

Creswick District News

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Next time you're at the Creswick Market, be sure to

Creswick's Repair and Share Café

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swing by the Repair and Share Café – it's all happening at the back of the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre from 9.00am to 12.00pm on market day, every third Saturday of the month.



Do you have something that is broken or faulty, but is too good to just throw away? Why not bring it along to see if it can be brought back to life or re-purposed. The café is run by local sustainability group, Transition

Creswick, and supported by the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. It's all about community, sustainability and making things last.

Repair skills on offer often include sewing, darning, bicycle maintenance, repairs to small electrical items, clocks and computers. One of the most significant advantages of the Repair Café is their contribution to reducing waste. There are three main problems with modern appliances - they are not made to last, they are not possible to repair and replacement parts cannot be easily sourced. With that in mind, the resourceful people at Repair and Share are often forced to magic up some imaginative solutions to difficult problems. At times this involves stripping other devices for usable parts and even going to the length of 3D printing replacement parts that are otherwise unobtainable.

While the service provided is of great value to the community, it in fact costs nothing to have your item repaired. Although customers are invited to make a

and the service is free to all.

The team is willing to have a crack at anything, with the understanding that some things are not practical or possible to fix on the spot. Along with the usual repair and re-purpose activities, there are regular information and **how to** sessions, which are also free to attend. Recent events have included a home preserving session, a 3D printing display and an interactive demonstration covering the safe use of power tools.

But the Repair Café is about more than repairs. It's a place to have a cuppa, meet your neighbours and feel part of something positive. While you're there, grab a bite! By purchasing some of the freshly made cakes, toasties and soups you can help the group fundraise.

Repair and Share represents a refreshing shift towards sustainability, skill-sharing and community engagement. In a world increasingly driven by consumerism, it reminds us of the value of community, creativity and repair - proving that sometimes, the best way to move forward is to fix the things we already have!

Tony Miller

Does Creswick District News Have a Future?

Did you read the full article in the June edition?

Recently, the current committee discussed the long-term future of *Creswick District News*. Does it have a future in its current or any form? Has it outlived its usefulness? These are **serious** questions, with some current members needing to step back – **approximately 50% of committee members will no longer be available to produce CDN after the December edition!** This is a fact. Is there a solution/suggestion somewhere out there in the Creswick community? If you have any questions or suggestions, please email CDN at cdn@cbl.com.au.

Creswick District News

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

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Creswick & District Historical Society

Change to Meeting Dates

At the last meeting, the Creswick & District Historical Society decided not to have meetings in July and August so the next general meeting will be on 25 September. This is due to cold weather and people being away.

Please note that nominations for the Honour Roll need to be lodged before 30 September, either send to: PO Box 317, Creswick or call Marj Poole on 5345 2065 to arrange for collection or drop off. Please check on the website or Facebook page for information or any updates.

Marj Poole



The wonderful news to share with everyone is that the new bus has arrived, six months early! Readers may recall that fund raising began back in late 2023 with the *Cats Come to Creswick* Art Show. Once the information got out, community donations started rolling in. John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC) is very grateful; it is humbling to live in such a generous community.

Like many projects, it has evolved. Steve soon made the case that two buses were needed, a new one and a very good trade-in that was also automatic. It was thought the trade-in would come first as there was a two year wait for a new bus. JCAC is now a two bus facility and looks forward to the return of good weather when residents can be taken out on picnics.

So on behalf of everyone in the John Curtin Aged Care family, thank you.

Susan Craven

creswick 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	13.8
June	125.0	28.5	74.4
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	
TOTAL	630.3	533.9	215.6



Creswick Cemeteries News

Cemetery vehicle gates are open from 9.00am to 5.00pm daily, with the pedestrian gate open 24 hours.

Take care when walking around the cemetery and remember the cemetery isn't a dog park. With the uneven ground, we recommend that people keep to the pathways and roadways for safety, especially during the wetter months.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary

A Bloomin' Good AGM



Annual General Meetings are notorious for being dry but not the Creswick Garden Club AGM. Over 60 members attended to acknowledge the outstanding work undertaken over a number of years by outgoing President Pam Lockhart, Vice-President Jenny Jolliffe, Secretary Leanne Murray, Treasurer Heather Ingram and the members of the equally hard-working committee. In presenting her final report, Pam Lockhart said she was looking forward to being an ordinary member of the club and wished the incoming office bearers a successful year. Margaret Giles, as acting Chair, thanked outgoing President Pam and Treasurer Heather for their excellent work. The incoming office bearers are President Jenny Jolliffe, Vice President Jennifer Barker, Secretary Leanne Murray, Treasurer Elly van Oirschot and Assistant Treasurer Carolyn Pinkowski. The following committee members were elected: Jenny Clark, Nellie Beyen, Marina Markovich, Larissa Deck, Sue Beard, Sue Parker and Annie Bawden, with Glenda Dimond, Rose Turley and Alex Mallia sub-committee members.

Incoming President Jenny Jolliffe's first task was to present the Alison Sari Memorial Trophy, which this year went to Phyllis Wright for gaining the most points for her floral exhibits to the monthly show bench. This was followed by presentations to the outgoing office bearers and committee members, including Life Membership to Pam Lockhart and Karen Morgan and certificates of thanks and floral bouquets also to Heather Ingram, June Grey and Heather Davidson.

Russell Wait gave a fascinating presentation on *Eremophila*, a hardy and diverse native plant of the arid parts of Australia. Russell has the largest collection of *Eremophila* in the world! His interest and love of the plant started following his dad's taking up a soldier settlement and through generations of garden lovers Russell has continued the tradition. And while every plant has its limit, Russell assured the interested members that some *Eremophila* can grow around Creswick.

Fiona Watson

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Northerly News

Term 2 Round Up

It has been a wonderful Term 2 at Creswick North PS, but everyone is looking forward to staying warm over the upcoming Winter holidays.

The Year 6 students attended the GRIP student leaderships conference at Founders Hall, Federation University in Mt Helen and had a great day. Not only was it lots of fun, but they all came away with some valuable insights on how to be a good leader in a school. This term has also seen a large number of sporting activities, including the School Athletics Day at Llanberris Reserve with other schools from the Wathaurung Cluster. Many students also competed in Interschool AFL, soccer, netball and cross country.



Students helping at CNC Community Lunch

It's great to have Rachel visit a couple of times each term for the Happy Scraps morning tea and lunch program. Many students participate and enjoy the yummy foods Rachel provides. It's great to be part of a wonderful community program. The Junior School Council (JSC) has run two fundraiser dress-up days, including Wear Orange Day for the SES and Pirate Day, for the Kids Cancer project. Students all love a good dress-up day!

Some Year 5/6 students went to the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre to help Chrissy and the team serve the community lunch. It is an invaluable experience for them to be involved with and they all want to help again. Foundation students are coming up to 100 days of school which will involve some wonderful celebrations to mark the special date.

Enrolments are now being taken for 2026, so if you would like a tour to experience this fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal



Creswick Bowling Club

At this time of the year the club is getting ready for the next outdoor bowls season starting at the end of October with practice matches and then full pennant early November.



Oscar Jones
Photo courtesy Bernie

This is also the time for getting the number of members who will be playing pennant bowls. A list is currently on the notice board for players to indicate their preference/s for either weekend or midweek competitions, or both. The club is always looking for new members who may wish to play or learn to play bowls. Please contact Bernie on 0437 102 059 for information. There are some generous benefits for both bowlers and new bowlers who join the club this year.

Barry Yates Fortnightly Triples was cancelled on 27 May due to wet and cold weather. The winners

of the 10 June games were a mixed team from Daylesford and Smeaton, while the runners-up were from Mt Xavier.

Indoor Bowls Report

Both the ladies and men have completed round eight and it is good to see all divisions in the four. Division

1 in the men's competition is currently in second position while Division 2 is in third.

The ladies lost narrowly to Midlands but have maintained third position. It is only halfway through the draw and there is still plenty of time to get back in the winner's circle.

The Men's Singles Championship final was played between Oscar Jones and Matt Blackburn. Oscar was the eventual winner after trailing at the last end but picked up three shots to win by one. Congratulations to both players for their achievements. It was pleasing to see a full complement of players entering this year's event. The Pairs will be the next to be played over the coming weeks.

Travis Hedger played in the final of the Ballarat Indoor Bias Bowls Associations (BIBBA). He played a very close game, just losing to Ryan Bedggood. Young Oscar Jones and Gerry Flapper teamed up together to take out the BIBBA Pairs championship.

Friday night dinners have resumed on the first Friday of each month during winter with a new starting time of 6.00pm ensuring people can get home at a reasonable time.

Do you have a small function coming up and are looking for a suitable venue? The bowls club can accommodate up to 120 people, can arrange some catering or provide provisions for self-catering. There is also a bar available. Contact Bernie on 0437 102 059 to discuss options. A few members and their families have taken off to warmer climates and we wish them safe travels and happy holidays.

Bernie O'Malley

A Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

In answer to your query in the latest edition of the CDN - which questions the relevance and future of the CDN, **of course there is.** The problem is that not enough use is made of it, to convey the message of various organisations within this community. As one who attended the first meeting regarding the needs of the local area, the outstanding need of this community was a local newspaper. The second need was for a coffee shop. The first required a dedicated band of enthusiastic people. The second only needed a venue and staff to man it.

Today, there are several options to enjoy a variety of coffees and staff to prepare and serve it. It is far

harder to find enthusiastic volunteers and it must be realised that volunteers are what keep small communities vital and alive. Therefore the message to this community has to be **'come on folks, the older members of the community have carried the load for a long time. They have earned a rest. Step up and give it a go. You may find you like the work involved, or are prepared to share the load and add your own interest and skill for the benefit of all the readers and the wider community'**. Don't let it pass from use, for then you will realise what you have lost.

Val Lawrence aka 'See Weed'



Creswick Capers

Going GaGa

Anyone passing the school grounds lately may have seen a very popular new addition. Down near the blue playground, the *Hands On Learning* team has built a new GaGa Pit.

GaGa Ball is a game that students have enjoyed when attending camps and have subsequently asked for a pit in the playground. With a generous donation from the Junior School Council, Jack and Mrs Humm, the *Hands On Learning* team, designed and built the school's very own GaGa Pit.

Lots of time was spent in PE lessons learning the Creswick Primary School rules for GaGa as these are a little bit different from those students learnt at camp. School Captains and School House Captains gave up lots of their recess and lunch time to teach and support the Prep/1/2 students in learning to play.

The Extend after-school care students have enjoyed the game, as well as 5/6 visitors from Creswick North Primary School. The teachers began one of their staff meetings with a game and there are families who bring their own ball down to play on weekends.

The Creswick Primary School student community thank the *Hands On Learning* team for creating a wonderful addition to the schoolyard.

Helen Romeril
Principal



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Kingston Friends of the Avenue

The Commercial @ Kingston recently hosted the final Friday night dinner with John and Nikki Laursen, who will both be much missed. John has been instrumental in planning and running the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Services for the past few years. We wish John and Nikki all the best.

Environmental Effects Statement (EES)

The Western Renewables Link has released their Environmental Effects Statement, which can be found at westernrenewableslink.com.au/ees. Please submit a response on the potential impact of the overhead transmission lines. **A community session to help draft EES responses is planned for the afternoon of Sunday 17 August at the Smeaton Bowling Club.** This will be run by Kingston & District Power Alliance and Kingston Friends of the Avenue. Responses are due by 11.59pm on Friday, 22 August. More information on the community session will be provided on the Facebook page for Kingston & District Power Alliance.

Tree Reports

Please note that if you see any damage to the trees in the Avenue, you can make a report by calling Hepburn Shire Council on 5348 2306 and choosing the option for Customer Service. Please ask them to notify Matthew Daniel, and provide a brief description of the situation, for example - tree branch fallen on road in the Avenue of Honour at Kingston.

Save the Dates:

- EES Community Session: 17 August
- AGM: 24 September
- Remembrance Day: 11 November

Leah Armstrong
On Behalf of the Friends



Smeaton Bowling Club Facility Upgrades

July and August are typically quieter months for the bowling club. Upgrades to the kitchen and improved accessibility to the clubrooms are being undertaken before the new season kicks off. These will enhance the facility for all community members to use. Many thanks to the members who volunteered their time to apply for a grant for the entrance ramp and those who will help with the installation of the upgrades.

Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region has requested that clubs submit the number of teams they wish to enter in the 2025/2026 Pennant competition. If you are interested in playing Pennant bowls with Smeaton please contact Russell, the Secretary, preferably by mid-July.

Two members, Graeme and Geoffrey, recently played in the Australian Open Bowls tournament. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had a couple of wins as well. They would recommend it to any bowler as a great event to participate in, meeting and playing with bowlers from all over Australia.

If you are interested in learning how to play bowls or participate in the 2025/2026 pennant season, please make contact and consider joining this friendly, country club. The community facility is also available for functions big and small.

Contacts: Secretary Russell 0417 535 297, President Greg 0447 734 004 or via email smeatonbowling@gmail.com.

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A perfect mix of character, space, and location.

Council Plan, Budget and other strategic documents adopted



At the Council Meeting on 24 June 2025, Council formally adopted a suite of key strategic documents that will shape the future of our Shire, including the Council Plan 2025–2029 (incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan), Budget 2025/2026, Financial Plan,

Revenue and Rating Plan, and Asset Plan. These important strategic documents will help guide the future of the Shire.

Council Plan 2025–2029 - sets the strategic direction of Hepburn Shire Council for the Council term. The Plan details the outcomes, strategies and measures Council will focus its efforts and resources on for the four-year Council term to achieve the Community Vision in a financially sustainable way. The Plan was developed with community input via surveys and our Deliberative Engagement Panel as well as Councillor and Officer workshops.

Budget 2025/2026 - focuses on our commitment to core services while making tough yet responsible decisions to protect our short and long-term futures. It sets the framework for Council to deliver what the community needs in a financially responsible way.

Financial Plan - provides a 10-year projection of financial sustainability, detailing how the Council Plan and other integrated plans will be funded to achieve Council's Community Vision 2040. This Plan is crucial for supporting the long-term goals and aspirations of the community and is supported by the Council Plan, budgets, workforce plans and other key strategies and documents, especially the Financial Vision.

Asset Plan - covers the next 10-year period and outlines Council's approach to managing its community assets. Council manages public assets with a total replacement value of just under \$500 million, for the benefit of its community. As our Shire grows and changes, our existing infrastructure ages and requires change.

Revenue and Rating Plan - aims to identify the most suitable revenue and rating strategy for Council (\$43.8 million total revenue 2025/26). This Plan will ensure adequate funding for the priority outcomes outlined in the Council Plan. The Local Government Act 2020 mandates that each council must develop a Revenue and Rating Plan covering at least four years after each council election.

Visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au for more information.

Environmental Effects Statement released

AusNet, the proponent of the Western Renewables Link, has now published its Environmental Effects Statement (EES). Hard copies of the EES documents are currently on display at our Daylesford Library, Clunes Library and Creswick Hub from 30 June to 22 August 2025.

A committee appointed by the Minister for Planning will hold public hearings from Monday 27 October to enable community members to speak in support on their written submissions.

Council is now preparing its own submission informed by our community and in conjunction with neighbouring councils.

Council will host independent community information sessions to enable discussion, provide guidance on making a submission and answer questions.

- **Newlyn Recreation Reserve pavilion:** 16 July 2025, 4 to 7:30 pm
- **Creswick RSL:** 17 July 2025, 4 to 7:30 pm (Further sessions to be scheduled)

This is a Victorian Government/AusNet project and further information can be found at

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/Western-Renewables-Link-IAC>

Batteries do not belong in your kerbside bins

Did you know that batteries should never be put in the bin. You can take them to a Council hub or transfer station.

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2. Store them in an unsealed glass or plastic (not metal) container like a jam jar or ice cream tub, in a cool, dry place where kids and pets cannot access them.
3. Take them to a nearby battery drop-off point as soon as you can.

Make sure to store the batteries safely before recycling them.

Free mulch

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A New Generation at Creswick Post Office

It would take a very keen eye to have noticed any change at the Post Office in Creswick at the beginning of this month. The long-standing proprietor of the Creswick Licensed Post Office (LPO), Janine Booth, has officially retired and sold the business to her daughter Casey and husband Jason Preston.

After her mum purchased the LPO in 1998, Casey started working there on a casual basis. In 2003, after completing university studies, she continued part-time, as well as working short stints at Buninyong, Sebastopol and Ballarat West. When Janine was elected Councillor and then Mayor of Hepburn Shire Council, Casey took on more hours, in between caring for her four children, now aged 20, 14, 12 and nine.



Casey and Jason Preston : photo provided by Casey

likes and operating a local business is an extra special bonus.

Casey is very conscious of the advantages of following on from her mother. *'Local knowledge, particularly in a service like this, is so important. I can serve most customers by sight, without asking for their IDs and know when a delivery is going to the right address despite a name-change...'* She loves that people know her and her family, and that there is genuine care behind the *'How are you?'*

The caring works both ways, and it is gratifying to know that the great service and familiarity of the post office in Creswick will continue with the next generation.

Maria Taylor

In 2017, Casey took on the Manager's role, allowing her mum to semi-retire. After almost fifty years with the Post Office, Janine retired on 30 June, and the Prestons officially took over as owners on 1 July.

Casey does not foresee any changes to how the LPO will be run in the short to medium-term. A new computerised system was rolled out in March 2024, replacing 30-year old terminals. Changes hastened by the COVID pandemic, such as the surge in parcel deliveries, the drop-off in letters and the wider provision of banking services, are already well established.

Casey is most appreciative of the current staff at the LPO. There are two early sorters each day, plus three part-time workers in the retail area, which allows Casey to manage her family's work/life balance. She is a keen tennis player and committee member of the Mt Prospect District Tennis Association. Also the family has ties to the Creswick Soccer Club, where her two youngest sons are members.

Casey is very proud to live in Creswick. *'When we were young, all we wanted to do is leave Creswick, but now, having married a local and made our home and family here, I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.'* Now, the small-town feel is exactly what she

New Residents

Welcome Meeting - 28 June

It was a cosy and friendly gathering inside the Seniors Centre as local reps from community groups joined together to welcome 16 new residents. Agencies CFA, SES and Parks Victoria, presented important information with the added benefit of being available to answer questions directly during afternoon tea.

Also present were the Mayor Cr Henderson, Cr Cornish and Cr Drylie. The Hepburn Shire provides the funding for this event and this is the third and final one during this financial year. The Grant will be acquitted and any funds remaining returned to the Shire. Gift Cards from IGA and lucky door gifts from PRD and Katie Minchinton Real Estate made it even more special!

Thanks to all who attended, it is a unique event, the only one of its kind in the Shire with positive feedback being the usual response.

Judy Henderson
Secretary CRWA Inc

Landcare

Working with Ballarat City Council for a Better Gillies Road

Long Point Flora Reserve (LPFR) on Gillies/Ascot Roads is one of Creswick's hidden gold nuggets, as it consists of remnant vegetation from post-gold-rush but pre-agricultural clearing and gives a glimpse into the past. It's especially exciting in spring when the wildflowers and orchids bloom. Silver Banksia (*Banksia marginata*) and Black Sheoak (*Allocasuarina littoralis*) are also common in LPFR but not the general Creswick landscape due to clearing. The banksia is great for insects and nectar-loving birds, while the sheoak cones are a preferred food source of the yellow-tailed black cockatoos. Candlebark gums (*Eucalyptus rubida*) and Yellow Box (*E. melliodora*) are also found in LPFR.

City of Ballarat (CB) has provided funding for the rebuilding of Gillies Road, north from Ascot Road to Glendonald Road, with roadworks to start in a few months' time. However, earlier in June, the road was closed for preparatory work to clear vegetation. The Bald Hills Creswick Landcare Group Inc (BHCLG) has engaged positively with the council's team and their principal contractor, Fulton Hogan, to protect as much as possible in the area around Long Point Flora Reserve.

While four Candlebark gums needed to be removed and various wattles cleared, BHCLG ensured that the banksias and sheoaks and some significantly older Candlebark gums were protected. BHCLG had organised for the felled Candlebark gums to be repurposed into ground-storey habitat nearby, and the seeds collected from the branches before mulching, to give these trees a next life. While the seed was collected and sent to Seeding Victoria, the felled Candlebark gum logs sadly disappeared in the dark of night from the road shoulder. If there's any information on their whereabouts, we would love to know.

One retained Candlebark gum is quite old and is providing habitat for various birds and insects. On recommendation from the BHCLG, the CB has modified their road construction method to protect this massive tree. CB has indicated they may install a barrier to ensure safety for road users.

Once the road reconstruction is complete, BHCLG will be engaging with the council to improve roadside vegetation. BHCLG is interested to hear from residents and farms along Gillies Road about challenges arising from the local environment, for

example: wind, sun/shade, drainage/erosion, rabbits or other considerations. This input will assist in forming recommendations that BHCLG will submit to City of Ballarat. Please contact BHCLG by email on baldhillsreswicklandcare@gmail.com signalling your interest.

BHCLG wishes to thank City of Ballarat for their engagement.

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MATRIX Celebrates Ten Years

Keen readers of *CDN* will remember that we asked the question in November 2023 - *What is the MATRIX?* And promptly answered it: Located at the University of Melbourne Creswick campus, MATRIX is essentially a national institute for researchers in the fields of mathematics and statistics. These experts come together to discuss outstanding problems and challenges with their peers. This year, it is celebrating its tenth year.

In that time, MATRIX has hosted over 2,500 researchers from over 40 different countries, participated in more than 100 research programs, hosted more than 500 research students, and has presided over 435,000 hours of intensive collaboration. Most telling are these statistics: over 2,500 markers have been uncapped and over 1,000 Vegemite breakfasts have been consumed!

The director of MATRIX, Professor Jan de Gier, is most grateful for the support of the Creswick community. *'From modest beginnings, MATRIX has grown into an international hub - thanks to the collective efforts of people like you.'*

To celebrate this milestone, MATRIX is asking its supporters to share a message - a memory, reflection, or simply your good wishes. Your message will be part of MATRIX'S anniversary celebrations and help tell the story of what MATRIX means to the community of researchers in the mathematical sciences. Go to <https://matrix.cmail20.com/t/y-l-ckuett-drkdlihhw-t/> to leave your message. You can also make a donation if you wish.

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100 Years Ago

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July 3, 1925

Since Mr. M. Martin, C.E., has taken over the works at North Creswick, formerly owned by the Creswick Brick, Tile and Potteries Ltd., he has been engaged in an endeavor to turn out a high-class earthenware pipe. The "burns" to date have been very satisfactory indeed, and it is stated the article produced is equal, if not superior, to any obtainable in the Commonwealth.

July 7, 1925

At the monthly meeting of the Creswick Havilah Lodge of Freemasons held on Saturday evening, Bro. Fred Bowley, S. W., was elected Master for the ensuing twelve months. He will be installed in the chair of King Solomon on Thursday, 30th July, after which a social will be held in the Town Hall.

July 10, 1925

Broomfield – A euchre tournament and dance is to be held in the State School this (Friday) evening, and promises enjoyment for all who attend. Valuable prizes will be given to the winners of the tournament, and supper is to be provided. The admission for the euchre is 1/- each and for the dance gentlemen will pay 1/- and ladies 6d.

July 14, 1925

Mr. W. B. Grose, representing the Country Fire Brigades' Board, has been appointed a member of the committee of the National War Memorial, a meeting of which will be held at the Melbourne town hall on Thursday.

Friday July, 17 1925

Hon W. F. Finlayson (Director of the Victorian Anti-Liquor League) will preach on Sunday, 19th July :-

Victoria Street Methodist, 11 am; Scrub Hill Presbyterian, 2.30 pm ; St. Andrew's Presbyterian, 7 pm.

July 21, 1925

Springmount – In connection with the Queen Carnival being held for the benefit of St. John's Church of England, Creswick, a euchre tournament and dance will take place at Springmount school next Friday evening, when the proceeds will be in aid of the Diggers' Queen. Good trophies will be given.

The admission is 1/ ½ d

July 24, 1925

Yesterday saw the entry into Port Phillip Bay of the largest fleet of war vessels that has ever visited Australia. It comprised 43 units of the United States Navy. The light cruiser Seattle, flagship of the fleet, carrying the flag of Admiral Coontz, entered the heads about 10 am., followed by the other light cruisers, the auxiliary vessels, and the destroyers, whilst the battleships followed later.

July 28, 1925

A "Cup and Saucer" social is to be held in the Salvation Army Hall on Thursday evening. The admission is by cup and saucer.

July 31, 1925

The annual reunion and social of former residents of Creswick and district, Geelong section, was held at the Central hall, Ryrie street, on Saturday last. There, to the number of 175, old friends from the district foregathered and a very happy time spent.

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Community Workshops

The Hepburn Shire Council proudly hosted the first Emergency Services Panel event at Creswick Town Hall on Thursday, 26 June. Organised by Jai Edwards, Community Recovery Officer, the session brought together 49 community members and 13 emergency services agencies for a morning of information sharing and connection.

Attendees described the session as 'a very professionally organised, structured and informative couple of hours', and praised the opportunity to speak directly with panel members over lunch. One said 'I sincerely hope the Recovery and Resilience events scheduled for the remainder of 2025 are just as successful and well attended, not only in Creswick but across the Shire'.

The event provided valuable information, encouraged preparedness, and highlighted Creswick's growing commitment to community-led resilience. The agencies represented on the day offered everything from fire safety and flood readiness to community health support.

First 72 Hours Workshop - create your own emergency plan at the workshop.

Workshops scheduled for Creswick on Wednesday, 16 July, Trentham and Daylesford on Thursday, 17 July.

Smart Phone Apps for Emergencies

Workshops in Trentham and Daylesford on Thursday, 7 August and Creswick on Friday, 8 August.

Thank you to everyone who came along, engaged in discussion, and helped shape Creswick's readiness for the future.

Be Safe Creswick Launch

The Creswick Readiness Group is proud to launch *Be Safe Creswick*, a free, magnetic flip book packed with practical tips to help you prepare for and respond to emergencies.

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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Kingston Friends of the Avenue

17 August, EES Community Session
24 September KFOA, AGM.

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
Service of the Word: 10.00 am 4th Sundays
Contact: 0413 689 003

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 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

Creswick Cemetery

Gates Open 9.00am to 5.00pm. Daily

Creswick Connect Committee (previously Business & Tourism Creswick Inc)

Meet 5.30pm second Tuesday of the month at Leavers Hotel.
Contact Tim 0490 436 264.

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
No meeting July/August.

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 Leigh Bell 0438 558 450 leighbell1234@gmail.com

Creswick Museum

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Creswick Repair & Share Cafe

9.00am to 12.00pm at Creswick Market
Third Saturday of the month. Bring your broken things to repair.
Contact Sam on 0490 719 296.

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.

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by appointment
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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

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

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Goldfields Recreation and Dance Inc.

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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

Enquiries: secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au

RSL meeting

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

Tiplers

- third Wednesday every month. Monthly social gathering of local folk at local homes. Email: tonycartwright@gltau.com to join our mailing list.

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

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

Please contact individual organisations regarding possible changes to their meeting schedules.

Walking Group *Rain Hail or Shine*

A long time walking group meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.30am at the corner of Ballarat Road and South Street.

This group started approximately twenty years ago. The then co-ordinator of the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Helen, got together a few women interested in walking. As a result, three women started walking together. Since that beginning the numbers increased gradually with more people becoming aware of its existence through personal contact, notices in the *Creswick District News* and other places around town. The numbers continued to increase, including both men and women with some bringing their dogs along for the walk.



Photo: Russell Bowey

practice has continued with the group supporting these local businesses. This group has helped to forge many lasting friendships.

From the original three walkers, numbers increased with twenty plus walkers for many years with numbers going up or down depending on circumstances such as health, injury and age. COVID restrictions ended the walks, however, working within the restrictions a number were able to continue walking with a family member or friend, a much needed chance to still enjoy the outdoors.

The group is still going strong, so if you are interested in walking with friendly people, come along on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at 8.30am. No commitment. Keep fit, meet new people, make friends and learn more about the town. As a popular way of keeping fit there are now a number of other walking groups in town.

The Walking Group



Reprinted from CDN of July 2020

One of the original walkers who had grown up in Creswick, knew many walking tracks through the town and nearby bush. As a result, many places were visited including Nuggetty Gully, O'Keefe's Dam, St Georges Lake and Koala Park. Other walks included the former Broomfield Railway track, White Hills, the golf course and La Gerche track. From one end of the town to the other! A couple of highlights have been watching the beauty of the changing seasons and enjoying an occasional BYO cuppa at a spot like St Georges Lake.

The group has proved very popular with newcomers to the town and district, who found it a very welcoming and friendly group of people. It was a great way to meet other people, make friends and discover new areas of the town. Even longer-term residents have indicated that they walked to places in town that they had never visited before.

A few comments from walkers are, *'The best group I have been in'* and from a newcomer to the area, *'If you had a query about the area, someone from the group would have the information or tell you how to find out'*.

Gradually, it became the routine to stop for a coffee after the walk at one of the cafes in town and this

