



2019 CRESWICK GARDEN LOVERS WEEKEND

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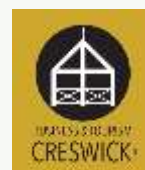
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Community events: Creswick Garden Club Flower Show, John Curtin Aged Care garden, café and community BBQ, displays at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, and more. Volunteers wishing to be a part of the event and help at the Town Hall over the weekend are always welcome! Please email or call us.

Palliative Care Suite Creswick Hospital Opening: *Karolina's wish granted*

L-R: Hepburn Health Service's Anne Hetherington and Suzie Batch with donor and Karolina's brother Leo Gregorc at the opening ceremony; Karolina; and Zahlia Zammit. [See article on page 8]



Creswick District News

The CDN is a community newsletter imparting local information. Copy is invited from individuals and community groups reporting or advising on local events. All contributions are accepted in good faith with no intention or desire to misinform or offend. Articles must carry the name, phone number and/or email address of the sender. The Editor reserves the right to edit or not publish any article. Views expressed are not necessarily those of The CDN Team.

The next issue of CDN will be available on 17 October 2019

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CDN dates for next few months

The CDN Team has noticed over the past few months that some articles advising of functions, events and meetings have not been able to be included as the event has been held before the distribution date of the newsletter.

To help our readers below are the dates of distribution for the next few months –

The 2019 issues will be distributed on:

- **17 October 2019**
- **21 November 2019**
- **19 December 2019**

The date of distribution of the following month's issue is always included on the inside front cover of the current issue, e.g. the September issue will have the distribution date of the October issue. As always, the first day of the month is the cut-off date for contributions.

We hope this will help readers to include their information in plenty of time.

CDN Team

Excess equipment

The CDN has some excess equipment and are offering it free to readers and residents. This includes –

- A Brother A3/A4 Cartridge Colour Photo Copier
- A VGA 46cm 18" Monitor and
- Keyboards

If interested please email cdn@cbl.com.au to arrange a time to look at the equipment.

CDN Team

creswick Rainfall

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

	2017	2018	2019
	mm	mm	mm
January	34	30	3
February	37	6.5	23
March	44.4	30	15
April	106.5	17	13.5
May	39.5	93.5	161.5
June	12.5	68	133.5
July	72.7	79	65
August	59.3	70.5	98
September	51.5	22	
October	64	33.5	
November	55.1	40	
December	58.5	80	
TOTAL	635	570	512.5

Obituary – Shirley Jones

28/1/1937 – 15/8/2019

Creswick District News would like to extend condolences to the extended Jones and Brennan families on the recent death of Shirley. Shirley was born eighty-two years ago when the family was living in Buninyong. From there they moved to Wallace and then to Ballan where Shirley completed her education at St Brigid's parish school.

Shirley was in her mid-teens when her final destination of Creswick was reached and she began her working life in a Ballarat cake shop. This was followed by a stint on the local Telephone Exchange (which was at times a family affair along with several sisters). For a time Shirley had the mail run contract for Bald Hills, Ascot and Coghills Creek. Again this was a family affair with sister Mary assisting and sometimes all the children riding along. Later years saw Shirley working for the Shire of Creswick as a Home Helper.

Shirley met and then married Tom Jones in 1956 and together they raised three boys. Shirley spent many years of voluntary service with the CFA Ladies Auxiliary and then she and Tom became stalwarts of the Creswick Bowling Club.

Shirley's entire life was marked by a quiet, unassuming, caring nature. This was highlighted in her final days, when she was still thinking of others who may benefit from her wish that donations be made to local charity Shannon's Bridge.



Congratulations to Creswick Reserves First Grand Final win since 1988

Congratulations to the Creswick Football Club Reserves team who are Premiers for the 2019 Season with a win in the Grand Final. The Wickers played Springbank before a big crowd at Mars Stadium on a wet and windy day.

The final score 8 goals 1 behind 49 to 5 goals 8 behinds 38. Best on ground: Dean Romeril.

There were five players in the Creswick side who are Life Members of the Creswick Football Club who have all played more than 200 games each.

Well done to the team and the Club in the year of their 150th Anniversary and the first Seniors premiership for thirty one years.

Go Wickers!

L-R: Life Members - Jake Hepworth, Tim Rieniets, Michael Griffin, Gerard Van Oostveen, and Brett Hagen

Four Seasons Fine Music Festival

Last Concert of the Series

Freezing wet weather did not deter the enthusiasm of those who have been enjoying the Four Seasons Fine Music Festival. The Winter series gave a feast of Baroque, both music and instruments. The audience was transported into the C17 at St John's, Creswick on Saturday, 17 August, by the *Ensemble Ancien* and their evening of Italian composers from Francesco Cavalli to Antonio Vivaldi.

Six young musicians, far too young to be so expert in their art, playing instruments hundreds of years older than they. The beautiful voice of Amanda Hargreaves, Lizzie Welsh and Hannah Spracklan-Holl on Baroque Violin, Christina Perri – harpsichord, Luci Price – baroque cello and Nick Pollock on a number of fascinating and unusual instruments – theorbo, archlute and baroque guitar. A most enjoyable and very polished and professional performance by them all. Much discussion followed about their instruments and history as everyone enjoyed supper together. Would they have been the *Rolling Stones* of their era, was the question, presenting their 'pop' music to the Romans?

Sunday saw everyone trudge through the wind and rain to Clunes and the even more magical performance of *Latitude 37*, a trio who have been performing together for about twenty years. They presented a program of works mostly by Arcangelo Corelli, a master of the Baroque era. With Julia Fredersdorff playing her baroque violin, Laura Vaughan the viola da gamba, which does not have a peg to support it, so she must support it throughout the performance and the very talented Donald Nicolson at the harpsichord and organ. His elegant harpsichord was made in Sydney in the same style as the old Italian instruments. It is a life's dream realised for him, in having such an instrument. These three instruments blended perfectly together and were played with love and empathy. A taste of luxury for the audience. Of course, the Church ladies had prepared a feast to follow.

As this was the last concert of the series, we all hope that sufficient funding will be found, so they may continue in the future. Great credit goes to those who have helped in the organising and catering for this most pleasant of series. All the concerts have been varied and quite delightful. Thank you.



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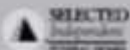
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THOMAS JOSEPH DEAN (JOE) 1932-1986



Thomas Joseph Dean (Joe) was born at home in Ayres St, Creswick, on 31 January, 1932 to Eva Harvey and Herbert George Dean. He was the second youngest of eight children. His sister Betty remembers the children telling stories of the other children saying they would wait outside in the back yard to hear a baby cry which signalled the birth of another sibling.

Joe worked as PMG (Post Master General) linesman (now Telstra) and contributed to the Creswick community all his life. He died on 21 December, 1986 aged fifty four years.

A member of St Johns Anglican church, Joe was christened and confirmed, a committed church goer and always involved in church activities. Joe attended church every Sunday until he was too unwell, when he would then have communion at home. This was still happening until his death.

Joe married Gloria Jean Watkins on 18 October, 1952 and they had two daughters, Leanne and Cheryl. The family lived in Lutttett Street. Joe had a life long involvement with the Creswick Football Club starting from playing as a junior at the Park Lake Oval until his death in 1986.

Joe was heavily involved in the operation and success of the Creswick Football Club during the 1960s, 1970s, and early 1980s. Elected to the committee in 1961 he served as President, Vice President and Secretary, each for three years. Ill health forced his retirement from office in 1972, but this never stopped him from contributing to the Creswick Football Club. He held numerous positions including trainer, selector, club delegate, and timekeeper, and also the publicity officer for both the Creswick Football Club, and then the Clunes Football League, which then became part of the Central Highlands Football League in 1979.

Joe's skills as a writer started at an early age – in Year 8 at Primary school he won the Queen's Writing Scholarship. Further education wasn't available to him as he was expected to go to work to help support the family. His writing skills came to the fore, when, from 1962, Joe wrote a weekly article in the *Creswick Advertiser*, a detailed commentary and a week by week record of happenings in the Creswick Football Club. He also wrote the weekly roundup for the Clunes League, before the change to the Central Highlands Football League in 1979. Joe introduced a club paper, and for the convenience of spectators, a card, setting out the names and numbers of players participating in various games, which included the best players and kickers, coaching techniques and on and off field activities. This, even now, provides an insight into the social

THOMAS JOSEPH DEAN (JOE)

HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE 2019

Joe particularly served Creswick Youth, in football and netball believing it was a privilege being involved with young people and nurturing them, no matter what their abilities.

fabric of the club and its role in the community. In 1972 the *Creswick Advertiser* noted that he had been the Club Historian over the years and kept important data on record. A legacy for future generations.

Perhaps Joe's greatest legacy was his commitment to the youth of Creswick. At the AGM of the Creswick Football Club in 1974, Joe was awarded a Life Membership for his work with the Junior League. He was only the second person to receive this award at the time.

The young teens valued his support, knowledge and encouragement, which Joe demonstrated in his coaching skills and numerous administrative roles. He was very involved with the Under 16 team and for most of the time was their team manager. Joe was instrumental in establishing an unofficial Under 12 team and then was Under 13 and Under 16 football manager. The Under 16 team was Premiers in 1973.

Joe and Gloria supported, in particular, the Junior teams; taking many young sportspersons under their wing, supporting and encouraging them to meet their goals. For many years while training and coaching junior teams, they collected and washed jumpers after matches as well as taking on match activities of scoring and record keeping, always advocating strongly on behalf of the junior teams.

Former footballers remembered Joe as being a mentor - funny, down to earth, very well liked, always laughing and always there for the kids – a very gentle man. He had a very caring and nurturing way and was just so loved for being involved with the children of the town. He never spoke harshly to any child and the family say he rarely had a cross word to say to them, but they were sure he got angry at times as he had a catch phrase which he used '*Gloria, come and speak to the girls!*'

Thursday night was team selection and Joe was included in this process. After this he would return home with the Property Manager where the jumpers for each team were ticked off and packed in readiness for match day. The jumpers were the club's responsibility and Gloria washed and mended jumpers every week. It wasn't uncommon for players to visit Joe's house for rub downs. He also took injured players to Melbourne for treatment by his friend, who was an accomplished blind masseur, who worked with VFL players. Daughter, Leanne, recalls that the house always smelt of liniment, a smell she still enjoys to this day.

Under his sensible and compassionate leadership in his various roles, the junior teams of the Creswick Football Club

developed a strong and resilient teamwork culture leading to strong representation and team success.

Joe became involved with the girls netball, coaching the U16 Creswick team. As they were looking for volunteers to coach, he put his hand up. His family recall his match day coach's addresses, which were always delivered like a coach would deliver a football address, always with encouragement and passion, minus the swearing of course! Joe loved his time with the girls and his family believed they enjoyed their time with him. On game days he would leave whatever he was doing at the football club and run over to the netball courts to get, as he put it, '*his girls match ready*'. It was very early mornings and long days! It was important to be involved in the sport that his daughters were playing, but he never actually coached their teams.

The Dean's door was always open for anyone to pop in. In the late 1960s and early 1970s Joe and Gloria organised supervised discos at the Creswick Clubrooms. They had many pie nights at their home which usually involved a team meeting and discussions on tactics for the upcoming match at the weekend.

Leanne described him – '*He would tell you the biggest privilege was being involved with the youth of the town*'. He always believed that the town didn't offer enough activities for the youth and believed that sport was a great opportunity for all to shine, no matter what their abilities, it was a leveller.

Joe was a quiet and unassuming achiever and a true gentleman, who took on many roles in the community, working to make Creswick, and in particular the sporting community, more inclusive of young people. He would never acknowledge his involvement in the club but rather praise the people he had around him.

Quiet achievers like Joe deserve our recognition. They work within our community to make the lives of others better and help them to achieve their goals in life. Coaching staff and administrators play an important role in adolescent development and team games teach them life skills.

Citation provided by Creswick & District Historical Society

Sources:

Creswick Civic Honour Roll Nomination details;
Creswick Advertiser archives; Creswick Football Club History;
Ancestry.com; family and former player anecdotes.

Pleasure or Profit

By Norm Darwin

As a youngster growing up in East Malvern, I found English (the subject) never easy. Perhaps it was the teachers, they are easy to blame but perhaps it was my interest in everything but English.

This all changed after I left Murrumbena High School and commenced an apprenticeship with the State Electricity Commission. Realizing I wanted more than working in coal dust at the Richmond Power Station or, freezing, working on steel transmission towers in Melbourne's outer suburbs on frosty wet mornings, I enrolled at night school. Here two inspiring teachers awakened a love of research and writing.

My love of all things automotive then led to freelance contributions to several Australian automotive journals. The extra income assisting the construction of a house with wife Heather, raising two boys and building a modified 1957 Chevy, a car we still own. By this time, I was working for GM-H at Fishermans Bend, having gained both Accounting and Personnel Management qualifications.

In 1982, I wrote *The History of Holden Since 1917*, a book that sold 35,000 copies, a record for an Australian automotive book. One that has not been exceeded since. This was followed eighteen months later with *The History of Ford in Australia*. This book is the only Australian book to be nominated for the Cuguet Award by the Society of Automobile Historians in United States.

Holden was a great employer with a new car every six months, however, in 1984 the rose-coloured glasses dimmed. The land we had purchased in Glen Waverley in 1967, on a quiet country lane, was now on a major thoroughfare, GM-H were tightening their belt and three hours of travel per day became unappealing.

With bravo on my part and trepidation on Heather's we 'escaped to the country', Daylesford, then a quiet, small, friendly but cold place. Certainly, we had less money and a second-hand car but compensation from the close-knit community, 1.5 acre block of land, a house we built ourselves, literally, on the side of Wombat Hill and a large garage to store the extra Chevys that seemed to materialize.

Ten great years passed and in 1994, the youngest son and I were travelling daily to Ballarat, the eldest was already boarding there. Commuting was no fun in the winter. We found our ideal property at Mt Rowan, built an even bigger shed, acquired more cars, changed the garden and joined the Creswick community becoming involved with John Curtin Aged Care, Creswick Probus and Men's Health Group.

Creswick was not unknown, I had written a history of the Daylesford district in 1986, and Heather and I ran the Daylesford Tourist Information centre as part of Daylesford Art & Craft. After regularly being asked for a published local



history and taking on the role of editor of the Daylesford & District Historical Society, I sat down and did it, later expanding it into a Shire history, *Gold'n Spa*, published in 2005. Only a few remain.

Up to this time two other publications had been published, a History of the Daylesford School of Mines, *A Unique School*, was published on the 100th anniversary and in 2002 Heather and I established our own publishing company to produce *100 years of GM in Australia*.

The move to Mt Rowan came after joining the Education Department as a Business Manager, subsequently working in three of Ballarat's large Secondary Colleges until my retirement at 61 in 2009. Following travel in Australia and overseas two further books were written and published, *Monaro Magic* (2010) and *Torana Tough* (2012).

In 2014 while working with the curator of the RMIT University Archives on a NGA exhibition *Shifting Gear*, I was encouraged to undertake a doctoral research project. This was successfully completed in 2018 with a thesis and publication of *Early Australian Automobile Design 1895-1953*.

I enjoy researching, both automotive and family history, sometimes at the expense of the 'more important stuff'! I could not have achieved these successes without the support and assistance of Heather. We both look forward to celebrating a Golden Anniversary next February and the healthy country lifestyle should see plenty more.

It has been both a pleasure and profitable.

Dr Norm Darwin PhD

Vice President

Automotive Historians Australia

The Art of Living

By Craig Barrett



Was it just me, or did anyone else think it felt like a longer, colder Winter than the last couple?

I know it was cold. But it was also joyful to have the snow briefly back in the middle of August. At least when we get snow, it is only for a day or two, we don't have to live in it for weeks or months on end.

When I looked out my studio window that Sunday morning and saw the snow on Spring Hill, I gobbled down a quick breakfast, jumped in the car, and went in search of still higher ground, where the snow may be thicker.

I didn't have to go far. On the hills and paddocks from Dean to Mollonghip the snow was heavy indeed.

For that brief couple of days the landscape was completely transformed.

Must say though, I did feel sorry for the livestock standing there wondering '*where did the grass go?*'

Having had the privilege of living through snowy winters in France, I do enjoy and respond to that certain minimalism that a good snow covering brings. The reduced, sombre colouring, and the fewer objects poking through the blanket of whiteness. A simple fence line can look like a sheet of musical manuscript. Looking back through one of my old sketchbooks from France, I found one drawing of a snow-covered vineyard. The knotty bare vines, jet-black against the snow, took on the appearance of some ancient, long forgotten calligraphy. A language of mystery revealed only by the elements.

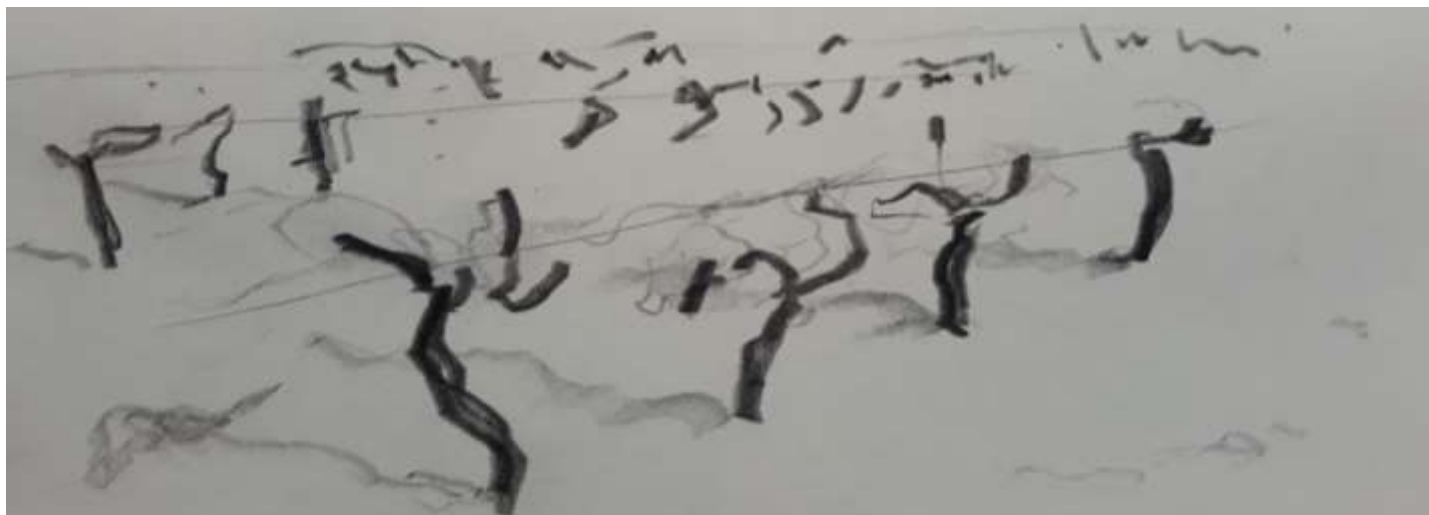
Simple things can look so majestic when the clutter around them is removed from sight. (I guess the same could be said about many things that clutter our lives these days.)

Snow also brings silence. Mopping up superfluous sound. Even the birds and animals seem to be quietly in awe of their temporary, newfound environment.

I am a big fan of silence.

I have written before on seeing things from a different perspective. Snow is the grand master of that!

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Karolina's wish granted

After a successful fundraising campaign raised over \$10,000 for its refurbishment, the newly upgraded Palliative Care Suite at Creswick Hospital was opened on Sunday, 18 August.

Talented Clunes artist, Karolina, spent her final months as artist-in-residence at the palliative unit. In gratitude for the care given by the Creswick Hospital's wonderful staff, Karolina's wish was that the room be refurbished, making it more comfortable for future patients. After Karolina's passing in July last year, a GoFundMe campaign was established to raise money to refurbish the room in her memory.

The suite has been transformed. Repainted and with new furniture, floor coverings, artwork, soft furnishings and decorations, the room is more home-like, warm and welcoming. Now the space provides a comfortable living area for patients and visitors to spend time together and share a meal, the new sofa can provide a sleeping area for loved ones staying overnight.

Hepburn Health thanks many local people and organisations, including Karolina's friends and the Clunes community, for their generous contributions to this wonderful renovation.

It's truly cupcakes for a cause!

Further to the opening of the suite at the end of August, Creswick Primary School pupil ten year old Zahlia Zammit, presented a cheque from her fundraising efforts and was thanked by the Creswick Hospital.

Zahlia, a Broomfield resident, decided that it is important to care for people in the last stage of their lives through raising money for Creswick Hospital's newly refurbished Palliative Care room. Zahlia started baking cupcakes and has raised \$512, a total she never imagined in her wildest dreams when she first started.

The local community has been very supportive to Zahlia's efforts with various locals donating ingredients including the Creswick Bakery. Attended by nursing staff and Zahlia's family, the presentation ceremony naturally concluded over an afternoon tea - of cupcakes!

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Kingston Remembers - Resource Centre

Considerable progress has been made on the development of the Resource Centre. The process of community consultation has been invaluable. Thank you to all those who have provided feedback about the diorama/interactive display and the relocation of the Kingston Primary School Honour Roll.

Many families have shared photographs and memorabilia. Others have been willing to be interviewed. Images, artefacts and stories are still being sought. In particular photographs, not only of service men and women, but also of life on the home front and the impact the war had on those left behind. For example, women and children at work, miners, farmers, stoking, blacksmiths, and Tyners Chaff Mill at Newlyn. Perhaps images of infrastructure in the towns that made up the former Shire e.g. banks, post offices, hotels, shops and essential services that kept the country afloat. If possible dates, or at least the year, would be very helpful.

In the case of donations, all contributors will be acknowledged. Objects being loaned will be the subject of a formal agreement. The diorama will have four light boxes that will display different artefacts over time.

If you are able to assist or require further information, please call Trace on 0408 007 464, Julie on 5345 1447 or email kingstonfoa@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Other Items of Interest

Friends will be selling plants and knitted items at the October and November Creswick Market and the next meeting will be 7.00pm, Wednesday, 9 October at the Kingston Fire Station.

Leah Armstrong and Julie Baulch



This photo of Ernest Bell Warren in his uniform was brought to us by Frances Muller and her nephew and is an example of an item shared with us and photographed for the Resource Centre. The friends will share digital copies with Ernest's relatives.

CFA NEEDS YOUR HELP



Creswick Fire Brigade is recruiting new members and you are invited to take an active role with your local CFA.

The particular need is for active men and women for daytime response. Are you available? Our volunteers come from all walks of life and have diverse backgrounds, interests and skills. If you are 16 years or over, and would like to play an important part in your community, then there is a role for you!

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CRESWICK HUB

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Parents' Club @ the Hub: 11.30am Tuesday.
 Mothers, fathers and carers of babies and pre-school aged children are invited to connect with other parents.

Storytime: 11.00am every Wednesday

Book Babble: First Wednesday of the month at 1.00pm for a book club with a difference.
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Rachel Ellis, Team Leader Creswick Hub

CRESWICK DISTRICT NEWS INC. 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Barbara Spencer, President, recently presented the Annual Report of *Creswick District News Inc.* (CDN) for July 2018 to June 2019. Extracts from this report are as follows.

In January, the *Creswick District News* celebrated twenty years of production, which is a great achievement.

The CDN is produced by a small team of volunteers and is distributed to over 2500 mailing addresses serviced by the Creswick Post Office, plus many public outlets each month; it is also available on-line on the Creswick Business & Tourism website and continues to generate positive feedback, including from new residents who especially appreciate the historical articles about Creswick.

As a community news outlet, the CDN provides a forum for individuals and community groups to report on local events, businesses, and subjects of general interest. Like other newspapers, the CDN has a policy that gives its Editorial Team the authority and responsibility to accept, reject, and edit all articles received, based on an assessment of their suitability and/or the space available in the newspaper.

Strong support from local businesses has continued, which is essential for CDN's ongoing financial viability; some have been advertising in the CDN for twenty years. CDN has continued to support many community events in Creswick by providing free advertisements and coverage of their activities.

More than fifty local Clubs, Organisations, and Schools make regular contributions. Many individual community members have also submitted items, which enhance the Newsletter's information and interest.

Production of the CDN requires many hours of dedicated work by a small Editorial Team, currently comprised of five members. These members work very well together and, when necessary, fill in for each other. However, succession planning and injection of new blood are necessary to continue this good work, which requires ongoing efforts to attract new volunteers with appropriate skills; this remains a major challenge. Recruitment of a person to assist with the production of the Newspaper, using the current computer program Publisher, is proving difficult.

Early this year the CDN committee regrettably received the resignation of Jack Sewell AM, a foundation member of the CDN Team. I thank Jack for his many contributions, including as a writer and proofreader for more than twenty years.

Congratulations and thanks to every member of the Team for volunteering their time, energy, and skills to ensure that the *Creswick District News* continues to be an important voice for our local community.

Barbara Spencer, President

Ballarat Business Excellence Award Winner

Congratulations go to Carmel Masterson and staff of *Springmount Fine Foods* who were announced as the winners of their section – *Eat, Drink, West* - at the recent dinner held for the annual Ballarat Business Awards.

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Some members of the Garden Club sub-committee for Flower and Home Craft Show 2019.
 L-R: Ellie Van Oirschot, Leanne Murray, Maria Marco, Jenny Joliffe.
 Front: Nellie Beyen. Photo Wayne-Rex Brereton





CEMETERY NEWS

Please don't forget to stay on the main driveway with vehicles and use the pathways to avoid getting stuck and muddy. A few days of fine weather should help to dry the ground again and allow the roadways to be reopened. Thank you to visitors for their patience over this very wet winter.

Once some drier weather arrives, work will continue on pathways and the beautiful mosaic that will be going near the children's graves.

Thank you again to Langi Kal Kal work crew for a timely visit to help with mowing and other odd jobs. This help is much appreciated. Also, a BIG thank you to Colleen who pops in and cleans the toilet once a week.

Weeding of the gardens will be resumed during September so if you have some time free over spring and would like to help, either pop in and see Wendy on a Monday or Thursday morning or give her a ring on 0412 382 267, your help would be much appreciated.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

Creswick Garden Club

In spite of the cold and grey days of winter, there was plenty of colour on display on the regular Flower Bench at the August meeting, demonstrating that winter gardens are also full of colour.

Due to unforeseen circumstances a late apology from the scheduled August guest speaker lead to an impromptu and most entertaining Q and A session, with three members speaking about their garden and the importance of their garden to each. Great fun! Thank you to Claire, Shirley and Greg.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 1 October at 1.15pm in the Senior Citizens' rooms and the guest speaker will talk on biodiversity gardening.

Please come along. New members welcome.

Vicki McArthur

Creswick Garden Club Sub-committee for Flower and Home Craft Show 2019

The Flower Show will be held on 9 and 10 November at the Creswick Town Hall. The plant stall will be open from 10.00am Saturday. Thanks go already to helpers and friends as well as to local businesses for their donations and offers of help.

Terrariums can be ordered beforehand or on the day and made to your preference with ferns, succulents and other plants, \$50.00 each. The measurements are 36cm x 36cm x 36cm.

Contact Leanne 0437 518 159 or Maria 5345 8263.

If readers would like to donate plants for the stall from your garden, please contact Leanne or Maria if you require assistance. If readers were able to assist in any small way towards the Flower and Home Craft Show and plant stall, this would be very much appreciated. Contact either Maria or Leanne.

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BAND NEWS

State Band Championships and South Street Success

The Band has had a very busy August and first week of September. Both the Creswick Brass Band and Creswick Youth Brass competed at the State Band Championships in Ballarat during August with very good results. Creswick Brass Band competed in the C Grade competition and came away with fourth place, just one point behind the third placed Band. Creswick Youth Brass, competing in D Grade for the first time at the State Championships, came second which is a great credit to our Youth, especially when the adjudicator said that the band in first place was really playing at C Grade Level!

The South Street Brass solos also brought success for Band members – in the youth sections Noah (highly commended), Ada (honourable mention), James (honourable mention) and Lucan (first place). Annabelle and Sophia came third in the Open Duet and in the other Open sections, esteemed President Rob achieved second place in Open other Brass. The Open cornet/trumpet section saw, Troy taking first place, yours truly second, James backing up for a well-earned third and Meredith receiving an honourable mention. A very successful night for the Band all around.

The AGM and awards night was held the week after the State Championships: Rob Ohlsen continues as president and the Phyllis Pollard Award found a deserved winner in Linda Vlahek, who does so much work behind the scenes to help the Band continue to do what it does – congratulations to her. Also hearty congratulations to Pam Clark, who not only received an Honour Certificate from the Victorian Band's League, but was elected a Life Member of Creswick Brass Band. Pam's connection to the Band goes back a very long way and she has been a dedicated committee member and the *Mother of the Band* for many years.

Roger Clark



Pam Clark receiving her Life Membership at the AGM from Mayor Cr Don Henderson and Rob Ohlsen (President)

Hydrophobic soil – and what grows in it

By Rhonda Cotsell

I have written about different aspects of owning a garden with hydrophobic soil. In this third and final exploration of the topic, I looked at what plants survive, and even thrive in soil that despite all efforts refuses to absorb water. I despaired when I first came here, as nothing seemed to work but then suddenly realized that a number of unlikely seeming plants had obviously thrived despite years of neglect. Feral marigolds, poppies, lamb's ears, native violets, a jasmine and a purple and yellow banksia rose, yarrow and a camphor laurel flourished repeatedly, unaffected by the fact that the soil they grew in repelled my attempts to water.

Countless plants I bought died or failed to thrive so in desperation one day I dug up clumps of those original plants and planted them everywhere the soil was hydrophobic. I wanted the shelter they provided from afternoon sun, and hoped it would encourage microbial life back into the soil. I planted them in totally bare areas, and near or around other single plants and trees I had planted because plants often do better when there are others growing nearby. It was an immediate success. None of the transplanted plants suffered because of the move, and I had a significantly lower casualty rate of new plants.

Some newly acquired plants flourished also. Again, an odd mix – a neighbour's lavender and white daisy grown from cuttings, a gifted bog sage, new rosemary plants and a yellow iris which I have been told is called 'paddock iris' that mysteriously appeared one day, olive and loquat trees, wormwood, sage and tarragon - none looked backwards in that sad, grey soil.

Some basic research revealed that most plants designated drought tolerant cope well, native and introduced. *Callistemon*, *melaleuca*, *westringia*, *grevilleas*, *dianella*, *hardenbergia*, and many grasses grow particularly well. As usual, tube stock and anything freshly planted should be watched carefully for the first few weeks.

This is not a comprehensive list but it illustrates having hydrophobic soil does not mean we cannot have nice gardens with lots of variety to suit all tastes.

Ecumenical Service and Picnic

Sunday, 29 September 2019 at 10.00am

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Contact: Rev Rosemary (5345 2031) for further information

Another Interesting House A Reader's Response

Thank you to a reader for this interesting information coming as a response after the story on *Rossmore Cottage* in July CDN starting with a correction.

The house on the corner of Cambridge and Victoria Streets was built in 1934 by W.J. Fargher, builder, for Robert Gurr and not by Fred James as mentioned. Robert had been a builder himself, in the town, but this was his retirement home. He had carried out his business at 26 Albert Street, for many years. Robert's wife ran a haberdashery and sweet shop on the premises. They had no children, but adopted one of Robert's brother's children, to raise as their own - this was Martha Alice Gurr, better known to all as 'Wardie', Ward being her Mother's maiden name, also her adoptive mother's. Robert Gurr died not long after they moved into the house, but Mary lived on alone until she died in 1952, at the age of eighty.

Fred James, who had served a plumbing apprenticeship under C. C. Howie, set up his plumbing business in the now vacated premises at 26 Albert Street, until Mary Gurr died. Fred's wife had inherited the property in Cambridge Street. The family moved to this new location, which had been the site of the Phoenix Hotel, the outbuildings of which remained on the site until Fred's occupancy. Prior to that, it had been the Kohinor Hotel. J. F. & W. Peck first purchased the land on 5 March 1853.



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September 5, 1919

A meeting of woodcutters and others interested will be held in the town hall tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of fixing the date for the annual woodchop for the Creswick District Hospital.

September 9, 1919

Mr. W. H. Thomas, secretary of the Creswick Shire Avenue of Honor, announces that he has received the following donations:- Messrs Morrison Bros., £1; Mrs. Chattaway, £1.

September 12, 1919

The Creswick Victory Band will hold another social and dance in the town hall on Saturday evening, 20th inst. There will be a waltzing competition. The district bands will play selections in the afternoon and evening.

September 16, 1919

Springmount State School – a very interesting function took place at the Springmount State school on Friday afternoon, when a beautifully designed honor board, erected to the memory of the former scholars of that school, was unveiled by Lady Peacock.

September 19, 1919

To celebrate the opening of the public hall in connection with the Allendale Mechanics' Institute, a grand ball and supper will be held in the hall this (Friday) evening, in aid of the building fund. Double tickets are 3/6 each and extra lady 1/6.

September 23, 1919

The final social afternoon in connection with the local Red Cross Society will not take place on Thursday next, as previously arranged. Further notice will be given as to the date.

September 26, 1919

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September 30, 1919

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It seems a very l-o-n-g time coming this year, but well worth the wait. Now, the daffodils, irises, snowdrops and all sorts are blooming all over, and baby leaves are struggling through on the trees. Make the most of it with another great program of activities on offer at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

Last month's Creswick activities on offer at CNC's Market was possibly the best so far. Perfect weather with golden sunshine, no wind, a sensational trio at the microphone, an even greater variety of stalls and best of all, cheerful, friendly people everywhere. Thank you Creswick, and please, spread the word.

In more downbeat news, it is sad (and a little bit mad too) that free food items kindly donated through the Wholefood Co-op operating from the Neighbourhood Centre, are being vandalised. This is so discouraging and represents a serious loss to those people in the community going through a tough time with few resources to feed their families. Could this be a reminder to all of us to be considerate towards others?

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre hopes there is something for everyone in the new term brochure.

A warm welcome to all.

Trish McMahon

The new stove is in place and kitchen painting is complete. Thanks to Hepburn Shire and Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch and volunteers.

Plans are now well advanced on the show program for 14 and 15 December this year – the 152nd Kingston Show. There will be working dogs for two days, poultry, goats, horse showing, Stockman's Challenge and harness events. The Society is thrilled that Creswick Adult Riders will be running a full show program of Horse Riding Club Association of Victoria events. There is more coming, so watch this space!

Volunteer assistance is vital, so if anyone would like to become a member, help out or have enquiries please find contact details on the web, Facebook or call the Secretary on 0419 527 734 or email secretary@kingstonagsociety.org.au. Membership entitles the holder to free entry to the Show.

John Rowlands, Secretary



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Senior Cits News

A lovely sunny day greeted members and friends who attended Social Day lunch and entertainment by Phyllis Quick and her group of lovely ladies.

Next Social Day, 27 September, will be a hot lunch and *Sing Australia* will entertain. Senior Cits Flower Show is just around the corner, 25 October. Hopefully, gardeners have begun pampering pot plants and watching budding plants for the Show.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray, 5334 6526



Creswick Capers Book Week Celebrations

Monday, 19 August saw the beginning of an exciting Book Week. The whole school celebrated a love of books and reading through a variety of activities. Each class walked down to the amazing Creswick Hub library and participated in story time followed by an art and craft activity. Students worked in multi-aged family groups on a Book Week activity from a CBCA winning book.

The school held the *Great Book Swap*, where students brought in a book to donate for swapping and gave a gold coin donation to take a new book from the donated ones. This raised \$120 to donate towards the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. It would not be Book Week without the annual dress up parade and students and families put a lot of effort into their costumes as did the staff.

The 4/5/6 students have been learning about life in the 1800s. Attending Sovereign Hill for school camp was part of this learning. Students also went on an excursion to the local cemetery where they furthered their knowledge about the Australasian Mining Disaster.

Once again, the school was the recipient of a Sporting Schools program grant for term three. The students have been participating in badminton clinics. They have had a great time learning the fundamental skills associated with this sport.

This term, the Creswick CFA volunteered their time to deliver a fire education program to all students. The program consisted of in-classroom lessons, showing and explaining the fire truck and using the smoke machine in the Multi Purpose Building to teach the children what to do if in a house fire. The school would like to thank Phil Greenbank and his colleagues for delivering such an informative and important program.

Melina Stewart, Principal



Northerly News

It has been a very busy month at Creswick North PS. With parent/teacher interviews, school photos and the MARC Van coming to visit every fortnight. Grade F/1/2 have been learning about snails and the Gr 3/4/5s have been studying Space. All of the students have been participating in the Sporting Schools program this term which was baseball/T-ball, run by Kelly Sports. The students love the different games and skills.

The Junior School Council recently organized a fundraiser for the Cancer Council. For *Daffodil Day* they ran a *wear-something-yellow-day* and set up a stall. They also had yellow cupcakes and made a daffodil in art. It was great that they raised lots of money to donate.

A two-week swimming program has recently begun and the students are visiting Swim and Survival to enhance their water safety and swimming skills. Some days it's hard to get out of the heated pool when it's snowing outside!

The school visited Mount Rowan Secondary College for their performance of *Fried*. It was held in their new auditorium and the students enjoyed the show immensely.

Book Week was celebrated with lots of activities and the students dressing up as their favourite Superheroes.



Some students from grades 3-5 have had art works exhibited at the Creswick Hub. These consist of felted wool fibre pictures mounted on picture board. Children explored the concept of Wabi Sabi, the perfectly imperfect, incorporating Japanese cultural concepts and integrating their art concepts with their classes in Japanese language during the year. Some children chose to create natural landscapes, others drew on the built and created environment, and still others played with abstract form and colour.

As term three draws to a close, the school is already busy planning for next year. Any families with a 2020 Foundation student who has yet to enrol, please come to this lovely school for a tour. A number of Kinder – Foundation Transition days are coming up soon.

Matthew Reyntjes - Principal



St Augustine's News

Faith, Service, Courage, Compassion

On Wednesday, 28 August, the school celebrated St. Augustine's feast day. In line with core values of, Faith, Service, Courage and Compassion, students spent time in their family groups moving through a series of workshops. The idea was to encourage siblings to work together and, if possible, to expand on what can be done to include community as well.

In working with the value of Faith, the students decorated a paper hand to signify their Christian faith and acknowledge the faith of others in the community. As part of Service, each family group made up a toiletries pack which will be distributed through CAFS for foster children. Also included was a bookmark with a special message from the school community. As part of Courage, each student created a personal message for their personal growth. This was written on an apple template, decorated, and then placed on the community tree displayed in the school entrance.

In highlighting the idea of Compassion, all students designed, created and laminated an A3 placemat to be taken down to John Curtin Aged Care Facility to be used by the people in their care. Everyone shared a meal which was brought by all to a communal space. The day ended with a liturgy which highlighted the idea of looking for opportunities to reach out to others.

Enjoy the month

Terry Brennan, Principal

Music News

Springmount piano student Zachary Lee was one of twenty-two of Bron Sozanski's students who received awards at the recent Royal South Street Piano Competitions. Zachary was awarded three first places and a second place. These awards were a great boost for Zachary as he prepares for his VCE Solo Performance exam in his final year at school.

Altogether Bron's piano students received twelve first places, eleven second places, twelve third places, seven Honourable Mentions and eight were Highly Commended. They also received four special adjudicator awards.

Bronislaw Sozanski

The Creswick Victoria Street Craft Group

The members of the Craft Group would like to thank everyone who supported the group's Garage Sale, along with those who donated items and helped on the stall. Everyone's help made the sale possible.

Special Effort Results

First: Large Hamper – Lesley Raeburn (Melbourne)

Second: Large Knitted Toy – Andrew Young
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Saturday September 21, Town Hall Market, 9.00am – 2.00pm

Sunday September 29, Ecumenical Service and Picnic 10.00am Eco-Spirituality: 'A Celebration of the Cosmos: the Web of Life' Guest: Fr Constantine Osuchukwu Location: Lion's Park (cnr Bridge St and Midland Hwy) Contact Rev Rosemary (5345 2031)

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Saturday October 19, Creswick Community Garage Sale, Registrations now open at Creswick Post Office. Creswick & District Aquatic Centre

Saturday, October 19, Car Boot Sale at Creswick Railway Precinct, 9.00am – 2.00pm. call 0407 622 463 Email: railwayworkshops@gmail.com

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

Creswick & District Historical Society - fourth Thursday every month (except December and January) Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm. Phone 5345 2658

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

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

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

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

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

Creswick Library Baby Rhyme Time Sessions, Tues 11.00am Parents' Club Tue 11.30am Story Time 11.00am Wed

Creswick Lions Club second Monday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall President Peter Cowie 0419 899 810, Secretary Carolyn Gargiulo 0417 349 049, Membership Chairperson Bernardette Tacey 0419 326 052

Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, Bookings 5345 2356 creswickmarket.com.au

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

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

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

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

Creswick Visitor Information Centre - volunteers meet first Thursday every month 10.00am RSL

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

Goldfields Spinners - every first, third and fifth Friday from 10.30am at Railway Station, Creswick Rebecca 0416 843 847, Fiona 0402 181 925

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

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

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

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc meets second Wednesday of month Creswick Neighbourhood Centre 7.00pm

Pole walkers - St Georges Lake car park. All ages \$2.00 week. Tuesdays 8.00am – 9.30am Info. Eliz Rhook, Hepburn Health Service 5345 9150

RSL meeting - Last Wednesday each month 12 noon. RSL Hall Paul McGuinness 0407 928 570

Tipplers - third Wednesday every month. email: wheeler@cbl.com.au

VOGA Cycle Club Regular group rides that may be road, CX or MTB. Details on VOGA Facebook page. Free club membership via www.vogacycleclub.com.au

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