



Community Working Together Lions Assisting the Scouts

The Creswick Scout Hall is home to some forty-five youths, leaders and their families. It also regularly hosts several U3A courses and occasionally provides lodging for visiting youth groups. It has seen an array of events since its construction in the late 1950s, not all of them joyous occasions. In the last twelve years the Hall has been subjected to flooding no less than five times, the most recent on 13 October, which caused much damage and loss. Appliances, furniture, electrical goods, camping gear and documents are just some of the material possessions lost. Engineers are currently compiling a report on the condition of the structure of this ageing building and the effect the floods have had on the walls and foundation. It is with immense gratitude that the Creswick Scout Group recently accepted a generous donation from the Creswick Lions Club to assist with replacing lost and damaged items, particularly appliances! Lions President Pat Tacey, Bernadette and Marie met with a small gathering of leaders and youth to present the cheque. As a result, the Scouts will be able to purchase equipment to keep their programs running, experience the great outdoors and learn valuable life skills.

The Lions are an amazing volunteer community-focused group, always helping wherever they can. Creswick is very fortunate to host a Branch and Scouts are very proud to be associated with Lions.



Pictured L to R: Rear - Penny, Pat, Simon, Rowena, Marie, Bernadette. Front - Felicity, Petra, Mia, Jayden

If you are looking to help the community in any way and can spare the odd hour or so, please email tacey55@gmail.com with your name and contact details and Lions will contact you. If you are interested in the adventurous world of Scouting for youth, ages five to twenty-six, or as an adult, please email gl.1stcreswick@scoutsvictoria.com.au.
Simon Miller, Group Leader

Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson of the Year 2022

Congratulations to Mackayla Culvenor who won the Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson of the Year award for 2022. Mackayla was nominated for her athletic achievements during the year. She is the Australian National Championship 2022 silver medallist for the under 15 triple jump. Mackayla also competed in the Athletics Victoria State Championship 2022 winning the silver medal in the U15 triple Jump, coming fourth in the U15 100m and fifth in the U15 long jump.

Mackayla received a trophy and a \$500 bank account to assist her achieve her sporting goals.

This year's runner up was Rohan Flowers. Rohan was nominated as an all-round sportsperson. He has participated in Regional Championships for high-jumping. Rohan was named Best and Fairest for the Central Highlands Football League in the under 15 competition.

He also won the Learmonth Football/Netball Club under 15 Best and Fairest as well as a bowling award from the Creswick Knights Cricket Club. Rowan received a \$100 bank account.

The *Community Bank Creswick & District* is proud to be able to support these amazing young people and look forward to hearing more about them for years to come!



Jeff Unmack and Mackayla Culvenor

Creswick District News

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Expressions of Sympathy

In recent weeks three well-known long-term residents of Creswick have died.

Ken Neil, who for many decades worked at Huntleys Supermarket and was a member of the Creswick Bowls Club.

Kevin Preston, who operated a transport business locally for more than fifty years.

Teen Schreenan whose husband Brian, was Shire Engineer with the then Shire of Creswick. Both of whom were active members of St Augustine's Church.

The *CDN* Team and readers express their sympathy to the family and friends of these people.

Senior Cits News

The Seniors October social went ahead very nicely in spite of the cold wet weather. The next social day will be held on 25 November. A hot meal and entertainment by the Celtic Band will wind up our social days for the year.

Christmas lunch will be held on Sunday, 11 December. Please put your name down for catering purposes.

Seniors activities will close on 16 December and return after New Year. Dates to be decided for inclusion in the December edition of *CDN*.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray 5334 6526

creswick Rainfall

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

	2020	2021	2022
	mm	mm	mm
January	53.5	134.5	163.0
February	34.0	13.0	1.0
March	36.5	79.5	49.0
April	97.5	20.0	65.5
May	60.5	79.0	39.3
June	62.5	99.9	104.5
July	35.7	106.5	51.0
August	124.5	66.5	156.0
September	67.0	70.5	82.0
October	73.0	91.0	214.1
November	52.2	66.8	
December	58.5	26.3	
TOTAL	755.4	853.5	925.4



Creswick Cemetery News

Just a friendly reminder that extra pots are not permitted on lawn graves. Any extra ones have been removed and placed near the office for families to pick up.

The roads are still closed off for the moment but hopefully warmer weather will allow them to be re-opened shortly.

Please be aware of the 10km speed limit at the cemetery. Slow down and be aware that people may be working or walking in the cemetery. Thank you.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary

CresFest Getting Noticed on the Wider Stage

CresFest 2022 certainly made its mark, being nominated as a finalist in the *Folk Alliance Australia* annual awards. CresFest Director, Judy Turner said, *'it was a remarkable achievement for an inaugural festival to gain a nomination in a prestigious national award. While CresFest was not the winner of the Folk Community's Cultural Project of the Year, it was a tremendous feather in the caps of everyone who worked on the event just to be shortlisted. We were all proud of what was achieved'*, Ms Turner said.

This growing stature will strengthen CresFest as a folk and roots festival not to be missed. With a line-up of spectacular international, national and local artists, there's never been a better time to make the commitment to attend CresFest 2023.

In the inaugural event hospitality venues were overflowing with visitors enjoying performances from musicians who just couldn't stop sharing their love of music.

The Creswick community is again getting behind the festival with many local businesses stepping forward to underpin the event. In 2023 loyal partners, *The American* and *Leaver's Hotels*, will again be alive with the sounds of laughter and music as both venues will host sessions late into the night.

After the devastating storms of last January, it's great that RACV Goldfields Resort is open and has been receiving guests since July. They are a major accommodation partner and will also be hosting art activities at their new Arts House during the festival weekend.

The Creswick Woollen Mills is the latest business to

support CresFest. It will provide tours and a concert space with a difference. In addition, Creswick IGA has come back as a key program partner and will be hosting the Busking Competition, with PRD providing much appreciated support for the promotions campaign.

One of the aims of CresFest was to bring together musicians of all capabilities, from the most experienced through to young people beginning their musical journey. This too has been recognised by *Creative Victoria* with a Music Works grant of \$39,500 that supports the development of Victoria's contemporary music industry at all levels.

What better time than now to make a commitment to volunteer for CresFest 2023, when the *Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal* will fund volunteer training in new software for both CresFest and Clunes Booktown. Volunteer co-ordinator, Neil Adam, said there were so many positive reasons to join the volunteer team or to host a performer. *'There are many roles, each equally important to the success of the festival. In return you receive training, the opportunity to see performances for free and the knowledge that you have participated in making CresFest 2023 a success'*, Neil said.

For further information on where to buy tickets or to volunteer visit [cresfest.com.au](https://www.cresfest.com.au) and follow the links. With your help, the Creswick community will again make CresFest truly memorable!

Fiona Watson 0418 127 365

<https://www.cresfest.com.au/get-involved>

Creswick and District Dance Club

This happy and active band of ballroom dancers, that began back in 2014, has grown so much that extra classes on Mondays have been added to the usual Tuesdays at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

Membership is through Creswick U3A or the CNC. Modern and New Vogue dances are taught. There is also a fair amount of Latin, Rock/Jive and some line dancing. Levels are beginner, transition, improver and advanced.

Class times are published in the CNC Term IV brochure at: <https://creswicknc.org>.

Come along and keep fit and young in mind, body and heart. Singing along is allowed as well.

Visitors are always welcome to watch and enjoy the music.

Contact:

Elizabeth 0402 777 852

Andrew 0427 246 278

Fond Farewell and Thank You

The Creswick community would like to express their best wishes to the ever-smiling Jorban, who has been the welcoming host at Smokeytown Café for many years. You will be greatly missed but good luck to you and the family in your new endeavour. Customers can still rely on Raj's wonderful cooking and the friendliness of the rest of the front of house staff.

Creswick District News

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Jacinta

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Creswick Spring Art Show Spectacular

Posh As!

Andrew Bell, President of Creswick Pavilion Arts, could not have been happier with the opening night of Creswick Spring Art Show. *'It really was posh as! With nearly ninety exhibits depicting all styles of media, I thought the standard exceptional and I'm only glad I didn't have to judge the winning entry'*, Andrew said.

That task was left up to Curator of the Art Gallery of Ballarat, Kiri Smart. While the mission was challenging, Kiri was certainly up for it and had spent the afternoon viewing the exhibits. Kiri left her judgement until the conclusion of the delightful musical interlude from the Hepburn Newlyn Players and the fine singing of Cr Tim Drylie, Mayor of Hepburn Shire who likes nothing better, when time allows, to connect to his inner soul through singing.

This year there were no categories and only one winner, which certainly had Kiri deep in thought throughout her judging. She said there was a wonderfully diverse range of artworks, from sculpture to photography, drawing to painting. While only one was to be chosen as winner, she enjoyed many of the works for different reasons:

- Eve Holmes' eye-catching, contemporary *Totem Pole*;
- Susa Morris's lovely *Winter Wattle*;
- Bep Gouw's striking landscape, *Lamgalbok*;
- Steve Shutt's perfect reflection of *our never-ending winter*;
- Emma Grant's stylised colour of work - reminiscent of

- another great Creswick artist, Victor Litherland;
- Alistair George's charming self-portrait;
- Lyn and Lyndsay Cooke's extraordinary birds;
- Natasha Middleton's lovely photographic repetition *Disappearing Icon* and
- Dale Oliver's local history, *caricature and bullet holes*.

For Kiri there were three clear standouts:

- James Mulraney's exceptionally charismatic and skillfully made *Wild Boar*;
- Craig Barrett's masterful, *Anderson's Mill – three views*;
- Alison Parkinson's rebel yell, *There's an Old Truck at Clarke's Hill*.

The People's Award winners were:

- 1st Lisa Timson for *Cat & Lamp*.
- 2nd Sue Morris for *Gumnut*.
- 3rd Dale Oliver for *Glory Days*.

Ultimately, the winner of the \$1000 Community Bank Creswick & District Award was Alison Parkinson for her powerful painting, *There's an Old Truck at Clarke's Hill*. As Kiri said, it is a reminder to us all that community is strongest when we support each other and stand together. Posh indeed!

Fiona Watson

Creswick Garden Club Country Tour



The Creswick Garden Club recently went on an overnight bus trip to Port Fairy and Warrnambool. It was fortunate that it mostly rained during the bus trip and not while touring some absolutely gorgeous gardens. Thank you to the hosts from Port

Fairy and Warrnambool Garden Clubs, Marjorie, Jan, Julia, Minda, David and Linda, Margie, Kay, Susan. The club looks forward to going back in 2023 to see other gardens and hopefully Robyn's, the one we missed out on because it was flooded.

Thank you to Jane who showed the group around Warrnambool as a guest tour guide. Thank you to Leanne for organising the gardens and Jenny for making sure everything else went to plan. Thank you also to Trace from the bus company; the coach driver who went above and beyond what could have been expected. The driving conditions were not ideal, however, her very safe driving delivered the group home safe and sound, with many plants on board. Let me know if you are interested in a trip in 2023.

Christmas lunch on Tuesday, 13 December which is \$35 per person, is now at The American in Creswick. Please bring a posy to share. Call Jenny on 0408 735 068 for more information.

Maria Marco

A campaign graphic for Catherine King MP. It features a black and white photo of Catherine King smiling. The text includes: 'Catherine KING MP', 'Federal Member for Ballarat', '03 5338 8123', 'Catherine.King.MP@aph.gov.au', 'CatherineKingMP', '@CatherineKingMP', 'Standing up for our Community!', and 'WWW.catherineking.com.au'. At the bottom, it says 'Endorsed by Catherine King, Australian Labor Party, 111 Sydney Avenue, Ballarat, VIC'.

Gardens and Heavy Rainfall

By Rhonda Cotsell

The heavy rainfall and flooding events that Creswick is vulnerable to has dominated our days for a while now and in between keeping an eye on the Bureau Of Meteorology I wondered about what role our gardens might be playing.

I started looking at our notoriously hydrophobic soil which does not absorb water and was actually relieved to find it is caused by bushfire and long periods of high temperature and not flooding. I also looked at how our gardens behave in flood events and the long term effects of water logged soil. Also, our gardens' potential for alleviating damage. Gardens can't protect us from flooding alone of course, but I found that combined with drainage measures, they can provide more protection than where they are absent.

Hydrophobic soil is particularly vulnerable to flash flooding but one thing that can protect it is composting, something many of us already do. Composting and/or the addition of other coarse, porous material, increases water absorption as well as slowing water flow. It also reduces loss of non-hydrophobic topsoil.

Some plants, because of their root structure, provide protection against flash flooding and the damage to plants from waterlogging. Australian, UK and American, horticultural, scientific and commercial sites were unanimous in stressing the importance of choosing local plants. Jeremy Neal of *Wombat Native Plants*, which specialises in the flora of the Hepburn Shire and Wombat Forest, provided a list of natives best suited for this purpose, particularly recommending the following:

Carex appressa – tolerates flood and drought and holds soil in place.

Poe labillardieri or common tussock grass, helps prevent erosion during flood events

Native groundcovers were also recommended as they provide cover, benefit absorption and protect soil during flooding. Finally, *Callistemon sieberi* – or river bottlebrush, with its fine roots that bind soil, are already occurring around Creswick waterways.

My garden, along with other Creswick gardens, are flourishing – one friend referring to hers as '*going gangbusters*', which I thought described perfectly the green explosion I now face when I step outside my back door.

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What is the Creswick Community Recovery Committee?

Hepburn Shire called for nominations from interested community members to serve on an autonomous committee to advise on needs in relation to community recovery and resilience.

The following ten community members put their hands up to review, and where possible support, the households affected by the January 2022 storm. The committee members are: Ron Head (Chairperson), Bernie Jordan, Patrick Tacey, Mark Shalless, Elly Van Oirschot, Pauline Stapleton, Zandie Acton, Leigh Bell, Neil James and Belinda Ellam. Initially the committee aims to:

Identify those who were affected and needing to move out of their house. Also where possible to document gaps to ensure a Disaster Recovery Plan is in place for the future of Creswick.

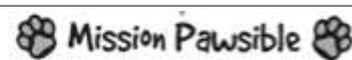
Gather feedback from the Creswick community to understand what people would like to see in the future.

Make recommendations to the Shire Emergency Management Committee as to what needs to happen in future emergencies.

Conduct a forum where all impacted residents can come together to hold honest discussions identifying how each and everyone has been affected. This will form the basis of ensuring Creswick is made stronger and ready for any other disaster that is thrown our way.

Create and document a user-friendly Disaster Recovery Plan for Creswick so that we can mitigate the issues we experienced in January.

To get a better understanding of your concerns, on Saturday, 3 December from 10.00am to 2.00pm, members of the community are invited to a free sausage sizzle in the vicinity of the Creswick IGA where you can meet the committee members and ask questions, raise issues of concern and make suggestions for future emergency management.

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Work is progressing on the Hammon Park Trailhead. Due to weather delays, we are aiming to open the trailhead in time for the December school holidays.

STORM RECOVERY

Thank you to local community members, emergency services personnel, volunteers (including local SES and CFA crews), Victoria Police, and Council staff who supported the community through the storm and flooding another severe weather event. Our Works Teams and contractors are fixing high-risk locations, with officers assessing and prioritising repairs to roads, infrastructure and public areas. To report an issue complete a service request via our website.

A Recovery Centre is open for residents to find out about available support. Drop in on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:00am and 12:00noon or 1:30pm and 4:00pm at 67 Albert Street, Creswick. The Storm Recovery Team is also available on (03) 4373 7373.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for our community? Council is inviting nominations for the 2023 Community Awards, which recognise and celebrate significant contributions from local citizens and groups.

Nominate a worthy recipient for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, or Event of the Year at hepburn.vic.gov.au/community-awards.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We know that it is getting harder for people to find a permanent affordable home in our Shire that meets their needs. We are looking for your ideas about how we can address this challenge locally. Read an issues and options paper and provide feedback. Your ideas will help to inform our Affordable Housing Strategy. Drop in sessions will be held in late November and December, with a forum to be held in 2023. To learn more visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>.

CRESWICK TOWN HALL

Works are underway to restore and protect this heritage building in the heart of Creswick. The project will involve both internal and external improvements including repairs and painting to windows and doors, repairs to address cracking in the masonry and remediation of the chimney and parapet. Accessibility improvements will also be made to the main hall, general repairs will be carried out on the roof and gutters to prevent water ingress, and a new flagpole with an access ladder will be installed. The works are jointly funded by the Victorian Government, Australian Government and Council and is due for completion in the first half of 2023.

COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners of the Creswick Storm Recovery colouring competition! Thank you to members of the Community Recovery Committee who judged the competition.



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Creswick Chorus Needs You



The Creswick Chorus performing at the Open Gardens of Kingston's Primary School

To mis-quote Jane Austin, (and sincere apologies for doing so) it is a truth universally acknowledged, that everyone has a singing voice. And, the more you sing, the better your voice becomes.

Under musical director Stella Savy, Creswick Chorus came together earlier this year to perform at *CresFest 2022*. Within five weeks the choir, made up of a diverse group of people living in the Creswick district and of varying levels of singing ability, learnt six new songs and performed them in public. Many of the singers had never sung in public before, but with Stella at the helm, they thrived, they blossomed, they shone.

The reason being that there are so many positives to singing in a choir - it can boost your social life.

Had a tough week? Singing releases endorphins which

reduce stress and anxiety levels and contribute to a positive mental state.

Singing actually boosts the amount of oxygen in the blood, increases energy levels and works out a range of muscles.

Joining Creswick Chorus will give you the chance to cultivate your creative side and perhaps join in the *CresFest* magic.

No more hiding your light under a bushel. So many reasons to join and everyone is welcome.

Creswick Chorus meets every Wednesday evening at 5.30pm. For more information, contact the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre on 5345 2357.

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By the lake – By Alison A (April 2022)

In the nocturnal stillness before dawn.
We didn't know what we would experience on Easter morn.
"Gather at the lake" we were told, "Be there at 6.30am"
Briefly consider giving it a miss,
bed was comfortable and there was always a later service.
Make a hot drink and grab a warm coat.
Travelling on the road silhouettes of trees began to appear
on the Brackenbury ridge;
must stop and take a photo, and stop again,
dawn was coming fast,
quickly though, or you'll miss the sunrise at the lake.
Folk spilling down to the lake shore
with chairs and coats and picnic baskets,
greeting one another;
anticipation and excitement in the air.
A solo figure glides across the water,
a black Swan;
*I don't remember often seeing swans here
and think about exception, place and belonging.*
A fire is lit,
and we gather around to tell the resurrection story,
dawn has broken,
and a beautiful glow is over the lake
and arching across the sky.
High above a flock of black cockatoos call out
heading west,
I count them;
I feel reassured at their presence.
A gusty wind blows scattering sparks and embers,
a little murmur is heard,
"better stamp out those embers"
some of us watchful.
A bystander greets us,
comments in a humorous way about their expectation,
when recognizing, from a distance, a gathering of Christians,
they expected to hear familiar words,
an old familiar tune being sung.
When the scripture is read,
the prayers said
the time of reflection had,
an ageless pastime is enjoyed,
a shared meal,
barbequed by the lake,
prepared by friends toiling together.
*The night melted into familiar shapes,
the sky lit rosy,
nature's power soared above,
fire sparked,
prayers joined ancient prayers,
gusting wind awoke hope,
water of change lapped the shore,
gathered community greeted Christ risen.*

Vale Max Ainley

On 16 June, 2022, Creswick sadly farewelled a stalwart of the community, Max Ainley. Max was in his ninety-third year and had served his community for most of that time.

The eulogies at his funeral service painted the picture of a bit of a villain growing up but hard working, whether on the farm or as a delivery boy in the Ballarat area. Max had a love of music and was a skilful poet and artist. He was a fine horseman and good storyteller with yarns ranging from his days in the police force, to his tangles with various impediments whilst cutting hay around Creswick and battles with bureaucracy during his time getting the best for Creswick.

Max's formal community service started on joining the Police Force in 1952, serving for twenty-five years; beginning in Geelong, then Russell Street and Morwell. He transferred to Ballarat in 1960, then Creswick in 1972 before retiring in 1977 as Senior Constable Ainley.

Max was a prominent and active member of the CFA for over sixty years, commencing with Glen Park Brigade in 1949 before transferring to Creswick in 1977. He served as a Lieutenant, Apparatus Officer, Brigade Secretary, Group Officer and active firefighter. Max was awarded a National Medal in 1986, made a CFA Life Member in 1992 and awarded a Fifty-five Year Service Badge in 2005.

Prior to coming to Creswick, Max was made a Life Governor of Ballarat's Queen Elizabeth Geriatric Centre for his work on the fund-raising committee.

Joining the Creswick Lions Club in 1979, Max served the club and the wider Creswick community for forty-four years holding most offices over that time and leading many projects. He was the face of the Creswick Lions Club. Some of his notable achievements include leading the establishment of Meals on Wheels in Creswick and District in 1979 and conscientiously delivering meals to grateful recipients and doing welfare checks for over twenty-one years, even on Christmas Day. There were occasions when the lone, elderly person was injured or ill and Max came to the rescue. One house was locked and with no sign of life Max called Sgt Gary Chandler. They were able to get in and found the lady of the house unconscious on the floor.

Max played a leading role in the establishment and running of the Allendale Motorcycle Club of which he was a Life Member. (His achievements involved some vigorous battles with bureaucracy but his determination won out.) He conducted trail rides for local children and their ponies ending in a hearty barbecue lunch. He actively participated in the building of the original Lions Park Playground. As a leader of the Creswick Senior Citizens Club Welfare Committee, Max was instrumental in many of their



improvements including the purchase of a bus and achieving the ongoing management of their venue.

Organising and running very successful Lions Garage Sales for many years, Max helped to raise substantial funds that were returned to the community. Although a lot of work, they were enjoyable events and Max was able to co-opt the Clayton Lions Club to help.

He was a very active organiser and participant in the annual Spring and Christmas Festivals held in the town for many years, marshalling the parade and selling spinning wheel tickets.

He was instrumental in gaining the Lions Club a regular Sausage Sizzle site at the

inaugural Creswick Market, something that continues to this day, and arranged the purchase of the barbecue trailer used at the market and events around town. A regular fixture at Lions raffle selling days, Max knew most people who walked past and usually convinced them to buy tickets.

Max was recognised for his efforts to the community with the awarding of an Order of Australia Medal in 1992. In a *Ballarat Courier* article (10 June, 1992) about this honour, Max is reported as saying, he liked doing things for people because they appreciate what he did and that was the only reward he wanted. Max's sense of service saw him become a member of the inaugural Order of Australia Association in 1997.

Max's presence at Lions meetings, events and functions, his somewhat embellished tales and his assistance in Lions programs of service will be missed.

Max was the consummate family man, husband to Lorraine, father to John and Peter, stepfather to Carl, Tanya, Craig and Erika and the proud and loving grandpa of twelve and great-grandpa of nineteen.

Farewell Max and we can all hear his response, 'See you at Christmas!'

Pat Tacey



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Lions Club

Can You Help Please?



The Lions Club of Creswick has proudly served the Creswick and District community for the past fifty years and hopefully will continue to do so.

Currently the club has a small number of members who are aging and consequently struggle to be as active in the community as they would like. Given the busy nature of everyone's lives today, we fully understand that commitment to an organisation and meetings can be difficult. What we would like is to establish **a list of volunteers who would be willing to help out for a few hours a couple of times a year without having to commit to attending meetings or paying memberships.** As volunteers you would be covered by Lions' Insurance and your efforts acknowledged. Maybe the many organisations in the town that Lions have assisted over the years could get their members involved.

If you aren't aware of what Lions do, we aim to assist groups, clubs and individuals who have a genuine need within our community and support Lions organisations such as *Kids Cancer*. The major focus is on welfare and money is allocated on a regular basis to support community members in need. Over the past ten years, money totalling more than \$100,000 has been distributed. This year alone in excess of \$76,000 has been provided to community members displaced by the

January storms. This money came from our funds, the Australian Lions Foundation and other district Lions Clubs.

How does the club raise this money? We run a sausage sizzle at the Creswick Market and at other community events and when we can, at Bunnings. Two or three raffles are held a year. The sale of Lions Christmas cakes and puddings and Lions Mints is another source of income. Ideally if there was the manpower we would run a major function each year, either by ourselves or partnering with other groups. Another example of how Lions serve the community was the recent visit of the *Skin Cancer Van* and the contribution of \$2,500 to the Creswick Scouts in order for them to get up and running again after being flooded recently.

If you can see fit to make yourself available for a few hours a couple of times a year or help us in other ways, please email President Pat Tacey at tacey55@gmail.com with your name and contact details and we will contact you.

Thank you to all who supported the recent wood raffle, the winner was Anne Schembri who donated the wood to the Creswick Men's Shed. Lions Christmas cakes and puddings are now on sale.

Pat Tacey
President Creswick Lions Club



CRESWICK HUB

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

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Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

In 2019, Kingston, Friends of the Avenue successfully applied for a grant to assist in funding Stage One of the *Kingston Remembers* Resource Centre. The Resource Centre will preserve and share stories via film, books, memorabilia and in particular the diorama. It was the intention to have the project completed by the end of 2020 but, unfortunately COVID-19 delayed the project.

Friends are pleased to announce that on Saturday, 5 November Stage One of the Centre was officially opened by Dr Robert Webster OAM, Victorian RSL State President. The ceremony commenced with the Acknowledgement of Country and welcome on behalf of the Commercial Hotel.

Campbell Spittle and Montanah McMillan, both in their twenties, spoke about their ancestors who are commemorated in the Avenue. Campbell is twenty-three, the same age as his great grandfather, Gordon Spittle, when he enlisted. Montanah's two great, great aunts, the Brawn sisters, served and her great, great uncle Henry Alexander McMillan made the supreme sacrifice. His framed certificates are part of the display. A six-minute film trailer of interviews, produced by Terry Hope, was shown. The ceremony concluded with Dr Webster unveiling the diorama and afternoon tea was shared.

Guests included families connected to the Avenue, past and present members of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue committee and those who designed and built the diorama. Other guests included Council representatives, the Mayor Cr Tim Drylie and Cr Don Henderson, Creswick-Smeaton RSL President Alan Morris along with other members and Margaret Fullwood and Evelyn Wright representing the Creswick Museum.

Special thanks to the Commercial Hotel for providing space to display the items that make up Stage One – the diorama, framed certificates pertaining to Henry Alexander McMillan and Clarence Norman, courtesy of the McMillan and Norman families and the Kingston State School Honour Roll, on loan from the Creswick-Smeaton RSL.

The Friends are very grateful to the many families who have provided photographs and memorabilia and the Creswick Museum and Resource Centre for granting permission to use some of their resources. Without these contributions the diorama would not be able to tell the personal stories it does. Opening hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11.00am. Ring 5345 6576 or 0408 007 464 for further information.



Friends of the Avenue also acknowledge that Stage One of the *Kingston Remembers* Resource Centre was part funded by State Government and Victorian Veterans Council, Victoria Remembers Minor Grants.

Remembrance Day Service – congratulations to the Newlyn Primary students who took an even more active role in the Service this year.

Community Workshop re preparing EES submissions to the Western Renewable Link Project will be held on Saturday, 19 November at 3.00pm, Kingston Showgrounds Club Rooms, 54 Church Parade. Please bring photos, ideas, questions and a cup.

Save the Date

Saturday and Sunday 10 and 11 December - Kingston Show.

Saturday is Family Day, with the equestrian events on Sunday.

For further information see the KAS website - <https://www.kingstonagsociety.org.au>.

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Northerly News

Camp, Sports, Transition

A great start to term 4 here at Creswick North PS. It began well with Senior Camp to *Cottage By the Sea* in Queenscliff. Despite a bit of rain, the students all had a wonderful time and came back with not only some great memories, but a bag full of goodies generously donated by the *Cottage By The Sea* camp.

There was a very enjoyable start to Children's Week recently with the Hepburn Shire and Kelly Sports combining to visit and run outside games for the whole school. They also provided fruit platters and great prizes for some of the students.

Fiona Hocking is completing a third year Art Therapy final placement at Creswick North Primary School. Art Therapy helps people of all ages to improve their physical, mental and emotional well-being through visual art making, drama, dance, music and movement. She will be working on a very special tile mural project about sharing. The mural will be installed, towards the end of term, in the BBQ area.

The Hepburn Shire's Storm Recovery Team ran a colouring competition at the end of last term. Students did very well in each age group and many won prizes.

The transition programs for 2023 Foundation students begin shortly – we welcome all enrolled students as well as any interested families. Some of the key dates are:

Transition morning: Thursday, 17 November
9.00am – 11.00am.

Orientation Day: Tuesday, 13 December
9.00am – 1.30pm.

The After School Program has been very successful this year. Run by OSHClub, this operates a wide variety of fun activities that include science club, crafts, cooking and more!

If you would like a school tour to experience our fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal



Students on the beach at Queenscliff.



Students out the front of the Cottage By The Sea camp.



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November 3, 1922

Despite the warning given by the recent court proceedings against owners of wandering stock in the streets, it has been noticeable that cows are still roving in the streets at night. We are requested to notify owners that the animals may be impounded.

November 11 1922

A most successful show was held at the new grounds at Kingston on Thursday, under the auspices of the Smeaton, Spring Hill and Bullarook Agricultural Society.

November 14, 1922

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November 17, 1922

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November 21, 1922

Ex-Cr. Richard Hender, of North Creswick, celebrated the

80th anniversary of his birthday last Saturday (18th), and can be congratulated on attaining this great age. Mr. Hender derives much pleasure in scanning the diary he has kept through life. He left Tywardreath, Cornwall, on 23rd September, 1863, for Australia six days later. The sailing ship was the “Chatsworth”, with Captain Tucker in command. The journey to Melbourne occupied 108 days, and 16,390 miles were covered in the trip. Arriving in Melbourne.

Mr. Hender went on to Scarsdale, where he worked in a foundry until Good Friday in the year 1864, and arrived in Creswick the same day. A few days later he started business as a Blacksmith at North Creswick, for he had learnt the trade with his father in the Old Country.

On the second Friday in November the same year, he attended the Smeaton Show, and there he met the Creswick young lady who became his wife on 25th February 1865. Mr and Mrs Hender claim a record that few can equal, for they reared a family of 18- 14 sons and four daughters.

November 24, 1922

Newlyn – The Newlyn Methodist Sunday School anniversary is to be celebrated on Sunday next, when three services will be held. Mr. T. C. Stephens, of Maryborough, is to preach in the morning and in the evening, Sir Alexander Peacock, Minister of Education, will give an address at the afternoon service and will also distribute the prizes to the successful scholars.

November 28, 1922

Dean – Hearty congratulations can be showered upon Mr. David Geddes, who on Saturday last celebrated the ninety second anniversary of his birthday. Mr. Geddes, who resides at Dean with his daughter Mrs. Arthur Tippett, is a colonist of 70 years' standing, having arrived in Australia in the year 1852.

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre



Did you know Creswick Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) can help with applications for the \$250 Victorian Government's Power Saving Bonus? Call the Centre to make an appointment if you would like help to apply.

There will be an extra market on Saturday, 3 December. This will be a special Christmas Market with lots of entertainment, food and stalls to help get that shopping done. The third Saturday of the month market on Saturday, 17 December will also be held.

CresFest launch will be at the CNC on Saturday, 26 November. Join us for the Fiesta! It also coincides with election day and as the CNC is a polling venue, you can vote and join in some fun - how handy. Don't miss the free

entertainment, have something to eat or purchase a cake from the cake stall.

The *Gardens 4 Wildlife Hepburn* course is well underway with participants enjoying learning more about natural habitats and adjustments that can be made to their yards to attract more wildlife. The next steps will be that trained mentors will be up-skilled and ready to provide advice. Anyone keen to review their garden and learn how to encourage more wildlife into it, please call the CNC to book a time for a mentor to come out for a chat.

The kettle is always on for a cuppa.

Chrissy Austin
Manager

New Residents Welcome

If you are new to the Creswick District, come along to the **Welcome to New Residents** at 3.00pm on Saturday, 19 November at the Senior Citizens Centre, Water Street. This is a good opportunity to meet the locals and learn about all that Creswick has to offer. Also in attendance will be the CFA, SES and local Police to let you know what they do for the community. This event is sponsored by the Hepburn Shire and facilitated by three Community Groups U3A, Creswick and District Residents Association and Creswick Railway Workshops Association. Afternoon tea will be provided at 3.00pm, please register so you don't miss out!

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The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett

As my regular reader knows, I am a solitary person, not very socially inclined. I tend to be pretty choosy about my friends and the company I keep. One exception to my rule is - yes, I hereby publicly admit to this - the Creswick North Book Club. We are a small select group thankfully, and intend to keep it that way.

Martha, Ramsay, Ferdinand and myself meet on an irregular basis, usually when the weather is half decent and there is something topical to discuss that we can each bring our knowledge of books, writing and reading to, or at the very least, our own personal thoughts to share.

We do sometimes disagree on chosen topics, or the correct interpretation of a work. Is there such a thing as a 'correct interpretation'? Surely for each of us our own interpretation of anything in this world is the correct one, at least in our own minds. That is a grey area of discussion sometimes. That's ok though, we are respectful of each others' opinion, as it should be, (no matter how wrong those other three are).

I did feel a little uncomfortable the other day when the consensus was to discuss topical song lyrics for a change. Once again, and contrary to my personal view, consensus held sway.

Before the Deluge was the song put forward as being relevant, written by that master singer/songwriter, Jackson Browne, and a masterpiece it is. However, my feeling was that it was too soon and raw given recent events here in

Creswick and across the country. My objection was over-ridden by the rest of the group. Before I knew it they were all chiming in with other topical rain and flood songs - *Purple Rain*, *Why Does it Always Rain on Me?*, *Take Me to the River* ... on and on they went. There seem to be countless songs and poems about rain and floods. Martha, Ramsay and Ferdinand seem to know most of them.



M, R and F are actually three wonderful sheep in a paddock near my place. They always come running when they see me. They love a good bleating conversation, so we decided to call ourselves the Creswick North Book Club. I don't know why it always seems to fall to me to provide afternoon tea.

My heart goes out to all those affected by this horrendous year of rain, storms and flood. I too was on sandbag-filling duty up at the oval. I just wanted to bring a little lightness to our story. Hopefully no one is offended.

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Creswick Capers



The school has been working with Fireman Phil (Phillip Greenbank), as students affectionately call him, to cover many aspects of Fire Safety. Phil conducts the Fire Safe Kids Programs and this year students have had the opportunity to participate in four different aspects of the program.

Firstly, each of the grade cohorts took part in specific age-level programs selected by staff. The prep, grades 1 and 2 students worked through the program *Get Down Low and Go Go Go!* program, which instructs students what to do if an area is filled with smoke and how to effectively move through the area, close to the ground, to safety.

The grades 3 and 4 students were introduced to the topic of *Fire Hazards in the Home* which focused on recognising what is around the home (both inside and outside) that could be a potential danger to cause or fuel a fire and what can be done to rectify these situations.



Fireman Phil speaking to the Senior students

The grade 5 and 6 children studied *Home Fire Safety* where they looked at their house and block plan to identify pathways out in case of a fire and where the family meeting point would be. They were also encouraged to discuss a Fire Plan with their parents if one was not already in place.

The next opportunity was for the students to explore the fire truck itself: its various capabilities, how they were operated and what actions were taken in a fire emergency. Students were fascinated by the amount of equipment and gadgets on the truck and their functions.

A smoke machine was set up in the Multi-Purpose Building, which was filled with smoke, simulating the situation that might arise in a fire. This was a practical demonstration of conditions that would be experienced when it was necessary to exit the building. This proved to be a confronting activity for some but really brought home to the children the seriousness of such an event.

Finally, the grades 3- 6 students took part in the annual *Fire Safety Game Challenge* where they competed in their House teams and simulated what would occur in a fire emergency, from dialling Triple 000, speaking to the operator, knowing the required information that the operator would ask for and then crawling low in the smoke to the family's meeting point.



Fire Captains, Kobe and Lainey

This event was taken out by Drummond House, with Fire Captains Lainey Humm and Kobe Preston proudly accepting the shield.

All these activities are extremely valuable for students as it instils the essential actions that are needed in a real emergency, which then become second nature to everyone with hopefully a favourable ending. The media has regularly reported the actions of children in a fire emergency, putting what they had learned at school into practice when needed.

Vicki Hughes, Classroom Teacher

Congratulations to Vicki Hughes

Earlier this year at the Hyatt Hotel ballroom in Melbourne, Vicki was presented with a Certificate of Achievement by the State Government acknowledging her forty-two years service to education. Having begun in a one-teacher school at Ross Bridge, Vicki has had a varied career prior to settling in to Creswick Primary School.

There are many children, and parents, around the area who remember her fondly. Congratulations Vicki!

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Election Day Fiesta,
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