

Creswick District News

Still Priceless

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CresFest 2023 Wins Prestigious National Award

Jubilant President of CresFest, Mark Myers, could not hide his delight when the announcement was made last month that CresFest 2023 had won the Australian Folk Music Awards Community/Cultural Project of the Year.

In only its second year, CresFest 2023 was up against four other recognised national folk music events and was judged by a panel of five acknowledged folk music practitioners. Director, Judy Turner, also attended the Awards Night with team members who were equally delighted to learn of the award.

'To be nominated for an award is a feather in our cap, but to win exceeds all our expectations! This win recognises what CresFest set out to achieve when Neil Adam and I thought about establishing CresFest way back during COVID-19. However, this is not just about two people with an idea, it's about the people who believed in our idea, about the committee, the performers, the sponsors, the businesses, all tiers of government, the hospitality venues, the host families, the volunteers, the ticket holders and of course our wonderful Creswick community who supported us throughout CresFest 2023.'

The committee comprises local people willing to share their time and expertise. Without their input the aim of bringing a vibrant, diverse and inclusive folk festival to Creswick would have been much more difficult to achieve. The performers in 2023 were local as well as from other parts of Victoria, interstate and globally from the UK and the USA.

American Hotel host Brendan Smith said 'the CresFest win was proof that a small town can host an international quality event', while Chantel Leaver said that 'alongside Odessa at Leaver's, CresFest had helped to turn our town into a destination for live music'.

One of the notable characteristics of CresFest 2023 that impressed the panel of judges was CresFest's focus on quality and community engagement, as well as the activation of heritage buildings for performances. The lighting up of Creswick's iconic historic buildings by creative electrician Gary Miles, as sponsored by Community Bank Creswick & District, literally shone a light on the magnificent architecture of the 1800s.



CresFest Director, Judy Turner

Planning for CresFest 2024, 5 to 7 April 2024, is well under way and earlybird tickets, volunteer opportunities and artist information can be found at cresfest.com.au.

Fiona Watson

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Creswick Cemetery News

A huge thank you to Peter, who has been helping out at the cemetery over the past few months. He has made improvements to the toilet, repainting it and fixing the door. Your help is much appreciated.

Creswick has two cemeteries, the main one on the Clunes Road first used in December of 1858, and the original cemetery near Calembeen Park, in Drummond Street. The old cemetery was first used possibly as early as 1852. As no records were kept at the time, we only have information from Births, Deaths and Marriages to confirm who is buried there. So next time you are in the area, think of all those buried at the old cemetery, as they are our pioneers of this wonderful town.

Wendy Ohlsen,

Secretary

creswick Rainfall

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

	2021	2022	2023
	mm	mm	mm
January	134.5	163.0	9.5
February	13.0	1.0	28.8
March	79.5	49.0	45.0
April	20.0	65.5	116.0
May	79.0	39.3	70.0
June	99.9	104.5	125.0
July	106.5	51.0	45.0
August	66.5	156.0	46.0
September	70.5	82.0	25.5
October	91.0	214.1	67.5
November	66.8	129.1	
December	26.3	40.2	
TOTAL	853.5	1,094.7	578.3

Creswick District News

Copy Deadline

December 2023

Edition

Contributors and advertisers please note that due to Australia Post delivery requirements for December, the deadline for contributions to the December edition of the CDN will be **Monday, 20 November 2023**.

Senior Cits News

Busy, as always!

Some people say 'nothing like a change'. Well we certainly get change in the weather. However, the warm entertaining change members received at our October social was enjoyed by all.

Next social day, 24 November, will be the last for this year. Entertainment will be provided by *Australia Sings*. The usual yummy lunch will be served.

Christmas lunch will be held on 8 December. During the festive season members will have a short break. Activities will make a fresh start in the New Year.

The Creswick Brass Band put on a great evening of music, song and games in the Seniors Rooms. May we see that again soon!

Recently, the Welcome to New Residents to Creswick was also held in the Seniors Rooms. It was most interesting, bringing forth the amenities Creswick can offer.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526

Editors note: Thank you June for the cheerful reports throughout 2023, keeping readers up-to-date with that important (and busy!) community group – Senior Cits.



Creswick Lions Club

50th Anniversary of Chartering Dinner

On 7 October 2023, eighty-eight residents and guests joined with Creswick Lions Club members to celebrate fifty years since the club was chartered at this time in 1973. Guests included: Edith Pepper, wife of charter member Charlie; forty-nine-year member Graeme Mitchell and Kevin Flynn, who joined about forty-eight years ago and is still a Lions member on the Bellarine Peninsular. The Lioness Club was represented by Lorraine Ainley, Glenda McKay, Frances Grady and the Creswick Leo Club by Carol Russell (Pepper). Other guests included the current District Governor of Lions, Max Ford and past District Governors. The guest list represented many organisations providing support to our community.

Mayor Brian Hood spoke of the importance of volunteers to the functioning of the community and proposed a toast to Lions. In responding, District Governor Max spoke of the role Lions plays locally, nationally, and worldwide and he outlined some of the projects Lions sponsor in the community. Max also had the honour of inducting Andrew Young as the newest member of the Creswick Lions Club, joining recent inductees Leigh Bell, Kevan Pitcher and Meg Ford. The club's numbers are growing slowly but more members are always welcome.

The evening was introduced by a rousing performance from the Creswick Brass Band which drew compliments from the out-of-town guests. An anniversary cake was cut by the club's longest serving member, Graeme Mitchell and new member, Meg Ford.

A brief history of the Lions Club of Creswick can be found on the Creswick Historical Society website www.creswickhistoricalsociety.org.au under stories.

Pat Tacey

See photo on page 5

Book Lovers - Save the Date

December 2 and 3, 10.00am to 3.00pm
both days for the biggest Book Sale in
Creswick's history.

Located beside Cafe Curtin,
6 Cushing Avenue.

More book donations are welcome and
can be dropped off at reception.



WHAT A NIGHT IT WAS!

Advertised as a *Cabaret* night to raise funds for the Creswick Brass Band and with an entry charge of just \$20, no wonder it was booked out. What a feast of music and entertainment it was. Starting right on time at 8.00pm with some traditional brass band items from their recent performances at *The Nationals*, where they came second in their section, they launched into the crowd pleasers for the rest of the evening.

The band met Hayley Bird, the daughter of Conductor Katrina. What a little trouper she is. She sang two songs displaying her talent and presentation, and wowed the audience. Well done Hayley. The community will look forward to seeing more of you. Cr Tim Drylie joined in with a song, too. His voice is always a pleasure to hear.

Everybody's favourite, Rob Ohlsen, talked of the cost of instruments in the band and the need to raise funds. He then demonstrated his skill on his much loved *Eb Bass*, an instrument that costs around \$25,000 new. A lovely rumbling solo Rob!

The band's Juniors made their debut. If you would like to join the beginners, there is a place waiting for you. Those youngsters are so enthusiastic. Thursday night is rehearsal night in the Seniors' Club Rooms.

Music and dance go together and that twinkle toed pair of Elizabeth Howard and Andrew O'Connell, demonstrated their craft with glamour and grace as they glided around the floor. As Ginger Rogers said – '*the girl does it backwards and in high heels!*' Join their class and try it sometime.

Of course there were some fund raising auctions, raffles and a quiz to stir your brain cells, which was won by the group of supporters on table 11. All was over by 10.30pm, far too early, but what a great night, with great music played by our own local people.

How come a little town like Creswick, population around 3,000, can have so many talented musicians willing to share their time and talent? Are we not the lucky ones to be the recipients of their input into our community? Don't be the mug who misses out on their next *Cabaret* night, or public appearance. The band will be giving support on Armistice Day, as usual too.

Thank you Katrina and your merry troupe of players, for a great night of entertainment.

Val Lawrence

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Creswick, Home of the MATRIX

Tucked away behind the leafy surrounds of the University of Melbourne's Creswick campus is MATRIX. Unlike the 1999 film, this MATRIX is not a computer-generated artificial reality but a real-life initiative, a research institute launched in 2016. MATRIX is one of a number of international institutes with the goals of deepening mathematical knowledge, and facilitating international collaboration in solving mathematical questions.

MATRIX is essentially a retreat for experts in specific fields of research in mathematics and statistics, to come together to discuss outstanding problems and challenges with their peers. For the past seven years, over 1,500 scientists from forty countries have come to Creswick for one, two or three-week workshops. For many of the international participants, it is often their first visit to Australia. There is a deliberate mix of established academics and research students at each workshop, yet all are considered equal, sharing with and learning from each other.

Accommodation is provided at the University campus and there is the dedicated MATRIX House, one of the renovated cottages on campus, which provides meeting facilities and office space with many whiteboards for nutting out those pesky partial differential equations! All participants share breakfast and dinner together, very ably provided by Adam of Creswick Catering, and the rec room is popular in the evenings. At lunchtime, participants are encouraged to go into town to enjoy a walk and Creswick's various cafes.

The whole idea is to put these experts together in an immersive 24/7 environment, to stimulate discussions and creative thinking to further develop knowledge in the mathematical sciences as well as on specific questions that mathematics can help resolve. The sixty-seven research programs held so far cover the breadth of mathematical disciplines, from those with a pure research focus to more applied programs such as AI, infectious diseases, and development of algorithms. A volume summarising the year's research is published annually.

Every year, MATRIX partners with the University of Newcastle's Priority Research Centre for Computer Assisted Research Mathematics and its Application (CARMA) to sponsor a Maths Art/Poster Competition. The striking and colourful artwork is a visual representation of mathematical equations. The winners of the 2022 competition are currently on show in the University's Creswick campus reception.

MATRIX exists under the auspices of the University of Melbourne, Monash University and the Australian National



Professor Jan de Gier, Director of MATRIX
Photo courtesy of Peter McArthur

University. It also receives support from the University of Queensland (who will soon join the full partnership), the Australian Research Council and the US-based Simons Foundation. MATRIX enjoys long-term partnerships with research institutes in Germany, the US, South Korea and Japan, hosting simultaneous tandem research workshops from time to time on an online conference platform.

Professor Jan de Gier, Professor in Mathematical Physics at the

University of Melbourne since 2014, was appointed the first Director of MATRIX in 2015. He is enthusiastic about our town, considering Creswick a wonderful environment for inspiring creative thinking. On the day *CDN* visited MATRIX, for example, Professor Andrew Hassell, eminent mathematician and 2022 Laureate Fellow of the Australian Research Council, was attending his fourth MATRIX event. Andrew spoke highly of the Institute, crediting Professor de Gier for fostering such a welcoming and stimulating space. The warmth and enthusiasm exhibited by all the participants certainly lends credence to that belief.

It is gratifying that Creswick continues to benefit from the presence of the University campus, beyond its original Forestry School. The benefits, in the form of business for example, are not just material - the presence of these academics brings an added energy to our go-ahead little town. Yet MATRIX has also benefitted. It is clear that the warmth and vibrancy of the town, as well as the beautiful landscape, contribute considerably to the ongoing success of such an internationally important enterprise as MATRIX.

Maria Taylor

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KINGSTON SHOW

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Artwork from the CARMA-MATRIX Maths Art/Poster Competition 2022



*Navier-Stokes Equation, artist Peijing Li; Singular Wave, artist Peter H van der Kamp;
Curlicued trajectories from Lorenz chaotic system – 3, artist Rahil Valani
Photo courtesy of Peter McArthur*

Creswick Lions Club



Graeme Mitchell and Meg Ford

Masonic Hall and the Pavilion Arts



Photo courtesy of Michael Clark

SWAN HILL TRIP FOR PROBUS CLUB OF CRESWICK



100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

November 2, 1923

On Tuesday afternoon an interesting ceremony took place at the Creswick State School, No. 122, when Lady Peacock presented the prizes to the winners of the writing competition. The chief prize – known as the “James Edward Cowling Annual Memorial Prize for Handwriting” is to be given annually to the pupil who, in the opinion of the head teacher, has shown most improvement in writing during each school year.

November 6, 1923

Kooroocheang – the rainfall in October was 3.40 points, falling on 12 different days. The grass is looking well now, and stock are improving rapidly. Shearing is just commencing, and the clip looks bright, but will be light and tender in most cases. The Hawthorn hedges are now out in bloom, and make everything look spring-like.

November 10, 1923

Clunes, Coghill's Creek, Beckworth & Eglinton Agricultural Society.

Annual show will be held Thursday, November 22nd. Entries close November 15th. 30 pound for Heavy and Light Hunters. Silver Cup and 15 pound for Fat Lambs. Special train from Newlyn.

G. C. Symons, Secretary.

November 13, 1923

Mr. W. I. Toose, J.P., Smeaton, celebrated his (sic) from total blindness for nearly two years, he has experienced very little pain with it.

He remembers well the memorable day in January, 1856, when, at the age of 14, he landed with his parents on the Yarra, and the rickety old sheds stored with goods alongside where the ships were moored. Then the long journey via Geelong to Ballarat, where he remained for some time, with his mother and sisters, while his father,

the late Mr. F. Toose, with his brother, the present Mr. F. Toose, of Smeaton, came on to clear the ground, erect the fences, and build the home.

November 16, 1923

Rocky Lead State School. Grand Concert and dance on Tuesday, 20th November. Splendid programme. Moonlight. Harold E. Loader, Head Teacher.

November 20, 1923

Dean – A grand concert is to be held in the Dean hall next Friday evening, the admission to which has been fixed at 1/- . Supper will be provided. A dance is to follow, and Rieniets' Orchestra will supply the music.

November 23, 1923

The congregation of the Creswick and Dean Presbyterian Churches have made a forward move in providing better travelling facilities for their pastor, the Rev. S. A. Eastman, for they have now placed a motor car at his disposal. This should be beneficial, not only to the rev. gentleman, but to his flock.

November 27, 1923

Glendonald – The condition of the main road from Creswick to Clunes, particularly near Cattle Station Hill, is very bad and unsafe for the motor and vehicle traffic, owing to the worn state of the road and numerous holds that bump severely if the drivers fail to observe them. The Ballarat Shire Council should be urged to give this section immediate attention, and the Talbot Shire Council should attend to many repairs needed between Maryfield and Clunes.

November 30, 1923

All ladies and gentlemen interested in the erection of a soldiers' memorial in Creswick are requested to attend a public meeting, to be held in the council chambers on Saturday (Tomorrow) evening, at 8 o'clock.



SWAN HILL TRIP FOR PROBUS CLUB OF CRESWICK

A group of thirty-two members of the Probus Club recently spent five days at Swan Hill and enjoyed many of the local attractions as well as good food, great weather and lots of laughs. The daily excursions were many and varied, one being a *Conflation* Exhibition at the Swan Hill Art Gallery which was quirky and thought provoking. There was also a visit to Newton's Scrollwork Gallery where everyone was in awe of his skill with a scroll saw, his work was intricate and fantastic.

There was a relaxing trip on a paddle steamer and a look around the Pioneer Village. A real treat was exploring the

Flying Boat Museum at Lake Boga. It was fascinating to discover how Lake Boga provided a perfect base for the Flying Boats during the war.

Organisers of the trip, Don and Joan Sargeant and Ray and Irene Lethlean, have been putting these trips together for sixteen years and after all this time have decided to step down, making Swan Hill their swan song. Sincere thanks to them for all the effort and work they have put into organising each and every trip.

Shirley Symes, President

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Council news



CRESWICK TRAILS UPDATE



Progress continues on construction of the Creswick Trails with over 30 kilometers of trails complete or nearing completion.

Crews are working on armouring sections of trail that are damp or low lying with rocks to stabilise the soil and prevent erosion. When complete, rock armouring looks

like similar to a rock patio. Rock armouring is just one part of the natural drainage system that is being implemented as part of the trails network.

If you happen to come upon part of our construction site, please – for your safety and that of our contractors – do not attempt to enter or use the partially constructed trails. Until we open the trails formally, the trails are an active construction site. Thanks for your understanding.



BOWLING GREEN UPDATE



The Creswick Bowling Green Redevelopment project is progressing well with the suspended concrete slab subbase recently completed by PM Building.

Sub-contractor Berry Bowling Systems has commenced works for the installation of the new synthetic bowling green.

The project is still on track for an anticipated completion and handover this year. Updates are available at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/creswick-bowling-green-redevelopment>

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E-WASTE DISPOSAL



After the success of the e-waste recovery pilot at Daylesford Transfer Station, electronic items are now available for purchase at all transfer stations - Creswick, Daylesford and Trentham.

All items pass safety inspections and are sold as is. This work is part of unlocking circular economy opportunities and increasing resource recovery locally in our Shire.



NETWORKING NIGHT

Council invites local businesses across the shire to the free end-of-year Business Networking Night at the Daylesford Hotel on Tuesday 28 November, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. The informal event will bring together business owners/operators and industries to celebrate the year's achievements and build future connections.

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Creswick Capers

Leadership at Creswick Primary School takes many forms for students, incorporating the roles that each child plays within the classrooms, the playground and the community. However, when they enter their grade 5 and 6 years of school, the students have additional opportunities of taking on a variety of other positions, including School Captains and Vice Captains, House Captains and Playground Mentors.

The school always instils in them the need to be positive role models in all aspects of their lives, as you do not need a badge to **lead**. They are all leaders – at present and in the future in everything that they do. Younger students look up to the older children and follow what they say and do, so it is imperative that they are providing appropriate examples for them to model.

When interviewed, the 2023 School Captains and Vice Captains, showed this was an area that they were very aware of. Throughout 2023 the captains have maintained an excellent level of behaviour, taking on a range of responsibilities, communicating in a friendly and effective manner when working with their peers, other students, staff and the wider school community.

These were their comments:

Veronica (School Captain) - *'I have enjoyed being School Captain because I have been able to do lots of things for the school. One of those was delivering the ANZAC Day poem at the cenotaph in Creswick. Each week we also have the responsibility of setting up for assembly where we share the roles around fairly'.*

Jackson (School Captain) – *'I enjoyed the opportunity to*

boost my confidence in preparation for my transition to secondary school in 2024, through the many tasks involved in speaking to others, delivering speeches and representing our school'.

Lilah (Vice Captain) – *'I enjoyed the responsibilities that came with the role, as we were the students that had been selected for these opportunities. At assembly we got to sit up the front and conduct the entire program for the school, after being trusted by staff to set everything up'.*

Xavier (Vice Captain) – *'I enjoyed the many different opportunities to go to different places to represent our school, including Selkirk Bricks, GRIP Leadership and ANZAC Day'.*

Vicki Hughes, Classroom Teacher

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St Augustine's School

Another busy month!

Year 6 visited St Michael's school in Daylesford for the *Little Feet Big Footprints* day. We shared what we have been doing in our Social Justice work. Each group presented what they have done. We may only be small groups but we have had an impact on others in our world.

Tony Collier taught students some golf skills with everyone improving over the two weeks. Four students were chosen to go to the golf tournament day. Izak, Ella, Bing and Georgie had a great day golfing.

The Sacramental Program for this year concludes with First Eucharist. Seventeen children are preparing and the celebration is on Sunday, 26 November.

Children who will be in Foundation next year, have visited quite a few times this year already and been made to feel welcome. They have been completing activities with Miss Jess and getting to know the school.

This month the school farewelled Karen Williams who is moving to a new job closer to home. Karen has been the

Administration Manager for the last eighteen months. We thank her for all her care and hard work. For the rest of this term, Anita Lidgett will provide support in the office on Thursday and Friday each week. Welcome Anita.

The portables are now set up with lessons for library, art, science and Japanese being taught there.

On Monday, 30 October, the years 5 and 6 classes visited the Eureka Education Centre in Ballarat. They learnt a lot about the Eureka Stockade through some fun and interesting activities.

On Wednesday, 1 November Ava went to the State level to compete in shot put.

The school sports are coming up on Friday, 17 November. We hope for great weather and a fantastic day.

Editorial team: Christian and Edward

Editors Note: Thank you to Christian and Edward for the wonderful contributions they have written for Creswick District News this year.

Congratulations to Cr Henderson

Cr Don Henderson has been recognised by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) for his outstanding contribution to Hepburn Shire. Cr Henderson received a fifteen-year service award from the MAV last week. He is the longest serving councillor since Hepburn Shire was formed in 1995.

(L-R) Cr Henderson, Deputy Mayor Cr Lesley Hewitt, Mayor Cr Brian Hood and Acting Chief Executive Officer Bruce Lucas.



Northerly News



Will and Hudson doing some planting.

Creswick Capers

2023 Captains Jackson, Veronica, Xavier, Lilah





Creswick Bowling Club News

The bowling season has commenced albeit with the usual washout for the first round of midweek Pennant.

Matches played up to the end of October have resulted in a mixed bag of outcomes. Midweek Pennant Division 1 has Creswick sitting on top of the ladder, while Division 4 are ninth. Saturday Pennant Division 1 side is seventh and Division 4 is ninth.

Extensive work has been undertaken on the redevelopment of the green and it is hoped to see the carpet laid by the middle of November. Once this is completed and the club has been given the go-ahead to use the green, there will be an open day for the whole Creswick community to come along and help christen the new surface. It is hoped to conduct *Twilight Try Bowls* on Wednesday nights during February, under lights if required. Watch this space for further details about times.

St John Ambulance personnel recently conducted a session on the *Use of the Defibrillator* at the clubhouse. Eighteen people attended the session and were shown the latest methods of what to do in the event of an emergency. Thanks to the Community Bank Creswick & District for their very generous donation for the purchase of a new defibrillator.

The club's Friday night dinners and social gatherings are continuing each week from 6.00pm. Everyone is invited to come along and partake of a two-course meal and sociable drinks. Non-members are charged \$12 for the meal and drinks are at reasonable prices at the bar. Become a Social Member and you can be eligible to be included in the Member's Draw, cheaper meals and drinks. Raffles, sponsored by Sinclair Meats, Latrobe Street Delacombe, are conducted. Sinclairs have been a generous supporter of Friday night dinners for quite a few years and their support is much appreciated.

Local primary schools have been contacted with an invitation to consider a bowling program for the senior students as part of the New Year's activities program, in either January or February.

Sadly, the club is mourning the passing of one of its past members. Peter Coffield passed away on 15 October and his relatives and friends spent the afternoon at the clubhouse sharing stories and memories of him. He was a passionate bowler during his time at Creswick.

*Bernie O'Malley
Secretary*

Masonic Hall and the Pavilion Arts

Old Masters Exhibition

Pavilion Arts held their *Old Masters Exhibition* in the Masonic Hall over the Melbourne Cup weekend.

Complementing the exhibition, of course, was the artwork on the walls of the Masonic Hall itself. The Lodge thought it might be appropriate to explain a little about that artwork.

The words and symbols shown on the walls are to remind members of the teachings and objectives of Freemasonry. The symbols represent the values which members uphold as a guide through life.

The painting on the walls was done in 1894 and they have not been touched since. It was recently discovered that the work was done by Thomas Kift and Son, a firm of painters and paperhangers from Ballarat. The quote was £25 and the work was completed in a week or so. The paint used was water colour and the reason it has lasted so well is the lack of light in the room.

The account for the finished work was accompanied by a letter which requested prompt payment *'for as you know money is tight and I have had to pay out most of it in wages'*. The account was paid in three days.

Craftsmen in those days, and the Amish people in the USA today, believed that only God was perfect, so they introduced a deliberate mistake into their work. It is believed that the artisans who painted the Masonic Hall did that as well. Look carefully at the inside surface of the door into the Lodge Room next time you visit.

For those who remember the demolished Methodist Church, now the carpark for the Neighborhood Centre in Victoria Street, it's a fair bet that the same firm did the artwork inside that Church.

For further information contact Michael Clark, 0409 421 547, Master of the Creswick Havilah Lodge.

Michael Clark

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Notherly News

Great work green thumbs!

All students at Creswick North Primary School had a big planting session around the school last week. Students from F – 6 along with some wonderful parents, all rolled up their sleeves to dig holes, plant some bushes, water them, and protect them with tree guards. They covered three of the boundary fences and planted up to eighty small trees. These bushes came from the Woolworths Landcare Grant and were bought from Avalon Nursery in Haddon. Nearly all of the bushes are native, bird-attracting, fire-resistant, and student-friendly! These new additions will be great for the grounds and the local environment.

Lots of people visited the school to vote on Referendum Day. Many people from the local community stopped and chatted and also bought a snag or two from the sausage sizzle. There were lots of positive comments from these visitors about how great the school looks .

There are plenty of new enrolments coming in for 2024, so if you would like a school tour to experience our fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012.

A reminder that Creswick North PS operates an After-School Program which runs every weekday from 3.30pm – 6.00pm, with lots of great activities for students.

*Matthew Reytjes
Principal*

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Look for the program online [@kingstonshow](#) and keep an eye out for the posters around the district.

Saturday, 9 December is family day with great events for all the family.

This year Working Yard Dogs return with two days of top-class competition. You'll see some of the state's top competitors and stars from the ABC Muster Dogs series!

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The crew from Snake Safe Victoria will be there with their amazing display of wildlife. Check out some of Australia's unique wildlife and get up close with a crocodile or a large python.

If you are a keen horse person, Sunday, 10 December is the place to be for our renowned horse show, with over 100 classes. Sunday is just for horses.

Find us at [@kingstonshow](#) or contact us on 0419 527 734. Let us know if you would like to help.

Food and Wine Festival 2023 – Thank You



Thanks to everyone who made the inaugural festival a great success! There has been excellent feedback from patrons and exhibitors. It was a greatly enjoyable day. Attendees from around the region and beyond enjoyed the range of artisan producers

from our goldfields and spa country region. The live music and children's activities made for a great atmosphere. Thank you!

John Rowland, Secretary

Victoria Street Craft Group

The Victoria Street Craft Group would like to thank everyone who supported the recent successful garage sale. Also a thank you to the outsiders who helped. Without you it wouldn't have been possible.

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Creswick & District Historical Society

Old Photo and AGM



The Creswick & District Historical Society has recently been given a donation of several boxes of glass plate negatives taken in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The above photo was taken from Eastern Hill looking over the football reserve in 1867, which is approximately fourteen years after Creswick was settled. It was then known as Prince Leopold Park and now Hammon Park.

Quite a gathering of people, resplendent in their Sunday

best clothes, with refreshment rooms aplenty. Note the hotels, banks and churches on the hill behind. The Society will share further photographs in the coming months.

The Historical Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 23 November, 2.30pm in the Seniors' Rooms for anyone interested in coming along.

Marjorie Poole



VALE

Sadly, the old Friends of Park Lake, whose workers were known at the *Pixies* saw the passing of two valued supporters recently. They pay tribute to the contribution of Mrs Jean Rhook. Regardless of her thalidomide affliction, Jean would tackle any problem, head on. She served time as a reliable Treasurer of the Friends and was a regular and hard worker at the Wednesday working bees, with her friend Helen Kellas. She is remembered with love and appreciation for her contribution.

Secondly, Dr Kevin Tolhurst, AM whose untimely passing shocked us all. Kevin's skill and knowledge was given unstintingly to the recording of the history

of Park Lake, ably assisted by his wife Rosemary, and to the planning and development of the eastern end of the park. Never once did he say 'No' to a request for help, no matter how full his personal schedule was. He was a truly dedicated and irreplaceable forester, his contribution beyond measure.

We mourn their passing but are grateful for the time and energy that they gave us. We are the richer for sharing their time and a common interest in the town. We remember them with love and gratitude and send our sympathy to their families.

Val, on behalf of all those who were privileged to work with Jean and Kevin.

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Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Visit to Parliament House

On Wednesday, 18 October Leah Armstrong and Julie Baulch had the **honour of visiting Parliament House** on the invitation of Member for Ripon Martha Haylett MP. They were joined by Peter Rickard, and his wife Kath, in the Parliamentary Library. Peter generously donated a copy of his book *Sentinels of Service: Volunteers of the Kingston Avenue of Honour*, and other books, to the library. The Friends donated a second copy. Many thanks to Martha for a wonderful, guided tour of the Parliament Building.

The Friends are delighted to inform that Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc. is now registered as a charity with the **Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission**. This is the first step in accessing Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, 22 November at the *Commercial at Kingston Hotel*, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. The guest speaker is Phil Roberts OAM, author of *Avenue of Memories*, the story of the Ballarat Avenue of Honour and other Avenues, including Kingston's. To attend, please RSVP to the email below by Friday, 17 November for catering Purposes.

If anyone has an interest in the work of the Committee,

please provide your name and phone number in an email to the address below and the Friends will be in touch with you.

Meeting Avenue Families – **amendment to last CDN article:** Tom Davies, grandson of Phillip Davies, comes from Maryborough, Victoria, not Queensland.

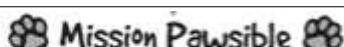
A press release to regional newspapers has been sent in the hope of contacting descendants of people connected to the trees that will be replanted next year.

The partnership with **Council** continues to strengthen through the quarterly Working Group meetings. The usual Working Bee to prepare for Remembrance Day was not required this year due to the diligent work of the Council works team. A report is currently being prepared for the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing on how the grant is progressing. We take this opportunity to thank Simon Fishlock and Matthew Daniel in particular.

Save the Date: Creswick Market – 18 November.

Julie Baulch

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Holy Eucharist, St Paul's Church, Clunes, 5.30pm

Holy Eucharist, St John's Church, Creswick, 7.30pm

Monday, 25 December – Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, All Saints' Church, Learmonth, 9.30am

Holy Eucharist Services, January 2024

Sunday, 7 January, St Paul's Church, Clunes, 10.00am

Sunday, 14 January, St John's Church, Creswick,
10.00am

Sunday, 21 January, All Saints' Church, Learmonth,
10.00am

Sunday, 28 January, St John's Church, Creswick,
10.00am

St John's Church, 103 Napier St, Creswick

St Matthew's Church, 12 Newlyn-Reservoir Rd, Newlyn

St Paul's Church, 11 Templeton St, Clunes

All Saints' Church, 214-216 Sunraysia Hwy, Learmonth

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Enquiries: Fr Chris Keast 0413 689 003

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Booklovers Sale
John Curtin—Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December, 10.00am to 3.00pm

Kingston Show,
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Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December, 10.00am to 3.00pm

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief – 2nd Wednesday of the month 1.00pm – 2.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria St.

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

Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.
Meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and open to anyone who is interested.
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Contact the secretary on info@creswick.net

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

Creswick Cemetery –
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REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church Parish Every Sunday - 9.30am All Welcome.
130 Albert Street Creswick (The pretty pink church on the hill)
Supply Minister: Rev Kate Tierney 0404 853 505 or email tierneycatherine53@gmail.com

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

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

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

Creswick & District U3A - 0490 444 519 email info@creswicku3a.com website www.creswicku3a.com

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

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

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

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Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356 creswicknc.org/creswick-market Email market@cnc.org.au

Creswick Probus Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am. Inquiries email creswickprobus@gmail.com

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

Freedom In Christ-Church
Creswick RSL Hall Albert Street Sundays 10.30am – 12.30pm Contact 0400 138 089.

Friends of Park Lake
First Thursday of each month, 4.00pm, Biggin Scott Meeting Room. Enquiries: sec.friendsofcreswickparklake@gmail.com

Park Lake working bees 1.30pm with Wine O'clock 3.30pm on the jetty every Saturday

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

Museum Research Centre - Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests to info@creswickmuseum.org.au

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

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc Meetings at 6pm on Mondays:
3rd July; 4th September; 4th December - Creswick Railway Station

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

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