

# Creswick District News

Still Priceless

## Issue 309 August 2025



### Art on Albert

*A Gallery Committed to  
Celebrating Local Artists*

In three short months, Creswick's Art on Albert has gained a reputation for providing an outlet for both professional and emerging artists, working in a range of diverse mediums.

On a regular basis, the displays in the gallery change to allow new works of art to be showcased and there is one area set aside for the works of children, which has proved very popular and entertaining.

Visitors to Creswick are delighted that a group of innovative locals banded together to develop the gallery, enhancing Creswick's reputation as a destination – not just an interesting small town to drive through on the way to Ballarat or Daylesford.

Of interest in the gallery this month are paintings by Chris Dobson, a trained teacher and artist; woodwork by Russell Cartledge which is enriched by careful use of coloured resin; linocuts by Colin Clark which are meticulously crafted – and of course many more works of art.

There's a fantastic display of ceramics from the Felix Ceramics Studio – a partnership between Belinda Michael and Jason Luca from Talbot. They have been working together for 11 years. Before that Jason was a chef, working in some very up market restaurants which he says isn't so very dissimilar to being a potter.

*'As a chef I had to be aware of aspects of art, balancing colours, flavours, textures. Ceramics is not so very different! Belinda and I work together, sharing the roles in the studio. It's very much a collaborative effort – sometimes I throw and Belinda decorates, or vice versa.'*

Jason says that he supports Art on Albert for this initiative as it is a great opportunity for local artists to present work to the general public without the commitment to exhibit in a regular type of gallery.

Art on Albert is extending it's lease for another six months to encourage local and regional artists to continue to support the gallery and its endeavours by exhibiting within the gallery.

*Fiona Watson*



*Jason Luca*

**The Annual General Meeting of  
Creswick District News Inc.**

**Will be held at the Creswick  
Visitor Information Centre**

**4.30 pm on Tuesday,  
26 August, 2025.**

**All Welcome.**

## Creswick District News

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It was disheartening to learn that after more than 25 years, the Creswick District News may not continue beyond December 2025.

I can certainly say that for more than two decades, the CDN has helped me and many others connect with the soul of Creswick; discover its inspiring people; learn about the many and varied organisations which work to support people; read about the history of Creswick and how life was lived 100 years ago. Most importantly, CDN helped us all feel part of the community, even while some of us spent much of our time working outside of town.

Best of all, at just 16 to 20 pages, it's always been an easy and interesting read with the bonus of often finding something that you weren't even looking for!

The CDN isn't just a newsletter; it's a local lifeline, revealing stories and upcoming events we might otherwise miss. Its value is immeasurable - and its possible loss would leave a real gap in our town.

We understand life is busy and volunteering can feel daunting. But perhaps all that's needed is a clearer view of what's involved in putting the CDN together. If potential volunteers could 'dip a toe in' without feeling overwhelmed, we might discover there are plenty who'd like to help, even in small ways. If even a handful of new faces joined in, it could make all the difference.

This isn't just about saving a publication, it's about preserving a vibrant thread of our shared community life. Let's explore how more of us can be part of keeping the CDN alive.

*Neil Doolan*

## 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         | 102.4        |
| 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>317.7</b> |

## Creswick Cemeteries News

Row markers have been placed in the Methodist, Catholic and Chinese sections. Please be aware of them when driving along the roadways.

It is extremely wet at the moment, so take care when visiting the cemetery. Graves will sink in this weather and they will be topped up when weather permits and it is safe to do so. Thank you.

*Wendy Ohlsen*  
*Secretary*

**Thank You!**  
**Good News From**  
**Shannon's Bridge**

Many will have heard that Shannon's Bridge has had some trouble with their one and only delivery truck. About three months ago, it was vandalised and the batteries and some wiring were stolen.

Shannon's Bridge typically receives about five referrals per week requiring state wide delivery of equipment. With the truck out of action, they reached out to the community for help.

Dr Claire Hepper highlights the good news that has arisen from this situation. It has generated a wave of support and practical assistance for Shannon's Bridge – a truly heart-warming response from the community.

Shannon's Bridge wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to all, with particular thanks to Creswick Bowling Club, Creswick-Smeaton RSL and to Rhiannon Riske, aka The Truck Whisperer!

*Miriam Tonkin*

**Get Well Raj!**

On behalf of the Creswick Community,  
*Creswick District News*  
would like to wish chef Raj from  
Smokeytown Café, a speedy recovery.  
Hope you are back at the stove soon.

**Does *Creswick District News***  
**Have a Future?**

Firstly, the committee would like to thank everyone from the community who has contacted us with wonderful words of encouragement and support. There have also been several offers of practical support. These are being pursued and will hopefully assist in filling some of the need. **It is in the area of editing copy for each edition** that the need is greatest. It would be preferable if you have basic computer skills and are willing to learn the editing process which specifically aligns with the *CDN Style Guide*.

If there is anyone who would like some more information, obligation free, please come to the September committee meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 24 September, 4.30pm at the Creswick Visitor Information Centre.

Alternatively, if you have any questions or suggestions, please email *CDN* at [cdn@cbl.com.au](mailto:cdn@cbl.com.au).



**Creswick Capers**

**National School Tree Planting Day**

To celebrate *National School Tree Day* on Friday, 25 July, members of the Bald Hills Creswick Landcare Group joined year 5/6 students to plant a variety of Indigenous native grasses and shrubs in the school's courtyard.

The rejuvenation of the courtyard has been an ongoing project over the past 12 months. *School Tree Day* is one of Planet Ark's series of days during the year and is designed to inspire students to learn about their local environment while playing an active role.

The students were given a brief talk on what was to be planted and the benefits of encouraging native bees and other pollinators, to come into their garden. Plants included two types of tussock grass, Chocolate and Pale Vanilla Lilies, Tall Daisy and Trigger plants, with 77 planted in total. Each plant was given a feed of native plant food before planting and a water afterwards to assist in a higher survival rate.

Steve Hemphill from the Landcare Group was very impressed with the keenness of the students and their willingness to get a bit dirty. After the plantout, the school discussed continued involvement of the Landcare group and is looking at possible projects for next year.

Many thanks to the parent community and the Bald Hills Creswick Landcare Group for their support in getting the courtyard ready and leading the planting – it was very much appreciated.

*Helen Romeril, Principal*

**Senior Cits News**

The next Social Day at the club rooms on 29 August should be fun. A trivia afternoon has been arranged. There will be a light lunch, nibbles and refreshments at a cost of \$5 and raffles as usual. Contact Judy for more information or to book on 0407 622 463.

Bingo is still held each Friday afternoon. Do come along for a cuppa and a chat as well.

Keep warm and well.

*June 5334 6526*

**Kay's Fashion Parade**

**Smeaton Bowling Club**

**Monday, 15 September, 1.30pm**

**Afternoon Tea To Follow. All Welcome**

# GR&D - A New Club in the Shire

The acronym stands for Goldfields Recreation and Dance Club. This extremely happy club grew out of the decade-old Creswick Ballroom Dancing community. Initially formed to continue the long commitment to providing dance events



and fund-raising for local charities, the club's interests have extended to other exciting pursuits. At the moment the chosen charities are the Lions Club and The Magic Pudding Playground.

Apart from offering annual Summer, Spring and Winter Balls, there have been a few wine appreciation events: the *Happy Winemaker - Jean-Paul Trisberg* evening; the *Blue Pyrenees Estate Expo* and Michael Unwin Wines. A couple more are planned in the near future. Recently the club hosted a fabulous music event, *An Afternoon with Dr Leslie Howard*, world-renowned pianist and musicologist. This event sold out.

Every Monday, there are ballroom dance classes at Creswick Senior Citizens Centre, Water Street. The

classes from beginners to advanced, are taught by the tireless Andrew O'Connell and Elizabeth Howard. The fee is \$5 for non-members, members are free.

In April, fourteen dancers entertained the Ballarat Rock

Festival with a wonderful display.

Get in touch if you want to join, offer an event or be supported in your own club's endeavours. The club is a multi-generational, not for profit, volunteer-run, inclusive organisation. It aims to foster educational, artistic, fitness, leisure, dance and social activities for local and regional communities, regardless of background or ability. The minimum joining age is 18 years. The prime motivation is to share the health and happiness rewards that come from shared fun and interests.

The GR&D Club can be contacted via email [goldfieldsrecreationanddance@gmail.com](mailto:goldfieldsrecreationanddance@gmail.com) or phone 0402 777 852 or 0427 246 278 . Elizabeth Howard

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# Creswick Theatre Company

## The New Ramp and Steps at Creswick Courthouse

Recent visitors to the Theatre will have seen the new access ramp and stairs at the front of the building. The marvellous steel handrail was made by Travis Smithard's dad from an old garden swing-set from the 1970s.

Now easier access to the building is made possible for all. At the recent *Twelve Minute Play Festival*, the first wheelchair users made their way up the ramp. Other improvements inside the foyer mean a wheelchair user, or less steady walker, can go up the ramp, straight through the foyer and into the theatre space all on the same level.

It is three years since these most recent improvements to the building began. The Courthouse building is owned by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), which looks after public buildings, but is maintained by the Theatre Company. As you can imagine, looking after a classic Victorian gold-era building like this is a major undertaking.

In 2024, with a DEECA grant, damp prevention was undertaken and external brickwork repaired. Then planning commenced to ensure ongoing access for all members of our community.

The theatre's relationship with the Community Bank Creswick & District goes back a long way. The kitchen/green room installed at the back of the theatre was funded by a grant from the bank, and the new ramp was largely funded by them as well.

The idea of the structure is that the original building and steps can still be seen through the new ramp and the massive bluestone step blocks have not been

moved. Gestalt Engineering in Ballarat designed the structure. Plinius Engineering of Ballarat fabricated it and Masterson Builders of Ballarat and Mick Masterson completed the installation.

The Committee also want to thank DEECA for their support and contribution to the funding campaign. Thanks also go to *CresFest*, who have always used the Theatre as a venue during the annual music festival and who made a contribution to this improvement.

Many have contributed to committee member Heather Ingram's fund-raising initiative to have named paver bricks to complete the landscaping. They will be installed soon.

The long-term hope is that the theatre, now one of a small number of old rural Victorian theatres with a well-equipped internal lighting and sound set-up, will, with this improved access for all, be able to establish itself as a venue for multiple uses.

*Neil Adam*

*For the Theatre Committee*



### Landcare

#### Creswick Creek at Ring Road

The Bald Hills Creswick Landcare Group (BHCLG) was recently successful in receiving a Grant from the Hepburn Shire to work on the Creswick Creek at Ring Road. The Grant includes funding for weed removal and revegetating with 1600 indigenous wetland plants in jute mat. The plants will help to reduce erosion at times of heavy creek flows and improve water quality in the creek. Similar projects have occurred in nearby areas by other Landcare groups: you can see one at Ditchfield Reserve, Brown Hill (Wattle Flat Pootilla Landcare Group).

BHCLG will letterbox drop the streets around Ring Road/Creswick Creek to provide more information to nearby residents. Planting days are expected to be in May 2026. Further information will be published closer to the time. BHCLG thanks Hepburn Shire Council for their support with the project. For more information about the project, please send an email to [baldhillscreswicklandcare@gmail.com](mailto:baldhillscreswicklandcare@gmail.com).

*David Unwin*



*Friend of the theatre Julie Moten finally had access, with committee member Jenni Sewell.*

## Creswick Brass Band International Connections

In June, the Creswick Brass Band had the incredible opportunity to perform with internationally renowned euphonium soloist, Steven Mead. The performance took place at the former Neill Street Church, home of the Ballarat Performing Arts Community, where the atmosphere helped make the event truly special. The evening was supported by the Beaufort Municipal Brass Band and Daylesford Community Brass Band, who showcased the skills of regional brass banding by playing their own repertoire, with Steven Mead featured as a guest soloist.

The evening had numerous stand out moments with two euphonium duets performed with Steven Mead on the night. One by Christine Billing from the Daylesford Band playing the piece, *Deep Inside the Sacred Temple* from Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*, arrangement by K Wilkinson, which was beautifully executed and enjoyed by the audience. Another, being Creswick Brass Band's very own musical director, Katrina Bird, performing the item titled *Softly As I Leave You* by Alan Catherall. For Katrina, this was a bucket list moment, and their performance was exceptional. During this piece, Hugh McKelvey stepped in to conduct, allowing Katrina to take centre stage alongside Steven.

Another memorable feature was the rendition of *Bella Ciao*, composed by Jared McCunnie, a Melbourne-based composer who is also the musical director of Western Brass. Creswick Brass Band was grateful Jared made the winter trip to Ballarat to conduct the band through this lively and expressive piece. The lower brass section had their moment in

the spotlight. Steven conducted this group to play *A Cool Suite* by Peter Smalley. This is a fun and upbeat piece the section had learned earlier that very day which highlighted the versatility of the lower brass section and the skill of the performers to showcase a newly learnt piece. For the finale, all bands came together to play *Invercargill*, composed by Alex Lithgow, which rang throughout the church and received a standing ovation from the audience.

Steven Mead dedicated the rest of the weekend to leading workshops for lower brass musicians, offering invaluable insights and guidance to players keen to develop their skills. The workshops with a world-class musician were made possible with the support of the Creswick Lions Club, for which the Creswick Brass Band is thankful.

Creswick Brass Band will hold its Annual General Meeting on September 4, at the American Hotel. This meeting is open to the community. Learn how to support the band regardless of your musical skillset. Come for a meal, at your own expense, from 6.00pm, or attend the meeting from 7.30pm. Please RSVP by August 28, via the Try booking link or QR code provided on the band's social media.

To stay up to date with the band's activities, follow them on Facebook and Instagram. New members of all ages and experience levels are welcome. The learners group meets Thursdays at 6.00pm, followed by band rehearsal at 7.00pm at the Creswick Senior Citizens Centre. If you want to know more, please get in touch or visit on a rehearsal night.

*The Band*

*See photo page 16*

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- Creswick Town Hall
- Saturday 13 September, 1–2 pm

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# Creswick Bowling Club

## Preparing for a New Season

Firstly, a correction of some misinformation in last month's *CDN*. Outdoor Pennant will commence the first week in October, with a practice match for the *Bob Allen Shield* between Learmonth and Creswick prior to the start of the season. This is a yearly event which is very well supported by members of both sides.

The Indoor Bowls Women's and Men's divisions had some success in the last two matches recently played. The women are sitting third on the ladder. The Division 1 men's team is showing positive form and sit in second place with the promise of playing finals. Division 2 are in fourth with some strong competition to come that will decide the end of season final places in the four.

Shirley Birkett is this year's Women's Indoor Club Champion with Eileen Franklin being the runner-up.

The men recently played the Club's Indoor Triples and Travis Hedger, Geoff Annear and Bernie O'Malley were victorious after playing a round-robin series of games. The draw has been organised for pairs to be played over the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, the men featured strongly in State Championships with Matty Blackburn winning the State Single's Indoor Championship and Gerry Flapper, Rod Brehaut and Travis Hedger winning the

State Indoor Triples Championships. Gerry Flapper and Oscar Jones recently had a narrow win in the Ballarat Indoor Bowls Pairs.

It is the time of year when numbers are required for members wishing to play outdoor pennant bowls. A list is currently on the notice board for players to indicate their preference/s for either weekend, midweek competitions, or both. The club is always looking for new members who may wish to learn or play bowls. Please contact Bernie on 0437 102 059 for information. There are some generous benefits for existing members and new bowlers who join the club this year. The end of August, when the weather is more favorable, should see the outdoor green being used. Updates will be on the club's Facebook page.

Dinners have resumed on the first Friday of the month during winter with the next one being on Friday, 5 September with a new starting time of 6.00pm.

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

*Bernie O'Malley*



*Ballarat Indoor Bowls Triple Champions  
Gerry Flapper, Rod Brehaut, Travis Hedger  
Photo Supplied by Travis Hedger*



*Matty Blackburn  
Victorian State Men's Single Indoor Champion.  
Photo Travis Hedger*

## Smeaton Bowling Club

### Something to Consider – Why Play Lawn Bowls?

Lawn Bowls in Victoria is enjoyed by more than 600,000 people from all walks of life, all ages and all abilities. Have you considered having a go at the game?

Some reasons to play bowls include:-

Health benefits – lawn bowls is a low impact exercise that can improve fitness, coordination and confidence.

Physical fitness – it provides cardio exercise and helps strengthen arm and leg muscles as well as improving balance.

Mental well-being – playing bowls can help alleviate depression and anxiety, contributing to your overall mental health.

Social interaction – it is a social sport that allows players to build friendships, maintain community connectedness and meet new people in a supportive community.

Accessibility – district clubs have facilities which welcome and encourage new players to play and participate in the game.

As teams are being organized for the coming season, maybe now is the time to challenge yourself and take up a new sport or take your social bowls skills to the next level! The Smeaton Club welcomes casual, social and pennant bowlers and would love to see some new faces walking through the gates. Round up some friends and bring them along too.

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. Keep an eye on the Facebook or Web page for upcoming activities too.

Contact the Secretary Russell on 0417 535 297, President Greg on 0447 734 004 or via email to [smeatonbowling@gmail.com](mailto:smeatonbowling@gmail.com).

*Laraine Toose*

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## St Augustine's News

Dear Community,

Welcome back to the second half of the school year. I hope that you enjoyed a restful break over the school holidays and are ready to embrace the opportunities and experiences that the new term holds. At St Augustine's, we are particularly pleased to see our students return with such enthusiasm, ready to re-engage in their learning, and friendships.

### **New School Building Update:**

As many of you are aware, construction on our new school buildings began earlier this year and we are pleased to report that the project remains on track. The new building is designed to accommodate the growing needs of our school and will provide a contemporary and flexible learning environment for both students and staff. Currently, major structural work has been completed and the project has moved into the internal fit-out and roofing phase. Over the coming weeks, we anticipate significant visible progress, including the installation of classroom infrastructure, communal learning areas and staff workspaces. The facility will feature state-of-the-art resources, including technology-integrated learning zones, breakout areas for collaborative learning and designated spaces for specialised programs such as Science and the Arts. The new building is not only a physical expansion but also a representation of our long-term vision for St Augustine's, one that embraces innovation while

remaining grounded in our values of faith, community, and excellence in education.

### **New Multi-Court Sports Area**

In addition to the academic spaces, we are thrilled to be announcing a new multi-court sports facility. This is a vital addition to our outdoor sports and recreation facilities and will greatly enhance opportunities for physical education and extra-curricular sport. The surface and markings are designed to support a wide variety of sports, including netball, basketball and soccer, allowing our students to participate in structured PE lessons and casual games in a high-quality environment. We recognise the important role that sport and physical activity play in the holistic development of our students, contributing not only to physical health, but also to teamwork, leadership and resilience.

Throughout Term 3, we will continue to provide updates on the progress of the building. We are aiming for completion later this year. We appreciate the ongoing patience and support from our school community as construction continues on-site. Temporary adjustments to learning spaces and access routes have been well received and we commend our students for their adaptability and positive attitude.

We are currently accepting enrolments for the 2026 school year for which there are limited spaces. If you are interested in our school and wish to have a tour, please contact the office on 5345 2106.

*Michael Heenan, Principal*

***See photo page 16***



Thankfully, what has been a turbulent winter is nearly over. With farmers experiencing drought and late winter rains, everyone hopes for a gentler spring. There have been lots of frosts this year and John Curtin Aged Care is grateful that residents are all comfortable and warm within the facility.

We recently celebrated Friendship Day in-house and are reminded of the importance of friendship. The social activities offered by JCAC generate and reinforce new and existing friendships amongst residents which is very important for their well-being, particularly when it's cold and wet outside. And how lucky are our residents to be able to catch up with friends and family in the comfort of Cafe Curtin, on cold blustery days?

Still, everyone looks forward to spring and the return of good weather and the seasonal display of our beautiful gardens. Preparations are also underway for the *Annual Garden Lover's Weekend*. We do look forward to that!

*Susan Craven, President*



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# 100 Years Ago

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**August 4, 1925** Kangaroo Hills – a euchre tournament and dance will be held in the schoolroom tonight (Tuesday), in aid of the school funds. The admission is 1/6, the ladies providing refreshments. Good prizes will be given.

**August 7, 1925** Springmount – To raise funds for the erection of a new fence at the Methodist Church, a grand fair is to be held in the Springmount State Schoolroom on Saturday (tomorrow) afternoon and evening. Novelties and competitions will provide enjoyment for all who attend. No charge for admission will be made in the afternoon, but in the evening 6d., is to be paid.

**August 11, 1925** GOLF – The local links presented an animated appearance on Saturday afternoon, when over fifty members took out cards – several playing the first round of the knock out tournament. A 9 hole handicap was also competed for, the best card being handed in by R. Pasco. The sweepstakes was won by C. W. Frost. For the ladies, Miss Morris handed in the best card.

**August 14, 1925** Nominations closed on Wednesday for the three seats in the Creswick Borough Council, rendered vacant through the retirement through

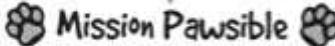
effluxion of time of Crs. W. P. Northcott, T. Cushing and E. J. Russell. The retiring councillors were the only ratepayers nominated, so an election will not be necessary.

**August 18, 1925** NOTICE – R. Hodgson, of North Creswick, announces that he will attend the Ballarat Pig Market on Wednesday's. All Pigs entrusted to his care will be carefully handled and promptly delivered.

**August 21, 1925** A meeting of all boys interested in the formation of a Scout Troup in Creswick is convened for this (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock, outside Praetz's shop.

**August 25, 1925** Present and intending members of the Creswick District Anglers' Club are requested to attend a meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, at the office of the secretary (Mr. J. B. Mader) at 7 o'clock.

**August 28, 1925** District residents will be interested in the success being attained by Mr. Christopher McRae, so of Mr. James McRae a native of Ascot, who was a former pupil at the Creswick Grammar School, and who now is the Chief Inspector of the Education Department of Victoria.



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# Kingston Friends of the Avenue

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc. is seeking urgent support. It is hoped you will write a submission to the *Environmental Effects Statement* (EES) for the Western Renewable Links (WRL) Program, which will be delivered by AusNet. Submissions are due by 22 August, however, **The Friends have been granted an extension.**

AusNet proposes to use Kingston Road, which is home to the Avenue of Honour and Church Parade as heavy transport routes for the project. The EES Transport Technical Report refers to 75 trucks using Kingston Road, per day!

Please help us protect the Avenue from damage. AusNet is also proposing the removal of many trees in the district, including 63 critically endangered Yarra gums. Also of concern is the removal of habitat in the local nature reserve at the Bullarook Streamside Reserve, Werona-Kingston Road, on Birch's Creek. This includes removing the National Trust listed Algerian Oak and habitat for platypus.

Submissions can be made to [westernrenewableslink.com.au/planning/ees-landing/](http://westernrenewableslink.com.au/planning/ees-landing/) or email them to Julie Baulch, President, Kingston Friends of the Avenue Inc. at [kingstonfoa@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonfoa@gmail.com) to be included in their submission.

## Save the Dates:

AGM, 6.45pm for 7.00pm Wednesday, 24 September at The Commercial at Kingston.

RSVP by Tuesday, 16 September to [kingstonfoa@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonfoa@gmail.com).

Working Bee, 10.00am to 12 noon Sunday, 26 October. Please register at the Fire Station.

Remembrance Day, 10.45am Tuesday, 11 November.

*Leah Armstrong*

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# CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

## REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Kingston Friends of the Avenue

24 September AGM

#### Creswick Brass Band

4 September AGM

#### 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 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](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.

#### Calembeen Parkrun

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For more information email [calembeen@parkrun.com.au](mailto:calembeen@parkrun.com.au) or find us on Facebook

#### 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](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

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#### Friends of Park Lake

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#### Museum Research Centre -

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

#### Music Jam

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#### Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance

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#### Social Dance, Thursday nights at

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Phone 0487 222 924.

#### Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc

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

#### Tiptlers - third Wednesday every

month. Monthly social gathering of local folk at local homes.  
Email: [tonycartwright@gltau.com](mailto: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](http://www.vogacycleclub.com.au)

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



Students dressed up as the 101 dalmatians to celebrate 101 days of school.



## Northerly News 101 Dalmatians?

It has been a settled start to Term 3 at Creswick North PS after a busy end to Term 2. The Foundation students celebrated 101 days of school before the holiday break and had a wonderful day. They dressed up as 101 dalmatians, whilst the rest of the school dressed up like they were 101 years old. There was a parade and lots of fun activities for the students throughout the day.

The school's Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was very successful. Fortunately it was a lovely, sunny day and lots of people turned out to grab a snag or two. The other fundraiser for the term was a Pie/Donut drive run through *Bake n Grind*.

There are lots of excursions coming up in Term 3, including a trip to the Ballarat Wildlife Park, a theatre performance at Mt Rowan SC and a day in Melbourne for a history walk for the middle and senior students. The swimming program at Swim & Survival Academy in Wendouree will take place during the last two weeks of term. There was a Vacation Care program in the first week of the holidays which was well attended.

School also offers a Before-school and After-school program called Club2041 which has good numbers attending. These programs provide a valuable service for school families. Enrolments are open for 2026, so if you would like a school tour to experience this fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012.

*Matthew Reyntjes*  
Principal



Stephen Mead (See Creswick Band article page 6)



Work in progress at St Augustine's (See article page 12)