

Creswick District News

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Creswick-Smeaton RSL ANZAC Day



Photo: Terry Hope Productions

Once again, there was good attendance at both the Dawn and ANZAC Services, and although there was a light shower at the start of each, it quickly disappeared.

The March was well supported by community groups and primary schools, while just over sixty staff and students from the Defence International Training Centre were also in attendance. A great spectacle each year for the RSL and the community. Two-up was again a big hit outside the RSL Hall.

The RSL would like to apologise to those attending the ANZAC Day service who did not hear some or all of the service due to our ageing PA system which, after many years of operation, failed during the service. Plans are in place to hopefully have a new unit for Remembrance Day. Thank you to all those who assisted in making the day a success: the Scouts as flagbearers; Ed Koene and his team for another wonderful Gunfire Breakfast; the Senior Citizens for the use of their rooms; the ladies for making the wreaths; RACV Goldfields Resort for the golf buggy; the 8/7 RAR Catafalque Party and the Creswick Brass Band.

This year the RSL presented the RSL Plaque of Appreciation, to Ed and his team for the many years that he has been running the Gunfire Breakfast, and also to Steve Sellars and IGA for their support during the two

weeks of the ANZAC and Poppy Appeals in front of the store.

The ANZAC Day raffle was won by Kevan Pitcher.

The RSL would like to thank the following local businesses for their support with the raffle: American Hotel; Choice Gifts; Creswick Bakery; Creswick Barber; Creswick Flowers; Creswick Pharmacy; Creswick Post Office; Creswick Tyrepower; Community Bank Creswick & District; Davies & Rose Rural Hardware; The Farmers Wife; Headquarters Hairdressing; Krackerjacks Takeaway; Marshmallow; Meg's Café; Odessa at Leavers and PRD Real Estate.

*Phil Greenbank, Secretary
Creswick-Smeaton RSL*

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They are wonderful young men but unfortunately as I was quite shaken I didn't ask their names. I don't even know if they were local. When you are eighty-four it is nice to find kind people who will help you. Thank you.

Arlene Geoffrey

Creswick Cemeteries News

The Cemetery Trust has established a new lawn area in the existing Various Section of the cemetery, behind the soldiers' area. This will permit varying types of headstones, allowing people the option to have something unique if they wish.

All enquiries for the cemetery, please call the secretary, Mrs Wendy Ohlsen, to organise a time or pop in on a Monday or Thursday morning.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary
0412 382 267

Victoria Street Craft Group

The Creswick Victoria Street Craft Group would like to thank everyone for their support of the special Easter effort.

Winners were:

1st Judith Reiniets;

2nd Eileen Franklin;

3rd Elly van Oirschot;

4th Beth Huntley.

Thank you so much to everyone.

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	
June	104.5	125.0	
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	167.4

The Victoria Street Craft Group girls were wondering if there was anyone who would like to join them on a Monday morning from 9.30am. The aim is to make craft items which can be sold or raffled to raise money for the many needy charities in the district.

Anyone interested can ring Rita on 5345 2239, or come along to the Creswick Bowling Club. You would also be welcome even if there is only an item you want to make for yourself.

Rita Flapper
5345 2239

A Cup Of Tea For Cancer

Smeaton Bowling Club, 30 May
10.00am to noon.

All welcome
Enquiries to 5345 6251



Annual Learning Day Saturday, 29 June

The Creswick Garden Club is pleased to announce that Sophie Thompson of *Gardening Australia* will be the guest speaker at their annual Learning Day for 2024. This is a return visit for Sophie who is described as a common sense gardener. Sophie's passion for gardening



Sophie Thompson

inspires people of all ages. Her love of plants started as a young girl helping out in her parents nursery in the Adelaide Hills. An accomplished speaker, Sophie loves sharing her knowledge.

The venue for the Learning Day is the Doug Lindsay Club Rooms, Lindsay Park Drive, Creswick. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes morning tea and lunch. Registration will commence at 9.30am for a 10.00am start to the day. To book, please contact Jenny Jolliffe on 0408 735 068.

The club's next meeting will be on 4 June, 1.15pm at the Senior Citizens club rooms in Water Street. The speaker for this meeting will be Craig Castree, author of *Edible Gardens* and many other books about soil and composting. His knowledge should be very helpful to all home gardeners wanting to get the best from their plot.

*K Morgan
for Creswick Garden Club*

Senior Cits News

Senior Cits may be a small group compared to years gone by, but a good meal and excellent entertainment is still enjoyed each month on our social day. The next one will be 31 May, with a yummy hot meal and entertainment by the *Celtic Band*, so come along, join the club and have fun.

Earlier this month, members enjoyed a day at the Maryborough trots at Carisbrook.

A trip to *Morning Melodies* is planned for this month at the Ballarat North Football Club, so contact Gary Neumann on 5345 2434 for information.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

*June Gray
5334 6526*

RAFFA'S PIZZA & BURGER BAR A new dining experience in Creswick

A modern twist to two traditional favourites has been a welcome addition to Creswick's culinary scene.

With the convenience of being located in the heart of town, Raffa's Pizza and Burger Bar provides an exciting and contemporary dining experience for residents.

For twenty-two year old owner, Anthony Gargiulo, being able to create his own traditional Italian style pizzas and flavoursome burgers in his hometown, has been a dream come true.

In November last year, Raffa's launched a take-away only option with a modified menu, which had customers instantly picking up the phone and placing their orders. Two months later, during the Australia Day weekend, the restaurant opened for the public to dine-in. Raffa's uses all fresh produce and caters for a variety of food allergies and dietary requirements by offering gluten free options and dairy alternatives.

While Raffa's provides the convenience of take-away orders, customers have enjoyed the dine-in experience, especially the outdoor dining during the warmer months and fully licenced drinks menu.

Raffa's is located at 84 Albert Street, Creswick – opposite the post office. Opening hours are 5.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesday to Sunday. The kitchen closes at 8.00pm. Raffa's can be contacted on 5377 1340 to book a table or place a take-away order. More details can be found at raffas.com.au or on Facebook or Instagram.



Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Biggest Morning Tea

**Thursday, 30 May, 10.30am,
Doug Lindsay Reserve, Creswick.
Cancer Council of Victoria
Biggest Morning Tea
\$10 entry**

Come along for a scrumptious morning tea and listen to Guest Speaker Dr Claire Hepper. There will also be a silent auction, raffle and craft table sales. Bring a friend or meet some new ones and help support those impacted by cancer. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

All monies raised will go to the Cancer Council Victoria for research and supporting cancer sufferers and carers. For further information contact Heather Ingram on 0409 230 586.



Creswick Bowling Club News

In April, the club held its Annual General Meeting. Stepping down from the Board are two members who have held their positions for a very long time. Barry Yates relinquished his position as Bowls and Tournament Director and Alan Penrice has stepped aside from his position as Service Director. Both will continue to provide assistance where needed and as bowling members. Their service to the Creswick Bowling Club has been very much appreciated.

The Board members for the 2024 - 2026 period are as follows: Gerry Flapper, Chairperson; Bernie O'Malley, Administration Director; Alan Annear, Treasurer; Ross Pricor, Assistant Treasurer; Beth Huntley, Bowls Director. Other positions will be decided at the next meeting. Ordinary members appointed to the Board are Chris Boyd, Greg Peel and Ernie Robinson. Judy Reiniets and Stephen Hepworth have each accepted the position of Players' Representatives. The two Pennant selection committees include: Travis Hedger, Ross Pricor, Alan Annear, Bernie O'Malley, Carol Burt, Beth Huntley and Judith Caddy.

Alan Annear has been travelling around the state playing in various tournaments and recently won the Men's Carnival Champion at Ouyen. Congratulations on your performance.

Both the men's and ladies' Ballarat Indoor Bowls Pennant seasons have commenced. The ladies have unfortunately had players out due to illness but should be able to field a full side in the coming weeks. They practice on Thursday afternoons and will welcome any new players. Indoor bowls does not require a lot of strength and is a good way

to gently exercise and meet ladies from all over Ballarat.

The men have played two rounds with mixed success. They play on Tuesday evenings and practice on Monday and Friday nights.

During the colder months the club will endeavour to have some outside bowling sessions. Different days and times will be offered for the community to come along and have a bowl (weather permitting). Sets of bowls to suit everybody will be available. All that is needed is flat-soled shoes/sneakers. Further details will be in next month's *Creswick District News*.

Keep up with club events and news through the Facebook page *Creswick Bowling Club*. Debbie Matthews does a great job of keeping all informed.

Also in April, Catherine King visited the Bowling Club and the Doug Lindsay Reserve to meet with all the user groups to witness for herself the new green. It was unfortunate that she did not have a bowl as she was wearing unsuitable footwear – that was her excuse!

Friday night dinners continue on the first Friday of each month and all are most welcome to come along. Please advise numbers attending by 6.00pm on Thursday for catering purposes.

To all those on the sick list, get well soon and we hope to see you at the club.

Bernie O'Malley

See photo on page 9

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CRESWICK HAVILAH LODGE No 26.

The Creswick Havilah Lodge combined with Letchworth-Kilwinning Lodge No 2 on Friday, 19 April to conduct the Masonic Remembrance Service, *The Ceremony of the Vacant Chair*. Members of the public from the RSL, U3A and the Men's Social Health Group were invited to attend. Some thirty-two members of these groups, both men and women, attended. Noah Valence, from the Creswick Band, ably assisted with moving renditions of *The Last Post* and *Reveille* during the ceremony. The Right Worshipful Brother John Glover delivered a moving oration on the theme of *Remembrance*, inspired by his experiences as a Peacekeeper from The Australian Defence Forces in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea.

Following the ceremony, the Central Highlands District Co-Ordinator, Right Worshipful Brother Peter Bond, Past Grand Junior Warden, presented the Medal of the Masonic Order of Merit to Worshipful Brother Michael Clark, the current Master of the Creswick Havilah Lodge, in recognition of his service to the Lodge and the community. After this the Masters of both Lodges and other senior officers 'retired in good order'.

At supper afterwards, most guests were appreciative of the opportunity to gain some insight into the ritual and pageantry that are an important part of Freemasonry and were impressed by the solemnity of the ceremony.

In May, the Lodge will have a talk on the Origins and Meanings of the letter 'G' which is suspended from the ceiling in the centre of the Lodge Room. Meetings will then be suspended as members flee to the warmth of Queensland, to be resumed in August.

Michael Clark



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Two pieces of news to be shared

Firstly, did you know that John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC) is now registered as a charity with the Container Deposit Scheme here in Victoria? So next time cans and bottles need to be recycled, please consider JCAC - just another way to support the organisation.

The second point concerns the Mutual Obligation Requirement for over fifty-fives to complete fifteen hours of volunteer work to receive Centrelink payments. JCAC is registered as a provider. Those interested who would like to explore options, please ring JCAC on 5345 9999 and ask to speak to Lifestyle Coordinator, Monique Ford, to discuss further. There are lots of ways the community can continue to support JCAC, as JCAC supports the community in turn.

Susan Craven

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A Broomfield resident's story (and his new book) Michael Gilchrist

My latest, just published book, *A Century of Big Bands* (Connor Court Publishing) is the culmination of a lifetime's enthusiasm for jazz and big band music. Over previous decades I've written books on Australian politics, changes in the Catholic Church and biographies of Archbishop Daniel Mannix.

I'm originally from Sydney, growing up in the suburb of Watsons Bay during World War II. My father was an army officer and was posted to England during the height of the Blitz to learn about radar for the Australian Army. He later served in New Guinea. My mum was a former nurse from Brisbane and had to mind the home and kids during my father's prolonged absences.

After World War II our family (including my two younger sisters) relocated to Melbourne where dad worked at Victoria Barracks. I attended St Kevin's College, Toorak, from grade 4, for a couple of years before dad was posted to England again, this time with the whole family. My sisters and I attended boarding schools in St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Back in Australia, and Melbourne, in the early 1950s, I returned to St Kevin's for the rest of my schooling while my father bought an acre block with weatherboard house on the outskirts of the city. At the time, in our teens, my classmates and I discovered jazz and the big bands (before the onset of Elvis and rock 'n roll).

I had ambitions of being a disc jockey after finishing school and ended up in the program department of Radio 3KZ, located in the Trades Hall, Lygon Street. While there, I was required to do National Service in the Army Signals Corps. Then, in a sudden change of direction, I spent a year at Corpus Christi College, Werribee, training for the Catholic priesthood before deciding this vocation wasn't for me.

After a stint as an unskilled builder's labourer, I somehow stumbled into secondary school teaching, requiring some part-time teacher training, after which I undertook part-time degree courses at Melbourne and Monash Universities, ending up with an Arts Degree and a Master of Education after fifteen years (all this while I taught full-time).

In 1968, I married Patricia (Pat) Campbell, my wife of fifty-five years, who had trained in nursing and midwifery at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne and was then nursing at the Werribee Hospital. We settled in East Burwood on a



section of my father's acre block where I had previously had a house built. There we raised our four sons, Pat having sacrificed her promising nursing career for home duties. In those days of affordable housing, it was possible for a six-member family to survive on a single income.

My secondary teaching career at Catholic boys' colleges in Pascoe Vale, Ringwood and East St Kilda, continued into the 1970s when I moved into teacher education at Mercy College, Ascot Vale.

In 1978, for assorted reasons, Pat and I decided on a move to the bush. Fortunately, I was able to

obtain a lecturing position at Aquinas College, Ballarat, enabling our family to relocate.

Pat had spotted a Broomfield property advertised in *The Age*, and after inspection, we decided it was perfect for us.

With our Melbourne house eventually sold, we moved with all our belongings to a large shed that had been put up on the seventeen acre Broomfield property. There, with our young sons, aged from two to nine, we resided as our new home was constructed over coming months.

I continued lecturing at Aquinas and supervising student teachers in the Ballarat and Bendigo areas for the next ten years. At the same time, Pat was becoming increasingly involved in local tennis, firstly at the parish and then Mt Prospect levels. Eventually, she would become Administrator of Victorian Country Tennis, aided by her friend and colleague, Carol Pearce, organising the annual Country Week with 1,500 participants, as well as assorted tournaments and coaching sessions. This sterling work later won her and Carol awards from Tennis Victoria.

In 1989, I was headhunted by B A (Bob) Santamaria of the National Civic Council to be editor of his new religious monthly, *AD2000*. I worked there until 2013, commuting from Broomfield to and from the NCC offices in North Melbourne and later North Balwyn.

Now in retirement, I've kept fit and healthy with bush walks and working around our property.

It's almost twenty years since my previous book and, rather late in the day, I was persuaded to put my lifetime's big band experiences and enthusiasms into print – hence *A Century of Big Bands*.

Michael Gilchrist



CRESWICK TOWNSHIP PLAN



Join us in shaping the future of Creswick and our Shire.

We've drafted both Township Structure Plans (for Creswick, Clunes, Daylesford/Hepburn Springs, Glenlyon, and Trentham) and Rural Hepburn: Agricultural Land & Rural Settlement

Strategy. Now we need your feedback. These important strategic documents will help guide land use planning into the future.

We engaged with the community during 2023 to understand your vision for the future and what you value about both our townships and our rural land. Further engagement sessions were held with Community Panels with representatives from your community to develop a vision statement and objectives for the six key structure plan themes. This feedback has helped us draft these important plans and strategy.

To gather feedback on the draft documents we will be hosting community information sessions where you can speak to a planner. Each information session will include a presentation on the key planning responses as they relate to your town. We also have an online survey that you can complete to share your ideas.

Community information session:

Creswick: Friday 17 May, from 5pm to 8pm at the RSL, 60 Albert Street, Creswick.

- Introduction Presentation will commence at 7pm.

For more details on community information sessions in other towns, to view the draft documents and to provide feedback online visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn>

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We will be hosting another community drop-in session to give you the opportunity to ask questions:

- Saturday 18 May 2024 – 10am to 12noon

Location: Onsite near the corner of Cambridge and Victoria Streets.

For more information and to have your say on the proposed designs visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/cambridge-street-streetscape>



HAVE YOUR SAY

Health and wellbeing survey - Council is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of its residents through public health principles and the social determinants of health. This survey will measure health outcomes in the region, helping to identify areas for improvement and report on changes.

Governance Policy Review - Have your say on the Privacy Policy, Public Interest Disclosure Policy and Council Expenses and Resources Policy.

Have your say at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>



BOWLS ARE BACK IN CRESWICK

After being flood damaged, the refurbished bowling green at Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve was officially opened on 24 April by Catherine King MP, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. The new design combats the site's reactive soil conditions by using a suspended concrete slab base.

The next stage of the project will tackle significant improvements to the drainage and irrigation of the main oval to increase use and enjoyment of the oval and reduce flood occurrence.

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Creswick North Primary School

Participation in Varied Activities to Start the Term

Term 2 has started well with a highlight being the school's involvement in the ANZAC Day Parade and Service. The school is always honoured to be part of this and the student leaders always do lots of practice prior to reading the poem at the service. It was also great to be involved with the local *CresFest*. The students very much enjoyed making lots of wonderful stands of bunting and seeing these displayed around the town.

at Llanberris.

At Creswick North PS, there are several services offered outside of hours:

Breakfast Club which is held each week with lots of students using this popular service.

After-School Program runs every weekday from 3.30pm – 6.00pm and the OSHClub organise lots of great activities for the students including cooking, craft and science.



Creswick North PS students preparing to march in the parade on ANZAC Day.

Many students competed in the inter-school cross country event recently and once again it is pleasing to note they all finished the long course. There were also many winners and placegetters in the respective age groups. Students do train hard for this event which contributes to the results. Attention now turns to the inter-school athletics coming up in a couple of weeks time

The school is open for new enrolment tours, so if you would like a have a look around this fantastic school, please ring on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal



Winner of the Toblerone Raffle, Chris.



Creswick Scouts Raffles



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.



Sue Gunn, Martha Haylett MP, Julie Baulch
Photo: Leah Armstrong



Creswick Bowling Club



Alan Annear, Men's Carnival Champion
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ANZAC Day

Many thanks to everyone who braved the cold weather and attended the ANZAC Day Service. It was a terrific turnout. A big thank you also to all involved in the Service. Special thanks to the guest speaker, Pam Lockhart who spoke about a small part of the service of her great aunt Tot Redman, and to Martha Haylett, Member for Ripon, who represented the Minister for Veterans, Natalie Suleyman Member for St Albans. Martha spoke of the service of members of her family and laid a wreath.

Other wreaths were laid by Callista Kaval on behalf of Catherine King MP, Councillors Tim Drylie and Don Henderson on behalf of the Hepburn Shire Council, John Collins on behalf of the Community Bank Creswick & District, and representatives of local community groups and families.

After the Service, Councillors Drylie and Henderson presented vouchers for funds raised from the Lindsay Cooke photographic exhibition to the Agricultural Society, Fire Brigade and Friends of the Avenue. Anzac biscuits, hot drinks and short films of Avenue stories were enjoyed at the Commercial at Kingston.

Flagpole at Alcorns Road

In 2018 a temporary flagpole was put in place for the Centenary event. This will be removed, repaired and reinstalled as part of the *Kingston Remembers Resource Centre* at the Commercial at Kingston Hotel.

Save the Date

Sunday, 30 June - Lindsay Cooke exhibition at the Commercial at Kingston ends.

Julie Baulch

on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

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May 2, 1924

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May 6, 1924

Mining News – New Ristori – North east branch drive in 270 feet, still dipping, 15 inches of wash on bottom of drive carrying a little gold. West crosscut from chamber in 54 feet in clean country.

May 9, 1924

The election of a member of the Creswick Shire Council, for the south riding, made necessary through the resignation of Cr. John Leishman after over 57 years service, is to be held on Monday 26th May. Nominations must be lodged not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th inst. Mr. Alf T. Leishman intends seeing election to the seat previously held by his father, and so far no opposition to him has been announced.

May 16, 1924

Sir Alexander Peacock will this (Friday) evening, in the Creswick town hall, be accorded a complimentary social in honor of his accession to the State Premiership for the third time. There will be a good programme of musical and other items, addresses are to be given after which a laid out supper will be partaken of, and dancing will follow. Tickets are 2/6 each.

May 20, 1924

The annual meeting of the Creswick Victory Brass Band will be held in the band room this (Tuesday) evening, at 7.30 o'clock. It is hoped that the residents of the town will attend to show their sympathy with the band.

May 23, 1924

ULLINA – a large number attended the social evening held in the Ullina Mechanics' hall on Wednesday evening, 14th inst., to wind up the season of the Ullina District Cricket Association. The hall had been neatly decorated by the lady supporters of the Ullina Club, and the dancing floor was in excellent order.

May 27, 1924

The Dean Male Mugs' Concert Party proved so successful, both socially and financially, in their efforts of last year, that the young folk of the district decided to initiate something of a similar nature to raise funds for the hall and cricket club. The result of their energies will be presented to the public on Friday, 13th June, and will be something unique, which should prove an agreeable surprise to those who are acquainted with the latest talent among the Dean youth

.May 30, 1924

The Creswick Pictures will not be shown tomorrow (Saturday) night, but will be on Monday night next. The reason for the postponement is that the town hall will be occupied, the Premier (Sir A. J. Peacock), giving the policy speech of the State Government.

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Creswick Scouts Raffles

During the *Cresfest* weekend, members of 1st Creswick Scouts volunteered their time to do some serious *Toblerone* fundraising. IGA Creswick had generously donated a 4.5 kilo block of *Toblerone* to the Scouts with the aim of assisting them to fundraise and the interest was immense!

The raffle was staffed by Alice O'Brien and Francesca McMahon-Scopel, and even though it had been Easter the weekend before, many people still wanted that prize. One woman who bought several tickets, stated she had been given a bar of that size for her 21st birthday ... and she had eaten the lot! Many people said they would buy a ticket, but would not want the chocolate. Needless to say, the scout kids thought this would be the best option!!

In the end, the raffle was drawn at IGA on the Sunday afternoon as *Cresfest* began to wind down. The winner, Chris, is pictured with his giant block of chocolate and showing some of the scout kids what he does for a living. He took it back to the Highway Police staffroom where it was shared around with many happy officers.

Creswick Scouts now looks to keep fundraising with the Scouts Victoria Monster Raffle - where the total prize pool is a whopping \$58,267 (144 prizes). First prize is a GWM Haval Jolion Premium 4x2 1.5l turbo petrol 7 speed Auto.

To enter, find *Scouts Victoria 2024 Monster Raffle* in your search engine and select *1st Creswick Scouts*. Funds raised will go straight to the Scout Group and continue to provide amazing community and outdoor activities for the youth of the town. Any new members are always welcome too!

Katrina McMahon

See photo on page 8

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Photo Gallery



**Creswick-
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ANZAC Day**

*Guest Speaker
Pam Lockhart*



More from the Creswick & District Historical Society's Photo Collection

Is this part of the old hospital? The lady in the photo looks like a matron. Second photo is a close-up version of the people which may be more recognisable.





St Augustine's School News

Hope you are all enjoying this lovely autumnal weather. There has been a great deal happening at St Augustine's. There have been quite a few school tours lately for the 2025 foundation students, as well as new families moving into the area and looking to begin at other year levels. The feedback received has been very positive, especially when seeing how well our new preps have settled in, along with the comprehensive Science of Learning Curriculum.

Beginning school is always an exciting time, it can also be slightly daunting. Sending your child off to school, into the big wide world of five-year olds can also be somewhat liberating. I'm not sure where you sit there, but I welcome you into the school anytime to chat about it. There are school tours, for all year levels, available any time during the school term. Feel free to contact the office on 5345 2106 or email at admin@sacreswick.catholic.edu.au.

Students have been excelling in a range of areas lately, public speaking at the ANZAC Service, cross country, athletics, as well as the recent Year 6 Leadership Transition Program with High School Leaders from St Patrick's College, Loreto College and Damascus College, which are all secondary school options for St Augustine students. Again year 6s public speaking ability was commented on by the College Principals. Commended also were their social and emotional capabilities.

The design process of the new \$4m Science/Creative Art/Performing Art buildings has been completed. This is now ready to be presented to council for approval with the hope that building will start by the end of the year. All going well, the expected completion date will be sometime in 2025.

Finally, everyone enjoyed the Mother's Days breakfast on Friday, 10 May held for all the mums, grandmas and special people. Hoping all mums had a very happy Mother's Day.

Michael Heenan
Principal

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Garden Club Learning Day 29 June

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Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Biggest Morning Tea, Thursday 30 May, Doug Lindsay Reserve.

Smeaton Bowling Club, A Cup of Tea for Cancer, 30 May, 10.00 to noon. Enquiries 5345 6251.

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 weekend month
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm
Contact: 0448 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

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre
transitioncreswick@gmail.com
or 5345 2356

Creswick Market - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356
creswicknc.org/creswick-market
Email market@cnc.org.au

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

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

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

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

Creswick Ward meeting - second Monday every month.

Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm
Creswick Railway Station

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

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

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: 3rd July; 4th September; 4th 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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