

Creswick District News

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Creswick Spring Festival 2021

31 OCTOBER – 28 NOVEMBER



Creswick Scout Group's Fast & Furious Billycart Race. Sunday 31 October. Napier Street, from Hall St to Victoria St. Register from 9am, first race at 10am. BYO billycart. \$5 entry fee per event. jodi.creswickscoutgroup@outlook.com.au



Shannon's Bridge Ofrenda. 10am-4pm, Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 November. 96 Albert St. Come pay a joyful tribute to departed loved ones by leaving a photo or memento on our Dia de los Muertos remembrance altar. Free entry and face painting. shannonsbridge@gmail.com



Halloween Lantern Parade. Thursday 4 November at Hammon Park. Kids, bring your own lanterns... and your Mum and Dad. Starting at 6pm with a free

Sausage Sizzle for the whole family and a scary story from Mr Midnight, followed by the Lantern Parade and finishing off with a burning sculpture. info@creswickartspavilion.org.au



Alisa Tanaka-King is hosting two evenings of her extraordinary FOCUS dinners. 7pm, Friday 5 and Saturday 6 November at the Creswick Courthouse, 2 Raglan Street. Attendance is free, but be prepared to make new friends... and to get to know yourself a little better! alisatanakaking@gmail.com



Creswick Garden Club. Saturday, 6 November, 9.00am. Plant and garden ornament sale at the RSL Hall. Display of scarecrows made by the school students. creswickgardenclub@gmail.com



Creswick Market. 9am-1pm Saturday 6 and 20 November, 21 Victoria Street. A happy small town market featuring fabulous local food, wine, art, crafts and plants. creswickmarket.com.au



Creswick Brass Band. The happy band from the Central Highlands. will be playing at the Creswick Market on Saturday 6 and 20 November, 21 Victoria Street.



Creswick Folk & Acoustic Group. 1.30pm-5pm, Saturday 6 November at Creswick Railway Station. Join us for an afternoon of folk music, bush poetry and yarn spinning. Mark & Carolyn, 5345 6446



Creswick Spring Festival 2021 Art Show. 1pm-4pm Friday 19 November and 10am-4pm Saturday 20 through to Monday 22 November, Creswick Town Hall. Tickets at the door. info@creswickartspavilion.org.au



Creswick Old Masters Exhibition. An exhibition celebrating Creswick's artistic heritage. 10am-4pm, Saturday 20 November, Sunday 21 November, Creswick Havalah Masonic Lodge, 96 Albert Street. Tickets at the door. info@creswickartspavilion.org.au



Cross 4 a Cause Cyclocross. 3pm-10pm, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November, at Hammon Park. Celebrate the end of the 2021 Cyclocross season with one very last very 'Creswick' race. Entries coming soon at www.entryzone.com.au

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Creswick District News

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CRESWICK SPRING FESTIVAL 2021

**NEW DATES - 31 OCTOBER –
28 NOVEMBER**

Four weeks of events with a Halloween Lantern Parade and a Billycart Race especially for the kids, a Garden Club plant sale, Creswick's famous markets, art exhibitions, music, creative dining, a Cyclocross event and more for the rest of us. For more information about individual events, see the front page.

Andrew Bell

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Rainfall

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

	2019 mm	2020 mm	2021 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	
November	71.0	52.2	
December	20.5	58.5	
TOTAL	695.5	755.4	669.4

Senior Cits News

There are some activities in the Seniors Club that we cannot carry out, such as the Social Days we all enjoyed so much. However, we get together when we can, and have small groups for Scrabble, euchre and bingo. If there are any seniors out there who would like to join us for these activities on a Wednesday and Friday, you would be most welcome.

Phone 5345 2108 or 5334 6526

Be proud to be a senior.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526



Cemetery News

The Creswick Cemetery Trust managed to have the Annual General Meeting between lockdowns and the incoming Chairperson is Sally Kennedy (who also held the position last year), with Wendy Ohlsen being re-appointed as Secretary for the coming year.

Please be aware of the COVID restrictions when visiting the cemetery and attending funerals. As they change frequently, please check the DHHS website, www.dhhs.vic.gov.au, to see which restrictions are applicable at the time of your visit.

Also a BIG thank you to Ray for designing and making hooks for the bins, it was very much appreciated.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

CRESWICK THEATRE COMPANY

Performance Opportunity

At a time when theatres across the country are closed and shows are being cancelled, Creswick Theatre Company has decided to dig deep and find a way to give high school-aged youths a chance to get creative during COVID.

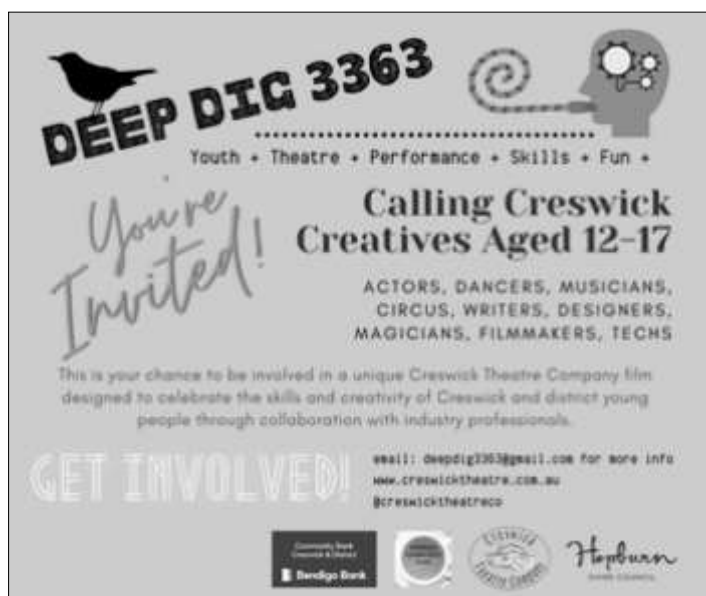
The focus of *DeepDig3363* will be to celebrate the performance skills of young people in Creswick - from acting to music, from hip-hop to skateboarding - by featuring them in a community-made film which time-travels between the gold-mining days and modern Creswick.

The project is sponsored by Hepburn Shire Council, Community Bank Creswick & District and the Hepburn Community Fund. It will be directed by Damien Pree from *Big Human Projects* who has over thirty years in the industry and will provide workshops in film, acting, writing, diorama making, sound effects and other technical aspects which will be used to create the film.

'Throughout the next ten weeks, young people aged 12-17 in Creswick will have the opportunity to work with arts professionals to explore new skills and create a uniquely Creswickian experience on film to be shown before the end of the year', says Damien.

For more information about upcoming workshops, auditions and to get involved, email or contact via the Creswick Theatre Company Facebook page.

Tim Drylie



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WHERE NOW FOR PARK LAKE?

Friends of Park Lake

Everyone who has enjoyed the re-development of Park Lake over the past twenty-three years, must realise that those doing the work have grown old in that time. A newer and younger team is needed to step up and take control. To this end, an AGM will be held in the Library Meeting Room at the Creswick Hub on Saturday, 6 November at 10.00am. Please ask yourself if you can be supportive of Creswick's Historical Botanical Reserve and help carry it forward through this 21st century. There are exciting developments possible with your support – such as working with advice from the Dja Dja Wurrung people on growing indigenous vegetables; developing the Reserve as a teaching facility of environmental importance and providing an example to people from other towns on what can be done in their communities too. Developments such as these can come from the active imagination of interested parties.

Friends of Park Lake have not been in the public eye much of late, but are well aware of the very sad destruction that was done to the plantings that commemorated the 160th anniversary in April. The Park belongs to us all, so this is an offence against every Creswick resident. To all who attended the commemoration, we will replace those plants. Most of the name tags have gone too, so we would appreciate your advising Val on 5345 1310 so that your efforts on that day, can be restored.

So, all caring Creswickians are called on to attend that AGM and give your support. Val is too old to continue, much as she would love to be part of the progress, she is wearing out rapidly. She is very grateful for the ongoing support of Bob Orr OAM and Mrs Dianne Goates, who have taken on the roles of President and Treasurer during the past six months. Remember that, as in all things political, it is the squeaky door that gets the oil. Come and squeak for your Park!

Val Lawrence



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CRESWICK TRAILS AND HAMMON PARK TRAILHEAD UPDATE

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Stay up to date on the projects at www.creswicktrails.com.

DAVISON – Kathleen Mary (nee Rickard) 30.9.1931 – 08.09.2021

Mother to Elizabeth, Ann, Michael (dec),
Mitzi and Andrew

Grandmother to Leanne, Kylie, James, Shane,
Sarah and Liam

Great-Grandmother to Hayden, Rohan, Georgie, Max,
Charlie, Chevy, Isabella, Charles and Madeline

In-and-outlaw to Geoff, Brian, Phil, Victor, Melissa,
Stacy and Tom.

After a long life of fierce, tenacious love, a woman who lived for her family, giving everything she had, keeping nothing back for herself (except a huge devotion for the Richmond Football Club) has finally breathed her last,
'Goodbye, Love You!'

A private funeral was held.

For details see vereyfuneraldirectors.com.au



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

The Australian Energy Commissioner's Visit

On 23 September, Commissioner Andrew Dyer visited local farms, tourist outlets, the heritage listed Grandstand at Kingston and the Avenue of Honour. Andrew encouraged individuals to write to him if they have any concerns about the impact the proposed Western Victorian Transmission Network Project will have on the district. Andrew's contact details and more information about his visit can be found on the Kingston & District Power Alliance Facebook page.

Defibrillator for the Community

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc. was successful in applying for a defibrillator via a *Stronger Communities Program* grant. The *Zoll Automatic* is now registered with Ambulance Victoria and Triple 000. Many thanks to Trace Williams for preparing the application and to Catherine King's Office for their assistance.

The defibrillator will be located at the *Commercial@Kingston*. When training can take place then a list of telephone numbers of approved volunteers will be distributed to service Allendale, Broomfield, Kingston and Springmount. The defibrillator will be available for onsite community events such as commemorative events in the Avenue, the Kingston Show and the Creswick and District Motorcycle Club, Allendale.

Remembrance Day


Please join the Service at the Cenotaph at the corner of Kingston and Victoria Roads. It will start at 10.45am with a cuppa afterwards. If you would like to purchase a wreath, please see the RSL article on page 11 for details.

Julie Baulch

On behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

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KATHY BURGUM - A Well Travelled Life

Training with a small accounting practice in my hometown of Bolton provided an overall appreciation of most business activities and gave me an insight into psychology. I chose to specialise in taxation to help clients strategically structure business operations and minimise tax costs. I became one of the first women Chartered Accountants in England and most of my future career was with major international accounting firms based in capital cities which included London, Brussels, Hong Kong and Singapore, before settling in Australia in 1998. It was here that I attained a Master of International Tax degree at the University of Melbourne in 2003. Obstacles experienced along the journey fortunately became learning opportunities which resulted in success and life enrichment.



In my chosen field, I have been privileged to work with leaders, both women and men, privately and family owned businesses along with multinational corporations. I trained and mentored multicultural team members in their career development and professionally presented to business audiences.

There are many stories to tell based on living and working within different cultures and I have chosen a few of the highlights to share with you. Mahatma Gandhi once said *'You must be the change you want to see in the world'*.

While based in London, my most interesting assignment was to analyse the financial accounts of a multinational company which was the target of a takeover. This involved providing a written report to the Board of Directors of the acquiring company. As the project was highly confidential, I was provided with an office of my own overlooking Lake Geneva, Switzerland. I enjoyed the challenge and developing my investigatory, written communication and documentation skills, but missed the lack of verbal communication and social connection due to the secrecy surrounding this assignment. It was a bit like living in mini-lockdown.

In Singapore, one major project was establishing a new group to prepare tax returns for United States citizens who worked within the Asia Pacific region. The main client was a US oil company based in Indonesia with an office in Jakarta, Java, and two oil-based sites in the midst of the Sumatran jungle. One of the sites contained a small village which included a school and accommodation where most of the management employees were housed. The other mining site, about an hour's drive into the jungle, was

reached by driving along a road made of oil and soil. This was treacherous when it rained. I often closed my eyes when I got into the car trusting the driver would deliver me safely to my destination. Most of my time was spent meeting the American employees discussing items to be reported in their US income tax returns. I spent over a year in Indonesia. As the client's business grew, I trained additional staff in Singapore to prepare these returns. I will always remember the challenging environment.

During a routine job performance review with one of my team in Adelaide, I explained that frequent talking about non-work-related issues was disruptive to the team's efficiency. I asked the employee whether they enjoyed their work. During this discussion it became apparent they were in the wrong job and, after reviewing their talents and interests, they chose to pursue a career in engineering. Although seemingly a prosaic interview, it had a profound effect on me when I realised that change was inevitable in life. I foresaw a need to communicate this vision - to empower individuals to live life fully, with harmony in each area of life and without limitations in order to become the best version of themselves. Subsequently, I drafted the skeleton for a book.

After leaving full-time employment in 2011, I chose to study, practise and experience the science of Yoga, which expanded my heart and mind with a deeper sense of ongoing awareness. I qualified as a Yoga teacher. Coincidentally during that time I met a publisher, who was interested in reviewing the book draft. *Celebrate Your Gold Within* was published in 2018, a unique workbook that also includes my life story.

With the help of social media, I am developing a course, based on the vision of the book, to empower a global community to attain their ideal lifestyle, to transform obstacles into limitless opportunities during difficult times, whilst maintaining peace of mind and happiness during daily turmoils.

I enjoy living in Creswick, connecting with the locals, being a Panel member on the Hepburn Community Vision and Council Plan and a volunteer mentor with Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council, along with other organisations. My hobbies include travel, designing jewellery, the arts, and hot air ballooning.

Kathy Burgum

CROSS 4 a CAUSE

Recently, the VOGA Cycle Club of Creswick hosted two Cyclo-Cross (CX) events at Hammon Park in Creswick, a competitive event as part of the National CX series sanctioned by the *Union Cycliste Internationale* (UCI). A series of fun events was held later in the day, in support of Motor Neurone Disease Victoria's **Cross 4 a Cause**.

Motor neurone disease is the name given to a group of diseases in which the nerve cells, neurones, controlling the muscles that enable us to move around, speak, breathe and swallow, fail to work normally. It is also known as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Lou Gehrig's disease or *Maladie de Charcot* (Charcot's disease). In Victoria approximately 400 people are living with the condition at any given time. Life expectancy, post diagnosis, can be as short as eighteen months.

The VOGA Cycle Club's **CROSS 4 a CAUSE** event aimed to raise money for MND Victoria to assist in the research into the causes of MND and to fund equipment to support those unfortunate enough to have contracted the disease. It is also hoped to assist families and partners of MND sufferers.

Another Cross 4 a Cause Cyclocross event will be held on the weekend of Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November. See the Spring Festival Program on page 1.

For more information go to **Voga Cycle Club** on either the web page at: www.vogacycleclub.com.au or facebook: www.facebook.com/pg/Voga.Cycle.Club.Creswick



COUNCIL AWARDS COMMUNITY GRANTS

Congratulations to Creswick and District Senior Citizens, Daylesford and District Horticultural Society, Daylesford Lawn Tennis Club, and Sprung Circus Incorporated, who will share in \$8,559.42 as part of Hepburn Shire Council's first round of grants for 2021/2022.

Council is supporting a project to celebrate spring; a display of historic images, information and memorabilia related to the Daylesford Lawn Tennis Club; an update to the seniors' kitchen at Creswick; and an end of term performance for young circus performers.

'It's great to see such an interesting and varied range of projects that will benefit community members of all ages', said Mayor, Cr Lesley Hewitt. *'This funding helps to bring colour and fun to our community, which we wholeheartedly support',* she said.

Badge found in Creswick goes home to South Australia



A couple of weeks before Christmas 2020, local Ken Winnell, whilst prospecting with his metal detector, came across what he thought was a war medal at Park Lake Creswick. Ken passed the medal onto a member of the Creswick-Smeaton RSL, who then handed it to Phil Greenbank the RSL's

Memorial and Memorabilia Officer earlier this year. Research showed the medal was a badge originally issued in WWI, then later in WWII.

There were three types of badges issued each with a registration number on the back.

1. Returned from Active Service
2. Discharged Returned Soldier
3. Mothers and Widow's badge.

This badge is the *Returned from Active Service* with Registration number 218391. It was originally assumed that it belonged to a Victorian soldier from WWI. After checking the number in the registers for Victoria WWI then WWII, no match was found. Then a search was started in the registers of other states for both wars. Finally the number was found in a WWII register for South Australia.

The number belongs to Milton Vivian Leitch born 18 January 1904 in Naracoorte. He was living in Penola when he enlisted, on 20 July 1940, in Adelaide, with Service Number SX9199. Milton Leitch served with the 2nd/14th Field Regiment and held the rank of Sergeant when he was discharged on 8 January 1946.

The badge was issued after he was discharged. It is not known how the badge ended up in Victoria unless Milton travelled to Creswick at some point.

An article about the finding of the badge and seeking the next of kin, was sent to the local newspapers in Penola and Naracoorte in South Australia which published the story. The article was seen by Bill Leitch, the great nephew of Milton. Due to COVID travel restrictions the local RSL was unable to present the badge to Bill and family personally. The Creswick-Smeaton RSL contacted the President of the Coonawarra/Penola RSL, Peter De Garis, who was happy to present the badge on behalf of the Creswick-Smeaton RSL. The badge was posted to Peter and presented to Bill Leitch and family at a special dinner on Friday, 13 August, 2021.

The family have no idea how the badge ended up in Creswick as Milton had no family contact here.

Phil Greenbank

Creswick-Smeaton RSL

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Permits and consents for the trails to be built are going through the required process, and Mayor, Cr Lesley Hewitt, said Council is looking forward to constructing the projects once approvals are in place.

"This will be a great asset for our community, both offering locals the opportunity to get active and explore our beautiful bushland, and the economic benefits that come from people visiting our Shire," said Cr Hewitt.

Council has publicly advertised the planning permit and received a number of submissions.

While the planning permit process is undertaken, work is underway to finalise the construction documentation for tender. Once a permit is considered and approved, a construction tender will be advertised. We are expecting the tender to be advertised at the end of January 2022 and Council will consider awarding the contract at a Council meeting shortly thereafter.

"A lot of the process for constructing trails relies on approvals from other agencies, so we're doing what we can to keep this project moving," said Cr Hewitt.

"While the process may seem slow, it is a legislated and necessary part of the pre-construction work to ensure that what is built meets or exceeds requirements associated with constructing on Crown Land," she said.

"We are grateful for the Victorian Government's commitment of \$2.1M towards the Hammon Park trailhead through the Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund – Stimulus Round."

The detailed design of the masterplan for the Hammon Park Trailhead is proceeding and is around 80% complete. This necessary step provides the detail required for construction firms to quote and construct the trailhead.

The masterplan includes details such as the precise location of features, services and paths, materials and testing details against known estimated costs.

"Once this work is complete we can release a construction tender for the trailhead. Should all go according to plan, we hope to award the contract at our December 2021 Council

meeting, and that construction on the trailhead will start early next year."

A tender to construct a new public toilet and Changing Places facility at Hammon Park is currently advertised, and closes in early October, with construction dates set around events scheduled for Hammon Park later in the year and contractor availability.

"We are committed delivering the Creswick Trails and Hammon Park trailhead. These important infrastructure projects will drive the economy in Creswick and surrounds," said Cr Hewitt.

"This is particularly important considering the impact of COVID on local business, and we look forward to delivering these projects for the community," said Cr Hewitt.

Stay up to date on the projects at www.creswicktrails.com.

STREETSCAPES

Council has commenced the planning work to deliver stage 2 of the Shire's Streetscape Plans. The planning for Creswick and Clunes is funded in this financial year.

The Streetscape Plans were developed for Clunes, Creswick, Glenlyon, Trentham and Hepburn, with significant input from the community, and adopted by Council in 2015. During this financial year work will focus on developing Stage 2 of the Clunes and Creswick streetscape concepts to detailed design with a view to construct in 2022/2023. This follows on from the completion of Stage 1 works.

To view the concept streetscape designs visit:

<https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/streetscape-updates-clunes-and-creswick>.

DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN

Our draft Community Vision and Council Plan, which includes the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, were open for public feedback until 27 August. We developed these strategic documents following extensive community consultation earlier this year as part of the Hepburn Together Project.

The draft documents will be considered at a Special Council Meeting on 26 October for endorsement.

WESTERN VICTORIA TRANSMISSION NETWORK

Council continues its advocacy and is strongly opposed to the transmission lines being above ground, and the potential location of the transmission station. Keep up to date with our activities at <https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/western-transmission-lines-project/>.

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OUR COUNCIL - DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Days for Girls Team

We believe in a world where periods are never a problem

Recently, a small group of volunteers gathered at the Verey Chapel to pack 200 menstrual kits. These kits are a safe, reusable solution to help manage menstruation for girls and women around the world. The kits include a washable, reusable pad, absorbent liners, carry pouch for transport and washing, panties, soap, washcloth, a care and use sheet which are all packed in a drawstring bag.

Days for Girls Australia Limited (DfGAL) and *World Vision Canada (WVC)* are working together to reach girls and women in refugee camps in South Sudan and Somalia. There are another 200 kits in storage which were made during COVID lockdowns. All these kits will go to this refugee project.

The team has over twenty volunteers offering their time and enthusiasm to make kits but support is needed to source the necessary materials. Daylesford Rotary over the past two years has generously donated cash allowing the purchase of goods required.

Donations of fabrics have come from many different people in the community which is a big saving. However, there is always a need for 100% cotton fabrics for the pads and cotton polyester fabrics for the hold all bags. If anyone has fabrics that are hiding in the back of cupboards, to check if they might be suitable for the kits, please ring Terri on 0414 657 461.

Residents at John Curtin Aged Care in Creswick have helped with putting the kits together by sorting and folding over 3,000 liners.

Providing 400 menstrual kits to the refugee project is a result of the community working together, so thank you all.

Lynn

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**Creswick
Garden Club**
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After much deliberation, the very sad news is Creswick Garden Club committee has postponed the Flower Show at the town hall. The good news is the Club has booked the RSL hall for Saturday, 6 November. Plants and gorgeous garden ornaments will be for sale from 9.00am. Please bring along something you are proud of from your garden, to be displayed for a show bench. The flowers will be donated to a local charity. Schools participating in the flower show will bring their scarecrows. Vote for your favourite and the winner will be awarded a prize. Some will also be for sale.

The Club is selling raffle tickets for a beautifully handmade quilt, a Christmas-inspired and embroidered throw. Thank you Elly. Help is needed to sell raffle tickets on 28 October, 18 November and 4 December. The time slots are 9.00am-11.00am, 11.00am - 1.00pm, 1.00pm - 3.00pm. Please let Jenny know if you can help. It will be drawn at the Club's Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, 7 December, so keep that date free. Further details will follow.

On Melbourne Cup Day, 2 November, the Club is hosting a BYO lunch at the Ballarat Botanical Gardens. Those attending will meet at the Lions' Gate opposite Pipers by the Lake at 12.00 noon. BYO lunch, chair, rug. It would be great to get in the spirit and wear a hat - fancy, funny or functional! Don't forget a thermos of hot water and the Club will provide tea, coffee, sugar and a biscuit. Of course, we will adhere to the COVID-19 restrictions current at the time. The Club's events are not looking as planned, however, we are doing the best we can. To book, call Jenny 0408 735 068.

Happy gardening from the Creswick Garden Club committee.

Maria Marco

Secretary

HEPBURN SHIRE LOOKS TO MELBOURNE CUP FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Council will write to the Minister for Small Business, requesting Melbourne Cup Day be declared as the official public holiday for the entire Hepburn Shire.

Townships on the western side of the Shire have previously observed the Ballarat Show Day public holiday, while the remainder of the shire observed the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

Council conducted an online survey in July, which found that 94% of respondents voted in favour of a shire-wide Melbourne Cup public holiday.



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100 Years Ago

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October 1, 1921

The series of Pleasant Sunday Afternoons conducted by the Creswick branch of the A.L.P., will be continued in the A.N.A. hall tomorrow afternoon, when Mr. T. C. Carey will speak on "The Guarantees of Peace". All are welcome, and questions are invited.

October 5, 1921

Residents of the town will be pleased to know that a brass band will enliven the proceedings during the "home-coming" week in November. A large number of members of the Smeaton band have joined with those of the Creswick Victory Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Percy Northcott, and they have commenced practicing. It is believed the united band will consist of fully 30 members.

October 8, 1921

Allendale – A full muster of members of the local fire brigade assembled on Monday night to bid farewell to Apparatus Officer R. Svanosio, who has been a member of the brigade for many years. Capt. Geo. Hobill presided.

October 12, 1921

The honor of Creswick is at stake. The "BACK TO CRESWICK" movement must be made a success. Assist to retain the name your town possesses by taking part in the work of arranging a monster reception. Meeting on Saturday night, in Council Chambers, town hall.

October 15, 1921

Football- The Camp Hill Stars played their final game of football last Saturday when they defeated Smeaton on

the Allendale ground. The central umpires were T. Wingate and L. Crane. Scores – Stars, 5 goals, 6 behinds; Smeaton 5 goals, 5 behinds. Best players for Stars – Revile, Featherstone, Peters, Riddiford, Ryan and Robson; and for Smeaton, S. Mitchell, Dial, Kennedy, Collins and Leishman.

October 19, 1921

Residents are reminded of the social to be held in the Rechabite hall tomorrow (Thursday) evening, in aid of the linen fund of the local hospital. A good programme will be given, including songs, games, dancing, etc.

October 22, 1921

District schools have been making a collection of eggs for the Creswick District hospital. North Creswick State School collected 45 dozen. The collection at the Springmount State School totalled 13 dozen.

October 26, 1921

Creswick Bowling Club – Members and intending Members, together with their Lady Friends, are invited to be present at the Ceremony of the Opening of the Green for the Season, to take place on Saturday, 29th October, at 3 pm. D. Dimsey, President; W. S. Northcott, Secty.

October 29, 1921

Mr. H. R. Jordan notifies that he is opening a cash bakery and small goods business next Tuesday. It was Mr. Jordan's intention to commence yesterday, but delay in fitting out the shop at the corner of Albert and Raglan streets prevented this.

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MY GARDEN What's in a name?

By Rhonda Cotsell

We experience individual plants in many different ways, from its particular requirements to exactly why we chose to have it in our gardens. Different plants also affect how we physically experience the coming and going of seasons. Each year as winter comes to an end some people who live with a garden can tell when spring is on its way, regardless of the date, because of a particular plant. My daphne, a pretty basic evergreen bush most of the time, annually signals winter's retreat by flooding my back door with a fragrance nothing short of divine.

Despite this annual olfactory garden celebration supreme, I know nothing about my daphne, so looked further. It was a bit of a shock to discover that all parts of my daphne are poisonous to humans and some domestic animals, especially the berries, and that contact with the sap can cause dermatitis in some. There were references to daphne being useful for treating a range of ailments but nothing conclusive so, given its toxicity, this needs more investigating.



Originally a native of China and Japan, the inner part of its tough, leathery bark was historically used to make fine quality paper and rope. In Japan its name is *jinchoge*, or *sweet daphne*. My favourite is its Korean name, *chulhiyang*, which means thousand mile scent.

Mine is a *daphne odora*, meaning fragrant. Its name, daphne, also comes from the Greek word for laurel, coming from the family Thymelaeaceae, genus daphne. In the language of flowers daphne represents immortality. The word daphne also comes from Greek mythology and means naiad, a female nymph associated with sources of fresh water. The natural habitat of the daphne plant is woodlands, which perhaps explains why mine doesn't mind the white hardenbergia which sprawls over it.

In Greco-Roman mythology Daphne is the daughter of the river God Peneus and the object of an infatuated Apollo (victim of a curse by jealous Cupid). She begs her father to protect her from his attentions, which he does by transforming her into a laurel.

So now as I step outside for my daily daphne hit I also check for signs of little red berries, or broken limbs leaking sap, and imagine a wood nymph crouching under the white Australian hardenbergia concealing her from both me and the love-struck Apollo roaming somewhere in my garden.



Remembrance Day 2021 in Creswick Thursday, 11 November

Creswick-Smeaton RSL is intending to hold a service on Remembrance Day, COVID permitting. Public attending this year's service are asked to be at the Cenotaph by 10.30am.

If you wish to order a wreath, please email creswicksmeatonrslsec@hotmail.com by Thursday, 4 November. Payment can be made by direct debit to Bendigo Bank BSB: 633 108, Account No: 135320364, Reference: wreath and surname or organisation name. Any updates regarding changes to the service will be on the RSL's website at creswicksmeatonrsl.org.au

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Creswick Capers

What an interesting term it turned out to be!

With grades 3 – 6 students only spending one full week at school for the term and the Foundation, grades 1 and 2, two full weeks, again there were challenges in fitting the many activities planned into an online setting.



However, one of the most successful events was the celebration of Book Week, even if it was a week late. This occurred remotely, with students exploring this year's theme - *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. When Book Week was first launched in 1945, its aim was to bring children and books together and each year the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week is celebrated right across Australia by schools, libraries, authors and illustrators, giving everyone the opportunity to acknowledge the importance of books, to enjoy them and the stories they share.

The students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, including a short story competition, a virtual Book Week dress-up, sharing their favourite book on one of the class Webex sessions, or an activity where they could create their own *world* on a globe by rolling a dice.



The students did an amazing job, with the support from home, to engage themselves in each of these events. Every year the children look forward to Book Week for the opportunity to dress up and share their favourite books and engage in the many activities associated with it. In 2021 there were some fantastic costumes, some very cleverly written short stories and some extensively detailed *New Worlds*.

Vicki Hughes, Class Teacher



CRESWICK LIONS CLUB

Shannon's Bridge at Meeting

At the August meeting, Claire and Jeremy from Shannon's Bridge gave an update on the vital work that their organisation provides in relation to palliative care and support of people in need. They explained that their assistance covers community education, equipment lending, *Shannon Packs* and training.

During September, the Club conducted another successful wood raffle which was won by James from Newlyn North. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets or made a donation supporting this fundraiser. Thank you to Brian and Margaret New who again donated the wood.

An update on the vandalised bench at the corner of Albert and South Streets – thanks to the exceptionally helpful staff at our wonderful Hub a Works Request was raised with the Council and the bench has now been removed. The Creswick Lions Ladies 1976 badge that was on the bench has been removed and will be retained by the Club.

Interested in becoming a member of the Creswick Lions Club? Please call the membership chairperson Maria Marco (0410 499 007) or email creswick@lions201v1-4.org.au for further details. The Club meets once a month on the second Wednesday at the RSL Hall. As always, interested members of the community are invited to come to a meeting and see what the organisation is about. The Club is still collecting car batteries (phone Peter 0419 899 810 for collection) and spectacles (boxes are located around town - phone Bernadette 0419 326 052 for drop off points).

Barbara Urry, Secretary, 0423 536 794



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Celebrate Probus – Do a Friend A Favour

Across Australia, retirees will be celebrating Probus Day throughout the month of October. October 1, 2021 is Probus Day and marks the beginning of celebrations. Probus is all about fun and friendship in retirement and provides senior members of the community with the opportunity to make new friends, experience new hobbies, participate in a wide variety of activities and enjoy listening to guest speakers.

Victorian Director, Bruce Morley, said, *'There are thousands of retirees and semi-retirees across Australia who will be celebrating Probus Day with special morning teas, lunches, themed meetings, events and so much more. The benefits of social connections in the mature generation are well documented – they have a positive affect both physically and mentally. Probus has been proudly providing those social connections in Victoria for more than forty-five years'.*

The theme for this year is – **CELEBRATE PROBUS - DO A FRIEND A FAVOUR** - with all members called into action. They will be doing their friends a favour by helping them to join, stay engaged and connected through their local Probus Club.

The Probus message is clear, we all need to focus on our social well-being. Probus Clubs across the country are inviting anyone who is retired or semi-retired to consider joining their local Club to experience Probus fun and friendship.

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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 31 October – Sunday 28 November

Creswick Spring Festival 2021
creswick.net/whats-on/spring-festival-2021

Thursday 4 November

Halloween Lantern Parade,
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Enquiries:
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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
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REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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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
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

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

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

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

Creswick Walking Group
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am. Meet Albert Studio, Cnr Ballarat Rd and South St.
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Creswick Ward meeting - second Monday every month.
Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm
Creswick Railway Station

Cr Tim Drylie by appointment
Creswick Community Hub
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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

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THE ART OF LIVING

By Craig Barrett

I am sitting in my studio surrounded by an exhibition that is not going to happen. Not this year anyway. Thanks to COVID. This exhibition was planned well over twelve months ago, back then we all thought COVID would be a byline in history by now. The show should be hanging on the walls of the gallery in Melbourne right now. The invitations have been printed and mailed out. Then lockdown number *whatever it is*, happened. It's ok, I am not whining about it. Things happen. There are billions of people in the world worse off than me at this time. In fact, I am really lucky to be living here with my minor problems.

The exhibition was to be a celebration of the twenty-five years that I have been showing at *Stephen McLaughlan Gallery*, in the iconic Nicholas Building on the corner of Swanston Street and Flinders Lane. We had selected paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures produced over that period. So, here it all sits, in my studio, with one viewer - me. And, I have to say, that as the sole viewer, I am greatly enjoying the experience! Of course, it will be shown eventually, sometime next year. A bit disappointing, but not the end of the world.

Actually, the whole year preparing for this exhibition has been really interesting for me. Looking back over twenty-

five years of work is both strange and refreshing. Sometimes I have found a drawing that I had completely forgotten about, but then recalled the day, the weather and how it was made.

Picking up a sculpture, I remember the source of inspiration for it from so many years ago. Choosing to show, finally, some paintings that had not been shown previously because they were special to me for one reason

or another. I can't help but think these strange days can hold as much good for us as it does the bad. I choose to think of the good and I could talk for a week about that.

Isolation can be very instructive when we allow it to be. Reflection, noticing the small things as well as the large.

Memories. I am currently reading a book that I have known about my entire adult life, yet never actually read - *WALDEN*, written by an American, Henry David Thoreau in the years 1845-47. For those two years, he took himself into deliberate isolation at Walden Pond in Massachusetts. He built his own cabin in the woods and grew his own food. In *WALDEN*, he discovers the world around him, and himself.

I think it is the perfect read for our time.

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