

Creswick District News

Still Priceless

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Photo courtesy Peter McArthur



Clockwise from top left:

Alicia Hand, Creswick Fire Brigade Captain
Story on page 4.

Craig Findlay (Learmonth), receiving the
Bob Allen Cup from Gerry Flapper (Creswick).
Story on page 13.

David Grimmitt, Lyn Lubeek and Wilma Webb
with artwork by JCAC residents
Story on page 6.



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Remembrance Day Service

The Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Creswick Cenotaph, at the corner of Albert and Raglan Streets on Saturday, 11 November at 11.00am.

Sales for the Poppy Appeal, which supports the Veterans Welfare Fund, will commence on Monday, 30 October and finish Friday, 10 November. They will be available outside the Creswick IGA, Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm and Saturday 9.30am to 1.00pm.

Wreaths, at a cost of \$35, can be ordered via the Secretary at creswicksmeatonrslsec@hotmail.com.

Phil Greenbank,
Secretary

Calling all new residents, this is for you!

A Welcome to New Residents Session
Saturday, 28 October
3.00pm to 4.00pm
Senior Citizens, Water Street Creswick
More info: 0407 622 463 (Judy)

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 | |
| November | 66.8 | 129.1 | |
| December | 26.3 | 40.2 | |
| TOTAL | 853.5 | 1,094.7 | 510.8 |

Vale

Kevin Gerard Tolhurst A.M.

11.12.1955 - 5.10.2023

Dedicated Forester and
Fire Behaviour Scientist.

APOLOGY

Creswick District News apologises to Andrew Bell and Pavilion Arts for the incorrect name being used with their article in the September edition. This was an editorial error.

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

At last Spring has sprung and how beautiful it is. Some senior members enjoyed a day at the Maryborough Harness Racing.

September social day was enjoyed by all. Next social day is 27 October, lunch will be followed by entertainment from Phyliss Quick's group. Do come along and enjoy. Thanks to Gary for his work in putting on a book sale at the Seniors Rooms. This was quite successful.

A reminder about Christmas lunch which will be held on Friday, 8 December. Do put your name down for catering purposes.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526

Kingston Agricultural Society



The Kingston Showgrounds are open to the community. It's the perfect spot to have a picnic, walk the dog or sit in the heritage listed grandstand and appreciate the views and surrounding district.

Food and Wine Festival Saturday, 28 October 2023

The range of artisan producers in the goldfields and spa country region is truly amazing. Tickets are now on sale for what will be a great family event with live music, children's activities and an impressive array of wines, foods and beverages.

Sample fine foods and indulge in complimentary tastings of wines, cocktails and brews from more than thirty regional producers and support a local community run event with profits going back into valued community assets.

Find us at @kingstonfoodandwine
contact 0419 527 734 or email
foodandwine@kingstonagriculturalsociety.org.au

154th Annual Show

The Society is also working on its 154th Annual Show, set for 9 and 10 December. Stay tuned!

John Rowlands, Secretary
Kingston Agricultural Society Inc.

THEY'RE BACK! Creswick Community Garage Sales

Saturday 21st October from 8am

A huge range of secondhand goods at

Garage Sales

throughout Creswick and district

(some selling both Saturday & Sunday)

Buyer's Map \$5

Available **On the Day** from:

Creswick Bandstand/Rotunda

Flemo's Milk Bar Clunes Rd Nth Creswick

Creswick Information Centre

CCGS is an annual fundraising event for

Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Visit by Descendants

On 17 September The Friends had the privilege of meeting descendants of Phillip Edward Davies. Family travelled from Queensland and NSW to join their Victorian relatives with the purpose of visiting his tree W29 and to view the *Kingston Remembers Resource Centre*.

Phillip Davies was born in Smeaton in 1890. He enlisted on 28 September, 1914 and served in various Light Horse Regiments. His brothers, Lewis Rowland and William Evan also served. Lewis's tree is W30 while William Evan does not have a tree in the Avenue. Phillip was discharged on 25 November, 1918.

It was a great pleasure for me to finally meet his grandson, Tom Davies from Maryborough, Queensland and his granddaughter Jenny Avery from Bowraville, NSW. Several years back Jenny got in touch and since then we have communicated via phone and mail. She has shared photographs and information. One of these photos now forms part of the Commemorative Wall at the Kingston Hotel.

On 2 September Florence Haberfield and her daughter Carolyn Vassallo came to Kingston. Florence, who is ninety-seven, is the daughter of Lewis Rowland Davies.

The Friends are still seeking to contact descendants of the following people commemorated in the Avenue. William O **McPherson**, Lennon Edwin **Coulson**, Charles Joseph **Finlayson**, Frederick Francis **Crisp**, Edward Edgar **Owens**, Samuel McKay **Gard**, Robert William **Waddington**, Cornelius Harold Robert **Toll**. Please make contact if you have any clues as to their whereabouts.

Don't forget The Friend's stall at the Creswick Market on 21 October and 18 November. Also the upcoming Remembrance Day Service on Saturday, 11 November, 10.45am at the Cenotaph and the AGM on Wednesday, 22 November.

Julie Baulch
on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue, Inc.
kingstonfoa@gmail.com



Descendants of Phillip Davies
at the Kingston Remembers Resource Centre

PERSONALITY – ALICIA HAND

The New Captain of Creswick Fire Brigade

Alicia's grandparents, May and Gordon Townsend, lived in Kingston having come to Australia from England in the 1980s. Her parents, Shirley and Rob Hand, married in England and later moved to Melbourne, where Alicia's eldest brother, Jason, was born. They subsequently returned to Nottinghamshire, England, where three more children were born. Shirley and Rob made the decision to emigrate in 1984 and settled in Creswick with their family – Jason, Darren, Alicia and Robin.

Alicia attended Creswick Primary School and then Ballarat Secondary College.

After high school, she completed a Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing at Federation University. Her first job was with Collins Booksellers in Bridge Mall, a good fit for Alicia with her abiding love of books. Next came a three-month stint with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) District 15, filling in as a Brigade Administration Support Officer.

She and her partner, Jason, settled in Creswick and their family grew as Natarsha, Dylan and Paige were born. Natarsha has recently celebrated her twenty-first birthday, Dylan is nineteen and Paige ten.

Alicia continued to find periodic work at the bookshop while her children were young. In 2015, when the opportunity arose, she and Jason decided to buy the bookshop business. They had wanted to work together, but just as the sale was finalised, Jason was offered and accepted another job and Alicia went on to manage the shop herself. The business is now in its eighth year, and recently moved to its present location.

Alicia's involvement with the CFA started early and came about through two of her brothers being involved in Venturer Scouts. The Creswick Venturers' Troop Leader was Neville Cartledge, who also organised a *running team* for Junior Members of the Fire Brigade and he recruited Alicia's brothers. Alicia watched them training with the team and firmly decided '*I want to do that*'. At age eleven, she and her best friend, Melanie, joined up. They learned practical fire-fighting skills and the importance of teamwork, all good preparation for when they turned sixteen and could attend fires as operational firefighters.

Alicia is very happy to say that a Junior Brigade for ages eleven to fifteen years is being revived and should be fully established this year. At the moment, the process of training leaders is being worked through.

Alicia remembers when her eldest brother, Jason, attended his first fire in Creswick. She and her mother had a bird's-eye view of the action and it whet her appetite for firefighting. In August 1995, she became a fully operational firefighter in the Creswick Fire Brigade. She has since gone on to fill many roles within the Brigade with increasing



responsibilities in operations, equipment and training.

This year, when Captain Steven Ellis decided to stand down from that position after six years' service, Alicia put her hand up. She was elected as Captain and stepped into the role officially on 1 July. She is '*happy and proud*' to be appointed Captain, the first female to hold that position in the Creswick Fire Brigade, and is '*looking forward to the challenges*'.

These challenges can be many and varied. The coming fire season is the obvious example. Alicia notes that, considering the anticipated seasonal weather

patterns, bush and grass fires may be of particular concern this year.

As well as firefighting, the Brigade has other responsibilities to address. Since 2011, it has worked through several flood events, all of which presented different challenges. The Brigade may also be involved in search and rescue. They attend road accidents and chemical leaks. All such scenarios require appropriate training for both responders and support staff, adequate and well-maintained equipment and vehicles and excellent communications capability. The Brigade maintains and regularly updates risk assessment and management plans for the town's major infrastructure, such as schools, the hospital, university and aged care facilities.

All this demands a great deal of volunteers, but Alicia says there is flexibility with regard to time commitment. Paid work and family come first. Alicia pays tribute to her mum, who was always ready to support her, looking after the children when they were small so that Alicia could respond to call-outs.

Alicia and her fellow volunteers are doing everything possible to be ready for the fire season ahead. She emphasises how important it is for members of the community to prepare their properties and to have their fire plans in place.

The Brigade will be holding an **Open Day on Sunday, 22 October, 11.00am - 2.00pm.**

Some useful sites regarding:

Preparedness www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

Volunteering www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers

Juniors www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa/junior-volunteers

Congratulations to Alicia as the new Captain of Creswick Fire Brigade..

Very best wishes and many thanks to her and all our CFA volunteers.

Miriam Tonkin

See photo on page 1.

HENRY BRENNAN

'THE BEST WEEK EVER!'

For the first week of the school holidays, Henry Brennan who has a long-established connection with the Creswick district through the Brennan and Leishman families, was busy taking part in an unusual and exciting project - the *Youth Scholarship Course*, run by the Education and Families section of Melbourne Theatre Company (MTC).

Henry was nominated by Shae Attrill, Learning Area Leader of Visual and Performing Arts at Mt Rowan Secondary College, where he is in Year 10. When they were notified that he had received a place, it was a toss-up who was more excited!

Henry's love of drama, music and performing was initially ignited by his prep Music/Performing Arts teacher, Megan Manson. Henry has been an enthusiastic player in school and local productions since then.

The MTC program has run for twenty years and is continuing. This year, twenty-five students from across Victoria participated - the youngest aged fourteen and the eldest sixteen. Workshops were held at Southbank Theatre where professional productions were going on around them. The students learnt from this too, becoming more aware of the technical expertise and the hard work involved.

MTC promised the students a fun week to focus on drama.

Henry said that while everyone enjoyed learning production skills, they were most interested in being on stage. Some of the students had obvious musical talent. Initially nervous going into a completely unknown environment, it didn't take long for Henry and the others to relax and make friends in this group of like-minded people. He said that after only one day, everyone just *'came out of their shell'*.

The time table was quite structured and followed a daily routine. Each morning began with a guest speaker, covering different themes. For example: there was a session with a focus on accents and another on movement. Another featured an *Art Finisher*, who spoke about the art of making those newly-made costumes look realistically dirty or wet or torn and bedraggled.

After a recess between sessions, the afternoons were taken up with on-stage work. The students were divided into five groups of five. Led by a mentor, they had an overarching theme to consider: *how do we make change?* Some specific examples: climate change; re-making the world; the evolution of music and how storytelling might bring about change.



Each group had just twenty minutes to come up with two or three scenes, lasting five to ten minutes, exploring their topic. There were also some specific instructions: to include a unison movement or perhaps, a moment of stills; to include voice or not; to include a song, hummed or sung.

When preparation time had elapsed, each group performed their scenes and received feedback from the audience. Henry felt that their first try was challenging. The second time, they thought that they could do it and by the third, they just knew they could - with considerable confidence and in even less time!

On Friday, the students performed a single, longer show for families and friends, which was the culmination of their week and incorporated the scenes they had written previously.

At the end of the week, feedback from MTC was overwhelmingly positive and the students were urged to keep in touch with each other and with MTC. Henry fully

intends to do so. He summed up this experience as *'the best week ever!'* and he was sorry that it had come to an end.

So what next for Henry? In the short term, it is back to his part-time job and to school, of course. Theatre Studies, as part of his VCE, is definitely happening. He would like to help write a show for his school next year and share what he has learned. There is also the possibility of being involved in a Lyric Theatre production.

The 2023 Youth Scholarship Course at Melbourne Theatre Company is generously supported by the *Newsboys Foundation* and *Quest Southbank*.

Miriam Tonkin



Top: Henry as The Cat, narrator of Mount Rowan SC 2023 production of *Hansel and Gretel*.

Above: Henry at Southbank Theatre



2023 CRESWICK GARDEN LOVERS WEEKEND 11 and 12, November

The Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend is back! This annual community event is this year organised under the auspices of the Creswick Garden Club. There are seven beautiful private gardens open to visit. Come along to meet and chat with their creators. This well-loved community event showcases private and commercial gardens along with retail outlets which celebrate the skills of passionate gardeners in and around Creswick. Profits are used for local Creswick projects.

The garden entry fees are: adults \$6 per garden, children no charge. Tickets available on the day at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall: Saturday, 9.00am - 5.00pm, Sunday, 9.00am - 4.00pm.

Flower and Home Craft Show

The Creswick Garden Club will hold their annual Flower and Home Craft Show at the Creswick Town Hall on Saturday at 1.30pm to 5.00pm and Sunday, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Entries to be submitted by 8.00pm on 9 November. For entry and category information please visit

the Creswick Garden Club website. Entry fee to the Flower and Home Craft Show will be \$5.

Monster Plant Sale

A Monster Plant Sale will be held by the Garden Club at Coopers Reserve, outside the Visitor Information Centre Saturday and Sunday until sold out.

Volunteers wishing to be a part of the event either to help out at one of the private gardens or at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall with tickets sales, would be very welcome. Please see details below to advise your availability and contact details.

More information available at:

Website www.creswickgardenclub.com

Facebook Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend

Instagram [@gardenloverscreswick](https://www.instagram.com/gardenloverscreswick).

Enquiries for: Garden Lovers Weekend to Margaret Giles 0419 326 453 or info@creswick.net.

Flower and Home Craft Show to Leanne Murray 0437 518 159 or cgc.flowershow@gmail.com

Cats Come to Creswick

John Curtin Aged Care Art Show

They came in all shapes and sizes, colours, and textures. From the miniature ceramic whimsy to the majestic limestone deity, *Cats Come to Creswick* attracted felines from the studios of artists and artisans throughout this creative region. A team of volunteers, including Sandy Campbell, Loris Button and Craig Barrett, worked tirelessly over several months to bring the works together.

Cats Come to Creswick Art Show is a fundraising event for John Curtin Aged Care Inc. Funds from this year's show will go towards the purchase of a new bus for residents' outings.

Carers from the facility brought residents to the Town Hall to view the artworks and to pose happily with their own masterpiece: an elegant feline whose coat they'd decorated in bright, colourful buttons. *Puss My Buttons* will now have pride of place in the home of an out-of-town buyer.

Peter Cooper is a landscape painter and his three small oils are of the laneways, gardens and hills around Creswick. Look closely: there she is, the little black cat, quietly surveying the familiar scene. The late Earl took inspiration from ancient Egypt for his print of the *Goddess Bastet*. This theme was echoed in Janet Cameron's limestone sculpture of *Bastet*, which stood at the centre of a stunning display of ceramics.

Over three days, hundreds of visitors viewed paintings, prints and sculptures inspired by human fascination for, and devotion to, cats. Memories of kittens rescued and old cats re-homed, were shared as people strolled around the exhibits. Visitors gathered around the Cat Lovers Ballarat stand, and as the anecdotes flowed, one thing was clear: cats have long given comfort and companionship to their adoring humans.

Julie Moran

See photo on page 1.



Mental Health First Aid Public Instructor Training Expressions of Interest

The Creswick Storm Recovery Committee, with the support of Hepburn Shire Council, is calling for expressions of interest from suitable Hepburn Shire residents to undertake funded Mental Health First Aid Public Instructor Training. Two positions are on offer.

What is a Mental Health First Aid Public Instructor?

Mental Health First Aid Public Instructors are skilled facilitators with a passion for improving the mental health literacy of their community. This training can bolster your career opportunities whilst strengthening community resilience through the delivery of mental health first aid.

What is the commitment?

In return for having the training and three years of paid registration, you will be required to deliver one fee-free training course per year for three years within the Shire at a time and location that is mutually agreed upon.

Scan the QR code below to apply or get further information from the Creswick Hub or by emailing creswickresilience@gmail.com



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or visit rvahj.org.au for more information

ROADS UPDATE

Our road grading program is underway and will continue throughout the Shire during the drier months. Our six-week gravel re-sheeting program is also underway, with two crews operating at each of our depots at Creswick and Daylesford. Ten kilometres of roads will be re-sheeted as identified through our road audit process. There's also works underway to improve sealed roads, making them safer and smoother for our community. There may be some temporary road closures and detours, so please take care while driving.

If you've noticed an issue with a Council-managed road or asset please let us know. Raise a request at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/request. Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) is responsible for many roads in our Shire. While we aren't able to work on these roads, we continue to advocate for improvements on behalf of the community. Find out how to report issues to RRV via www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/roads

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Round one of our Community Grants are now open for local groups to apply for up to \$5,000 in funding. Rounds two and three will open in 2024 and will feature some updated categories with new eligibility criteria. Find out more and apply via our website at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Council has adopted an Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan. 'A Home in Hepburn Shire' outlines 26 actions that Council will do to help meet the challenges of affordable housing in the Shire. While most factors are outside the direct control of local government, we will continue to advocate to state and federal governments for investment in, or legislative changes to support, improved housing affordability. Thank you to everyone who provided input. Read the document on our website.

COUNCIL PLAN FOCUS AREAS



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A healthy, supported & empowered community



Embracing our past & planning for the future



Diverse economy & opportunities



A dynamic & responsive council

FOGO SERVICE

Council will introduce a weekly kerbside collection of food organics and garden organics (FOGO) for township residents early next year, which will help to divert thousands of tonnes of organic material from landfill.

The kerbside collection for townships will be:

- Lime green-lidded FOGO bins - collected weekly (new service)
- Red-lidded landfill (general rubbish) bins - collected fortnightly
- Yellow-lidded recycling - collected fortnightly (no change).

Food scraps and garden clippings will become a valuable resource and transformed into high-quality compost at two in-vessel composting units at Creswick Transfer Station. We will support residents with an education campaign well before the 2024 roll-out. Find out more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/FOGO

ARE YOU FIRE READY?

As we move into warmer weather it's an important time to start preparing for the upcoming fire season. For information on how to prepare your property for the fire danger period visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

FREE GREEN WASTE

Don't forget that throughout November you can dispose of green waste for free at our transfer stations in Creswick, Daylesford and Trentham. It's our way of helping you to get your property ready for the fire danger period.

HAVE YOUR SAY

We are developing policies that will govern how we manage Council-owned and controlled property. Feedback on the draft Leases and Licences Policy is open until Friday 27 October. Have your say at participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/council-property-policy

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Creswick Capers

The second part of term 3 provided students at Creswick Primary School with many educational opportunities.

The school conducted activities around the National Day Against Bullying, where they participated in Multi-Age Groupings looking at the important people in their lives to communicate with, if they are feeling unsafe. There was also the Sporting Schools program in basketball with players from the Ballarat Miners taking all children through many different basketball skills and games. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Senior Unit have also had other opportunities including Division Athletics where they were extremely successful, with two students moving onto the next level of *School Sport Victoria Greater Western Primary Regional Athletics Championships* in October. Also included was a Maths Transition program at Mount Rowan Secondary College and a *Goldfields Major Games Day* at Daylesford, with students in Grades 3 – 6 playing AFL, soccer, netball or newcombe.

The whole school became connected to the Grades 5/6 Economics study of creating a Market Day where they had a budget, fielded donations and made their own produce. This proved extremely successful raising over \$1400 for charity. At the beginning of September, in conjunction with Father's Day, students celebrated maths activities and a morning tea with their fathers, grandfathers and special friends. The occasion was very well supported.

Two of the most successful events during this period were the activities for Book Week and Maths Week. During Book Week students attended reading and activity sessions at the Creswick Library. An indigenous story-teller visited to share many of his childhood recollections in his own area. Students then visited other grades in the school to share their favourite books. At the dress-up parade, children outdid themselves arriving at school as a variety of book characters, with the staff re-enacting the book – *Where Is the Green Sheep?* with a twist!

Maths Week activities saw a variety of tasks held every day of the week at lunchtimes. There were activities exploring Art and Maths where children created tessellations and symmetrical drawings, a number search around the school in very trying weather conditions, identifying different shapes in the school environment and a plethora of maths games.

Creswick Primary School hopes that everyone had a safe, enjoyable and restful break, as the final term of 2023 begins, which will give students many experiences in both academic and whole student growth.

Vicki Hughes, Classroom Teacher



St Augustine's School

St Augustine's had a busy end to the term and are looking forward to term 4 and graduation for the Year 6s.

The school celebrated Father's Day with a breakfast for all the fathers and special people. Two hundred rolls were prepared by the teachers and enjoyed by children and their special friends. After breakfast there was some special play in the yard. We hope all those who attended had a wonderful day.

Some students went to Llanberris to participate in the next level of sports. Evelyn, Ava, Holly, Emmaline, Billy, Dylan, Gab and Jack did a great job. Congratulations to Ella and Jett who achieved second place in their events.

On Tuesday, 12 September, students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a sports day at St Michael's school in Daylesford. Teams played soccer, newcombe, football and netball. The weather was terrific and everyone had a great day.

The Foundation students for 2024 have been visiting with Miss Jess. Visits will continue throughout term 4.

The school ended the term with a Footy Colours day. Everyone came in their colours and completed a lap of honour with their team.

We hope everyone had a fantastic holiday!

Editorial Team, Christian and Edward



St Augustine's Footy Colours Day



*Market Day – Sweets Galore
shop owners : Ariana, Ava, Leiarnna, Mackenzie and Lucy*

Jubilee Gates Rejuvenated

After the highly successful Melbourne camp, students continued to do lots of great activities to finish off the term. All classes participated in an online live chat with children's author Andy Griffiths. They did activities together and discussed his *Treehouse* series of books, most of which are in the school library. It was an inspirational and creative session.

By wearing the colours of their favourite team for Footy Colours Day, students raised money through the Junior School Council to donate to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

The front entrance and gates have recently had a long overdue renewal. The gates are the originals and have been repainted white. The Jubilee entrance was built in 1938 to commemorate the school's sixtieth anniversary. It is an important piece of the school's history, and indeed, part of the history of Creswick itself. The entrance has seen many extra coats of paint over the years. The new uplift gives the Jubilee entrance a fresh and modern look, warmly welcoming everyone who enters the school.

With the Referendum on Saturday, 14 October, Creswick North Primary School will be open for the residents of Creswick and district to cast their vote. There will be a sausage sizzle between 9.00am and 2.00pm so please come and visit.

There are lots of new enrolments coming in for 2024, so if you would like a school tour to experience this fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012. The 2024 enrolment information session will be held on Thursday, 26 October at 5.00pm if any prospective families would like to come along.

Matthew Reyntjes,
Principal

Creswick's Spring Art Show will be held in the Creswick Town Hall. Opening Night will be Friday, 3 November at 7.00pm. The Show will then run 10.00am to 4.00pm from Saturday, 4 November to Tuesday, 7 November. Tickets will be available at the door.

Experience the vibrant tapestry of community artistic expression at the Spring 2023 Art Show. This event is a celebration of creativity that brings together local and regional artists. Wander through a diverse array of artworks of various mediums, some capturing the essence of spring's renewal. Engage with the artists themselves, gain insight into their inspirations, and perhaps even take home a masterpiece of your own. Whether you're an art enthusiast or simply looking to immerse yourself in the spirit of the season, the Spring 2023 Art Show is a must-attend event that promises to ignite your senses and foster a sense of community through art.

Entries of artworks are currently being accepted, please contact via secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au for entry form. Entries close on Monday, 30 October. Tickets for the Opening Night are also available from the secretary.

In addition to the Spring 2023 Art Show, there's a special treat for history and art enthusiasts. *Creswick Old Masters* exhibition, featuring artworks of Creswick's Allan T. Bernaldo, will also be on display at Havilah Masonic Lodge, 96 Albert Street. The same ticket will cover entry to both shows. Don't miss the chance to experience the past and present artistry of this enchanting town with a single ticket.

The Spring 2023 Art Show is proudly sponsored by the Community Bank Creswick & District.

Anna Schlooz,
Co-secretary of Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc.

The Jubilee entrance and gates in 1938 and 2023



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160th Clunes Show

Get Your Entries Ready

After three long years without a Show, this year it's **ON!** The 160th Clunes Show will be held at the Clunes Showgrounds on Saturday, 18 November 2023. Show Day promises an action packed program and there will be live music on the stage throughout the day.

The Midlands Axemen wood-chopping display is always popular, as is the Clunes Strongman Exhibition. Local food and wines will also be available. Why not try your hand at heading a crop on the virtual reality header simulator or admire the beautiful Sandy Creek Clydesdales?

The kids will love Wicked Wildlife, the giant sand pit, face painting, Pegasus pony rides, ferret racing, Professor Wallace's Puppets, Aston the Train and so much more. And don't forget to bring along your pet for the Pet Show at 1.00pm.

The dog high jump and shearing demos are always a crowd favourite. There will be animals galore to check out and a full equestrian program on the arena during the day.

Be there for the roar of the Bute Utes at 12 noon. It's the 25th Anniversary for that competition too! Then the Grand Parade at 3.00pm.

Get a team together for the Tug-o-War, try the Keg Throw and don't forget the Ladies Woodsplit. The competition will be fierce.

Remember, if you have any exhibits for the Homecrafts Pavilion, now is the time to be thinking about it. Sections include: pantry, photography, short stories or handwriting, sewing, knitting, crochet, needlework, garden produce, flowers, plants, cookery, art, craft. Or you might like to enter the scarecrow competition. Come on kids, there are so many sections for you to enter too!

Please check the website at www.clunesshow.com.au for the competitions schedule.

General entries close on 7 November with flowers and plants closing on 14 November. Entries, along with entry fees, can be left at the Clunes Newsagency.

For any homecrafts enquiries please contact Helen on 5345 3856 or Julie on 0429 434 201.

The Show has missed you! Mark the calendar and make a day of it for the 160th Clunes Show on Saturday, 18 November!



MUSIC NEWS

Internationally renowned pianist Leslie Howard presented an outstanding recital on 17 September as a fund-raiser for Central Highlands Rural Health. Born in Melbourne but living most of his professional life in England, Howard is recognised as one of the world's leading scholars and performers of the piano music of Franz Liszt. He has recorded over 150 CDs, including all the piano music of Liszt.

Howard's performance of Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt revealed his mastery of musicianship and technique. The clarity and elegance of the 18th century Classical style was fully realised in the Mozart sonata K331 and the rarely performed Beethoven Fantasie Op.77. The lyricism, drama and freedom of the Romantic style of Chopin's beautiful Barcarolle and Liszt's two Ballades gave Howard the opportunity to fully display his affinity to this highly expressive music.

The capacity audience thoroughly appreciated hearing these great works and the recently discovered Liszt piece *Der Todesengel*.

The next *Piano for Pleasure* concert will be on Sunday, 12 November, at 2.00pm in the Synod Hall of the Anglican Cathedral, Lydiard Street South. Senior students of Newlyn teacher Bron Sozanski will perform an exciting and entertaining program. The one-hour concert is free, with donations requested.

Bron Sozanski



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October 2, 1923

Ullina – A grand ball is to be held by the Ullina Cricket Club next Friday night, to open the season. There will be orchestral music, a good floor, and an efficient MC, so a good night's enjoyment will be derived by all who attend.

October 5, 1923

The Creswick Victory Brass Band will hold a ball – the last for the season – in the town hall next Monday night, for which complete arrangements are being made. There will be the best music, an efficient MC, and supper will be provided. Double tickets are 3/6 and ladies' tickets 1/. The ladies are asked to assist by supplying refreshments for the supper. An enjoyable night's dancing will result.

October 9, 1923

A meeting of the Smeaton Branch of the Red Cross Society will be held in the Smeaton Mechanics' Institute on Thursday, 11th Oct., at 2.30 p.m., to consider assisting Japan. (Japan had suffered a massive earthquake)

October 12, 1923

A Daffodil show and American Tea will be held in the Scrub Hill Church on Thursday, October 18th, at 3 o'clock. Presentation of Autograph Quilt at 4. Concert at 8. Good programme by Ballarat singers. Tickets 1/6. Supper.

October 16, 1923

Cricket – Players of the local club are reminded that in order to be eligible for selection in matches, they must be financial. As it is expected the competition will commence on Saturday next, subscriptions must be paid before the team is selected on Thursday.

October 19, 1923

Members of the local bowling club are request to attend at the green tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, to take part

in a 'working bee' to prepare the rinks. Refreshments will be provided. A full attendance is desired.

October 23, 1923

The warmer weather experienced at the weekend evidently caused snakes to leave their holes, for reports are to hand of several having been killed about the town. One was despatched by a lady on Sunday, and what was first believed to be protruding fangs was found to be the legs of a frog. When opened four other frogs were found to have been swallowed by the snake.

October 26, 1923

Kooroocheang Methodist Church 1873 – Jubilee celebrations – 1923

Tea meeting on Friday 26th October 1923, Tea on tables at 6 o'clock p.m.

Public meeting at 8 o'clock. Admission 2/; children 1/.

Musical and Elocutionary items, community singing, unveiling of memorial pulpit and addresses by home-comers and others.

On Sunday 28th Oct., Services will be conducted by Rev. Wm. Richards, of Daylesford, at 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. Lady Peacock and Sir A. J. Peacock will attend the afternoon service.

October 30, 1923

H & R Liddicoat (Late with E. J. Russell) Beg to notify the public of Creswick and District that they have commenced Droving. All markets attended. Every care taken of stock. A trial solicited.

All letters addressed C/o C. Liddicoat, Saddler, Albert street, Creswick, will receive prompt attention. Phone 23.



JARED TALLENT JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON

AWARD 2023

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson Award.

The award recipient receives a \$500 bank account to assist them to achieve their sporting goals.

Criteria is available from the Community Bank Creswick & District branch or by emailing admin@cdfsl.com.au. Submit your written nomination by 5pm on 31st December 2023.

We know there are some wonderful junior sportspeople in our District, nominate one of them today!

Picture: Mickayla Culvenor the 2022 recipient with Jeff Unmack



Creswick Bowling Club

New Season Underway

The 2023-2024 Outdoor Bowling Season commenced on Tuesday, 3 October with Creswick entering two divisions into the competition. Two teams were also entered in the Saturday competition with the first game played on Saturday, 7 October. All home games will be played at Webbcon until further notice, most likely after the Christmas break.

On Monday, 18 September several members received their Super Veteran's Badges from the Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region in recognition of their stamina and longevity in playing bowls. Reg Rhook, Barry Yates, Ross Pictor, Eileen Franklin, Sigrid Glasspool and Alan Penrice participated in the day. Beth Huntley and Judith Caddy were absent but received their medals back at the club.

New members were welcomed back after several years of absence. Elise Bennett has returned from Echuca and Bruce Andrews has returned to bowls after retiring from work. As we know, there is plenty of free time once you retire to take up bowls. New members are always welcome, either bowling or as a Social Member.

All Pennant playing members are reminded to check the club's notice board and Facebook page for information relating to bowls during the season. Bernie will also communicate information through members' email. If you are not getting emails, please let Bernie know.

Membership Fees for all categories are due now. Fees have been kept the same as last year owing to the fact

that there is no home green.

On Sunday, 1 October, Creswick played the Annual Bob Allen Trophy Day, one of the first practice matches before the season starts. Learmonth hosted the day and provided a BBQ sausage sizzle, great hospitality and some very enjoyable games on eight rinks. Learmonth were the winners on the day and our Chairman presented the Bob Allen Trophy to Learmonth's President, Craig Findlay. The best rink for Creswick, consisting of Graeme Mitchell, Eileen Franklin, Richard McCutcheon and Skipper, Bernie O'Malley, each received a bottle of sparkling wine and a Learmonth Club beer glass.

On the social side, the club is conducting Friday night get-togethers and a meal every week from 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join. Please contact Bernie and let him know numbers prior to 6.00pm for catering purposes. A two-course meal is \$12 for non-members and \$10 for members. Become a Social Member or a Social Bowler to receive member benefits, including cheaper food and drinks and eligibility for the Members' Draw. There are also reasonable bar prices across a range of beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks.

Next month it is hoped to be able to bring everyone an update on the progress of the redevelopment of the green.

Bernie O'Malley

See photo on page 1.



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Creswick Cemetery News

A big thank you to the anonymous donors of four flowering gums for the gardens. The Trust attempted to grow some tube stock last year, but unfortunately it was too wet and they all died. Hopefully these will grow nicely.

Please be wary of snakes in the warmer weather as these are out and about already. Be aware if a Total Fire Ban is called, the cemetery gates will be closed to all visitors for their safety as per Department of Health Regulations.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary



D-CAM Enterprises is hiring

We are looking for someone to fill the position of a Fabricator.

This could lead to a full-time permanent position after a qualifying period – for the right applicant.

A good mechanical background would be an advantage but not completely necessary. What is needed is a good work ethic and the ability and willingness to learn new things if needed.

We are based in Newlyn where the views are fantastic and we have ample parking and no traffic jams.

If this is you, then please contact Dick Campbell on 0407 082 679 or email me at dcam85@bigpond.com.

CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Community Garage Sales
Saturday, 21 October. \$20
Register at Creswick PO.

Kingston Agricultural Society Food and Wine Festival

Saturday 28 October.
Enquiries 0419 527 734.

New Residents Welcome Saturday, 28 October 2023 at 3.00pm

Senior Citizens Rooms, Water Street.

Remembrance Day Services - 11 November
Creswick Cenotaph 11.00am
Kingston Friends of the Avenue 10.45am at Cenotaph, corner Kingston and Victoria Roads.

Garden Lovers Weekend,
November 11 and 12.

Clunes Show, Saturday 18 November. Enquiries
www.clunesshow.com.au.

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 Margaret Giles on
info@creswick.net

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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 -
Gates Open 9.00am to 5.00pm.
Daily

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

Creswick Lions Club
second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall
Membership Chairperson Maria Marco 0410 499 007
mariamarco3363@gmail.com

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Community Repair & Share Event
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Creswick Neighbourhood Centre
transitioncreswick@gmail.com or 5345 2356

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

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

Joey's, 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

Tipplers - third Wednesday every month. email:
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A Community Emergency Management Action Plan for Creswick and District

The aim of the Creswick Community Emergency Management Action Plan is to

- ➔ develop community awareness of Emergency Management protocols
- ➔ promote individual preparedness for an emergency and
- ➔ encourage self-reliance in the event of an emergency

Implement our Community Emergency Management Action Plan (CEMAP)

- ➔ Establish a formal CEMAP Committee to oversee the implementation of our CEMAP.
- ➔ Apply for grants to support the CEMAP actions and activities and continue to advocate for Creswick community.
- ➔ Promote the CEMAP and implementation of its actions in our local printed media and on social media.

Improve our awareness of and preparation for emergencies

- ➔ Partner with our local and regional emergency services and service providers to hold regular information sessions, workshops and talks (possibly in informal settings such as at the market or in front of the supermarket) on how we can be better prepared for an emergency.
- ➔ Seek support from our local council and businesses for an interchangeable information stand (i.e. designated digital noticeboards, with USB upload) to be displayed in prominent locations to help us feel more prepared and informed in an emergency.
- ➔ Create a flipchart magnet with localised information and references to enable us to access information when offline.
- ➔ Promote the 24/7 availability of the community automated external defibrillator (AED) at the Creswick Community Hub and encourage other organisations/sites to register their AED with Ambulance Victoria at <https://registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au/>
- ➔ Continue to support the Emotional First Aid 'Train the Trainer' program and other Mental Health First Aid initiatives that could support the well being needs of our community.
- ➔ Promote establishment of the "Good Sam" program in the community.
- ➔ Develop and provide an escalation path for insurance claims to assist residents make and manage a claim.

Keep us connected to each other

- ➔ Create a localised safety campaign (i.e. video, podcasts) to promote our local risks and available resources.
- ➔ Work with our local council and community organisations to establish an annual 'Neighbour Day' event or activities to encourage greater awareness of people facing vulnerabilities within our community.
- ➔ Partner with local emergency services to develop a neighbourhood phone tree program to help us be better connected to our community in an emergency (i.e. CFA Fire Guard).



For more information about
the Creswick Emergency
Management Action Plan, email:
creswickresilience@gmail.com

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