

Bald Hills Creswick Landcare Johns Road Tree Plantout

A brisk, frosty, Saturday morning greeted a group of over fifty keen and dedicated volunteers to the recent Johns Road Tree Plantout in North Creswick.

The Bald Hills Creswick Landcare group, with the generous support from a Community Bank Creswick & District, Community Impact Grant, organised the plantout of over 700 indigenous native trees, shrubs and grasses over a 2 ½ acre crown land paddock.

Steve Hemphill, President of the Bald Hills Creswick Landcare group, thanked the Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, parents and Leaders from the 1st Creswick Scout Group as well as Geocaching Victoria, with some of their



With all the plants in the ground and protected by tree guards by 11.30am, everyone joined in for a barbeque lunch cooked by the Creswick Lions Club, as well as drinks and pumpkin soup provided by the Landcare group.

The Bald Hills Creswick Landcare group thanks the Community Bank Creswick & District for their support and is looking forward to working with them on future suitable programs.

Steve Hemphill

members coming from Melbourne and Geelong, for their work on the morning. Steve explained that there were thirty-three different species among the over 700 plants.

It was a great opportunity for the Scout Youth members to return a paddock to future bushland and an opportunity for them to return over the years to see what they have done. Cub Scout Mia asked her Scout Leader, *'can we come back next year to see how much the trees have grown?'*

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Excellent entertainment by Malcolm and Choir brightened a cold winter's day, not forgetting a yummy hot meal for the Social Day. The Seniors Club celebrated fifty-six years by cutting a birthday cake. Annette and Wendy did the honours. Next Social Day will be on 26 July.

Get well wishes to all on the sick list.

June Gray
 5334 6526

THANK YOU

Nell and family would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to the many friends and family who were so generous to us when we lost our dear husband, dad and grandfather, Kevin. Your kindness by sending cards, flowers, food and visiting at this time has been really appreciated. We would also like to thank the wonderful staff at Creswick Hospital Nursing Home for their amazing care.

LaFranchi Family



Triumph at the Brass Band National Championships

The recent *Australian Brass Band National Championships* held in Adelaide were a resounding success for the Creswick Brass Band. Their hard work paid off spectacularly in the Street March, where the band clinched first place, a testament to their commitment and skill. The band played with incredible precision, maintaining perfect timing and cohesion throughout the Street March, wowing both the audience and the judges with their unexpected and creative inclusion of the *Nutbush*.

Only weeks before, and after, the successful performances at the Nationals, the Creswick Brass Band played at *Clunes Booktown* and at *CresFest*. The band always enjoys playing for their local community. They hope the community enjoy their music as much as the band enjoys playing.

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creswick Rainfall

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

	2022	2023	2024
	mm	mm	mm
January	163.0	9.5	97.0
February	1.0	28.8	4.0
March	49.0	45.0	0.0
April	65.5	116.0	66.4
May	39.3	70.0	34.5
June	104.5	125.0	28.5
July	51.0	45.0	
August	156.0	46.0	
September	82.0	25.5	
October	214.1	67.5	
November	129.1	29.0	
December	40.2	23.0	
TOTAL	1,094.7	630.3	230.4



Creswick Cemeteries News

The Creswick Cemetery Trust would like to thank Peter most sincerely for his hard work on painting and decorating the gateway into the Chinese garden. All going well it should be completed very soon.

Also, a very big thank you to Peter and Ray for all their hard work in tidying up the old fence by removing nails and making the sheets of iron available to sell. If you are interested in purchasing some sheets of iron, 5ft by 2ft 6in, please contact the secretary to organise.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary
 0412 382 267



Creswick Garden Club's Learning Day An Outstanding Success



Sophie Thomson, Pam Lockhart and Leanne Murray

President of Creswick Garden Club, Pam Lockhart, could not be happier with this year's annual Learning Day. 'Garden enthusiasts from throughout Victoria came to be inspired by Sophie Thomson, one of Australia's best known passionate gardening experts and presenter on ABC's Gardening Australia – and they weren't disappointed. Sophie was such a popular speaker that we were unable to accommodate all those on the waiting list. She is a delightful person with such an engaging personality. It is no wonder that this year she won South Australia's

Inspirational Woman of the Year for her community work.' The 160 gardening devotees learnt so much, from Sophie's philosophy that gardening is the solution to everything to happily admitting that she is an obsessive-compulsive gardener. Sophie is above all a generous gardener, helping communities affected by flood and bushfire. 'Gardening has so many benefits: it exercises the body, reduces stress, provides a sense of achievement and an outlet for creativity and self-expression. Nature teaches us resilience, regrowth and recovery. When the earth smells good, the vegetables taste better and human beings live and love better.'

Sophie sang the praises of community gardens and clubs, where there is a sense of community, of sharing passions and experiences, and importantly, working together.

Working together is how the Learning Day was able to put on such an excellent event. Pam Lockhart acknowledged the many individuals and businesses that donated the raffle prizes. Without the support of the Creswick Garden Club current and past committee members the Learning Day could not take place. She particularly wanted to mention Secretary Leanne Murray and Vice-President Jenny Joliffe, who worked so hard behind the scenes with the logistics and organisation.

One of Sophie's favourite sayings is 'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow'. There will be many from the Learning Day who will be returning home to make sure their future is looking healthy.

Fiona Watson



Bus Update!

John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC) is very pleased to announce that they are more than halfway to achieving their goal! We cannot thank the community enough for the generosity shown in such an economically challenging time.

After much discussion, JCAC has decided to retain the current bus. It's not that old, has low kilometres, but is somewhat harder to drive because it's a manual drive. It still has a few more years left. An order for a new bus has been placed, with the expectation of exchanging that option for a good nearly new trade-in when the new one arrives, probably later this year. It will then need to be fitted out for wheel-chair access, but that should not take very long at all. Having two buses will greatly enhance recreational options for residents!

Thank you once again for your support.

Susan Craven



CRESWICK DISTRICT NEWS

**Annual General Meeting
Will be held on 27 August, 2024
4.30pm at the Creswick Visitor
Information Centre**

All welcome

HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE

Marjorie White

6/8/1924 – 6/11/2017

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Marjorie Harris was born in Raglan Street, Creswick, at the home of her great aunt, midwife Alice Fish.

She was a member of the Victoria Street Wesleyan Church, from Cradle Roll through to Sunday School. She was teaching Sunday School at the age of fifteen, a member of the church choir and Christian Endeavour Group and attended church three times every Sunday.

Marj grew up in the family home which was also a shop, at 32 Albert Street, attended the Creswick State School between 1928 and 1936, gaining the Merit Certificate in Year 8. She was a member of the Calembreen Park Swimming Club, having achieved Bronze Medallion standard at school, for lifesaving, swimming and diving. On Wednesday, 27 December 1939, Marjorie, aged fifteen, saw that a visiting man was in difficulties in deep water at Calembreen and immediately went to his aid and, assisted by Victor James, rescued him and got him out of the water, little the worse for his misadventure. Marjorie and Victor received a Valour Award at a public ceremony on 27 February, 1940.

Whilst employed as a shorthand typist/clerk with the Creswick Shire Council, Marjorie started writing freelance reports for the *Creswick Advertiser*. However, when she wished to enlist in the Australian Women's Army services when she turned eighteen, the Shire would not immediately release her. It was not until August 1943 that she was able to join the Women's Army. From 1940 – 1943, she was also Secretary of the Girls Patriotic Youth Set.

She did her Army training at Darley, near Bacchus Marsh, and was posted to Vehicle Park, Kensington and later Bandiana, Victoria. During this time, she became engaged to her teenage sweetheart, Donald White, who was in the RAAF. They were married at Victoria Street Church on 10 March, 1945, just prior to his overseas posting to Borneo.

Don returned home in 1945 at the end of the war. Marj had been discharged from the Army and was living with her parents, helping to make dozens of the famous Harris pies and Cornish pasties.



Marj and Don had four children – Neil, Robin, Anne and Helen. During the children's school days, Marj spent much time supporting their schools on committees and tuckshops, as well as teaching Sunday School.

In 1949, with two pre-school children at home, Marjorie wrote to the Council seeking their interest in establishing a Pre-School Centre. The Council's reply was to '*...let these young mothers stay at home and mind their own children*'. In 1959 Marjorie tried again. She had been writing for the Ballarat Courier for several years and the Editor published her letter seeking interest in establishing a kindergarten in

Creswick. An overwhelming response led to a packed meeting on 8 June, 1959. Marjorie was elected Foundation Secretary and Cr Selwyn Geddes as President. The Committee worked for two years raising funds and the first pre-school was opened in St John's Hall, Napier Street in February 1961. None of Marjorie's children were young enough to attend, however she remained as Secretary until 1965.

The Victoria Room of the new Kindergarten was built due to the hard work of a group of women who formed themselves into the *Ten Willing Workers* who have raised thousands of dollars for Creswick charities and worthy causes. The second room, the Napier Room, was opened in 1961 and Marj was invited to open it as a tribute to her efforts.

During the 1950s, Don worked with the returned servicemen who spent their spare time making cement bricks, building both the Scout and RSL Halls, as well as the Bowling Club and Golf Club rooms. He was also Master of Havilah (Freemasons) Lodge and Marj supported him in this work and was on the RSL Women's Auxiliary, catering for functions and fundraisers. She also took office on the Committee of Ladies who worked for several years to have the Toddler's Pool installed at Calembreen Park in 1959.

In 1965, Marjorie returned to paid employment, first at McPherson's Homecraft business which then merged into Phillip's Industries, where she became Office Manager.

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HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE Marjorie White

In 1978 Don's poor health led to his early retirement. In 1981, elder son Neil died following a year-long battle with stomach cancer, a legacy of Agent Orange. Don died in 1983 and Marj, at a low point of her life, was assisted by her son Rob, to build a new house in Drummond Street, which she planned, and which gave Rob a new career as a builder.

Marj enrolled in a watercolour class, entering her paintings in shows and winning prizes. She was involved in setting up the Creswick Artists Group in the late 80s. At this time, she also knitted and crocheted rugs and baby shawls, many of which she gave away and donated to charities as raffle prizes. When her mother entered the John Curtin Hostel, Marj played the organ for an hour after church each Sunday to entertain the residents.

From 1997 - 99 Marjorie contributed Creswick news to the Central Country Times on a fortnightly basis until it ceased publication. When the *Creswick District News* started in 1998 Marj was on the early committee and contributed for many years. She was a committee Member for the 1998 Creswick School 125th anniversary and wrote some of the memoirs. She wrote a history of the now disbanded, Newlyn RSL which was published in the RSL State *Mufti* magazine. She was an active volunteer at the Visitor Information Centre and belonged to the Laurel Club, co-ordinating the making of wreaths for ANZAC Day and marching in the parade. As an active member of the St Andrews Uniting Church, Marj was on the committee for the 140th Anniversary and regularly arranged flowers and served as a door steward.

In 2008, Marjorie was honoured as an Inductee of the *Heather Mutimer Women's Honour Roll* – a fitting tribute.

Although her health declined in her later years and she was no longer able to attend church or participate in her previous activities, she continued to knit and crochet until her death following a stroke in November 2017.



CRESWICK PROBUD CLUB VISITORS DAY

The Creswick Probud Club has had a busy first half of the year and it doesn't look like stopping any time soon. The club celebrated its 20th birthday in April with a cake, made and beautifully decorated by one of the talented members. Certificates were presented to members who had been with the club for fifteen and twenty years. It is wonderful to see so many long term members contributing to the success of the club.

Mothers, grandmothers and significant female friends were recognised at the May meeting when members enjoyed another delicious morning tea prepared by one of the members. Several members recently enjoyed a trip, *Around the Bay* in a day. While it involved travelling a lot of kilometres, members were treated to sights they may not normally have the opportunity to see. They also enjoyed a lovely lunch at Rye and a relaxing ferry ride from Sorrento to Queenscliff before heading for home. A trip to the *Mighty Murray* is part of the July calendar. These trips are in addition to regular dine out sessions where members enjoy a leisurely lunch at a range of venues.

Theatre outings are also popular with tickets on offer to a large number of the performances held locally, a great way to enjoy these productions, especially if you can't find someone to go with. The organiser always manages to get the best seats.

Each Probud meeting includes a guest speaker, covering a wide range of interests. A couple of recent speakers have been Jo Kruse, who provided updates on the renovations to Her Majesty's Theatre in Ballarat and Chrissy Austin who spoke about the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. In August the club will be entertained by the Ballarat U3A Celtic Band which should be great fun. Music is such a wonderful way to raise the spirits. September will see a safety presentation on bush and grass fires by the CFA, just in time to help with planning for the upcoming summer season.

If you have ever wondered about Probud please come along to a meeting. Visitors are welcome anytime, however we are especially encouraging people to come along and be part of the August 6 and/or September 3 meetings and would love to see lots of new faces. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Uniting Church Hall in Ballarat Road from 10.00am to 12.00pm. If anyone would like any further information please email: creswickprobud@gmail.com or phone 0407 847 788 and leave a message.

Aileen Dellar
Secretary

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Creswick Bowling Club

During these cold winter months, the Creswick Bowling Club is currently running indoor bowls competitions as well as fortnightly outdoor bowls events. The outdoor Fortnightly Triples events are subject to weather, with the last on June 11 being washed out. Hopefully, the 25 June and 9 and 23 July games were able to proceed. Barry Yates is the contact person to enter a team, or to place your name as a single entry – he may be able to fit you into a team. Barry can be contacted on 0418 452 639.

In the coming months planning will commence for the outdoor pennant season, starting at the end of September and October. Members will be canvassed re their intentions for next season and an invitation extended to any member of the broader Creswick community who may wish to play. If so, contact Bernie on 0437 102 059 or visit the club and have a bowl. Tuition can be arranged to set you on the path to become a pennant bowler. There are great benefits for first time bowlers to help with fees, bowls and uniforms. As the weather warms up, dates and times will be set to have the green open for the public to organise to come up and bowl. Members will be present to guide visitors through the basics of lawn bowls.

Indoor Bowling News - the Ladies Indoor Bowls team is currently sitting in third position and their Indoor Bowls Club Championships are currently underway. A recent semi saw Eva Mitchell winning her game by one shot over Eileen Franklin. In the other semi, Elizabeth Cosgrove beat Beth Huntley, also by one shot. Best of luck to both ladies in their grand final.

The two Men's divisions of Indoor bowls are up to Round

12 with Division 1 recording a win while Division 2 went down to Webbcon. Division 1 are struggling to field a consistent side but Division 2 are still in the four. Congratulations to Travis Hedger, who displayed his Indoor Bowling skills and became the Victorian Indoor Bias Bowls Association Men's Singles Champion for 2024. The Final was held at Sunshine with players from all over the state in attendance. A great achievement for Travis. The men are also conducting their Club Championships and are drawing closer to the finals.

The Friday Night Meals are a huge success and recently attracted over seventy people. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the atmosphere and a two-course meal for \$12.00 non-member or \$10.00 for a member. Social memberships are available, and members enjoy discounts for their meal and drinks at the bar. Contact Bernie please if you wish to attend. Meals are on the first Friday of each month until the bowling season starts, then it will be weekly. From this issue of *CDN*, the next Friday will be 2 August.

Members are also eligible for the members' draw which has jackpotted over the past months to a very sizeable sum, but you need to be there to claim the winnings. Raffles are on offer as well.

The Creswick Bowling Club House is available for bookings for small gatherings and functions. Enquiries can be made to Bernie to discuss options.

Bernie O'Malley
0437 102 059



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue, Inc. Replacement Planting

The first planting of the Shire of Creswick Avenue of Honour took place on 10 August, 1918.

On 10 August, 2024 at 2.00pm, the Norman family will plant a replacement tree in the Avenue to represent Clarence Albert Norman, who was born in Newlyn and worked locally as a blacksmith both before and after the war.

The Norman family has been a wonderful support to the Friends of the Avenue, providing items including Clarence Albert Norman's Shire of Creswick Certificate, a copy of which can be seen on the Memorial Wall as part of the *Kingston Remembers Resource Centre* at the Commercial at Kingston.

Leah Armstrong
On behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc



BUDGET ADOPTED

The Budget 2024-25 was adopted at a Special Meeting of Council. This is the fourth and final year Budget under our current Council Plan and funds important services such as roads, parks, waste and recycling, and more.

We have been adversely impacted financially by a sub-CPI rate cap environment, increased costs, natural disasters, increasing community and government expectations and limited alternate income streams.

The budget has a strong focus on the completion of current works, projects and infrastructure, services and programs. Councillors have chosen to increase rates at 2.75 per cent as per the maximum rate set by the State Government, which is below the current CPI rate of 3.6 per cent for the period to March 2024. The budget endorsed a reduction in operational costs by \$1.5 million, while striving to minimise the impact on service delivery.

CRESWICK CREEK WORKS



There is some great news, in that the Creswick Creek clean-up is complete.

We've been working hard to enhance the ecological balance of the creek and reduce obstructions by removing invasive plants, improving the water flow.

Works have been carried out along the 1.2 km Wallaby Track section, removing fallen timber and invasive weeds. Six truckloads of reusable wood were delivered to the Djaara Sawmill in Sailors Falls. It has been a team effort with support from various agencies, and we've cleared 3 km of the creek line.

DJUWANG BARING UPDATE



Contractors continue to make excellent progress on trails construction with works underway at locations across the network. With the imminent wet winter weather it is especially important to stay off the trails under construction.

We are working towards the possibility of opening some trails ahead of schedule, but we are not there yet. Official news regarding Djuwang Baring can be found at www.creswicktrails.com

FINANCIAL VISION



Councils across Victoria are facing financial challenges due to increased costs of service delivery, inflation, limited revenue resources and recovery from natural disasters.

In the 2024/25 Budget, Council has committed to make \$1.5 million in operating savings. In 2025/26, Council needs to find an additional \$4 million in long-term savings or additional revenue to develop a financially responsible plan that delivers on our shared Community Vision.

We need your help to understand community priorities in service delivery, and to understand your willingness for a percentage rate increase to ensure Council continues to be able to deliver the level of current services. We would also like to know more about your thoughts on the management of our buildings and infrastructure.

Submissions are open until 17 July and some of the ways to share your thoughts and make a submission are:

- Get involved on Participate Hepburn
- Visit one of our libraries or Daylesford customer service centre (Duke Street, Daylesford) and use one of the new engagement stations. (If you prefer, you can ask one of the Library and Customer Experience staff to help you).
- Printable resources are available if you would prefer to write your submission.
- Attend a Community Drop-in Session where you can chat with the Finance team. There will also be other Council officers on hand to support your submissions.

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IMAGINISTIK 2024

Imaginistik invites students from years 3 - 8 to write an imaginative poem, including an illustration, for a *Words In Winter Recital* and to celebrate Book Week. Verses from students' poems will be performed by volunteer members of Pavilion Arts and Sustainability Inc., Creswick Theatre Group.

The theme is *Reading is Magic*. Some suggested topics are: the magic of - magical moments; magical words; magical places; magical people; magical things; magical animals or magical times.

In conjunction with the recital, there will also be a Children's Art Exhibition. If you wish to create ONE (1) illustration for your poem please do so. It can be in any medium either 2D or 3D, but no bigger than A3 size portrait or landscape. A4 or A5 size will be appropriate as well. The illustrations will be exhibited at Imaginistik on 14 August, 2024 .

Registration for submissions is via email to secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au by 15 July with poems to be submitted no later than 29 July.

Loretta M Kaval

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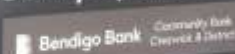
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100 Years Ago

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July 1, 1924

Newlyn Queen Carnival, Queen of Agriculture.

A dinner and dance will held in the hall next Saturday evening, 5th July, in aid of the Queen of Agriculture (Miss Lyn. McKinnon). A good night's enjoyment. H. Inverarity, R. H. Allen, Joint Secs.

July 4, 1924

Dean

When the "Mugs" reorganised their company to aid further local movements, they decided to make their proposed effort more attractive by enlisting the assistance of the fair sex, and the performances of the combined forces showed that they were to be commended for the foresight. The hall and cricket club were the beneficiaries on this occasion.

July 8, 1924

Mt. Prospect A.N.A. Hall. A euchre party and dance will be held in the above hall on Wednesday (tomorrow) night, at 8 o'clock, in aid of the Queen of Agriculture (Miss Lyn McKinnon), in connection with the Newlyn Queen Carnival. Good Prizes. Supper. Admission to Euchre 1/6. Dance – Gents 1/-; Ladies 6d.

July 11, 1924

Creswick A.N.A. Hall – An illustrated lantern lecture on Forestry, principally in the United States of America, will be given by Mr. Chas. E. Carter, Principal of the School of Forestry, Creswick, next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Collection to defray expenses; surplus for Creswick Hospital. Children free.

July 15, 1924

Kooroocheang

The Energetic League were called together on the 9th inst., by the president (Mr. A. R. Williams) to cut into suitable lengths the winter's firewood for Mrs. H. Rankin. The day proved to be one of the best, and the members turned out well.

July 18, 1924

Fallen Soldier's Memorial.

It is the desire to erect a Fallen Soldiers' Memorial in the Creswick Borough, and a decision has been arrived at to place a monument in Cooper's Reserve. If sufficient funds are available, an honour board containing the names of all Creswickians who enlisted will be erected in the town hall.

July 22, 1924

Blampied

A meeting was held last Saturday evening at the Swiss Mountain hotel, to discuss a proposal to hold a race meeting in aid of the Creswick and Daylesford District Hospitals. It was decided at the meeting to adopt the suggestion and hold a race meeting at Blampied early in the month of October.

July 25, 1924

A meeting of the Trustees of the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund was held in Melbourne last Friday, Cr. Alex. Broom the Mayor of Creswick, being present. It was decided that in the future grants from the fund will be made only to those who have met with mining accidents, or to the widows of the men who were killed or died as the result of injuries received in mining accidents.

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YouThrive Victoria Scholarships Now Open

YouThrive Victoria's round of scholarships is now open to any year 12 student planning to undertake further study in 2025. Each year, the local not-for-profit group provides several scholarships for Year 12 students who plan to undertake university studies, or further develop skills through vocational training.

Community Bank Creswick & District has previously partnered with YouThrive Victoria to help support young rural Victorians pursuing post-secondary studies. Thanks to the funding generously provided by Community Bank Creswick & District, two university scholarships (\$10,000 per year for three years) and two vocational scholarships (up to \$5000) were awarded to four young people from Creswick and surrounding areas for 2024.



Marcus Walsh with scholarship winners

Eleven YouThrive Victoria Rural University scholarships were awarded in 2024, including two recipients from the Creswick area. Local scholars Molly and Alysian received scholarships for 2024. Molly is currently studying Occupational Therapy, and Alysian is undertaking a Bachelor of Arts degree. Rural Chances scholarships are awarded to young rural and regional Victorians wishing to pursue vocational education, who demonstrate outstanding leadership capacity and commitment to their local communities.

This year, Community Bank Creswick & District have generously provided funding for a further university scholarship and two Rural Chances scholarships for three young rural Victorians wanting to up-skill or pursue tertiary study in 2025.

More information about YouThrive Victoria's scholarships and how to apply is available at: <https://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/>.

YouThrive Victoria's scholarships are funded by private donors, philanthropic trusts, and sponsors. If you would like to learn more, please contact CEO Andrew McGuckian at the Old Post Office, 85a Albert Street Creswick, or by calling 0448 268 580.



SMEATON BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Smeaton Bowling Club welcomes any interested new or existing bowlers to come along and experience the wonderful facilities in a pleasant country setting. The club has a grass green and a newly refurbished synthetic grass green. This gives bowlers great experience on both surfaces and allows access for bowling throughout most of the year. Regular coaching sessions are also held throughout the summer and bowls can be provided for people wanting to try the game before committing to buy bowls.

The club hosts a number of tournaments and hold very popular Twilight Triples and Corporate Cup events under lights in February and March. There are also regular Barefoot Bowls/Come and Try events for anyone wanting a casual game or to try their hand at bowling. These events are well supported by the local community and they are great socially. The Smeaton Bowling Club Facebook page will advertise these events.

A very successful Pennant season in the Ballarat District Bowls Region has been had with the three Tuesday and three Saturday teams reaching the finals. The Tuesday Division 2 team won the Grand Final and has earned promotion to the top Division next season. The Saturday Division 2 team was defeated in the Grand Final and the other teams in finals represented the club well.

For more information regarding Smeaton Bowling Club, or to come along and try bowls, please contact: David Toose, President, on 0418 584 942; Russell Leishman, Secretary, on 0417 535 297 or email smeatonbowlingclub@gmail.com.

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A Creswick Reunion

In early February 1964 twelve young men entered the gates of the School of Forestry to commence study to become foresters. While most hailed from the suburbs of Melbourne a number were country lads from towns across Victoria such as Robinvale, Beechworth, Harcourt, Ocean Grove and Cooma (NSW). In 1964 it was all males as girls were not admitted as students until the mid 1970's. Three years later, in December 1966, eleven of those lads graduated with an Associate Diploma of Forestry and were dispatched to many far-flung places to begin their working life.

Over the following few years all went on to complete further study at Melbourne University to gain a degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry. This took a number of years due to the bureaucracy of the Forests Commission and delays resulting from the call -up for two years of military national service. This was the first group of Creswick graduates to all complete the Bachelor degree. Prior to this not all foresters were given this opportunity.



Our Graduating year in 1966.

After a few years our group spread out for employment, eventually including the National Parks Service, CSIRO, Western Australian Forests and Parks departments, university and TAFE lecturing both in Australia and USA, Hancock's Plantations and owning a newsagent business. One individual has been heavily involved in the establishment and running of the Timber Training Centre here in Creswick. As retirement approached several became consultants in Fire, Forestry and Chestnut growing.

Creswick in the 1960's was a very welcoming town. The



Our Group in 2024.

From left – Roger Fyfe, Brian Harwood, Ian Leversha, Ray Borschmann, Ian Hemphill, Ian Wild, Peter Bray, Ian Sebire, Gary Waugh

churches, sporting clubs and many households provided students with company, food and friendship while the students added to the numbers in sporting and social events. Officially, in the 1960's forestry students were not permitted to own a car, however, provided they were not flaunted about town, many did. The residents of the town, from the doctor to the publican, provided secret parking spaces for them.

Another expectation of the 1960's was that forestry students went on to marry student nurses or teachers from Ballarat or Creswick girls. This group did not conform to this as only one married a student teacher, the others met their partners after leaving Creswick. In spite of this our wives have developed a comfortable rapport that has ensured our friendships have lasted sixty years.

At the beginning of May, nine *old men*, accompanied by their ever-tolerant wives, returned to Creswick for a reunion to celebrate the 60th anniversary of commencing training at the School of Forestry. Our number was reduced by the death of one forester in a cycling accident and the inability to travel due to distance (USA) and ill-health. Two days of intensive reminiscing and visits to the School of Forestry and the Timber Training Centre, as well as noting the many changes that have occurred in the town, were the highlights of the visit. The group plan to meet annually before *really old age* catches up with us all.

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St Augustine's School Busy Term With More To Come

St Augustine's Creswick has been buzzing with activity and excitement as an eventful term wrapped-up. Students have shown remarkable enthusiasm and creativity in their learning and the school is thrilled to share some of the highlights from various year groups and upcoming events.

The Year 2 students have been channelling their inner architects with a captivating building structures task. This project, designed to enhance their understanding of basic engineering principles and foster teamwork, has been a resounding success. They worked in groups to design and construct miniature buildings using various materials such as cardboard, straws and boxes. The creativity and ingenuity on display have been truly impressive. The children not only learned about structural stability and design aesthetics but also developed their problem-solving and collaborative skills. This hands-on experience has ignited a passion for engineering and architecture in many of the young learners.

The Year 5 students have been diving deep into the intricacies of the English language, focusing particularly on subordinate conjunctions. This crucial aspect of grammar helps students connect ideas more effectively and enhance their writing skills. Through interactive lessons and engaging activities, students have explored how to use conjunctions such as *although*, *because*, *unless*, and *whereas* to create more complex and nuanced sentences.

This past term, children from surrounding schools were welcomed into the St Augustine's community. The transition can be challenging, but the new students have settled in exceptionally well, thanks to the supportive and inclusive environment fostered by staff and students. They also have quickly become an integral part of the community, contributing to class discussions, participating in extra-curricular activities and forming new friendships. The seamless integration is a testament to the warmth and camaraderie that defines St Augustine's Creswick.

St Augustine's Creswick continues to thrive as a hub of learning and community spirit. From the innovative projects of our Year 2 architects to the linguistic prowess of our Year 5 students and the excitement of welcoming new preps and students from other schools, there's a palpable sense of progress and achievement. The school is immensely proud of students and staff for their hard work and dedication and is looking forward to more exciting developments in the months to come.

For more information about programs and enrolment opportunities, please visit the website or contact the administration office. Here's to another successful term at St Augustine's Creswick! Hope you enjoyed your holidays.

Michael Heenan
Principal



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Creswick North Primary School

Jam Packed Term

Creswick North PS has been very busy and a lot has been fitted into this second term. Here's a look back on some of the highlights:

- Successful results at Cross Country at Russell Square.
- Students marching in the Parade, laying a wreath and reading a poem at the ANZAC Day service.
- Year 6 leaders attending the GRIP Leadership Day at Fed Uni.
- Visits from Fireman Phil and the St John's First Aid team.
- District Athletics participation at Llanberris Reserve.
- A lovely Mother's Day breakfast.
- Western Bulldogs footy clinic and sausage sizzle.
- Senior students representing the Wathaurong District team in footy, soccer and netball.
- JSC pirate dress-up day.
- House Sports day at school.
- Glasses for Kids and physio visits to school.

And much more, including lots of great learning in class!



Senior students Kaylee and Isla with a thank-you card for the Creswick Bakery for supplying loaves of bread each week for the Breakfast Club.

There's always lots happening at Creswick North PS, also on offer is Brekky Club and After-School programs.

Enrolments for 2025 are currently open. Please contact on 5345 2012 for a tour – you will not be disappointed!

Matthew Reyntjes,
Principal



Anglican Parish of Springmount
St John's Church Creswick

Christmas in July

St John's Church

103 Napier Street, Creswick
Sunday, 28 July 2024
2.00 pm

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2.00 pm
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0413 689 003

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief – 2nd Tuesday of the month 1.00pm – 2.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria St.

Anglican Parish of Springmount
St John's Church, 103 Napier Street, Creswick
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays
Contact: 0413 689 003

Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.
Meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and open to anyone who is interested. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Contact the secretary on info@creswick.net

Catholic Parish Creswick
St Augustine's Church
Mass Sunday 9.00am
except 1st Sunday of the month, Assembly of the Word and Communion.
Contact 0488 220 685.

Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church Parish Every Sunday - 9.30am All Welcome. 130 Albert Street Creswick (The pretty pink church on the hill)
Supply Minister: Rev Kate Tierney 0404 853 505 or email tierneycatherine53@gmail.com

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

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

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

Creswick & District U3A - 0490 444 519 email info@creswicku3a.com website www.creswicku3a.com

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

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

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

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

Creswick Museum
open Saturday between 11.00am to 3.30pm.

Calembeen Parkrun
Every Saturday at 8am a 5km run, walk or come to volunteer! All welcome to join this fun, free weekly activity. For more information email calembeen@parkrun.com.au or find us on Facebook

Community Repair & Share Event
3rd Saturday, 1.00pm to 4.00pm
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Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356
creswicknc.org/creswick-market
Email market@cnc.org.au

Creswick Probus Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am.
Inquiries email creswickprobus@gmail.com

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

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

Creswick Walking Group
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am. Meet Albert Studio, Cnr Ballarat Rd and South St. All Welcome, Rain, Hail or Shine.

Creswick Ward meeting - second Monday every month.

Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm
Creswick Railway Station

Cr Tim Drylie
by appointment
Creswick Community Hub
Ph. 0427 503 258 Email: tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au

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

Freedom In Christ Church
Creswick RSL Hall Albert Street
Sundays 10.30am – 12.30pm
Contact Mob: 0400 138 089.

Friends of Park Lake
Park Lake working bees
10am-noon every Wednesday, weather permitting.
Meet at the jetty.

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

Museum Research Centre - Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests to info@creswickmuseum.org.au

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

Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance
3rd Sunday of each month with live band.
Invermay Hall, Muscatel Street, Invermay.
\$12 & \$10 members. Supper to Share please.
Social Dance, Thursday nights at VRI Hall Ballarat 7.30pm – 10.00pm. Phone 0487 222 924.

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc Meetings at 6pm on Mondays: 5th August; 7th October; 9th December - Creswick Railway Station

RSL meeting - last Wednesday each month 1.00pm. RSL Hall
Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

Tippers - third Wednesday every month. email: barrymarj@hotmail.com

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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What a fabulous night, wonderful costumes and perfect weather for this time of year. Everyone was enjoying the warmth of the fantastic bonfire and the Scouts' sausages. You could hear the children laughing and playing in the background, this was great to see and hear.

A big thank you to Creswick CFA for keeping everyone safe, Creswick Scouts for a wonderful BBQ, Biggin Scott for the billboards and the fantastic drummers, Harry, Gez, and Richard McFunk for their wonderful drumming which really topped off the night's atmosphere. Thank you also to the Men's Shed and Tennis Club for lending us power. Also to Ian Duggan for designing and building the stunning bonfire. Thank you Ned Collins for letting us borrow the water fighting unit and all the guys who helped set up and clean up.

The support from local retailers was amazing. A shout out to Davies & Rose, The American Hotel, The Farmers Wife, I Love Coffee & Candy, Creswick Country Bakery, Flemo's, Creswick Post Office, Creswick Tobacco Shop, Creswick Pharmacy, Meg's Café and Marshmallow Hair Salon.

Friends of Park Lake has been busy rejuvenating old paths and water features within Park Lake. Money raised from the bonfire will be used to rebuild the old fountain and waterfall. Come for a walk along the paths or have a picnic at the tables. Everyone is welcome to join in a working bee each Wednesday 10.00am -12.00pm.

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