	35.7	106.5
August	98.0	124.5	66.5
September	57.5	67.0	70.5
October	34.0	73.0	91.0
November	71.0	52.2	
December	20.5	58.5	
TOTAL	695.5	755.4	760.4

THE ART OF LIVING

By Craig Barrett

A while back I was talking to a younger friend who goes running several kilometres every morning. She told me she does this for both physical fitness and mental health. I thought,

well, that's interesting – I do a fair amount of bushwalking and a spot of fishing for much the same reason, (although I do get to bring home dinner). However, I don't run. I stroll, I meander this way and that, I amble, I sit.

At sixty-three years of age, life seems to run fast enough on its own without my input.

When I am on a path in the bush, or making my own path, I want to learn everything it can teach me. I pick up odd-looking stones and imagine their geological history that brought them to my feet. I examine wildflowers, native grasses and mosses, try to remember their names or look them up in my reference books for next time. I crush leaves to smell their scent. I stand still to just listen to birdcalls and frogs. When I see unusual geological features I wonder what the indigenous Dja Dja Wurrung people in this area knew about that – what stories did they have about that volcano or that creek or those stars?

Why on earth would I want to run through all this and not learn from it? With my insomnia, I often listen to BBC radio broadcasts in the wee small hours of the night/morning. One in particular has stayed with me since I heard it about



five years ago – an interview with a night security guard at a British museum. He felt that all the objects in the museum had memories – of people who owned or handled

them. I get that. Whether it be rocks that I pick up, or shards of porcelain, bottles, rusted shovels that I find on our Creswick goldfields – I do get a sense of their own story, especially so with Aboriginal artifacts and carved trees that I come across on my travels.

I have a small meteorite that I found in the desert in outback NSW. I often hold it and wonder where it came from, and when. I have a small quartz pebble from what was a riverbed eons ago that came from deep underground at the Australasian #2 Mine here in Creswick, where twenty-two miners drowned. I hold old family coins, a great-grandmother's vase – just to listen to the stories ... and maybe learn something.

Sometimes I wonder who reads my ramblings. I have been writing *The Art of Living* nearly every month for almost four years. Thinking it might be time to call it a day.

Let me know your thoughts.

Best wishes to all.

Email : craig@craigbarrett.com.au, or
www.craigbarrett.com.au

SENIOR CITS NEWS

Future Plans and Condolences

A sunny day every now and then makes all the difference to how we look at this changing world, does it not?

All being well, Senior Cits Club is planning a Social Day on 26 November, a get-together with friends, sharing a lunch and entertainment. Also, plans to have Christmas lunch on 12 December are on the table. This year however, the cost will be \$25. Rising prices are something we must live with.

Another fact of life we must face is the passing of members and friends. The loss of Heather Leishman, a valued member for many years, and the shock passing of member, Des Perks, who was settling in after living in South Africa. Condolences to both their families.

To the Hepburn Shire, we extend our thanks for the vouchers to celebrate Seniors' Week.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526

FRIENDS OF PARK LAKE

Ripples of change at Park Lake

Thank you especially to Val Lawrence, but also to all the other Park Lake Friends who have contributed so much to Park Lake's restoration, development and maintenance over the last twenty-two years. But as Val confesses, as much as she would love to continue to be part of the progress, she is wearing out rapidly.

At the AGM held on Saturday, 6 November 2021, the Friends of Park Lake were not only able to welcome two new Friends, but also appoint a new committee as follows: President, Andrew Bell; Secretary, Rebecca Dunne; Treasurer, Maria Marco; Committee Member, Leslee Sullivan.

The Friends hope to initiate some exciting new projects in the coming year in partnership with other community groups; projects that we hope will contribute to the enjoyment and civic pride of all Creswickians.

Andrew Bell, President

CRESWICK WELCOMES THE DUTCH

By Jack van Beveren, Gerarda van Hamond, Jo van Oostveen, Rita Flapper and Marilyn Lennox

PART 1

The Dutch have been a great boon to Victoria. Since their first appearance in the 1850s as part of the gold rush period, to the present time, which sees almost 20,000 Netherlands-born people living and working here. Mostly the Dutch have settled into the Australian way of life and do not think of 'going home'. They are hard-working, family oriented and thrifty. Their homes and work are here and they are happy with that.



*Poster promoting Immigration
Photo Courtesy National Library of Australia*

During World War II, the Netherlands at first hoped to be neutral and avoid involvement in what, it seemed, would be a repeat of the land-hungry, war-mongering German government of 1914. This was not to be. Within a few months the German army invaded and disabled the Netherlands' economy, farming, shipping, manufacturing and commerce. The country was now hostage to the whims of war. In the coup de grace, Germany bombed the city of Rotterdam almost flat. The privations suffered by the Dutch people were as bad as, or worse than the French, Belgian, Danish, British and other European populations.

When peace came it was a great relief and was welcomed by all. But as those caught up in the war returned home it

became obvious that the country would be crippled by poverty, homelessness, starvation and lack of government leadership for years to come. Large families shared lodgings with friends and relations but, as circumstances failed to improve, people began to take notice of immigration posters that appeared on walls and in the newspapers.

The Dutch and Australian governments drew up an agreement that Dutch people would be assisted by way of inexpensive fares, help with finding work and housing, if they agreed to immigrate to Australia. Other countries such as the USA, Canada and New Zealand were also keen to take part, seeing this as a fortuitous way of populating their countries. The first wave of immigrants was in 1947 when the arrival of 625 Netherlands-born people was recorded; by 1954 the number rose to 15,996 applicants and in another five years the number had become 36,284. Some of these also came from Indonesia after that country gained independence from the Netherlands in 1949.

Families had long discussions about their prospects in Australia, leaving their family behind, and the thought that they might never have the funds to return. It was a daunting prospect, but decisions were made to take the opportunity of a new life - and make it work. Passages were booked.

The voyages experienced by the various families were as individual as were their aspirations. Some were given special deals by QANTAS; others made their own way to Australia via Canada, the UK or South Africa. Many were sponsored by friends or relatives already in Australia. The ones who chose to take advantage of the government-assisted passages arrived on a variety of ships, cruise liners or boats dedicated to the immigrants. Some families were caught up in epidemics of measles or flu that broke out on board and of course the accommodation was quite crowded, with families of ten or more children having to share cabins.

At last, they arrived at their destination ports, in the case of Victoria it was Melbourne, at breezy Station Pier or Victoria Dock. Some families were met by relatives or friends who were already established and went on their way. The majority were loaded onto trains and chugged off into the bush, not knowing what lay in store. After sleepless nights they awoke to the train arriving at a deserted platform in northern Victoria – Bonegilla.

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CRESWICK WELCOMES THE DUTCH

A former army camp, the buildings had been re-purposed for migrants and opened in 1947. Between 1947 and 1970 around 300,000 migrants and displaced persons came to Australia from war-torn Europe, and about half of these came through Bonegilla where they were taught English and learned about life in Australia. Some were lucky and were offered work in surrounding areas where there were labour shortages. Some of the men went by train to Melbourne to look for work and, if they found a job, would bring their family to join them. Some moved from job to job and house to house, trying all the while to improve their financial position. Not everyone was happy at Bonegilla as it was very isolated from the main centres of employment. Albury, Wodonga and Wangaratta were the nearest towns where women could shop for new clothes and their children's requirements.



*Dutch immigrants on board ship
Photo Courtesy Wikipedia*

Wherever the Dutch congregated, information and stories were shared and, through friends and acquaintances, the name of Creswick was mentioned as a possible place where support was available through the Catholic Church, Salvation Army and Anglican Church.

The small town of Creswick, north of Ballarat, had once been a thriving, bustling town of about 30,000 people at the height of the gold rush throughout the 1850s and 60s. By the 1950s alas, it had fallen to about 1,500 people, comprising the remnants of the mining boom and local farmers.

A complete list of names and addresses of all the Dutch families who settled in Creswick and the sources used for this article, is planned to be on the website of the Creswick & District Historical Society. Also available from Jack van Beveren, phone 5345 2658.

See Part 2 in December CDN

CONCERTS ARE BACK!

Creswick community music news

Saturday, 4 December, 7.30pm – *CresFest* launch concert will happen at the Town Hall. It's a night to celebrate who we are and where we live – a time to be together, to sing and dance a little.

The following groups will feature on the program:

Creswick's Swingalong Ukestra, the debut performance of this new local group led by Jen Hawley of *The Royal High Jinx* – expect the blues, gypsy swing and more!

Kat Mear and Craig Woodward – get down and dirty with this ole' time duo from Melbourne with flashy fiddle licks and banjo picking, these two are the real deal.

The Ugly Uncles (and one aunt) are central Victoria's favourite larrikins. A seven-piece group of friends who love jug music, swing, guitar and Hawaiian shirts. Led by former ABC legend Derek Guille, the *Uncles* bring their unique humour and jugalicious music to the wonderful Creswick Town Hall. This concert is supported by *Creative Victoria* and *Regional Arts Victoria*. **Vax certificates must be shown.**

Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BSRIS> and use the discount code for locals: L0412CTH to get 30% price reduction while tickets last!

CresFest on sale!

After months of planning, pivoting, and postponing, the *CresFest* committee is proud to announce that the go ahead has been given and tickets are on sale! Announcing this on ABC Ballarat on October 22, Steve Martin also revealed that the ABC was proud to partner *CresFest* in 2022. This will bring *CresFest* to the attention of hundreds of thousands, extending the reach right across Victoria. Uptake has been swift, and Creswick folk are urged to jump on board – help to spread the word and get your family and friends to buy tickets now. The aim is that all volunteer 'staff' are locals, ready to welcome guests to the town. There are also many opportunities to be involved: IGA Busking Competition, Bendigo Bank Talent Quest, Hepburn Shire Showcase, YouThrive Youth Stage. One way or another, we want YOU to be there!

Visit <https://tickets.cresfest.com.au/> to see who's performing next April.

Visit <https://www.cresfest.com.au/get-involved> to see how you can apply to perform, host (billet) an artist or join the volunteer team.

Judy Turner

CresFest Convenor

VALE Heather Leishman *A Personal Tribute*

Recently, much loved local woman, Heather Leishman (nee James), died quietly in the Ballarat Base Hospital after a short illness. For resident Sandy Campbell, Heather's death brought an end to a seventeen-year friendship along with former resident Jean Pasco, which was based on a shared love of plants, visiting the many nurseries and gardens of the district, and strengthened by regular catch ups with each other.



Photo Courtesy of
Sandy Campbell

Heather lived her entire life locally. As Sandy recalls, *'After marrying Arthur, Heather moved out to Kingston, where Arthur farmed the family property. For many years she ran the old Kingston General Store, often providing a benevolent service for older and isolated members of the small community.'*

'Like all farming people, Heather and Arthur were heavily involved with the local CFA and she found herself managing the CFA Wireless/Radio. Heather served with the local Red Cross for more than fifty years and had been recognised for this service.'

At some stage they sold the General Store and moved into Arthur's grandparent's home (the roughcast house on the left, midway on the Kingston-Creswick Road) and continued raising their family. Heather loved passing on the news of her family, her grandchildren and great grandchildren to her friends.

In the twenty-six years since Arthur died, Heather discovered a love for overseas travel and was quite sad when her own failing health and that of her travelling companions, put an end to her travels.

She will be sadly missed.

John Orrock

14.1.1931 – 12.10.2021

John Orrock, who died recently aged ninety, was a farmer from Smeaton who, on the sale of his mixed farm *The Glen*, moved to Creswick to live with his son David who cared for him as his health declined.

A tribute from the Smeaton Rural Fire Brigade acknowledges the contribution made by John as a member, President for ten years and later a Life Member of the Brigade. He was also an active long-time member of and former Secretary of the Smeaton Cemetery Trust.

Sympathy is extended to John's children, Jo, David, Valerie and their families and friends.



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

VALE Heather Leishman

Heather James was born at Springmount, the daughter of Leslie Robert (Bob) James and Clara Merle Sonsee. When she was twelve the family moved to Creswick. The home still sits proudly on the rise at 103 Albert Street in the remnants of the garden planted by her father.

In 1957 Heather married Arthur Leishman. They moved to the Old Bank House in Kingston, formerly the Australasian Bank and opened the shop in 1974. Here they raised their family of Sue, Ian and Lynne. Arthur farmed and Heather ran the business. She was fondly known as the *Mayoress of Kingston*.

Heather was involved in the local community; the primary school Mother's Club; Youth Group; Kingston Hall Committee; Sunday School and Red Cross. She was treasurer of the Kingston Red Cross for seventeen years and was the voice at the end of the telephone line for the Kingston Fire Brigade, in the event of a fire, before electronic alert systems.

In 1999 Heather became a founding member of *Friends of the Avenue*. The group set about raising funds and awareness for urgent restoration and preservation work needed to the Avenue of Honour where Heather's great uncles Arthur and Charles Sonsee are commemorated.

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue (KFOA) regrouped in 2014, and Heather was again involved. Some time ago KFOA planned to present certificates to community members for their outstanding service to The Avenue, COVID-19 stopped that! *Friends of the Avenue* organised a small COVID-safe afternoon tea for 16 October this year when Heather was to receive her Certificate of Outstanding Service. Sadly on 13 October Heather died. Her Certificate will be presented to her family, posthumously, at a future date.

We will miss Heather and extend our condolences to her family and friends.

*Julie Baulch – on behalf of Kingston,
Friends of the Avenue Inc*

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COMMUNITY AWARDS OPEN

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for our community? Council is inviting nominations for the 2022 Community Awards, which recognise and celebrate significant contributions from local citizens and groups. Nominate now for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Event of the Year. Nominations close on Monday 29 November 2021. Find out more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/community-awards.

FREE GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

Residents can dispose of green waste for free at our three transfer stations in Creswick, Trentham and Daylesford throughout November. This is to help you get your property ready for the fire danger period. Please ensure that green waste is free of noxious weeds and is separated from other items. Visitors to the transfer stations must comply with COVID safety requirements. For details on transfer station opening hours visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations.

WORKS AT CRESWICK

Council has awarded contracts of over \$680,000 for works to construct a circuit path and carpark at Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve and to upgrade public amenities at Calembeen Park. Construction on both projects is expected to commence in the coming months.

SUSTAINABLE HEPBURN

Sustainable Hepburn is a new strategy that will be Council's updated commitment to environmental sustainability. Community consultation activities will kick off during November with the formation of a Sustainable Hepburn Community Reference Group. This will comprise four technical working groups including:

- Beyond Zero Emissions
- Biodiversity and the Natural Environment
- Low Waste and Resource Recovery
- Climate Resilience.

Expressions of interest to join the groups will open on Tuesday 9 November and close on Friday 26 November. Find out more at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/sustainable-hepburn>.

COUNCIL PLAN ADOPTED

Council has adopted the Community Vision, Council Plan 2021-2025 and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. This document will guide Council's activities over the next four years and beyond. Read the final document at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/hepburn-together>. Thank you to everyone who provided input into this key strategic document.

EVENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

Visit Victoria Regional Community Events Fund is now open. Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to help public community events in regional Victoria with marketing support and the increased costs of running COVIDSafe event. The fund is open to private sector organisations, venues, and not for profit organisations, including sporting, cultural and community groups. Submit your application by the end of November for an event planned for 2022. Find out more at <https://corporate.visitvictoria.com/events/regional-events/regional-community-events-fund>.



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WELCOME BACK TO LIBRARIES AND COUNCIL HUBS

With COVID-19 restrictions easing, Council is looking forward to seeing more faces back in Hepburn Libraries and Council buildings. In line with the roadmap requirements, anyone aged sixteen years and over will need to be fully vaccinated to be allowed to enter any Council facilities.

Chief Executive Officer Bradley Thomas said, 'Just as you have to show proof of vaccination at cafes and restaurants, you'll have to show these details when visiting Council buildings. The health and safety of staff and the community are the highest priority.' Density limits will also apply.

Please note that all community members can access the following services and facilities regardless of their vaccination status: early education and childcare; maternal and child health; aged and disability services; transfer stations; public open spaces, such as parks, playgrounds, skate parks and BBQ facilities.

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***Creswick District News recently held its
Annual General Meeting.***

***Below is a condensed version of the
President's Report.***

The past year and a half has been a very unusual time for everyone, and for *CDN* in particular. After a short break in early 2020, two more issues were produced in July and August. In a special meeting in August, however, it was agreed that the *CDN* would go into recess until February 2021. During that time quite a number of behind the scenes activities took place including reviews and updating of editorial and advertising policies, advertising rates were reviewed, and a Facebook page was established. The *CDN* has also become a member of the Ballarat Community News Network, with bi-monthly virtual meetings.

The successful return of *CDN* with the February issue this year was a testament to all *CDN* volunteers, including Bill Weidner for contacting every business in town in November and December last year to secure their assurance of continuing advertising with us. Thanks also went to Aileen Preston who, despite formally retiring from the Committee in February, has continued to follow up ideas for stories, in particular life stories and obituaries of notable citizens. Thanks also to Steve Shutt, the new compiler who has very quickly become an invaluable addition to the team with his calm and unflappable demeanour.

Appreciation was expressed to the *CDNs* in-house photographers - Peter McArthur and Wayne-Rex Brereton, to Peter Wheeler and Frank Thompson for looking after the technology, as well as to all the proof readers, folders and distributors.

Many thanks to Rosemary Tolhurst for keeping *CDN* accounts in good order and the Facebook page up to date. Thanks to Jo van Oostveen for continuing to look after subscribers and the annual calendar. Past President Barbara Spencer's assistance to the new President was also very much appreciated.

Finally, heartfelt thanks were expressed to the *CDN* Secretary Anne Brennan, who has worked tirelessly each month, together with Miriam Tonkin and Steve, to produce a marvellous publication of which we should all be very proud.

Maria Taylor, President

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Emilie Louisa Brown

23.9.1931 – 11.10.2021

Long-time Creswick resident, Emilie Brown, recently passed away peacefully at the Creswick Nursing Home at the age of ninety. Emilie was an active member of the Salvation Army and friends have memories, from their childhood, of her involvement with the church; singing with the Salvos band around town on a Sunday morning, distributing their newspaper, the *WARCRY*, to patrons at the local hotels, and in more recent years visiting residents at the local Aged Care facilities and Hospital.

A former employee of the Victorian School of Forestry (now University of Melbourne, Creswick Campus) Emilie is remembered riding her bike around town, then a popular means of transport. In recent years Emilie was a member of the congregation supporting and participating in the local annual World Day of Prayer service organised by an Ecumenical group of the local churches.



Rest in peace Emilie.



**CRESWICK LIONS CLUB
Christmas Cakes and Raffle**

The Club has started distributing Lions Christmas cakes and puddings to the usual businesses around Creswick and district. The Christmas raffle will commence mid-December so be sure to get your tickets as the prizes include a couple of big surprises.

Barbara Urry, Secretary, 0423 536 794

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Mr. W. Lawrie, of the A.N.A. tea rooms, Albert Street, announces that meals and refreshments may be obtained at all hours, at moderate charges. Soft drinks, confectionery, ice cream, etc., are on sale.

November 8, 1921

Allendale Saleyards. Next sale: Wednesday 9th November. Horses, Sheep and Lambs, Pigs, Poultry. Farm and Dairy requisites, vehicles. Harness. Vendors will favor by early advice of consignments. Phone 2. John T. Sloan & Co., District Auctioneers and Salesmen, Allendale.

November 11, 1921

The anniversary of the signing of the Armistice is to be celebrated this (Friday) morning, at the band stand in Albert street, commencing at 10.45 o'clock. To-day is also Poppy Day, and poppies facsimile of those of Flanders will be sold.

November 13, 1921

Back to Creswick – Successful Movement Ends.

The "Back to Creswick" movement which commenced with the arrival of the special train from Melbourne and Geelong on Saturday, 5th November, ended last Saturday. It was a week full of all manner of re-unions, festivities, motor trips, bush walks, etc. It is hard to arrive at a correct estimate of the number who participated in the home-coming by re-visiting Creswick and district, but it is known several hundred were here.

November 18, 1921

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! Saturday, December 10th. Fire Brigade Sports at Leopold Park. Keep date in mind, and let no other function clash.

November 22, 1921

The 20th Anniversary of the Sir George White Junior Tent, No. 280, Independent Order of Rechabites, was celebrated in the I.O.R. hall on Wednesday night last by a moving picture show. Bro. J. L. Cassell, P.C.R., manipulated the machine and showed some very fine pictures; whilst Bro. T. H. Gray, superintendent, and Bro. John Cassell, the divisional superintendent of the Ballarat district, gave short addresses on the history and work of the tent.

November 25, 1921

A meeting of the members of the Creswick Turf Club will be held at the American Hotel on Tuesday evening next, at 7 o'clock. Business important. Harry McGoldrick, secty.

November 28, 1921

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Welcome Back Update

There were finally some very positive changes occurring nearing the end of October. Restrictions eased considerably to enable more people to come onsite and allow students to go on camps and sleepovers.

Some exciting things are planned for the remainder of this term:

Melissa will complete the gymnastics component to the program for all classes;

School Sports Day will be held on 12 November;

Teddy Bears' Picnic on 19 November;

Camps and sleepovers can now take place after 29 October.

School is so pleased to welcome all students and staff back for face-to-face learning. The staggered return days have provided a seamless transition, with students and staff settling in to make the most of the next seven weeks.

Parish of St Augustine's Update – on Thursday, 14 October, Bishop Bird announced a parish appointment in the Diocese that will take effect on 10 January 2022. Fr Justin Driscoll will become Parish Priest of the Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon Parishes.

To continue providing the highest level of safety for students, school has applied for a grant of up to \$25,000 for shade sails. This will provide external learning spaces in addition to the existing shade sail structures. The teachers are already planning how they can incorporate this outdoor space into their teaching and learning.

Enjoy the month.

Terry Brennan
Principal

Creswick Museum NOTICE

It is the hope of the Museum Committee that it will re-open when 90% vaccination status has been reached in Victoria. Until then it will remain closed. When the Museum does re-open, it will only be possible, due to low numbers of volunteers, to open one day per week. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Museum, please contact the President, Wendy, on 0412 382 267.

The Research Centre will be closed until the New Year, but research can still be done by contacting the museum via email on info@creswickmuseum.org.au.

Thank you for your patience.



How Technology Helped Students Connect and Learn

Whilst 22 October became a very special day for schools across the State, having all year levels back onsite for face to face learning, it had been a long time waiting for many students!

So how was Teaching and Learning implemented throughout remote learning at Creswick Primary School? All students from Foundation through to Year 6 were instructed through the platform of *Seesaw* or *Webex* meetings. All lessons were prepared on *Seesaw* by staff and would arrive onto the students' devices daily across each curriculum area. Students then completed their work and uploaded it back to the teacher. Many of the lessons involved practical applications where students were to take photos and videos of their results. Involving family members in the learning was highly encouraged. This platform offered the students the opportunity to work both interactively and creatively in presenting their work.

As there were a number of Essential Workers' children onsite at school, it was important that everyone had the same opportunities. It also meant the importance of keeping in touch with classmates, particularly when hard lockdowns were in place. This is where the *Webex* sessions were beneficial. Each class had a set time daily for their online *Webex* meeting, where the activities undertaken varied. If the focus was on socialisation, then a game could be played interactively like, Scattergories or word connections. Then there were dress-up days, riddles and jokes day, or a bake off. These inter-active sessions also spent time going through the daily lessons, explaining in detail the expectations. In the Jjunior grades, often the entire lesson would be covered over a *Webex*. The senior grades held Learning *Webex* sessions, where students who needed some extra assistance or explanation of the daily tasks, could work with their teacher in a smaller setting and clarify the necessary requirements.

At a staff level, as with other professions, meetings, planning, Parent/Teacher Interviews and other interactions were held online or over the phone, not always ideal given glitches with internet and devices often coming into play. But, with such a positive community – students, staff and parents/carers - the school was able to work through these challenges and support students in a meaningful environment for their remote learning experience.

Now it is a matter of looking at re-assessing the remaining weeks of the 2021 school year, re-booking planned excursions and events wherever possible and looking forward to the future learning and development of all students.

Vicki Hughes, Classroom Teacher

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NORTHERLY NEWS

Jam Packed Rest Of Term

It's great to have all students back full-time after several periods of remote learning. They returned with smiling faces, happy to see their friends and re-engage with their classes. All the parents were very happy to have them back at school too!

Planning is under way for a wide variety of end-of-year activities that, hopefully, will be able to take place. These include the senior camp to Cave Hill Creek near Beaufort, whole-school excursions to Major League and the movies, Grade 6 fun day, Graduation and of course, important transition activities for the incoming Foundation students. There are a lot of activities to fit into the last month or two of school, but these are often the highlight of the year for students.

It is hoped that use can finally be made of the new BBQ area, tables and seating around the school and that the school families can get together for a community picnic.

The improving weather has allowed staff and students to get out into the vegetable garden which had become a bit overgrown during the lockdown periods. It has been wonderful planting new vegetable seedlings and some herbs as well. Everyone is looking forward to seeing them grow and being able to utilise the produce.

The staff car park has recently been extended and asphalted. The senior students got out the tape-measures and chalked lines to work out the best configurations for car park spaces. It was a great practical maths activity!

The school is looking amazing and anyone interested is encouraged to book a tour of the facilities by phoning 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal



CRESWICK HUB

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Saturday: 9.00am - 12.00pm

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Friday 19 - Monday 22 November

Creswick Spring Festival 2021 Art Show
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Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 November

Creswick Old Masters Exhibition, Havilah Masonic Lodge
Enquiries:
info@creswickartspavilion.org.au

Saturday - 27 November 6.00pm

Cyclocross Fundraiser Event, Hammon Park
Entries are now open:
<https://entryboss.cc/races/8883>

Saturday - 4 December 7.30pm

Cresfest Launch Concert, Town Hall
Enquiries:
info@creswickartspavilion.org.au

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief – 2nd Tuesday of the month 10.30am – 12.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from St Johns Anglican Church Hall, Napier Street, Creswick.

Anglican Parish of Springmount:

St John's Church, Napier Street, Creswick.
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays.
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Contact: Fr Chris Keast
0427 911 792.

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. Old Creswick Railway Station 5.00pm Info 5345 2759 or contact via Facebook

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

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

Creswick & District Historical Society fourth Thursday every month

(except December and January) Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm. Phone 5345 2065

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

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

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

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

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

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

Creswick Lions Club second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall Secretary Barb Urry 0423 536 794 urrybarb@gmail.com Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007 mariamarco3363@gmail.com

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

Creswick Museum - CLOSED creswickmuseum.org.au

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

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

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

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

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

Cr Tim Drylie by appointment Creswick Community Hub Ph. 0427 503 258 Email: tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au **CRWA** Members Meeting - First Sunday every month 1.00pm after

Working Bee. Railway Workshops Precinct Judy 5345 1374

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A Welcome Return

After a year's absence the Creswick Garden Club's annual plant sale returned, bigger and better, with trestle tables groaning under the weight of cuttings, seedlings and plants of all shapes, species and *don't knows*, to excite the amateur to the professional gardener to buy up and get planting in time for summer. As well as plants there was a raffle for a beautiful quilt crafted by Treasurer, Elly van Oirschot, amazing mosaics and hangings for the garden. Nellie Beyen's scarecrows and bird houses were so popular she will no doubt be making many more before Christmas!



Enthusiastic gardeners Nicola (6), Luca (2) and Archie (5)

Club Secretary Maria Marco said that, 'moving the plant sale to outside the RSL had worked really well. Creswick was bustling on Saturday and the prominent position attracted many visitors who were able to see the plant sale while they drank and ate on the other side of the road'. The Club wants to thank the team who worked hard to propagate, grow and sell plants, those who donated some outstanding specimens and, of course, to the many people who bought the plants! Thanks also to *HG & Sons Emporium* who sponsored the Primary Schools' Scarecrow Competition. It's good to see so many creative young people getting involved in this activity.

The monies raised from the plant sale will go towards the Creswick Garden Club's ongoing activities and events, in particular when the Club hosts the Western Victoria Regional Conference of Garden Clubs, in April 2022.

The Club's Christmas lunch will be held in St Andrews Uniting Church hall on Tuesday, 7 December. The cost for the fully catered meal is \$30 and bookings, with payment, can be made to Vice President Jenny Joliffe on 0408735068. Members are asked to each bring a posy of flowers to be shared amongst members.

The Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month. For further information, please contact Jenny Joliffe on 0408735068

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