



Goodbye Winter

Welcome Spring







A Hat Trick for Creswick Men's Indoor Bowlers

Division 1 Premiership side. Back from left: Michael Booth, Gerry Flapper, Rob Ohlsen, Rod Brehaut, Bob Broughton. Front: Matt Blackburn, Alan Annear, Travis Hedger See report on page 6.



Creswick District News

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Vale PETER PLEWS

Sincere sympathy is extended to Maureen and the Plews family on the recent death of her husband Peter. Peter and Maureen have been active members of the local community particularly as regular volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre. *CDN Team*

Vale ALAN HALL

Sincere condolences are extended to Ann and the Hall family on the sudden passing of Alan. Both Ann and Alan have been long term members of the Visitor Information Centre. *CDN Team*

Dean and District Sheep Dog Trials

Will be held on 8 October at the Dean Recreation Reserve. 7.00am to 5.00pm Entry by gold coin donation Hot food and cold drinks available all day. Also during the day a fundraiser for *Soldier On* will be held. Enquiries: phone 0438 304 479

BATTLE OF BEERSHEBA Commemorative Dinner

An invitation is extended for attendance at the Battle of Beersheba Commemorative Dinner to be held in the Creswick Town Hall on Saturday, 21 October at 6.00pm. The Guest Speaker will be Mr Phillip Bradley, Military Historian and author of the book on the Light Horse.

Cost \$40 for three course dinner and drinks, dress smart casual please. Limited seating available. Book through Michael on 5345 1161 or Val on 5345 1310.



APEX FIFTY YEARS



100th Dinner, Creswick Town Hall, 1977 Seated: Beth and Ian Huntley, Peter and Diane Howell, Helen Tink. David and Aileen Preston ; Standing:

Members of Ballarat Apex including Bruce Bartrop, Doug Cowles and their wives

The inaugural dinner of the Apex Club of Creswick was held in the Creswick Town Hall on September 9, 1967.

Creation of the Club was assisted by the sponsorship of Ballarat Apex – one of the first Clubs in the Association founded to provide a forum for young men interested in community service. Senior members of that Club canvassed support in the Creswick district and brought together a diverse group of prospective members from, business, banking, farming, schools, local government, the School of Forestry and many other walks of life. It provided an avenue for fellowship and action which did not then exist in the district. Some twenty-two young men committed to forming the Club and were tutored by Ballarat members, during 1967, in the traditions and activities of Apex.

The Foundation Members included, Graeme Caddy, Len Clifton, Graeme Davis, Graeme Dawson, Graeme Henderson, Bill Huntley, Ian Huntley, Frank Kennedy, Jeff Maes, Paul Petts, David Preston, Frank Scholten and Arthur Taylor.

The Inaugural Office Bearers included, President Bob Price, Vice President Colin Wrigley, Secretary Bernie Rees, Public Speaking/Debating Peter Quinlan, International Relations Jim Edgar, Membership David Henderson.

With a primary objective of service, the Creswick Club soon developed a core of activities. Paper Drives (in the days before regular recycling) became a primary fund raising effort. After a year of proving viability, the Club received a formal charter from the Association of Apex.

Assistance was given to schools, youth groups, the hospital, pensioners and the aged. Regular events were established, including Carols by Candlelight and the Easter Art Show. In the early years, the Club was active in initiating actions to

restore Anderson's Mill, clear up Park Lake, restoration of the Band Stand and Fountain and building a children's playground in Raglan Street. Assistance was given in efforts to establish the Elderly Citizens Club and the Australasia Mine Project. The Club also participated in National Apex Projects, including early moves to promote solar energy and a memorable MS Project involving a famous Italian actress. The Club also developed a fierce reputation for independence and debating prowess against other Clubs in the District

The Association of Apex required members to retire at age forty and, consequently, by the late 1970s, some founding members were beginning to leave the Club. A small group of these decided to continue the close friendships and moved to create a new and independent, OASIS Club of Creswick - Old Apexians Still Interested In Service. Retirees and their partners, including several foundation members, form the core of this Club, which is unique to Creswick and still flourishes today.

As society changed and pressures on family life increased, many Apex Clubs had difficulty in maintaining viable membership numbers. Creswick was one of these and after nearly four decades, finally and regretfully, ceased activities. During that time, almost 100 members and their partners enjoyed the association, fellowship and service activity in support of the community of Creswick and District. Stimulated in no small part by their involvement in Apex, many of these members were and are, active in many other aspects of service.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of Apex in Creswick will be celebrated at the OASIS dinner in Creswick this month.

Dr Jim Edgar

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Creswick Lions Club News GARAGE SALE 7 OCTOBER

After the normal winter hiatus, the Club is now gearing up for a busy year. At the August meeting, Caelli Greenbank gave a very interesting presentation about her experiences as a part of the crew on the Young Endeavour sail training ship. She outlined the Young Endeavour Scholarship program aimed at encouraging local youth to apply to be part

of this Leadership Development program.

During August another successful wood raffle was conducted. The winner was Phil Hassal of Clunes. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets or made a donation supporting this fund-raiser. Thank you to Brian and Margaret New who again donated the wood.

The Club's next major effort is the Garage Sale to be held on Saturday 7 October at the RSL Hall. Donated goods are again most welcome, but the



Wood Raffle winner: Phil Hassal of Clunes

Club does ask that items donated are saleable. Mattresses, clothing, TVs and computers cannot be accepted as they don't sell and the Club then has to pay to dispose of them. Items will be collected in the week leading up to the sale or can be dropped at the RSL Hall on Friday 6 October from midday onwards. Volunteers to help collect and sort items would be most welcome.

Contact Max 0419 367 815, Ken 0417 011 604 or Pat 0429 581 591.

The Club has two projects underway as part of the Centennial Year of Lions International. The first is further development of the Lions Park in Bridge St Creswick and the second is a promotional brochure for visitors and new arrivals in the town that will cover a brief history, business locations and recreational and tourist information. Both of these are works in progress.

As always, we invite interested members of the community to come to a meeting, meet with current Lions, see what the organisation is about and hopefully join us in some capacity. Lions is for all ages. Contact Membership Chairperson, Bernardette (0419 326 052), for more information. The Club meets on the second Monday of the month at the RSL Hall.

Pat Tacey Secretary Lions Club of Creswick

0429 581 591 or creswick@lions201v1-4.org.au



Kingston Friends of the Avenue

Biscuit Tins sales are booming. Thanks to all of you who have purchased and to all those individuals and businesses who are

selling them on behalf of the Kingston Friends of the Avenue. Thanks go to Julie Lindsay and Josie Reasons for coordinating this huge fundraiser.

The Friends' new promotional material includes a new flyer and posters to assist with biscuit tin sales. Have you noticed the new logo? Special thanks go to Leah Armstrong. Leah is an illustrator, graphic designer and photographer who grew up in the area.

Perhaps you are wondering about the evolution of our logo? It is my recollection that the original graphic was designed by John Grange for the Kingston Primary School windcheater and was used in our early incarnation in 1999. The latest incarnation of the logo prepared by Leah, follows the original and then a version by Robt Hautie.

Peter D Rickard's book *Sentinels of Service - Volunteers of the Kingston Avenue of Honour* is being prepared for printing. Please look out for further details, of its launch and how to order, in the next edition of the CDN.

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 11 Sunday 12 November -

Hedgerow in Kingston open as part of the Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend.

Saturday 11 November -

Remembrance Day Service at Monument

Saturday 18 November -

Kingston Open Gardens featuring the former State School garden.

Julie Baulch





Senior Cits

As usual, Social Day was a happy occasion with good food and great entertainment by Phyllis Quick and her group of ladies.

Next Social Day, 29 September, we will be entertained by the Australia Sings Choir-a group of wonderful voices. The usual yummy lunch will be served at 12 noon.

Seniors Flower Show

October Social Day will be the Seniors Flower Show. Although we are just out of a severe, cold winter, Seniors will put on a colourful and interesting show. Even if flowers are few, shrubbery and plants in pots can be bright. Upon judging, prizes will be awarded.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray - 5334 6526

Kingston Friends of the Avenue Biscuit tins for sale Phone 5345 1512







MARKET DAY Creswick North Primary

School

Saturday 21 October 8am-2pm Sausage Sizzle Outside Sites \$15, Inside Sites \$25. For further information: Miranda Chalmers 0447 654 071 *mirandale@iinet.net.au* or Julieanne Kilroy 0418 597 230 *vyutegirl@yahoo.com*



Creswick Bowling Club -Indoor Bowls

A Hat Trick for Creswick

Men's Indoor Bowlers

The Creswick Men's Indoor bowls have had a very successful season. Division 1 side won the Pennant Grand Final, for the third time in a row.

Travis Hedger won the Club Championship defeating Matt Blackburn. Travis Hedger, Rod Brehaut and Gerry Flapper won the State Triples. Travis Hedger, Alan Annear, Rod Brehaut and Gerry Flapper were Runners up in the State Fours.

Michael Booth was selected to play in the Australian Championships held in Tasmania at the end of August.

On 12 August, ninety-six indoor bowlers contested the prestigious *Creswick Pharmacy Men's Fours* at Smeaton Bowling Club. There were four winners of three games. After a play-off, the winners were from Creswick Club, Chris Price, Gerry Flapper, Phil Zelley and Alan Annear.

Ladies Indoor Bowls

The Ladies indoor pennant team were very happy with their results this season. Getting into the four, winning the Semi Final, they were defeated in the Preliminary Final by Sebastopol.

The Ladies Club Championship was won by Liz Hocking, Runner up Joan Hepworth. The Ladies Tournament was played on 29 June. Winner was Brenda Hughes' team from Victoria, Runner Up was Rita Brunt's team from Sebastopol.



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September 2017

BAND NEWS

Close, but no cigar – the State Band Championships have been run and won again at Ballarat, and both the Creswick Youth Brass and the Creswick Brass Band came home with second-place trophies. After last year winning the title, Creswick came a close second to arch-rivals Ararat Band, winning plaudits from the adjudicator for the fine ensemble playing. All members of the Band are to be congratulated for their hard work leading up to the contest, and we look forward to continuing the good form at the Mt. Gambier contest in November. The Creswick Youth Brass, in their first competition, did themselves proud with a welldeserved placing for all their hard work, and they were a happy bunch of kids when they'd finished their concert.

The Band also had its AGM in August, where we welcomed Cr. Don Henderson and VBL President Megan Stapleton. Rob Ohlsen was re-elected President, yours truly Secretary, Neil Young Treasurer. Awards as follows – Bandmaster's Award to Michelle Collins, Junior Bandmaster's Award to Sammy Collins, the Andrew Vlahek Award for musical improvement to Michael O'Collins, and the Phyllis Pollard Award for services to the Band to Pam Clark.

Michael Bird retired as Treasurer after a ten-year stint, and noted how far the Band has come in that time, not only increasing membership and playing skill, but embarking on a program of purchasing instruments that has re-stocked half the Band in a six-year time span, due in great part to the support of the Creswick community. Thank you Creswick!

Preserving Creswick A new business in town

The name comes from the desire to encourage the appreciation and preservation of this beautiful, historic town. Its diverse and colourful history is here to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. The owner of *Preserving Creswick, Zandie Acton aims to make available products grown and developed primarily around the local area.*

Preserves and chutneys are slowly being discovered. Presently the business sells a range of Goldfields cheeses, Basilio sourdough breads and Istra small goods. The coffee is from Motobean in Malmsbury and the cakes are courtesy of Tobias. There is also a range of house made soups and cakes.

The tiny, old building has a warm, inviting atmosphere, with a fireplace and eclectic furniture. The furnishings change regularly as pieces are sold and replaced with new 'old treasures'. The business has expanded to a side courtyard with stairs leading up to a garden of fruit trees and garden beds, with a vision to provide the café with its own herbs, fruits and vegetables.

Come Spring, beers and ciders will be served in the courtyard, perfect with a platter of Nadia's beautiful cheeses. Along with products for a great picnic hamper, other takeaway foods include house made soups, stews and cakes.

Look for *Preserving Creswick* in Victoria Street across from the Creswick Visitor Information Centre.



Roger Clark

GARDEN CLUB



Hello fellow gardeners,

Last meeting the Club had a local guest speaker, Luke Wylie on Backyard Bee Keeping. It was a very informative and interesting topic. Next month the guest speaker will be talking on Orchids, everyone is welcome, \$2 entry includes afternoon tea and a chance to win a door prize.

November 7 is the Garden Club's Cup Day event, \$10 includes progressive lunch which will be held at four gardens and we will end up back at the hall for sweets and to watch the race. In December the Christmas lunch (date to be confirmed), will be held in the Senior Citizens rooms, again all welcome, \$30 pp.

To book any of these events or for more information, please contact Phyllis Wright on 5345 2514 or Secretary Leanne Murray on 0437 518 159.







Hepburn Shire will host a showcase event for the Seniors Festival. Celebrate with an afternoon of friendship, music and fun. Me N' Me Mates will be there to celebrate Australian humour and language through song and story.

Date: Tuesday, 10 October; Time: 2.00pm—4.30pm Venue: Daylesford Town Hall

RSVP: 27 September 2017

Me N' Me Mater

Please call Customer Service on 5348 2306 to RSVP and to indicate whether you require transport to the event.

A light afternoon tea will be provided.

For information on other events around Victoria for Seniors Week visit *seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsand awards*

MUSIC NEWS

Royal South Street Piano Competitions

The past couple of months have been very busy. Senior piano students have performed at the Art Gallery of Ballarat and at the Mechanics Institute Friday evening lecture series. I have been re-elected to serve another three-year term as a council member of the Victorian Music Teachers Association and in July was a delegate at the week-long Australasian Piano Pedagogy Conference in Adelaide.

Eight piano students sat exams in July with excellent results and in August twenty-four competed in the Royal South Street piano competitions. They shared forty-five Awards including nine First places, the Darcy Shield, a Frank Robertson-Smith Scholarship and three Adjudicators Encouragement Awards.

Four Seasons Fine Music Festival

The Four Seasons Fine Music Festival concludes on the last weekend in October with the Babaganoush Gypsy Ensemble at St. Paul's in Clunes, at 7.00pm on 28 October, and Rhys Boak (organ) and Bruno Siketa (trumpet) at St. John's Creswick, at 2.00pm on 29 October.

Bronislaw Sozanski





BUSINESS & TOURISM CRESWICK INC. NEWS

Digital Marketing Project for Creswick Business people and Community organisations

The Creswick & District Community Bank[®] is sponsoring a special project in support of all Creswick and district businesses and community organizations. This project will encourage participation in the new website (*www.creswick.net*) and upgrade the business directory.

This amazing sponsorship will enable all business and community organizations to showcase their businesses and activities free for the next twelve months of operation of the Business & Tourism Creswick website/directory.

This is a great opportunity to learn how to promote your business or group on-line. Register NOW for workshops and one on one coaching 10, 11 and 12 October 2017. Evening and day sessions available. Hosted by Annie O'Shea from Web Strategies, this mentoring program is ideal for all businesses and especially for those small businesses who wish to use the digital forum more effectively.

> Contact Margaret Giles Email: info@creswick.net 0419 326 453 or www.creswick.net

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F.J. & Y.M KENNEDY QUALITY BUTCHERS



Frank (right) on his last day at his butcher shop in May 1997

At the age of fourteen, Frank left school and was apprenticed to Butcher, Eric Couglan. Frank's first job each morning was to deliver meat by horse and cart and would take great delight in racing around the streets of North Creswick with Bowley's Bakery cart. Frank Kennedy was destined to be a butcher, at the age of twenty-three, he purchased the business from Eric Coughlan in March 1954.

In June 1956, Frank Kennedy married Hairdresser, Yvonne Amiet at St Augustine's Church, Creswick. They at first lived in a cottage on Clunes Road, North Creswick, before purchasing a house in Melbourne Road, Creswick, where they raised a family of three children, two girls and a boy.

For the first few years of their marriage, Yvonne remained working at her hairdressing salon in Albert Street,

In 1855, James Knowles, butcher, purchased lot 5, Albert Street, Creswick, where he operated his business up to about 1866 when he moved to Maiden Hill, Creswick. Several other butchers then operated on the site to April 1878, when Henry Hammon opened his 'Cheap Meat Market', with Mr J. House Junior, as Manager.

In 1892, John Bennett, an apprentice of Henry Hammon was appointed Manager. John Bennett's son Ken joined his father in the business in 1914, and father and son remained in the business together up to the time of John's passing in 1934. Creswick born, Eric Coughlan, who had been apprenticed to John Bennett, took over the business in 1934 and remained until 1954, when he sold to his former apprentice and employee, Frank Kennedy.

Frank Kennedy, the fourth of five children and only son of WWI returned soldier, Peter Kennedy, and Caroline Pickering, was born at Sister Huffer's, Creswick in 1931. Frank grew up on the family farm at Red Streak. He attended school at North Creswick Primary and later at St Augustine's in Creswick.

Frank spent most weekends and after school hunting rabbits at Red Streak. The rabbits that didn't go into his mother's stew, he sold to locals, with the skins going to a buyer in Ballarat. Aged about ten, Frank delivered meat parcels for Hobill's butcher. Frank did his deliveries by bicycle with parcels of meat stacked high in a basket on the handlebars. He also helped round up cattle at the slaughter yards on the Broomfield Road.

while Frank continued butchering.

Frank and Yvonne entered into partnership in the butcher shop in 1958 as F.J. & Y.M. Kennedy Quality Butchers.

Frank greeted his customers with a smile and a 'g'day', and for many years, F.J. & Y. M. Kennedy supplied Huntley's Supermarket with pre-packed meat, which was prepared, packed and wrapped on the premises. Frank Kennedy was well known for his smoked Christmas hams, which were smoked in the brick smokehouse at the rear of the shop. The smoked hams and bull boars were favourites with regular customers.

Any child entering the shop would not leave without a decent chunk of German sausage and many a customer would remember saw dust on the floor, until it was outlawed by the Health Department. Frank was one of the last establishments to end this practice.

Frank Kennedy worked tirelessly in the Creswick community over many years, serving with numerous clubs and committees. He was a member of the Creswick Fire Brigade, where as a young man took part in fire demonstrations with the Hose and Reel Team. Frank served as Apparatus Officer for many years and was very proud to receive a 25 Year Service Medal.

Frank was also a member of Apex and a Charter member and President of the Creswick Lions Club. For over thirty years he was a keen player and committee member of the Creswick Golf Club and was very proud of his one and only Hole in One!

F.J. & Y.M KENNEDY QUALITY BUTCHERS

Frank and Yvonne Kennedy closed the doors of F.J. & Y.M. Kennedy for the last time in May 1997. Their business served Creswick and district with quality meat for fortythree years. The business not only supported family, but community as well. Frank and Yvonne Kennedy were dedicated in the promotion of Creswick and district, ready to donate their time and financial assistance, in particular the Creswick Football Club, Golf and Bowling clubs, Creswick Businessmen's Association and St Augustine's Church.

Frank Kennedy, butcher, businessman, gentleman, and above all, a family man with a big heart, gave much to his family, and to his birth place, Creswick. Frank passed away in 1999 at the age of 67 years. F. J. & Y. M. Kennedy's butcher shop was sold, with several business', not butchers, operating there since.

Recent renewal of the galvanised iron roof at 105 Albert Street, by current owners, Doug and Jan Bosher, revealed original timber shingles and remnants of canvas lining belonging to a bygone era.

The premises are believed to have mainly operated as a butchery for about 142 years from when James Knowles purchased the land in 1855, to the closing of F. J. & Y. M. Kennedy in 1997.

Sue Atkinson (Kennedy)





Shingles exposed on roof of 105 Albert Street, Creswick in August, 2017. Photos by Wayne-Rex Brereton See article on page 12.





Top: Frank Kennedy in earlier days Centre: Frank with employee Terry Shellew outside shop on last day in May 1997. Photos Courtesy Kennedy Family





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Shingles

Recently, a local roofing contractor was recladding a shop in Albert Street and as he removed the old sheets of rusted, corrugated tin, an underlay of different character was revealed - the original roof of timber 'tiles', called shingles or shakes. They had simply been covered over, leaving the roof's history intact.



Close-up of 105 Albert street ,Creswick's shingle roof Photo by Wayne Rex Brereton

The old saying that necessity is the mother of invention was certainly true when building materials were selected in the early days of European settlement. Suitability, availability, and practicality of different materials were important considerations, as were know-how, skills, and experience in crafting and using them. Later, as the economy developed, more choices became available, such as imported slate and corrugated iron.

Many of the district's early buildings had roofs of bark, timber slabs, or shingles. The earliest shingles (and palings) were split by hand from local, straight grain, fissile (easily split), tree species, including messmate (*Eucalyptus oblique*) and manna gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*). Sheoke (*Allocasuarina verticillata*) was particularly prized, being easy to split; so prized, in fact, that it was almost obliterated around Creswick. Mountain ash, from eastern Victoria, English oak, American western red cedar, and other species were subsequently imported.

Shingles were made by splitting short logs (40-50 cm) into radial segments of about 15 cm width, that were roughly squared using an axe. A sharp metal tool, called a froe, was then hammered into the end of each segment to split off thin, radial, shingles, which were smoothed, tapered, and squared with a draw knife, then stacked to dry.



Metal froe and mallet for splitting shingles

Sawn shingles also became popular when steam-driven saws became available, which some people claimed 'looked much better than the split timber' (Ballarat Star

Friday 6 Jan 1865). However, whilst they each had pros and cons, both were fire hazards, particularly in urban areas with buildings close together.

Shingles are still made, mainly for external or internal decorative purposes, with imported sawn and split western red cedar from British Columbia, Canada, being popular because of its appearance and resilience.



Portraits of Creswick

NEW RELEASE



The revised, hard cover, second edition of this popular book was launched by President Jack van Beveren at The Creswick Historical Society's August meeting. With the well -known Cairn on Brackenbury Hill on its cover, the book is packed with facts, anecdotes, and personal stories.

Written by local historians, the book covers diverse aspects of early Creswick and its surrounding district – gold, agriculture, forestry, town life, entertainment, art, women's life, sports, trade unionism, clubs, pubs, churches, schools and more.

Founded in 1838 by Captain John Hepburn for its agricultural potential, the district hit world headlines after gold was discovered in 1851 – Creswick's population surged to around 25,000 and literally tons of gold were extracted.

Creswick claims many Australian luminaries – including Alfred Deakin, a father of federation, first Member of the House of Representatives for the seat of Ballarat, and Australia's second Prime Minister; John Curtin, war-time Prime Minister; W.G. Spence and colleagues who started the Australian Union movement; and many successful Australian and International foresters.

Older folk will relate to times when the School of Forestry brought young men from many areas to live in the town and take part in all aspects of town life - church, football, tennis, cricket, and husbands for local girls! Eight forestry students played in Creswick's 1961 premiership football team.

As well as a good read, the book is beautifully illustrated and would make an excellent present. It is published by the Creswick and District Historical Society and can be purchased for \$45, plus postage, from the Society's Secretary, Val Lawrence, email: *valanlaw10@iinet.net.au*

CRESWICK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The next meeting will be held on 28 September at 2.00pm in the Senior's Club Rooms. The second edition of *Portraits of Creswick* has arrived and is available for sale. Don't miss out, the first edition sold out within four months.

Coming up – the dinner to commemorate the Battle of Beersheba on Saturday, 21 October at 6.00pm. This is a special night for Creswickians, a night to pay tribute to all the local boys with their horses who took part in that epic battle. The cost for the sit-down dinner and drinks is only \$40. The guest speaker will be Mr Phillip Bradley, Australia's Military Historian and the writer of the history of our Light Horse Brigade. Phillip will also open the special Exhibition in the RSL Hall at 2.30pm that afternoon.

Seating is limited in the Town Hall so don't be disappointed, book now with Michael on 5345 1161 or Val on 5345 1310. The evening will support the Creswick-Smeaton RSL and is presented by that organisation in conjunction with the Historical Society. We look forward to sharing your company on that night.



Book Launch "Portraits of Creswick Through the Years" published by the Creswick & District Historical Society L-R: Val Lawrence (author), Jack van Beveren (President), Barbara and Ray Spencer (editors), Marilyn Lennox (author).

Calling for Stories

The CDN Team are always on the lookout for stories of local interest to publish in the monthly newsletter. If you would like your story told or know of someone whose story would be of interest to our readers, please contact the CDN at *cdn@cbl.com.au*

It can either be written by yourself or one of the Team would be able to assist. Similarly, stories or articles of any event or feature of interest of our town and area would also be welcome. CDN is your newsletter so please feel free to be a part of it by contributing. *CDN Team*



Creswick Capers Book Week at Creswick Primary

The skill of reading is a very important life skill and at Creswick Primary School, the whole community is involved in promoting learning in this area.

Recently the school celebrated Book Week with a series of activities designed to encourage students to read and share their love of reading. The week started with a storyteller named Valanga Khoza who shared the history of his very different life through music, dance and stories.



Throughout the rest of the week,

- Each class visited the Creswick Library
- Year 5/6 celebrity readers visited various classes and read stories to the children
- The staff all selected a *Tier Two* word and wore it around to help expand the vocabulary of the students
- More visits occurred to the school library at lunch time and for extra classes

The week finished with a fabulous Book Week Parade, with most children and staff dressed as characters from a broad range of reading genres. There were characters from Harry Potter, Star Wars, Roald Dahl Books, Crayons, fairies, witches, a host of superheroes and more.

Thank you to the parents and friends who supported the children to dress in such a wide range of costumes and for helping to make the entire week a huge success.

Ron Sawyer Principal



Breakfast at Creswick Primary

Huge!



Ruby and Pop sharing a book.

There were thirty-six four wheel drives, sixteen SUVs and over fifty other cars surrounding Creswick Primary School at 8.15am on Friday 1 September. The reason for the gathering was the *Huge Father's Day Breakfast*. Over two hundred fathers, special friends and children came along to enjoy the breakfast of toasties, porridge, cereals, spreads and more.

The logistics for the day were also significant. The staff were on-hand the previous evening to make up two hundred and fifteen sandwiches and then were at school early the next morning to ensure both the toasties and the huge breakfast were ready for the big crowd.

Straight after the *Huge Breakfast*, the school opened its doors to the extended school community. Grandparents, parents, other relatives and friends flocked to the classrooms to celebrate learning. Some classes involved the visitors in science activities, others completed their spelling while some baffled the older generations with their expertise on iPads. The open morning also included *Partner Reading*, where the children and visitors took turns in reading a favourite book.

The entire day was a great learning experience for both children and adults.



Amelia sharing her learning with her Dad.

CRESWICK DISTRICT NEWS



WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT **NOW AT CRESWICK NORTH** PRIMARY SCHOOL?

What a busy time at Creswick North Primary School. The newly resurfaced court looks great. Children are involved in the Sport in School Tennis program with coaches visiting weekly. The redesigned vegetable garden is coming along nicely with some attention-grabbing fencing. Plans for the surrounding area have been approved which will create improved play area for the children.

The Junior School Council organised a successful Pajama, Milo and Teddy Bear Biscuit Day. They are also organising a 'special market day' for the children. The last day of term will be a Footy Colour Day for the children. Their gold coin donation will support children with cancer.

Several students are attending Somers Camp and are sure to come back with plenty of experiences to share. A visit to the Creswick Library for Book Week involved stories and art activities. It was great for the children to walk down to the Library, increase their fitness and not get caught in the rain!

For Father's Day, a 'special' breakfast session was held in our Multi-Purpose room. It was a valued and shared experience for fathers and their children and something that gives a sense of community to our school.

Currently there is a display at the Creswick Woollen Mill of some creative work that the Foundation - Grade 2 students have completed. This is but one of the tasks performed due to the time and generosity of parents. Parents and community members enjoyed a highly successful Shopping Trip Fundraiser in August. They braved a 6.45am start and spent a great day raising funds for the school. There will also be a Market Day on 21 October.

Creswick North is now taking enrolments for 2018, contact the school on 5345 2012 to arrange a tour.

Kathy Kirby Acting Principal



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September 4, 1917

The Catholic Social Club intend holding a dance in St. Augustine's hall on Wednesday (tomorrow) evening, complete arrangements for which have been made. There is every promise of a very successful gathering. The floor is in splendid order, and a most enjoyable evening is guaranteed. First class music and an efficient M.C. have been secured. Dancing will commence at 8 o'clock, and admission is 1s.

September 7, 1917

A meeting will be held in the State School, Springmount, tomorrow evening, to make arrangements for the annual concert in aid of the Creswick District Hospital.

September 11, 1917

The fortnightly meeting of the Creswick branch of the A.N.A. will be held tomorrow evening. The syllabus item will be a debate on "How to make the town progress".

September 14, 1917

Arbor Day is to be observed at the Creswick District Hospital on Saturday (tomorrow) afternoon commencing at 1.30 o'clock. An endeavor will be made to beautify the hospital grounds, and it is hoped that a large number of well-wishers of the institution will be present to give their assistance.

September 18, 1917

NEWLYN HALL – A Grand entertainment will be given by the Ballarat Smart Set, on Thursday evening, September 20th, at 8 pm. Proceeds in aid of the Newlyn Trench Comforts Fund. Tickets, 1s.

September 21, 1917

Attention is called to the fact that Cushing's are making a gas light display of new season's dresses and millinery on Friday and Saturday evening.

September 25, 1917

The fortnightly meeting of the Creswick branch A.N.A. will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. After business -Humorous items.

September 28, 1917

Kingston- Children's Patriotic work - the state school children had knitted up to the end of May 112 pairs of socks. Miss Ivy Marwood knitted 30 pairs up to the end of August.

A Good Average - Mr W. Marwood has had, out of 13 calves dropped 11 heifers, which is most unusual.



SHIRE COUNCIL

CRESWICK HUB NEWS

OPEN: Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm Saturday 9.00am – 12.00pm

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGED 6+

Date Activity

Tuesday 25 September 2.30pm RooKeepers Reptile Show – Space is strictly limited so book in quickly. Wednesday 26 September 2.00pm Reptile Craft Thursday 27 September 2.00pm Movie – Flubber, starring Robin Williams Tuesday 3 October 2.00pm Reptile Craft Wednesday 4 October 2.00pm Make your own Flubber Thursday 5 October 1.00pm Exploring soils with Author Samantha Grover

All events are free, but bookings are preferred. Call, email or drop in today to reserve your spot!

Parents' Club at the Hub

Mothers, fathers and carers of babies and pre-school aged children are invited to this informal group to connect with other parents in the Creswick area. **September 26** (last Tuesday of the month) 11:00am – 11:30am.

RATES

Reminder: First instalment 2017/18 *Council Rates* due Saturday 30 September.

Creswick Hub, 68 Albert Street, Creswick Ph: 5345 2145 *library@hepburn.vic.gov.au*



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At the recent AGM of Creswick District News Inc. President Barbara Spencer presented her Report. Extracts from which are included here.

'In October 2016, I attended the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria's (CNAV) Annual Conference in Bendigo, which was attended by about 100 delegates from around Victoria. Although the circulation, size, content, and presentation of their newspapers varied widely, they are all providing a valuable service to their communities. The overriding message from the conference was the increasing importance that local newspapers are now playing in disseminating local news to local communities.

CDN has completed another successful year, producing twelve Newsletters and distributing 2400 copies each month to all mailing addresses in the district, plus copies to many public spaces throughout Creswick and district. Overwhelmingly, public feedback on the Newsletter and innovations trialled during the year have been very positive.

More use of colour has been a major change during the year and this has been received enthusiastically by readers and advertisers. I thank Creswick & District Community Bank[®] Branch for increasing its sponsorship to the CDN, which now allows us to print the front and back pages in colour every month. A further two pages of colour will be used for the coverage of local events and advertising, as required.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has written or submitted items for publication, offered suggestions for feature articles, agreed to be the subject of a feature article, or contributed in other ways to make our CDN an interesting read. Well done!

Local businesses continue to provide strong support by advertising in CDN and over the last twelve months more than 50 businesses have placed advertisements. These contributions are essential for CDN's financial viability and I thank them for their ongoing support.

The Creswick Business & Tourism committee is well advanced in the updating of their web-site and it is envisaged that the monthly edition of the CDN will be available on this web site in the not too distant future.

The CDN is printed by the Ballarat firm, FRP, who we thank for their excellent work and co-operation in meeting our production requirements and schedules during the last eighteen years.'

Barbara Spencer, President 22 August 2017

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Ballroom Dancing Group Afternoon Tea Dance

Once again, there will be ballroom dancing, fine music and sumptuous afternoon tea in Creswick brought to you by Creswick's own Ballroom Dancing Group. The Creswick Ballroom Dancing Group has been providing this happy afternoon dance several times a year for three years now. The Group raises money for the restoration of the hall floor and for other local causes, and is supported by Creswick and Ballarat U3A dance students and many local traders.

Whether you can dance or not, you are invited to join in the fun, enjoy the nostalgic thirties and forties music and possibly go home with door and raffle prizes.

> When: Saturday 28 October 2.00pm to 6.00pm Where: Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall Victoria Street, Creswick Entry: \$5.00 and a plate to share for afternoon tea Dress: Smart casual Enquiries: Elizabeth 0402 777 852

Exquisite Corpse in Creswick

4.00pm Thursday 21 September to Tuesday 17 October Red Fox Coffee lounge 56a Albert Street

This unique Exhibition is brought to you by Pavilion Arts Creswick and local sponsors. You are invited to view and enjoy a very different art exhibition, one that challenged the artists and will probably challenge you, the viewer







Cemetery News

Just a reminder from the Cemetery Trust to visitors to please, slow down. The speed limit is 10 km, so nice and slow to reduce the risk of an accident.

As the weather improves, roadways will get a bit firmer but please stay on the gravel tracks and keep off the grassy areas as you may get stuck.

Creswick Cemetery's Website

Have you seen the new mapping system on the Creswick Cemetery's Website? It will be tweeked from time to time but is an easier way to pinpoint graves in the cemetery. Check it out at *www.creswickcemetery.com.au*

Wendy Ohlsen - Secretary

150th Kingston Agricultural Show Photos and Memorabilia

The 150th Kingston Agricultural Show will be held at the Kingston Showgrounds on Sunday 3 December. As part of the celebration of this historical milestone the organisers would like to print 'old' photos in the Show program and on Show Day have a display of photos and memorabilia. The Show program will be finalised about the end of September but planning for the Show will continue until Show Day. If you have some photos/memorabilia we'd love to hear from you! Please email *kas@kingstonshow.org.au* or leave a message on 0490 114 279.

As last year's Kingston Agricultural Show was well supported by horse and dairy goat exhibitors and as there are insufficient volunteers to organise a broader range of activities, the 150th Kingston Agricultural Show will only feature Horse and Dairy Goat Competitions.

Chris Hastings

Tree Planting Day Park Lake Botanical Reserve

Members of the Bald Hills-Creswick Landcare Group, volunteers from RACV, Landcare Australia, Hepburn Council and some local residents, met on 11 August at Park Lake to plant 700 trees along paths, ridges and gully lines to create the Indigenous Walkabout designed by Dr Kevin Tolhurst. Councillor Don Henderson acknowledged the original owners of Country and gave a brief outline of the project before unveiling a detailed sign and plan of the project.

Bald Hills-Creswick Landcare Group wish to thank all participants for a job well done, sponsors RACV, FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) and Hepburn Shire Council. Thank you to the Mt Prospect Tennis Club for the use of their Club rooms, Councillor Don Henderson, Mitch Flogg and Parks and Garden staff from Hepburn Council, Creswick CFA for burning the rubbish cleared by Contractors CamCat, all the volunteers and residents who supported and encouraged this project.

Park Lake Botanical Reserve is at last achieving the intentions of George Perrin, Conservator of Forests, who designed the original plan in 1888 which was to have a number of tree lined walks with scattered planting of trees between the walks.

Residents of Creswick and visitors ... enjoy.

If you need the services of a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE in the Creswick district Ring 5345 7414 / 0408 317 872 or 5345 7522 or visit http://www.rvahj.org.au for more information.



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Upcoming Events & Happenings in Creswick & District Sponsored by Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday September 21 to Tuesday October 17, Pavilion Arts presents Exquisite Corpse in Creswick, Red Fox Cafe

Saturday September 23, Transition Creswick Swap-It, Homemade and Homegrown Food, produce to swap and share. No money changes hands. Creswick Community Garden rear Neigh-bourhood Centre 9.30am – 11.30am

Saturday October 7, Lions Club Garage Sale, RSL Hall, Volunteers welcome, Info 0419 367 815, 0429 581 591

Sunday October 8, Sheep Dog Trials, Dean Recreation Reserve 7.00am – 5.00pm Brian 0438 304 0479

Saturday October 21, Creswick Market, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 9.00am – 1.00pm. A happy small town market creswickmarket.com.au

Saturday October 21, Creswick North Primary School, Market Day Info 0447 654 071, 0418 597 230

Saturday October 21, Creswick & District Historical Society Battle of Beersheba Commemorative Dinner, Creswick Town Hall 6.00pm. Bookings Val 5345 1310, Michael 5345 1161.

Saturday October 28, Ballroom Dancing, Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall, 2.00pm – 6.00pm Entry \$5 Please bring plate. Elizabeth 0402 777 852

Sunday October 29, Voga Cycling Club, Junior Social MTB ride, Hammon Park, 11.00am www.vogacycleclub.com.au

Thursday November 30, Creswick Theatre Company Opening Night, *Riverboat Follies,* by Carol Cole. **REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS**

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief - second Tuesday. Cen-trelink card holders. Blankets available winter months. St Johns Anglican Church Hall, Napier Street 10.00am-11.30am

Australian Red Cross - first Tuesday every month. RSL Hall 2.00pm 5345 8318 or email *jackandnorah* @vic.australis.com.au

Business & Tourism Creswick first Tuesday every month. Farmers Arms Hotel, 4.30pm Info 5345 2759 or contact via Facebook

Creswick Cemetery - Gates Open 9.00am to 5.00pm - Daily

Creswick Community Bazaar/ **Crafters and Traders** Creswick Bazaar is returning 15 September, Railway Station Info: 0407 622 463

Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc. - first Wednesday every month. 7.30pm Phone 0434 071 185

Creswick & District Historical Society - fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors Club rooms 2.00pm. Ph 5345 1310

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

Creswick & District U3A 0459981066 or email u3a3363@qmail.com or www.creswicku3a.com

Creswick Garden Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) Seniors' Club Rooms 1.15pm Phyllis 5345 2514

Creswick Havilah Lodge - fourth Thursday every month meeting 7.30pm Brian McDowell 5335 7892

Creswick Library Baby Rhyme Time Sessions, Tues 10.30am and 11.30am. Wednesday 11.30am

Creswick Lions Club second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall. Fourth Monday location to be advised Carolyn Garguilo Pres. 0417 349 049, Pat Tacey Sec. 0429 581 591

Creswick Market - Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm A happy small town market, Bookings 5345 2357 creswickmarket.com.au

Creswick Museum - Open 11.00am–3.30pm Saturday and Sunday every week and Public Holidays 5345 2845 Currently closed for renovations creswickmuseum.org.au

Creswick Pre-School Childcare Fridays - School Terms. 9.00am to 1.00pm Bookings ECKA 5339 5055

Creswick Probus Club - first Tuesday every month (except Jan-uary) 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 Visitor Information Centre - volunteers meet first Thursday every month 10.00am **RSL Hall**

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

CRWA Members Meeting - First Sunday every month 1.00pm after Working Bee. Railway Workshops Precinct Judy 5345 1374

Folk and Acoustic Club Second Friday 7.30pm American Hotel; fourth Friday 7.30pm Creswick Railway Station. Enquiries Kate 0409 179 481, John Harris 5345 2095

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Tony or Verena 5345 6154 or Amanda Pascoe 5345 2228

Movies at Court House Theatre - third Friday every month. 7.30pm entry by donation

Museum Research Centre Cnr Raglan and Cambridge Sts. Friday and Saturday 11.00am – 3.00pm every week

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

Playgroup - John Curtin Function Room every Wednesday 9.30am Amanda 0427 502 568

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

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