

Creswick District News

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St Augustine's Church 150th Anniversary Celebrations

The historic bluestone building of St Augustine's Church, standing on the hill in Napier Street, was opened in September 1872 and stands testament to the pioneers who had the vision to work towards its construction and opening. While records show that the first Mass was celebrated for Catholic miners and their families in the district in 1855, and the first Church/school was opened in 1856, it was not until 1870 when Fr Shanahan was Parish Priest that construction started on the current church building.



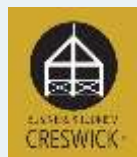
*Enjoying the Celebratory Dinner - Quinlan siblings, Bernadine, Anthony, Martin, Marietta, Dominic, Kieran
Photo: Gerda Schellens*

As quoted in the book *Saints and Sinners* written for the 150th Anniversary, 'the bluestone came from Tallent's quarry at Dean. In the 1970s, the Sheridans, long associated with the Springmount district, recall stories of their grandfather, contractor Thomas Martin, hewing some of the stone and carting it in drays, free of charge – as his contribution to the building.' Descendants of this and other pioneering families are still active members of St Augustine's parish today.

In writing about the history of the church you are also writing about the history of Creswick and district. Church records show the ups and downs of the local district as gold discoveries came and were exhausted, with the population of the town following suit. The Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths show large numbers from the 1860s to the 1890s with a decline by 1900 when gold mining faded.

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Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend 12 - 13 November



Visit eight beautiful local gardens; three have never been open to the public previously. Now in its seventh year, organised by *Business & Tourism Creswick Inc* and sponsored by Hepburn Shire Council, the purpose of the event is to promote our beautiful region and encourage visitors.

There are over fourteen amazing, garden related, local businesses who are commercial partners of the event plus John Curtin Aged Care and Shannon's Bridge, who will open their gardens.

The Creswick Woollen Mills are holding a special competition to win a \$1000 Bedroom Package. Visit the Mill over the weekend and photograph the vertical green wall, share and tag on facebook [@creswickwool](#). Best photo wins, entries close Sunday, 13 November after the event.

There are door prizes, survey prize and ten excellent prizes to be won in the raffle over the weekend.

Tickets may be purchased online through *Eventbrite* until Friday, 11 November. Search for *Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend*, or buy tickets on the day at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday 9.00am to 4.00pm. Private gardens \$5 per person, children free. EFTPOS facilities available. Garden guide/map provided with sale of tickets.

The Creswick Garden Club will hold a flower show on both days at the Senior Citizens Club rooms, and a plant sale at IGA on the Saturday.

Further information www.creswick.net and Facebook and Instagram.

Enquiries info@creswick.net or 0419 326 453.

Margaret Giles

Creswick District News Copy Deadline December 2022 Edition

Contributors and Advertisers please note that due to Australia Post December delivery requirements, the deadline for contributions to the December edition of the *CDN* will be
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SENIOR CITS NEWS

Social Day was as always an enjoyable day; good company, good meal and excellent entertainment from the *Sing Australia* choir. The next Social Day will be 28 October with entertainment by the *Harmonies*. See you all at 11.30am.

A pleasant surprise for the Seniors' Club was receiving an Award of Appreciation from the Creswick Brass Band. They use the club rooms to practise each Thursday. It's worth attending for lovers of brass band music.

Our travel agent, Gary, has organised several very good days out so far – Morning Melodies, Maryborough Trots, movies, a concert with more to come.

Christmas Lunch is 11 December; do put your name down for catering purposes.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526



Creswick Cemetery News

At the AGM recently held at the Cemetery, Mr. Chris Bullen was appointed Chairman of the Trust. Chris has been on the Trust for the last two years and looks forward to leading the committee over the coming year.

Anyone searching for past burials at the Creswick Cemetery go to the cemetery website www.creswickcemetery.com.au and then go to *deceased search, new cemetery*. Type in the surname of the deceased, click on their name and if there is a headstone on the site, there will be a photograph and any details about that person.

There is also a button below this information which will take you to the cemetery mapping system. This allows you to put in the information of your person and shows where in the cemetery to find the grave site. On the right hand side, click on *zoom to site* and it will show exactly what side of the row to find the grave. The information on the right also shows who else may be buried in the same grave.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary Cemetery Trust

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	
November	52.2	66.8	
December	58.5	26.3	
TOTAL	755.4	853.5	711.3

LOCAL GARAGE SALE

When: Saturday, 29 October

Time: 8.00 am – 4.00 pm

Where: 45 Clunes Rd, Creswick
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LIONS SKIN CANCER CHECK AND AWARENESS UNIT VISITS CRESWICK



The Lions Club of Creswick was proud to host the Lions Skin Check Van on Saturday, 17 September and Sunday, 18 September. A big thank you to those who came out in such bleak, wintery conditions to be screened. The three fully equipped clinic rooms were well heated throughout each day ensuring a comfortable environment for exposing skin.

Over the two days, volunteer dermoscopists (skin cancer screeners) provided a total of 109 full body skin checks. Of the 109 people screened, thirty-eight were referred on to their GP with suspect lesions requiring further investigation, proving the value of the free service in ensuring urgent needs are addressed.

Importantly, forty-four of the people attending had never been screened before. Hopefully their visits will create new habits including an annual skin cancer check and the need to take care of their skin daily.

In August, the club ran a very successful fundraising barbecue at Bunnings, Ballarat. Lions also assisted recently with the running of the regular ballroom dancing function at the Ascot Town Hall.

Assisting their local community is what Lions Clubs are all about. So, if you think that joining the Lions Club is for you, please contact Membership Chairperson Maria Marco (0410 499 007) or email creswick@lions201v1-4.org.au for further details.

Barbara Urry, Secretary

Former Kingston Primary School Opens Its Gardens

On Saturday, 22 October there is a rare opportunity for visitors to view the beautiful gardens of the Kingston Old School, 360 Kingston Road, Kingston. What were once asphalt playgrounds have been transformed into magnificent gardens showcasing many different garden styles, including an avenue of pear trees, a wilderness garden, and a woodland meadow. Rooms formed by high hedges frame different areas of the garden, as well as providing shelter and formality. Pieces of sculpture throughout the garden add to its charm and appeal.

The gardens will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm. There will be a garden tour at 11.00am and again at 2.00pm. Fresh coffee and homemade cake will be available to purchase, as well as a sausage sizzle.

Plants will be available for sale from the Friends of Daylesford's Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens, and entertainment will be provided throughout the day by The Roundabout Folk Band, The Creswick Choir, and local artists, Neil Adam and Judy Turner.

Plus, there is a chance to win a hamper of local gourmet produce, two weekend passes to CresFest23 and more!

Tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased at the gate on the day. The price of admission is being kept low to enable as many people as possible to experience this lovely space in the heart of Kingston.

Proceeds from the day will go towards the Stop Ausnet Towers campaign. We hope to see you there!

Enquiries: Sue Scott 0418 675 196

FRONTIER SERVICES HIGHLIGHTED IN SPECIAL SERVICE

St. Andrews Uniting Church, Creswick will hold a special worship service on Sunday, 30 October, 2022 at 10.00am (*note later time than usual service*), for Frontier Services.

Frontier Services is an Australian charity, a not-for-profit organisation that is an arm of the Uniting Church providing Chaplains, volunteers and resources to support people in rural and remote Australia.

Two of our Uniting Church congregation spent numerous weeks during their school holidays, over a span of many years as part of work parties; the tasks they performed were many and varied such as painting, cleaning, building, gardening, maintaining rural properties in kindergartens, churches, halls, wherever there was a need. Their stories and passion have inspired our congregation to support this cause each year.

The Guest Speaker will be Mr Lindsay Oates, Victorian representative of Frontier Services who will update us on the work being done now and the needs for the future.

At the conclusion of the service a barbecue will be provided. Donation appreciated. Visitors are most welcome so please RSVP for the barbecue by 23 October, thank you.

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Farewell Morning Tea for Peter Wheeler

Long-time member of the CDN Committee

During August, the current and some former members of the committee of the *Creswick District News* met to say thank you and goodbye to long serving member, Peter Wheeler as he re-locates to Colac.

Peter's involvement goes back many years when the *CDN* operated from a building in Cambridge Street (now the Creswick Museum Research Centre). At that time, as well as being a member of the *CDN* Committee, Peter was a facilitator with *InFolink*, a public access Internet and computing facility. A position he continued in after the *CDN* relocated into the newly opened Creswick Visitor Information Centre.

Peter helped maintain the *CDN* computers, including an update of all computers, software and equipment. He could be relied upon to attend to any IT issue, which was an invaluable help to the *CDN* Editorial Team; a role Peter continued in recent years working with Frank Thompson. For some time, Peter's wife, Vivien, also volunteered as a compiler for the monthly newsletter.

For many years Peter co-ordinated the team of volunteer folders for each monthly issue and worked with the Creswick Post Office around the delivery and distribution of the newsletter. Peter's other community involvement included being Treasurer of *Business & Tourism, Creswick* and the Creswick/Bald Hills Land Care, as well as volunteering with the Creswick Visitor Information Centre.

The committee members and readers wish Peter and Vivien all the best in the years ahead in their new home in Colac.



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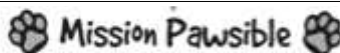
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The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett

On one of our rare, nearly clear days, watching a few clouds slowly drifting by.

I spend a lot of time cloud gazing. They have a lot to tell, and questions to ask. Amongst my various field identification guide books for birds, wildflowers, trees and rocks, I also have one for cloud types. Wow, there are so many - forty-six listed in my edition of *The Cloud Collector's Handbook*.

Some clouds we invite, maybe a bit of shade on a hot day. Some we definitely do not invite, storm clouds in summer that may bring lightning with them. Please, rain when we really need it. Please, please don't rain when we don't need another drop!

As I watch them, I wonder, where have you come from and where are you going? Changing shape in the wind constantly, nobody else watching is seeing the same cloud that I am watching in exactly the same way. We all see them differently, from different angles.

Clouds become metaphors in our lives also. From a cloudy day in our life, a 'dark cloud' hanging over us, to no clouds at all sung by the great Ella Fitzgerald in *Blue Skies* (and Willie Nelson come to think of it). So many songs and poems about rain!

Like the clouds, friends also seem to drift through our lives. Some fleetingly give us great joy, entertainment or insights. Some drift through at a snail's pace with us for years, decades even. The books I read, the music I listen to, the other artists I admire or influence my own work are all clouds drifting through my life that affect me in one way or another.

When you look at a cloud, try to remember everything about it. How high was it? What shape was it? Where was it going? I ask this because I think remembering is important in our lives.

I have a theory, that when we die, we kind of stay around somehow, as long as we are remembered -- only when nobody still living remembers us, that is when we return to stardust. Not very scientific I know, but that is what I feel.

For my own part, a big, dark cloud hangs over me at the time of writing. My beloved cat of nineteen years, Milly, died in my arms at five o'clock in the morning of September 6. She was my rock and my confidante, my one still point through many trying years, occasionally a pain in the bum also. I buried her at sunrise that morning in her favourite spot in the garden. The sun came up and lit up a most wonderful blanket of orange clouds in the east. Another, very special cloud passing through my life.

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The school has had a very busy and productive Term 3, and is now looking forward to all the wonderful things happening in Term 4, starting with the Year 3 - 6 camp to Cottage By The Sea in Queenscliff in week 2.

Some of the highlights of Term 3 have included: a successful two-week swimming program at Swim 'n' Survival; a shade sail put over our outdoor classroom, which will be great as the weather warms up; a shipping container installed as our bike shed, the first part of our new upcoming bike track, and visits to our local kindergartens.

Other highlights included: winning teams at the Mt Rowan Secondary College 5 - 6 Maths Challenge; a great Father's Day breakfast; *Imaginistik* writing event in Creswick; Book Week dress-up and activity days, including a visit to The Hub, a science incursion for the Year 3 - 6's about Space; divisional Athletics at Llanberris; and a Footy Day and sausage sizzle

There have been lots more, but as everyone can see, the school has had a great term!

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

- Parent Information evening: Thursday, 13 October
5.00pm - 6.00pm
- Transition morning: Thursday, 17 November
9.00am - 11.00am
- Orientation day: Tuesday, 13 December
9.00am - 1.30pm

The After-School Program has begun with great success this year. Run by OSHClub, this operates a wide variety of fun activities each day, including science club, crafts, cooking and more.

If anyone would like a school tour to experience this fantastic school, please call us on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal

See photo on page 8

Clunes Show 160th Birthday

Not too many community organisations get to celebrate a 160th birthday but that's what will be happening when Clunes stages its local show on Saturday, 19 November, 2022.

Originally formed as the Glendaruel Agricultural Society, it underwent several name changes until in the 1960s it became the Clunes and District Agricultural Society, the name by which it is still known today.

Entrants to the 1868 Show were invited to display in the following categories: - *Pair of plough horses, Swine, Salted butter not less than 12lb, Two cheeses not less than 8lb.* Under the heading, Extra Exhibits, came an unusual collection including *Bone dust and superphosphate of lime, 200 bricks made in Clunes, and even a pair of swans hatched under a Spanish hen!*

Almost 100 years on, the Committee of the 1964 Show invited entries to the Ladies Broom Throwing Competition. Miss Margaret Cameron was a formidable competitor, winning the event with an amazing throw measuring 96ft 10in. That same Show advertised a Tyre Changing Competition and a Ladies Wood Chop.

This year the Show welcomes the inaugural **Clunes Show Strongman Exhibition**. An **interactive Grain Arcade** will also be on display where the young and young at heart can get a feel for what it is like to harvest a crop using the **virtual reality header simulator**. Bring your own ferret for the **ferret racing competition**, or other pets for the **Pet Show**. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the **Clunes Show Bute Ute Competition**. There will be wood chopping displays, a full complement of agricultural competitions, local entertainment, food, wine and much more.

This year's 160th Anniversary Show offers a great, fun day for the whole family and the Society would love to see you there.

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Have you seen the video released showcasing Creswick and the Creswick Trails as the ideal location for the Commonwealth Games 2026 mountain biking competition? We are so proud of how our trailhead and trails network are shaping up, we are advocating for a mountain biking program to be included in the next Commonwealth Games and for the competition to be held at the Creswick Trails. Check it out at https://youtu.be/_17sucsG1U0



HAMMON PARK

Works at Hammon Park continue with deliveries of equipment and site furnishings arriving regularly. The weather has not been very cooperative of late with all the rain, but we are still on track to open Hammon Park by the end of the year.

One of the focal points of Hammon Park Trailhead is the use of local suppliers and contractors.

Naturform, the principal contractor, is an Australian owned business located in Melton, Victoria, with a 40-year history of building high quality landscapes along Australia's east coast.

The main supplier of play equipment is Australian owned Brisbane based Playworks, who design and manufacture in Queensland. Other play pieces come from Moduplay, another Australian owned company with manufacturing in Wollongong, New South Wales.

Keep in touch

Regular updates on Creswick Trails and Hammon Park are available at the project website – www.creswicktrails.com/progress.

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CRESWICK TOWN HALL

Council is currently finalising permit application with Heritage Victoria, with works to start soon. Works will include external repairs and painting of the building, windows and doors; general repairs to eliminate water ingress; masonry improvements including to chimneys and parapets; repairs to the roof and gutters, along with accessibility improvements to the main hall and a new flagpole.



CALEMBEEN PARK CHANGE FACILITIES

The upgrade works on the Calembeeen Park Change Facilities project are progressing well, with the project fast approaching full completion. The change facility roof works have been completed and the internal works are well underway. The accessible car park and footpath are also nearing completion, with further landscaping and park bench installation to occur soon afterwards. This project is being delivered by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government and is due for completion in late October this year.



MEET THE MAYOR

Our Listening Posts and Meet the Mayor sessions provide an opportunity for the community to speak with Councillors and staff about local projects, highlight ideas or raise concerns in an informal setting.

Listening Posts are open for everyone to drop-in without the need to register or book a time. For the Meet the Mayor sessions, community members can book a 30-minute private meeting either online or in person.

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Did you know? With weeds being a problem in the Shire particularly due to the storms, we are delighted to have created a panel of contractors with various skills and capacities ranging from intricate hand work through to large mechanical weed clearing capabilities.

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CRESWICK CAPERS



The performance was entitled The Remote, where a family of four set up in their lounge room to watch the launch of the new free-to-air television channel, CRES122



There were special performances throughout the concert also – where the Preps and their Buddies performed together

NORTHERLY NEWS



Some of our Year 5/6s dressing up on Footy Day to raise funds for the 'Kids with Cancer' foundation

Clunes Show 160th Birthday



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St Augustine's Church

150th Anniversary Celebrations

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A hundred years later, there was an increase in marriages during the 1960s to the 1990s as the influence of the Dutch migration was reflected in the population of the district.

The Anniversary celebrations took place over the weekend of 17 - 18 September when the inclement weather was a reminder of the difficulties faced by the pioneers. The Celebratory Dinner, held on Saturday night at the Doug Lindsay Reserve, attended by approximately 100 people, was a night of catching up with friends, some not seen for many years, reunions, reminiscences, making new friends and, through a light hearted fun quiz, learning about the history of the church; in all an enjoyable social evening.

The Concelebrated Mass the next day was presided over by Bishop Paul Bird, Bishop of Ballarat, along with retired Bishop Peter Connors, former Parish Priests Fr Bill Melican and Fr Gary Jones, Fr Adrian McNerney, nephew of Monsignor James McNerney, Parish Priest from 1951 – 1983, and current Parish Priest, Fr Justin Driscoll. Many parishioners, current and former, and students attending St Augustine's School, participated in the liturgy of the Mass and joined in the singing.

At the end of the Mass, Neil Doolan, a member of the organising committee, thanked the many, many people who had contributed in some way in the organisation, preparation and delivery of the liturgy of the Mass and every other aspect of the weekend.

Those present then moved over to the School Hall for a display of photos and memorabilia. Current and former



*St. Augustine's Church, 150th Anniversary
Photo: Gerda Schellens*

parishioners, having returned for the day, were soon catching up with childhood friends and busy looking for themselves in the photos on display.

The weekend acknowledged the faith of past parishioners, including both the early Irish settlers and the Dutch migrants - a faith which has been built on by current generations - and all look forward with hope to the future for the building and its people.

Aileen Preston

St Augustine's 150th Organising Committee

Copies of the Anniversary Book are still available for sale, cost \$40, and can be ordered by email from staugustines150th@gmail.com



*St Augustine's 150th Anniversary Celebration Team with Parish Priest, Fr Justin Driscoll
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October 3, 1922

The Creswick Methodist Tennis Club intend opening the season on Saturday afternoon next, and district clubs are invited to send representatives to the opening function. The election of officers has been held and the following appointed – President, Rev. R. Whitford; secretary Miss R. Bowley; treasurer, Miss L. Bailey; captain, Mr. F. Bailey; match committee, Miss R. Bowley and Messrs. F. Bailey and D. Kerr.

October 6, 1922

Work at the new show yard site at Kingston is now proceeding daily, so that the ground may be in order for the show next month. A working bee is to be held tomorrow (Saturday), commencing at 9 am, when the principal work will be the erection of the fence. It is hoped that there will be a very large attendance of workers.

October 10, 1922

Allendale – The members of the local Fire Brigade and the Allendale Cricket Club gathered in strong force on Monday evening of last week, when a presentation of a clock, suitably inscribed, was made to Captain G. Hobill, as a wedding gift, on the occasion of his marriage. The presentation was made by Mr. Jno. Svanosio, secretary of the brigade, and good wishes were conveyed by Messrs T. McDonald, A. Byron, Les Crane and A. Roberts. Refreshments being served his “health and future happiness” was drunk with enthusiasm.

October 13, 1922

Kooroocheang – The Lucynvale golf links here were a lively scene on Saturday last, when Mr. and Mrs. G. Sewell gave a return tournament to Mr and Mrs. D. Walls, who were the originators of this club. In addition to the members,

there were several visitors from Newstead, who took part in the play, and expressed themselves delighted with the afternoon’s sport.

October 20, 1922

Much satisfaction and pleasure is felt by residents that a start has been made with the erection of the works of the Creswick Brick, Tile and Potteries Ltd., at North Creswick. The contract for building three 3-down draught kilns and a chimney about 60 feet high has been let to Mr. W. Crowle, of Melbourne.

October 24, 1922

A meeting of the Members of the Smeaton Tennis Club will be held on Wednesday (tomorrow) night, at 8 o’clock in the Mechanics’ Institute. A good attendance is desired. F. W. Redman, Hon. Secty.

October 27, 1922

A meeting was to have been held last Tuesday evening, to make the preliminary arrangements for the annual carnival in aid of the Creswick District Hospital. However, many were prevented from attending owing to other engagements, and it was agreed that a meeting be held next Tuesday evening at the Town hall.

October 31, 1922

Allendale – The Gale – considerable damage has been done by the violent and boisterous gale that began on Saturday night and continued without cessation on Sunday. Many trees were uprooted and fences blown down, besides buildings being stripped of much material and roofing. A serious loss will result to many graziers, who are now engaged shearing, as many of the shorn animals have succumbed through the intense cold, and numerous dead carcasses are to be seen in the paddocks.

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre



October is a busy month with Senior’s Week, Children’s Week, Mental Health Awareness Week, *Walk-tober*, National Carer’s Week, National Nutrition Week, Anti-Poverty Week, *Ride2Work* and many, many more!

It is also Aussie Backyard Bird Count from 17-23 October. Come in anytime and let us show you how to download the App and record your bird sightings (and there are plenty of lovely birds here at the CNC to observe and enjoy too). Let’s all count birds together! Call us to find out more.

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Creswick-Smeaton RSL Remembrance Day

Poppy Display

Each year the Council gardeners plant poppy seeds for Remembrance Day. Unfortunately, due to the weather conditions, this year the poppies have not germinated.

The RSL is asking if any one has any handmade poppies they wish to donate or would like to make for displaying in the Field of Crosses Memorial Gardens, they can be dropped off at the Creswick Hub in the box provided.

The Creswick-Smeaton RSL appreciates any assistance the community can provide for the display this year.

Remembrance Day

The Creswick-Smeaton RSL Remembrance Day Service will be held on Friday, 11 November 2022 at 11.00am at the Creswick Cenotaph, Albert Street Creswick. Anyone wishing to order a wreath for \$35 can email creswicksmeatonrslsec@hotmail.com or contact Secretary Phil Greenbank on 0490 374 006.

Poppy badges will be on sale in front of IGA from Thursday, 27 October to Thursday, 10 November.

Phil Greenbank

Creswick-Smeaton RSL

Secretary - Keeper of the Field of Crosses
creswicksmeatonrsl@gmail.com



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

On Wednesday, 28 September, Vicki Johnson and myself conducted a tour of the heritage precincts and significant places in Kingston and district. The tour started in Blampied and took in Hepburn Lagoon, the ruins of the Birch brothers' home, Keerin's Bridge, Kingston township and the Avenue of Honour, then over the shoulder of Spring Mount, which afforded a panoramic view of the path of the proposed transmission lines and the mullock heaps of the *Buried Rivers of Gold*.

At the 1872 Deep Lead Monument in Broomfield, the *Buried Rivers of Gold* self-drive tour began (available from the Creswick Information Centre) and travelled past the sites of the old mining hamlets of Hollinwood, Jerusalem and onto Dibdin Town, over the Monash/Wheelers Bridge Lawrence to Smeaton. Then past Anderson's Mill and back to the historic Kingston Show Grounds for lunch. On the way back, the site of the proposed terminal station was viewed. Thanks to the Councillors, Council staff and Steve Wroe CEO of the Daylesford Macedon Tourism Board for participating, and in particular Damien Kennedy for his organization and Eddie for driving the bus.

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle raised over \$2,000, to be shared with the Kingston Agricultural Society. Many thanks to all volunteers and special thanks to the team captains Jenny McKinnon (KFOA) and John Rowlands (KAS). At Anderson's Mill, there was a steady stream of visitors who were keen to listen and learn about the Avenue, the Western Renewable Link Project, *Buried Rivers of Gold* and especially the Kingston Open Garden. Thanks to the volunteers who made it possible to cover the two days.

- Saturday, 19 October - Creswick Market plant sales
- Saturday, 22 October - Kingston Old School Open Garden 10.00am to 4.00pm
- Saturday, 5 November - Opening of Stage One, 'Kingston Remembers' Resource Centre (invitation only)
- Friday, 11 November - Remembrance Day Service with Newlyn Primary students at the Cenotaph
- Saturday 19 November, 3.00pm at Showgrounds, community meeting re preparing submissions to the Western Renewable Link Project

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Creswick Garden Club



The Creswick Garden Club invites you to put your name down for the 2022 Melbourne Cup Day Progressive lunch and garden visits. **Tuesday, 1 November**, \$15 pp includes a three-course meal and

entry into some gorgeous local gardens; some never seen before. Meet at the Old Post Office, Creswick at 9.45am to car pool for a 10.00am start.

Ring Jenny on 0408 735 068 to reserve a spot and for dietary requirements. Don't forget to wear a fascinating fascinator for a prize. Back to Senior Citizens, Water Street for the sweep and sweets.

In conjunction with the Garden Lovers Weekend, the

Garden Club will be holding a **huge Plant Sale on Saturday, 12 November in front of the IGA, and a mini Flower Show at the Senior Citizens Rooms in Water Street, on Saturday, 12 and Sunday, 13 November.**

This year, due to space restrictions, only the horticultural and floral art sections will be held at the Flower Show. Every horticultural entry will be given a 95cm by 75cm space to display up to five items of their choice. The floral art section will include both beginners and advanced categories. Judges will be horticulturist Kevin Moneghetti and Greg Block for the floral art. \$2 entry.

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CRESWICK CAPERS

Flash dancing indeed

There was great excitement towards the end of Term 3 with the School Concert occurring after a very long break due to COVID cancellations. The Junior Unit students had never experienced this community event and were very eager to demonstrate their performing arts skills. The performance was entitled *The Remote*, where a family of four set up in their lounge room to watch the launch of the new free-to-air television channel, CRES122.

There were two performances of *The Remote*, one in the afternoon and one at night, and both were attended in enormous numbers. The children proudly displayed the dances, songs, movements and speech-making skills they had been practising keenly in their classroom. Each class presented an act and combined with other classes to execute a joint act. There were special performances throughout the concert also – where the Preps and their Buddies performed together; where an Indonesian flash dance crew arrived; and when the teachers gave an exhibition of synchronised swimming. The music performed came from many different styles and eras, including some classic movie renditions and well-known take-offs of real television programs.

There was a lot of fun happening on stage. The children had huge smiles on their faces and the audience reflected their pride back to the stage. And whilst the closing line of the show was 'Can we do that all again tomorrow night?', everyone will have to just wait until it is time for our next scheduled Concert!

Vicki Hughes, Class Teacher

See photo on page 8

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St Augustine's School News

There was a great start to the month of September and an even better end with holidays. The swimming program went for most of the last week of term. On the last day of term there was a Footy Colours Day. There were also golf lessons conducted by Tony Collier. Next stage of athletics took place at Llanberris on September 9. This month has been great but everyone was looking forward to the holidays.

Footy Colours Day was a blast. There were footy activities in the morning and everyone dressed up in their favourite footy team's colours. The activities were extremely enjoyable, especially the tackle bag so it was a fun-filled morning for us all.

The last week of school in Term 3 ended with the whole school going to the Aquatic Centre in Ballarat. All had a great time and despite the crowded change rooms, everyone had fun.

Everybody had a blast during Tony's Golf Clinics. At the end he picked twelve people to compete at a tournament. These people were: Ellie Fraser, Isla Keating, Zahra Winduss, Hugh Miller, Max Clohesy, Emelia Coyle, Nicholas Quirk, Isaac Taylor-McMartin, Roy Martin, Cohan Montano, Will Grant and Jack Howie. They will compete at Midlands Golf Course in October.

Editorial Leaders - Amelia, Ellie, Miley and Ellie

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REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Kingston Old School Open Garden

Saturday 22 October, 10.00am to 4.00pm

Creswick Spring Art Show

at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre
28 October to 1 November

Creswick Old Masters, at

Havilah Lodge
29 October to 1 November

RSL Creswick-Smeaton RSL Remembrance Day Service

Friday 11 November 2022 at 11.00am at the Creswick Cenotaph

Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend

12 - 13 November

Creswick Garden Club Plant Sale and mini Flower Show

12 - 13 November

Clunes 160th Anniversary Show

Saturday, 19 November

New Resident's Meeting,

Venue TBA, Ph 0407 622 463
Saturday 19 November
3.00pm to 4.00pm

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief

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

Anglican Parish of Springmount:

St John's Church, Napier Street, Creswick.
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays.

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Contact: Fr Chris Keast
0427 911 792.

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-Clunes Uniting Church Parish

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

Creswick & District Historical Society

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

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

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

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

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

Creswick Havilah Lodge - Meeting fourth Thursday every month. 7.30pm.

Bob Orr 5345 2165

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 - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm.

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356
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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. 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

Friends of Park Lake

First Monday of month, 10.00am,
Creswick Hub Meeting Room. Wine O'Clock, 3.30pm every Wednesday on the Park Lake jetty. Enquiries: pres.friends@parklakecreswick@gmail.com

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 meets 6.00pm on the 1st Monday of month Senior Citizens Room.

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
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