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2025**  
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## Creswick Cemeteries News

Just a friendly reminder to stay on the roadways, There are turn areas at the end of each roadway near the trees. During the wetter weather the grass areas will become very soft.

All entry and exit is through the main gate and roadway. Main gates are open for traffic from 9.00am until 5.00pm daily.

A huge thank you to Peter who is repainting the main gates and to the Trust members and volunteers who help out with various jobs. Your help is much appreciated.

*Wendy Ohlsen*

*Secretary*

## Creswick Garden Club Tree Drive

A great range of ornamental and fruiting trees are available at great prices. The closing date has been extended to 22 May due to school holidays, Easter and ANZAC Day. Order forms are available at Flemo's Milk Bar, Post Office or Information Centre. Alternatively, if you visit the club's website - [creswickgardenclub.com](http://creswickgardenclub.com) - the QR code link is available there.

For further information call Steve on 0437 430 878. If he doesn't answer, please leave your name and number and he will return your call.

*Leanne*



## Rainfall

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

	2023	2024	2025
	mm	mm	
January	9.5	97.0	30.5
February	28.8	4.0	46.0
March	45.0	0.0	31.5
April	116.0	66.4	19.4
May	70.0	34.5	
June	125.0	28.5	
July	45.0	97.5	
August	46.0	41.5	
September	25.5	52.5	
October	67.5	58.5	
November	29.0	35.0	
December	23.0	18.5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>630.3</b>	<b>533.9</b>	<b>127.4</b>

## Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner

Creswick & District Historical Society will hold their annual Honour Roll Dinner on Friday, 30 May from 6.00pm at the Doug Lindsay Reserve, Football/ Netball Club rooms. Tickets are \$45 per person for a three-course meal, drinks at bar prices. To book - please contact Marjorie Poole on 5345 2065 or Jack Van Beveren on 5345 2658. RSVP by 23 May at the latest.

*Marj Poole*





## Creswick Bowling Club

Even during the off season for outdoor bowls, the club is still conducting games on the green.

Earlier this month Barry organised the fortnightly triples with ten teams participating from all over Ballarat, Daylesford and Creswick. The weather was perfect, with beautiful sunshine and hardly any wind. The players enjoyed homemade soup supplied by Beth Huntley. This provided a break between the two games played.

There were several new players for the day and the winners this time were a team consisting of Howie Smith from Clunes, Trevor Jones from Invermay and Shane Slater from Smeaton. Runners up were Geoff Allen, Robert Dickinson and Mick Storey from BMS.

A family group of about 35 people of all ages booked the green for a bowls day on Friday, 18 April. Jo McGrath from Moorabbin organised the day on behalf of her relatives who all visit Creswick over the Easter break. They played for two hours and prizes were given out to several members of the families. If anyone is thinking of an activity for a small group, the bowling club is available for both outdoor and indoor carpet bowls depending on the weather.

Indoor bowls started on 28 April with the ladies playing their first-round match. The ladies have entered one Division into the competition. The men played their first-round match on 29 April. They have entered two Divisions and everyone looks forward to playing on the new carpets.

Friday Night Dinners are on hold for May and will resume on Friday, 6 June with a new time of 6.00pm. It will start to get dark earlier from now on and it will be a little easier for those who won't want to stay out too late.

Do you have a small function coming up and are looking for a suitable venue? Creswick Bowling Club can accommodate up to 120 people and can arrange some catering or provide provisions for self-catering. There is also a bar available. Contact Bernie 0437 102 059 to discuss options.

*Bernie O'Malley*



*Winners Triples, 18 April*



*Barry and Runners-up, Triples*

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*It's had a few owners,  
a handful of cars,  
but still the same ol country service.*

# Personality – Barbara Spencer

## *A Blooming Good Life*

As a useful reference for this profile, Barbara offered a book she had put together for her family using a list of all the houses she has lived in as its framework - involving a daunting twenty moves. A picture emerges of an adventurous family, always ready for a new challenge and not afraid of a bit of hard work!

Barbara was born in Creswick in 1942. Her parents, Allan and Jean (Boustead) Yates, lived on a farm at *Fair View* Newlyn North. They were third generation farmers in the Newlyn district. Both Barbara's great grandfathers were Newlyn farmers in the 1880s. Allan sold the property in 1976.

Barbara attended Mount Prospect and Newlyn State Schools, before moving on to Queen's Church of England Girls' Grammar School as a weekly boarder. *'My memories of my childhood home are happy ones. It was a ritual from the time I left to go to boarding school that when I returned home, on weekends Mum and I would walk around Fair View's garden together. It was here that I learnt to love gardens, learnt plant names and general gardening skills - a mutual interest we shared for the rest of Mum's life.'*

After completing her final year at Queen's in 1959, Barbara enrolled in a Diploma Course in Medical Laboratory Technology, working at the Ballarat Base Hospital in conjunction with studies at the Ballarat School of Mines. Late in 1962, Barbara moved to Melbourne where she worked in Pathology at the Royal Children's Hospital while continuing her studies at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

She first met Ray Spencer in 1961 when he was a student at the Victorian School of Forestry in Creswick. They married in 1966 and their first home together was a small house they rented in Parkville. Barbara remembers a small back garden. *'Ray built window boxes for me to plant daffodils, which were a great success.'*

In 1965, Ray returned to tertiary study, ultimately completing his Doctor's degree in Forest Science. A new role for Barbara emerged as Ray worked on his thesis. It was large and had to be typed up, so they invested in a typewriter and Barbara learned how to use it. *'This was the beginning of my long involvement in typing his several theses, many published papers, and innumerable reports.'*

Her interest in computers was to grow, and largely self-taught, she developed an impressive grasp of this evolving technology and was able to provide invaluable assistance to Ray throughout his career.

Their first son, Allan, was born in 1968, prompting them to search for a home of their own which they found in Middle Park. Ray and Barbara threw themselves into renovations, inside and out. Second son Douglas was born in 1972, followed by Lachlan in 1973.

The family was to move many times as Ray's career unfolded. Typically, they chose homes like their first - basically sound, in need of some work, space for the boys and always, with garden potential. Then the work would begin, with the boys involved and other family members also lending a hand. A vegetable garden was always given high priority. Resourceful and adaptable, Barbara took work where and when she could as she juggled work and family responsibilities, especially when the children were small.

Another aspect of Ray's career was that he was often required to travel and work away from home, including within Australia, also in Canada and the USA; sometimes for extended periods. Several renovation projects were interrupted when they decided that the family would take the opportunity to accompany him. Ray would usually leave first to begin work and find accommodation. Barbara and the boys would pack everything up and, if necessary, arrange for their house to be rented.

The first of these family adventures began when Ray was awarded a scholarship to study at Reading University in England. The new house, *Silbury*, turned out to be one of Barbara's favourites. *'I particularly enjoyed the English seasons in the garden - snow in winter and bulbs in spring in fact all the English plants I was familiar with ... Our other home in England was a Westfalia VW camper van that we used for many sorties into the English countryside. It was a tight squeeze but lots of fun.'*

During another such trip to Perth in 1989, Barbara was offered work as secretary to the Dean of Agriculture. *'This was a new experience for me but as I was familiar with the University environment I managed not to disgrace myself. I even mastered the use of a personal computer rather than a Macintosh, which I had been used to.'*

In 1983, Ray took up a new role lecturing at Melbourne University's new Forestry Campus at Creswick. They found a house in Burnbank Street, Ballarat - a large, heritage-listed Victorian house on a very large block and ready for extensive renovation.

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Barbara returned to the Pathology Department at Ballarat Base Hospital after an absence of 21 years.

During this time, the boys were involved in the music program at Ballarat High School. A Music Support Group of interested parents was formed to raise funds and Barbara was elected President. *'With our garden starting to take shape, I suggested that we hold a Garden Party at our house and invite the School's Bands and other musical groups to perform for parents and friends.'* The Garden Party was a great success and became a popular fixture for seven years - a lot of work but *'always worth it on the day.'*

On the morning of the last garden party in 1994, Ray arrived home from Creswick to whisk Barbara away to see *'this most amazing house'* in Alcorns Road on the north side of Springhill. *'We both knew we had to move there - completed house, blank canvas for a hillside garden, and the views. Wow! We were up for our next challenge.'* The name chosen for the new property was *Snow Gum Springs*. They installed rabbit-proof fencing, planted casuarinas and red gums along the driveway. They made terraces, built retaining walls, installed a watering system, then planted shelter belts and gardens - *'the fun part'*.

In 1997, Ray resigned from the University and took a position as a Principal Research Scientist with the Bureau of Rural Sciences in Canberra. Barbara enjoyed the proximity to art galleries, museums and the theatre. Sydney and the coast were accessible and there were parts of NSW they hadn't seen before to explore. Barbara found work with Capital Pathology and is proud of the work she did there, especially *'the challenge of getting the laboratory's documentation up to date for an upcoming accreditation.'*

In 2002, it was time to return to Victoria and *Snow Gum Springs*. The trees they had planted had grown substantially, now they could restore and extend the garden. Ray built sheds for chooks and storage, a pergola, while Barbara planted fruit and nut trees, berries and olives. Together they planted over 4,000 trees and shrubs, creating a haven for birds.

In 2015, they decided it was time to downsize. *Snow Gum Springs* was sold and they moved into their current home in Creswick and set about creating *another* new garden.

For several years, Barbara and Ray have opened their garden for the *Garden Lovers Weekend*. Visitors have been delighted by Barbara's beautifully imagined flower gardens and Ray's vegetable beds and fanciful follies.

What a trail of gardens they have left behind them ... from their first home, when Ray built window boxes in which Barbara grew daffodils ...

*Editor's note:*

*The Creswick District News team owes Barbara a debt of gratitude. She has been involved with CDN for many years, bringing her wise head and incisive voice to committee meetings and generously sharing her expertise, particularly in compiling and publishing. With regard to her co-workers' computer literacy, she has been credited with 'dragging us kicking and screaming into the twentieth century', but always with patience, good humour and encouragement.*

*Thank you Barbara, our friend and colleague.*

Miriam Tonkin

**See photo on page 12**



## Creswick Neighbourhood Centre BBQ Kits for Hire

Does your community group run Bunnings BBQs to fundraise? Or have you been keen to give it a go, but find gathering all the gear - like large eskys, meat thermometers and stacks of tongs - a bit overwhelming? Well, you're in luck!

Thanks to a Community Grant from the Hepburn Shire Council, the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) now has a low cost complete BBQ kit available for community groups to use making fundraising easier than ever. No more chasing down who borrowed which esky or scrambling for containers to store chopped onions. We've got it all ready to go!

The kit includes four large eskys, eight food-safe containers for onions, bread and serviettes, BBQ cooking implements including tongs, heavy-duty heat mitts, rolls of paper towel, cleaning gear, large garbage bags, cash tin, two meat thermometers and disposable gloves. All you need to buy are the food items and drinks to sell.

If you'd like more information or book the Kit, please contact the CNC. Let us help make your next BBQ fundraiser a breeze.

*Chrissy Austin*  
Manager



# Creswick-Smeaton RSL - ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day started as usual with the Dawn Service. There was a good attendance by the community and following the Service all were invited to the Gunfire Breakfast at the Senior Citizens Centre. This was served by Ed Koene and his team. During the breakfast, a special presentation of the RSL Appreciation Shield was made to Terry Hope for his continuing photographic support to the RSL since 1993, providing a pictorial history of the Dawn Service, ANZAC March, ANZAC Service and Remembrance Services. Also, since 2012 when the RSL set up its website, Terry provided these photos as a pictorial history of what the RSL does and the community that supports it. RSL conducted a service at the Soldiers Graves at the Cemetery and the Memorial Stones in front of the RSL Hall.

A large crowd gathered for the March. The scouts acted as flag bearers, with the band, school groups and other organisations taking part.

At the ANZAC Service, as is tradition, a name from the cenotaph is remembered and this year it was Reginald Lindsay. A special presentation was read during the service, as this was to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Field of Crosses started by Arthur Bellingham in 1964 with the first display on 25 April 1965. Arthur looked after the crosses for 43 years until his passing in 2007. Stan Hepper took over until ill health caused him to retire in 2012, with Phil Greenbank assuming the mantle from him. A pictorial display of the history of the layout and locations of the Field of Crosses, up to today's present site is located at the end of the Memorial Gardens. A static

display has been set up at the RSL Hall with Arthur's original notebook. *This Place*, was played with permission from Mike Brady. This song references remembering a loved one, those who served and those who did not come home.

With support from the Community Bank Creswick & District and the Creswick Railway Workshop Association, RSL was able to purchase a new PA system for use on the day.

Following the service, the community was invited back to the RSL for light refreshments. Due to the adverse weather the annual game of 2Up was conducted indoors.

The RSL would like to thank the community for their generous support to the ANZAC Appeal raising just over \$8,000 for the Veterans Welfare Fund. Also, thanks go to the Creswick Brass Band and bugler Craig Latrobe; Ed Koene and team; Creswick Scouts; Senior Citizens for their hall; Creswick Red Cross for serving the afternoon refreshments; Creswick Police; Hepburn Shire and gardeners; RACV Goldfields Resort for the golf cart and CFA member Damian Knowles as the driver; Creswick, Creswick North, St Augustine's, Newlyn and Mt Blowhard Primary Schools for the poetry readings and finally to the Creswick and district community for their ongoing support of the RSL.

*Phil Greenbank*  
*Secretary*  
*Creswick-Smeaton RSL*

*see photo on page 1*



## Northerly News

### ANZAC Day Service Participation

It was a shortened week to start Term 2, but it did include the school's ANZAC Day Service participation. It was great to see Creswick North PS well-represented and many students and their families attended, most marching in the parade as well. The Year 6 leaders read out a poem beautifully and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

A lot of sporting events are coming up including the Winter Sports Carnival, Athletics Day at Llanberris, and AFL, Soccer, Netball and Cross Country events scheduled.

A new Before-school and After-school program called *Club2041* has started with great numbers attending, providing a valuable service for school families.

If anyone would like a school tour to experience this fantastic school, please call the school on 5345 2012.

*Matthew Reyntjes*  
*Principal*

*See photo on page 12*



## Park Lake's Membership Continues to Grow

The work carried out by Friends of Park Lake (FOPL) continues to attract a growing number of people who are eager to join this committed group of enthusiastic gardeners and historians.

Park Lake, once the social heart of Creswick, fell into neglect in the 1930s but a dedicated group of interested locals banded together in the 1990s to restore the area into the vibrant nature reserve it once was.

Since March nine new volunteers have signed up and are already being put to work watering, collecting and moving rocks and new planting around the pond. At its last meeting Vice President, Yvette Dare, presented original garden plans which included paths and walk ways around the pond. The paths are in desperate need of repair and it is hoped that funding and sponsorship will become available to rectify the degradation.

Hepburn Shire Council continues to provide much-appreciated support and is working with the Friends on maintenance at the park, including a new picnic area with tables and benches.

To encourage biodiversity, the Friends are working closely with the local Landcare Group on the last remaining remnant of native vegetation in the park.

Regularly the Friends are invited to attend the Welcome to New Residents meeting, to promote Friends of Park Lake, its aims and benefits and to encourage new residents to consider joining this growing group of enthusiasts.

A date to remember: FOPL's major fundraising event is the Winter Solstice Festival to be held on Saturday 21 June from 1.00pm – 11.00 pm at Park Lake.

At the recent ANZAC Day Service, FOPL was represented by Leo, Nora, Fletcher and Lainey, assisted by Maria Marco in laying a wreath.

*Fiona Watson*



*Park Lake Wreath Laying. Leo, Nora, Fletcher, Lainey and Maria*

*Reprinted from Creswick District News, Issue  
103 July 2007*

## Park Lake Renovation

A work in progress is often not a pretty sight. The renovation of Park Lake Reserve's Lake is a work in progress and it is certainly not a pretty sight at present. However few would suggest it has been a pretty sight in recent years in its silted up and derelict condition. Having now been cleared of the silt and rubbish accumulated in it over the past 100 years and more, and deepened to increase its storage capacity, it will not be long before it again becomes a show piece for our town.

The clearing operation proved to be of great interest to townspeople and passers by alike, with a constant stream of visitors stopping in to wonder how deep the work would go, how the trucks will get through the mud, will the excavator get bogged, and what treasures will be found. Several gold fossickers found the lake bottom to be of interest and visitors who walked the path on the north side of the lake were intrigued to see timbered mine workings uncovered below the old lake bed.

Material removed from the lake bed has been moved to the eastern end of the reserve and will be used when it dries out to fill a former borrow pit and areas from which surface gravel had been stripped many years ago. The haul road formed and used to move this material will be developed now as one of the walking tracks proposed in the Park Lake Master Plan, and adjoining areas will be planted as proposed in that plan as the necessary funds become available.

Further work is still to be undertaken around the Lake itself and this will proceed in the months ahead.

To those who have been working for the improvement of Park Lake Reserve through the past few years it is hardly believable that the lake has now been cleared. They are, and our whole community should be, grateful for the effort made by Council officers to secure the funding and approvals needed for the work to be undertaken, and by contractors and Council employees to carry out the work under the conditions they encountered.

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## Creswick Lions Club

It's been a busy few months for the Creswick Lions Club (CLC) holding BBQs across numerous events around town. This included *CresFest* where CLC worked closely with the Creswick Scouts and Creswick Primary School. It was so encouraging as parents supported the Lions by serving yummy egg and bacon sandwiches and sausages and onion in bread. It was great to meet the parents who offered continuing support to the Lions.

CLC also worked at the Outdoor Expo in Ballarat, helping with parking allocations. The Truck Show in Clunes was a busy BBQ, working with the Haddon and Mt Bolton Lions Clubs and raising much needed funds. The Easter Creswick Market was amazing - a quiet start but the club ran out of bread twice!

Another initiative has been the introduction of recycle Lions Blue Bins at all events. Funds go to the club to be disbursed across the community. If you see one, please support the Lions' work by popping in bottles and cans.

The club is still collecting car/truck/NBN batteries. To arrange collection of these, contact Pat.

Unwanted spectacles are also being collected to be sent to developing countries and can be dropped into the Hub, the Community Health Centre, the Neighbourhood Centre or contact Bernadette on 0419 326 052 for collection. These are cleaned and sorted, according to the prescription, by Lions in Brisbane.

If you would like to talk about becoming a member, please call either Pat Tacey 0429 581 591 or Leigh Bell 0438 558 450. If anyone would like to put their name on the list of helpers please just let the club know.

Creswick Lions has been an active organization in Creswick for over 50 years, supporting local community clubs and individuals when needed.

Please help Creswick Lions Club continue this support.

*Leigh Bell*



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On Thursday 29 May a Planning Officer will be available for general planning enquiries at the Creswick Hub 9 am – 12 pm.

The officer will be available in 15-minute time slots, which can be pre-booked via the planning enquiries line, 5348 2306 (option 1).

Please note that there will not be a planner at our Duke Street Office, Daylesford, for enquiries on this day.

This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to make planners more accessible to the community in different locations.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with a planner.

Find out more about the planning process, including how to apply and track existing applications, [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/planning](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/planning)

## Pet registrations

By registering your pet, you are doing all you can to be quickly reunited with your furry friend if they go missing.

Pet registration notices have been mailed out and please note you have a little longer to pay this year with a due date of Saturday 10 May.

The first year of registration is free for desexed and microchipped dogs and cats, and we also offer discounts for the registration of older pets and working animals. Find out more on our website,

[www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Pet-registrations](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Pet-registrations)

## Listening Posts

Listening Posts provide an opportunity for residents to share their ideas, provide feedback on services, and discuss matters that are important to them with senior Council Officers and Councillors.

Listening Posts scheduled are:

- Saturday 17 May - Trentham Market, 10 am - 12 pm
- Saturday 21 June - Glenlyon Town Hall, 10 am - 12 pm

Details of other Listening Post events, including dates and locations, will be made available on our website,

[www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/listening-posts](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/listening-posts)

## 'Seen' the film screening

Be part of an inspiring and thought-provoking evening as we screen SEEN: The Film, a powerful documentary exploring the long-term impact of childhood trauma and the journey of healing to create stronger, healthier families.

- Wednesday 28 May - Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, 5-7 pm

This is an opportunity to delve deeper into the stories behind the film and spark meaningful conversations about healing, parenting, and breaking cycles of trauma.

Book your place on the Eventbrite website,

<https://ow.ly/KW6S5OVK8gH>

## Reusable products voucher program

Do not miss out on the opportunity to get \$50 off your purchase of eligible reusable products from local business Darlings Downunder.

The discount voucher code is valid until 31 May 2025, unless allocated funds are exhausted prior. Find details about the program at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/reusables](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/reusables)

## Are You Safe at Home? Day

This May, start the conversation to end family violence.

10 May is Are You Safe at Home? Day – an opportunity to initiate meaningful conversations with people who may be experiencing family violence.

Are You Safe at Home? Day encourages individuals, workplaces and communities to take action by asking a simple but powerful question: 'Are you safe at home?'

This awareness raising day is part of the broader, national Are You Safe at Home? initiative, designed to break down the fear and stigma associated with talking about family violence.

By providing people with the confidence and tools to start these conversations, we can break the silence and help connect those at risk with the support they need. Because anyone can experience family violence, and anyone can help end it.

For more information on the campaign, or to get involved and support Are You Safe at Home? Day 2025, visit

[www.areyousafeathome.org.au](http://www.areyousafeathome.org.au)

## Council meetings

On Tuesday 29 April, our Councillors came together for the third Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2025.

Among the important items discussed were the Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2025-2029 and the Councillor Integrity Policy.

You can watch the meeting recording on Council's YouTube page, [www.youtube.com/@hepburnshirecouncil5931](http://www.youtube.com/@hepburnshirecouncil5931)

and read the minutes on Council's website,

[www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/council-meetings)

There is a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday 13 May at 6 pm and the next Ordinary Meeting of Council will take place on Tuesday 27 May at 6 pm.

## Hepburn Together



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Hepburn Together 2025-2029 is a community engagement initiative aimed at shaping the future of Hepburn Shire as we create our new Council Plan for 2025-2029.

Stay up to date on the Participate Hepburn website at

[www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au](http://www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au)

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## Barbara Spencer

*see article on page 4*



**Creswick North Primary School  
ANZAC Day participation**  
*see article on page 6*



**Creswick Garden Club  
Guest speaker  
Dr Greg Moore OAM  
and  
President Pam  
Lockhart**  
*see article on page 18*



**Creswick Brass Band  
at the National Championships**  
*see article on page 13*



## Creswick Brass Band

After a busy lead up, Creswick Brass Band competed in the Australian National Bands Championships for 2025. Whilst the band didn't achieve an overall place this year, the hymn section came third, the street march first and Ben Gray was awarded best Drum Major. Ben currently lives interstate and travelled specially to be with the band for this competition. The band is incredibly grateful for the support of the dedicated players for their commitment to rehearsals, with some regularly travelling out of town to attend. Gratitude is also extended to family, friends and the local community for their ongoing support both during preparation for the competition and during the event.

Despite the recently completed competition, the band is yet to slow down. As usual, they participated in the ANZAC Day March and Service. It's always a privilege to be invited to join in such important community events and thanks are extended to Craig Latrobe for playing the *Last Post* and *Rouse* on the day. A few days later, the band played at the Ballarat Marathon to entertain the crowds and help encourage the runners during their race.

Looking ahead, members will travel to Bright to participate in the Alpine Brass Festival on 14 June. This vibrant event sees many bands travel to the town to perform a repertoire of fun and lively music.

If you're nearby, the event will be held at the Bright Entertainment Centre and will be an enjoyable evening.

We're excited to announce that renowned English euphonium player, Steven Mead, will be coming to Ballarat! Whilst he is in the region, Steven will take some lower brass workshops and there will be a performance with Creswick Brass Band, Beaufort Municipal Band and Daylesford Community Brass Band on 21 June. This will be a once in a lifetime event so book your ticket for what promises to be a brilliant evening of brass!

To stay up to date with all happenings, follow us on *Facebook* or *Instagram*. Donations, which are tax-deductible, are always welcome. Every contribution helps the band continue and promote music in our community.

If you're interested in joining the band, rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm at the Creswick Senior Citizens Centre. New players of any age or experience are always welcome. If this sounds like you, or someone you know, please get in touch.

*Creswick Brass Band*

*See photo on page 12*

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## Creswick Capers

### Singing Together and Celebrating Diversity

At the end of the term, the school was proud to partner with *CresFest* to host the KidZone and an on-site stage during the festival. The school looked magical all lit up during the evening performances.

What was even more exciting was students' participation in the African Extravaganza, led by Stella Savy and Kofi. Over the term Stella worked with students, teaching them African songs. During the last week of term, Stella and Kofi returned, bringing their African drums. The sound of drumming could be heard throughout the Creswick community.

To cap off the exciting week, the school hosted Creswick North Primary School and St Augustine's Primary School onsite, for a three-school rehearsal of the performance. It was such a wonderful experience to have all three local schools working together. The performance during *CrestFest*, in front of the old Post Office, was truly spectacular. Congratulations to all involved with *CresFest*!

In March, Harmony Day was celebrated to mark the beginning of Harmony Week. This began with African singing and drumming for all grades led by Stella and Kofi. Also, Rachel from Happy Scraps provided a Special Lunch Day. Daily classroom activities celebrated different cultures from around the world and, in particular, shared stories and songs from Creswick school's community cultural heritage. The final day was a Multi-Age Day, where students came together in groups to explore the continents of the world through stories, songs, dance and art activities. The celebrations at assembly were a particular highlight, with many parents getting a sneak peek of the *CresFest* performance.

*Helen Romeril*  
*Principal*

***See photos on page 1***

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## Smeaton Bowling Club News

### Winter Happenings

The AGM was held on 14 May and thanks go to those people who put up their hands to take on a club position and also those who have retired from a job. Many hands make light work!

Over the winter break, the club continues to discuss and work on improvements which will enhance playing and clubroom facilities. The grass green has been bedded-down for the winter with greenkeepers Ian and Graeme continuing to keep a close watch over it.

A group of ten members enjoyed playing at the Barham Carnival recently. It is good for the club to have members out-and-about, spreading the good word about Smeaton BC and bringing back new ideas. Many of the bowlers travel north for the winter so we wish them well in their travels. At Smeaton, the synthetic green is available for practice and most Sunday afternoons will see members out having a bowl.

If you are interested in learning how to play bowls or participate in the 25/26 Pennant season, please make contact and consider joining our friendly, country club.

Contacts - Secretary Russell 0417 535 297,  
President David 0418 584 942 or via email  
[smeatonbowling@gmail.com](mailto:smeatonbowling@gmail.com).

*Laraine Toose*

## Senior Cits News

A short note to remind members and friends that the Seniors Social Day will be held at noon on Friday 30 May. Come along and enjoy lunch and entertainment.

Bingo games will be played alternate Fridays and of course, there will be good company, a cuppa and raffles for fun.

Keep in touch for news about any Morning Melodies. The bus will pick you up and take you home.

*June Gray*  
*5334 6526*



## Mental Health First Aid Course Coming to Creswick 24 and 31 May

The Creswick Readiness Group is inviting residents to take part in a nationally recognised Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) course being held over two Saturdays – **24 and 31 May**, right here in our community and for **FREE**. This valuable training is designed to equip everyday people with the skills to support someone experiencing a mental health problem or crisis.

Whether you're a parent, teacher, community volunteer, small business owner, or simply someone who wants to be able to help a friend, neighbour or colleague, this course is for you. It provides practical strategies to support people in the moment and guide them to appropriate professional help.

The course will run over two full days and places are limited to ensure a supportive, hands-on learning environment. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, psychosis, substance use and will learn how to respond confidently and compassionately in real-life situations.

If you'd like to join, email Jacqui at [jqwhite21@gmail.com](mailto:jqwhite21@gmail.com) to register or find out more. Be quick – spaces fill fast!

*Jacqui*

***Creswick District News***  
would like to congratulate

***CresFest***

on another very successful weekend,  
for both the Festival and the town.

## Creswick Readiness Group

### What To Do in the First 72 Hours After an Emergency

As part of the Hepburn Shire Council's ongoing community resilience initiatives, a number of locals, including members of the Creswick Readiness Group, recently gathered to learn about the importance of the *first 72 hours following an emergency*, such as bushfires, floods, or major storms.

Here are a few essential steps to keep in mind:

- **Stay Informed:** tune into ABC local radio, check *VicEmergency* app updates and follow advice from emergency services.
- **Check on Others:** reach out to neighbours, particularly those who are elderly, isolated or have mobility challenges.
- **Avoid Dangerous Areas:** steer clear of damaged roads, fallen trees, and downed powerlines until authorities declare them safe.
- **Document Damage:** take photos of any damage to your property for insurance purposes and keep receipts for essential expenses.

**Look After Your Mental Health:** emotional recovery takes time. Don't hesitate to talk to someone you trust or seek professional help. Resources are available through local health services and council support lines.

Preparing for both the emotional and practical aftermath of emergencies is just as important as physical preparedness. MHFA training is a powerful tool in strengthening community support and resilience – another reason to consider signing up this May.

Let's build a safer, more connected Creswick – one conversation at a time.

*Jacqui*



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## 100 Years Ago

*Compiled by Creswick Museum*

**May 1, 1925** Mr. Frank Williams, of the local livery and letting stables, has made an addition to his plant by the purchase of a motor car, which will be available for hire at all hours.

**May 5, 1925** The half yearly spelling bee in connection with the Creswick branch A.N.A., was held last Wednesday evening, and proved the most successful one since it was introduced. There was a large attendance of both competitors and their friends, fifty eight taking part.

**May 8, 1925** Established 1866 – H. M. Trezise, General storekeeper, High Street, Kingston. Market rates for Dairy Produce. Suits to Measure. Fit and Style guaranteed. Agent for :- New Zealand Fire Assurance Co. Risks taken at Lowest Rates.

**May 12, 1925** The Creswick Golf Club's links at North Creswick will be opened next Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when the actual play for this season will commence. Sir Alexander Peacock has kindly accepted an invitation to declare the links open.

**May 15, 1925** Rocky Lead School Competition – A concert and dance will be held in the Rocky Lead hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> isn't. Lady Peacock will crown the successful queen. Admission :- Concert 1/-, Dance: Gents, 1/6; Ladies 1/- . C. C. Phillips, Hon. Sec.

**May 19, 1925** There should be some good trout fishing in this district in the course of a year or two owing to the action taken by the Borough Council. The Chief Inspector of Fisheries visited the town some

time ago at the request of that body, and after inspection of the waters, agreed to provide 3,000 yearling trout to stock them.

**May 22, 1925** Dean. A concert to raise funds to purchase a gramophone for the use of the school was given by the children recently in the local hall. The hall was comfortably filled by an enthusiastic audience, and Mr. B. Kay (Chairman of the committee) presided.

**May 26, 1925** Mounted Constable J. C. Montgomery, who has had charge of the Creswick Police Station for some time past, has received notice of his transfer. We understand Mr. Montgomery will be going to the metropolis.

**May 29, 1925** Borough of Creswick – Double Pan Service Tenders will be received by the undersigned until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1925 for – Providing a Double Pan service for the Borough. Term to be for five years, from 1<sup>st</sup> December 1925. The contract may be renewed for a second term of Five years, should both parties be agreeable. Approximate number of Pans, 400. Specifications, Sample pan and Lid can be seen at the Town hall, Creswick. The Borough Council reserves the right to increase the number of services if necessary. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Arthur B. Grose, Town Clerk

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## Kingston Friends of the Avenue

On Friday, 11 April, the History Engagement and Preservation Partnerships (HEP) group from Federation University joined the Friends at The Commercial at Kingston for their meeting which was followed by lunch. The group then provided talks and a tour of some of Kingston and district's history, including the Avenue of Honour, Buried Rivers of Gold, the Kingston Showgrounds, the former Bank of Australasia and significant trees in the township.

Many thanks to all who joined in the ANZAC Day Service, especially John Laursen who led the Service. Also thanks to special guest Jo, who spoke about her great grandfather Clarence Albert Norman. Jo is one of his 13 great grandchildren. Their family have very kindly offered to donate and loan new items to the Kingston Remembers Resource Centre at The Commercial at Kingston.

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc. were recently awarded a Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grant of \$30,000 for a project with new works to improve the life expectancy of 23 trees in the Avenue, via remedial pruning and removal of competing cypresses. Hepburn Shire Council will oversee the works.

*Leah Armstrong*  
*On behalf of Kingston Friends*



April was once again a big month for our residents. Phil Greenbank from the Creswick – Smeaton RSL Branch, on 24 April officiated at our in-house ANZAC Day Service which is always a very moving ceremony. We thank him for his support.

On ANZAC Day itself, it was my honour to lay a wreath at the Creswick cenotaph on behalf of all in the John Curtin Aged Care family.

The next event that JCAC will take part in is the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea. We held this for the first time last year, as many residents are unable to get down to the traditional Creswick one, held at the Creswick Pharmacy. It is a way in which our residents can continue to engage in activities they would have previously supported. We encourage family and friends to join us on 29 May for Morning Tea.

*Susan Craven*  
*President*

### CDN ONLINE

To access the CDN page online, please go to:  
[www.creswickconnect.au/for-locals/creswick-district-news](http://www.creswickconnect.au/for-locals/creswick-district-news)

## ARE YOU NEW TO CRESWICK?

**Save the Date - Saturday, 28 June 2025 at 3.00pm**

A Welcome to New Residents will be held at the  
Seniors Centre,  
2 Water Street at 3.00pm.

This event is a great way to find out more about the town and its community  
and to make connections with local clubs, groups and associations!

Free afternoon tea provided.

Sponsored by the Hepburn Shire Council and facilitated by the CRWA and U3A.

**Register** at the Creswick Hub or via email to [railwayworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:railwayworkshops@gmail.com)  
via SMS or phone to 0407 622 463.







## Creswick Garden Club

### Attracting New Members

There's many an avid gardener who has expressed interest and frustration in wanting to come to hear some of the excellent speakers organised by the Creswick Garden Club, but having been unable to attend as meetings are held in the afternoon.

To address this problem the committee introduced an evening meeting. The inaugural night time meeting was a great success with guest speaker Dr Greg Moore OAM, sharing his prodigious knowledge on all things to do with trees.

His entertaining talk had an unsettling message: the world cannot afford to destroy forests at the rate it's doing if humans want to survive. In Australia alone, 97% of requests to remove trees have been approved. In South Australia over the last decade 11% of tree canopies have been lost.

Human beings need trees; we evolved in the presence of trees for both active and passive recreation. Research indicates that trees improve health and well-being and from a study undertaken in 2019 on the effects of trees on women's health, women lived longer, had better learning outcomes and less family and community violence. And if further evidence was needed trees add 30% to the value of properties.

Dr Moore left us with a little mathematical equation – 3:30:300 that should be shared with all urban planners. Three trees within eyesight of a home; 30% canopy cover 300 metres to green space from your home.

Dr Moore's message was both sobering and optimistic. We can all do something positive to protect our environment. And aren't we lucky to live in Creswick, where we are surrounded by trees.

President Pam Lockhart, was delighted with the number of people who came out after dark to listen to such a worthy guest speaker. Let's hope there will be more meetings in the evening.

*Fiona Watson*

*See photo on page 12*



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# CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

## REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Cuppa for Cancer

29 May 10.00am to noon.  
Smeaton Bowling Club

#### Honour Roll Dinner

30 May 6.00pm Doug Lindsay Reserve. Booking via M Poole 53 452 065 or J van Beveren 53 452 658 by 23 May.

#### Friends of Park Lake

Winter Solstice Festival, 21 June, 1.00pm to 11.00pm at Park Lake.

#### New Residents Welcome

28 June 3.00pm at Senior Citizens Rooms. RSVP at Creswick Hub or [railwayworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:railwayworkshops@gmail.com)

#### Anglicare Emergency Food

**Relief** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Service of the Word: 10.00 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Contact: 0413 689 003

#### Catholic Parish Creswick

St Augustine's Church  
Mass Sunday 9.00am  
**except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**, Assembly of the Word and Communion.  
Contact 0488 220 685.

#### Creswick Cloggers (tap dance)

Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm  
Creswick Scout Hall, North Parade, Creswick  
Contact 0418 306 321

#### 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](mailto: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

#### 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](mailto:info@creswicku3a.com) website [www.creswicku3a.com](http://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 Leigh Bell 0438 558 450 [leighbell1234@gmail.com](mailto:leighbell1234@gmail.com)

#### Creswick Museum

open Saturday between 11.00am to 3.30pm.

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#### Community Repair & Share Event

3rd Sunday, 1.00pm to 4.00pm Creswick Neighbourhood Centre [transitioncreswick@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://creswicknc.org/creswick-market) Email [market@cnc.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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.

#### Cr Tim Drylie

by appointment  
Creswick Community Hub  
Ph. 0427 503 258 Email: [tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto: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

RSL Hall Albert St Creswick Jesus saves, heals, sets free. Sundays 10.00am - 1.00pm Pastor Margaret Tamkin Contact 0449 917 503

#### Friends of Park Lake

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

#### Goldfields Recreation and Dance Inc.

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**Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers** - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website [scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://scoutsvictoria.com.au)

#### Museum Research Centre -

Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests to [info@creswickmuseum.org.au](mailto:info@creswickmuseum.org.au)

#### Music Jam for music lovers every

Friday 7.00pm-9.00pm Neighbourhood Centre. Audience welcome

#### Parents Without Partners

##### Weekly Dance

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

7 April 2025 - Monday 6.00 pm  
AGM 27 April 2025 - Sunday 2.00 pm  
Creswick Neighbourhood House  
Enquiries: [secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au](mailto:secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au)

#### RSL meeting -

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

#### Tipplers -

third Wednesday every month. email: [tonycartwright@gltau.com](mailto:tonycartwright@gltau.com)

#### Victoria Street Craft Group,

every Monday 9.30am – 12.00pm/12:30 pm at the Creswick Bowling Club. BYO lunch. Contact Rita on 5345 2239 or 0407 452 232

#### VOGA Cycle Club

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