



Creswick Thanks Long-Serving Visitor Information Centre Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you event was held on Wednesday, 27 August at the American Hotel to honour some retiring long serving volunteers of the Creswick Visitor Information Centre. The gathering was attended by 25 guests, with several others sending their apologies.

The volunteers recognised for their years of dedicated service included:

Michael Clark

who joined in March 2004

Geoff Pidgeon,

September 2010

Eva and Malcolm Mitchell

November 2010

Bill Weidner

March 2010

Eva Mitchell was particularly acknowledged for her outstanding contribution in managing volunteer rosters and offering ongoing support to the team. She was presented with a plant from fellow volunteers and a copy of *Beautiful Hepburn Shire*, gifted by the Hepburn Shire Council.

Councillors Tim Drylie, Don Henderson, and Shirley Cornish attended the event and spoke warmly about the importance of friendly, knowledgeable volunteers - not only for the Visitor Information Centre but for the broader economic vitality of Creswick.

A generous thank you also goes to Brendan and Wendy Smith of the American Hotel for donating a delightful spread of scones and cakes, which added a sweet touch to the celebration.



*Back L-R: Jacqui Horwood, Libby Rigby, Malcolm Mitchell,
Michael Clark, Cr Tim Drylie*

Front L-R: Geoff Pidgeon, Eva Mitchell, Cr Shirley Cornish

Community Spirit Shines at the Visitor Information Centre

The Visitor Information Centre continues to be a vibrant hub for both locals and tourists, offering a warm welcome and a wealth of knowledge about the region. Thanks to the dedication of passionate volunteers, the Centre remains a friendly and informative space that reflects the heart of the community. Volunteers play a vital role in helping visitors discover hidden gems, local events and the rich history of our area. Their enthusiasm and local insight make every visit memorable and their contribution is deeply appreciated.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to town, volunteering at the Centre is a wonderful way to connect with others, share your love for the region and make a meaningful impact.

New volunteers are always welcome! If you're interested in joining our team, please call in to the Visitor Information Centre to collect an application form. We'd love to have you on board.

Jenny Mackenzie

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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JUNE GRAY

13/1/1933 To 17/8/2025

The Creswick Garden Club is deeply saddened by June's passing. June was one of our earliest members, a keen gardener and generous to a fault in sharing her knowledge and plant material with everyone. She was awarded a Life Membership for her contribution, which included many years on the committee. Through her efforts, the club's meeting venue came to be the Senior's Club Rooms when we outgrew our usual place.

June's enthusiasm for all aspects of the Club's activities was second only to her passion for Creswick's Senior Citizens. The members of that group were her babies and she treasured them all, a truly tireless worker for those seniors. Now June's race is run. The neat little figure, always colour co-ordinated, even to the jewellery that she wore, will no longer greet us in the street, but she will be remembered with love and respect by us all. Rest peacefully dear June. We will not forget you nor your contribution to the successful running of our club. We send our sympathies to June's family.

The President and Members of Creswick Garden Club.

June Gray

13/1/33 – 17/8/25

All at *Creswick District News* would like to extend condolences to June's family after her recent death. June, along with her long time, heartfelt contributions to *CDN* via the *Senior Cits News*, will be missed.

creswick Rainfall

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

	2023	2024	2025
	mm	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	82.5
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	400.0



Creswick Cemeteries News

All the row markers are up now. Thank you to Ray, Peter, Colleen and Wendy for helping to get this job done.

Please be aware of the row markers when driving around and stay on the roadways. Please use the turning areas at the end of the roadways.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary

Creswick Art Show 2025

Friday 26 – Sunday, 28 September

Creswick has been synonymous with the arts since the late 1800s due to the legacy, perhaps, of Australia's best-known art family, the Lindsays, as well as Allan Thomas Bernaldo and, more recently, Lyn Cooke, known for her exquisite bird paintings.

Secretary of Pavilion Arts, Glynis Edwards, said that Pavilion Arts, established in 2011, is a volunteer group of people interested in the creative arts.

'Our members recognised that for Creswick to flourish it needed an identity to regain the significant creative reputation held for several decades by luminaries such as the Lindsay family and others.'

'Pavilion Arts has curated 10 major annual art exhibitions, with the support of its major sponsor Community Bank Creswick & District. In that time the successful exhibitions have not only engendered community pride but also demonstrated the wealth of creative talent within Creswick, which came as a surprise to some but means we now have an enthusiastic following.'

This year's exhibition will be held in the Creswick Town Hall from Friday 26 – Sunday 28, September and is open from 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Five prizes will be awarded: 1st prize - \$500; 2nd prize - \$300; 3rd prize for portraiture – \$200; 4th prize chosen by those curating the exhibition - \$150; 5th prize People's Choice, chosen by visitors to the exhibition - \$200.

Pavilion Arts will be accepting entries from all fields of the creative arts including paintings, textiles, sculptures and mosaic art.

All exhibits must be submitted by Sunday, 21 September and should include an entry fee per exhibit of \$15 for Pavilion Art members and \$20 for non-members. Only two entries per artist.

For further information, contact
secretary@creswickartpavilion.org.au.

Fiona Watson

Clunes Hit & Giggle Pickleball

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Looking for a fun and easy way to stay active and meet new people? Join us for Hit & Giggle Pickleball every Wednesday at 1.00pm at the Clunes Sports Centre.

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Pickleball is a fun and dynamic paddle sport played on a badminton-sized court. It combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis, is easy to learn and quick to master. People of all ages, genders, and skill levels are welcome – no experience needed. Learn the rules and scoring while playing, with friendly guidance from more experienced players.

Come when you can, pay when you come – it's just \$10.00, which covers court hire and all equipment. Just bring your sandshoes and a sense of fun.

For more info, contact Wendy Vorstenbosch on 0458 372 906 or check the Clunes Online Noticeboard, Creswick Community Page, or All Together Pickleball, Ballarat & Surrounds Facebook groups.

Maxine Hardinge

See photo page 10

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

Power Saving Bonus is Back!

Come into the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons between 12.00pm and 3.00pm to have one of the team assist you in applying for a \$100 bonus to help with your power bill. Thanks to the Victorian Government, Victorian concession card households can apply for the new \$100 Bonus, at the CNC, by visiting the Victorian Energy Compare website compare.energy.vic.gov.au, or by calling the VEC Helpline 1800 000 832.

To be eligible for the fifth round of the Power Saving Bonus program, Victorian households will need to: have a recent residential electricity bill, be the account holder for that bill, not a reminder, and preferably on email.

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The \$100 Power Saving Bonus for Victorian Households (PSB5) is limited to one payment per eligible household.

Chrissy Austin

The Seniors Centre Update

Victorian Seniors Festival

The Social Gathering on Friday, 29 August was a mixed affair. The trivia questions were indeed trivial, but the company, the laughter, the food and the prizes, were not at all trivial, they were fabulous. It was so good, we will revisit it soon. Thanks to all who helped make it a great day.

The Victorian Seniors Festival begins in October. Monday, 13 October is also Open House at the Centre from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. Call in for Devonshire Tea, bring your friends, take a seat, see what is on offer. Take a peek at the Social Dancing from midday till 1.00pm, it looks so much fun and is good for you too. Maybe you can hit a bullseye in darts, checkmate in chess, win at euchre, play Scrabble without a dictionary or get lucky at bingo. Indoor Bowls might be your preference or perhaps contemplate a jigsaw or get involved in the Craft Group or gardening. See you there!

Vale June Gray: a woman who dedicated her time to Seniors for more than 20 years. June loved the social aspects and playing Bingo with fellow members. It was especially nice that she was able to attend the Christmas in July event; she said it was a tremendous day! She will be greatly missed by all members and friends. It was very appropriate that her family chose to gather in the centre after her funeral service on 27 August, 2025.

Judy Henderson, Sect CSCC Inc.

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The 1st Creswick Scout Group 75th Anniversary

Be Prepared!



On Saturday, 8 November, a dinner will be held at the Doug Lindsay Reserve to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the 1st Creswick Scout Group. Bookings for the dinner can be made by contacting Sandra Lewis at

treasurer.1stcreswick@scoutsvictoria.com.au

On Sunday, 9 November, come and visit the Scout Hall to view a display of historic items and memorabilia. From 11.00am, thanks to the Lions Club, a sausage sizzle will be available. During the day, Scouts have organised a variety of activities for visitors to join in or just watch. Everyone is welcome to both of these events.

The first patrol was formed in 1909 by Presbyterian Minister, Rev C Robinson, who became the first Leader. There were several early attempts to establish scouting in Creswick but these were not long lasting.

Then in 1950, citizens held a special meeting with a plan to revive the Scout Troop. The meeting was well supported with an attendance of 30 locals. Office Bearers were elected from this group, namely President Stan Davis, Vice Presidents Dr Thom and N Povey, Secretary J Stewart and Treasurer G Taylor.

The first Annual Meeting was held in the old Bank Chambers on 7 May, 1951. Foundation Leaders were duly appointed: Scoutmaster Rev Reginald Huxtable, Assistant Scoutmaster Douglas Blake, Cub Master Harry Barclay and Assistant Cub Master Charles E Williams.

Stan Davis was appointed 1st Creswick Group Leader in 1952, Ballarat District Commissioner in 1965 and became Ballarat's first Area Commissioner in 1968.

In 1969, Robert Coulson was the first Wendouree District Queen Scout, followed by 36 more over the next 56 years. Scouts and leaders have represented 1st Creswick at every Australian Scout Jamboree since 1955. Members have also attended World and International Jamborees.

A significant celebration was the 1st Creswick Scout Group's 50 year reunion dinner, held at the Farmers Arms Hotel on 17 November, 2001. This was attended by 56 people with ten apologies. Hopefully there will be even more attending the celebrations this year.

From the 1950s to 1980s, scouts enjoyed a wide range of activities, including an Annual Scout Carnival; Rabbit Drives; Bottle Drives; dances at the North Creswick Recreation Hut and a Debutante Ball in the Town Hall.

Over the years there has always been a reliable and hard working group, along with committee members, to raise funds to pay for camping equipment and Shire rates along with other expenses connected to the upkeep of the hall. The Scouts' major sponsors, who provide specific awards, are the Community Bank Creswick & District, Creswick Lions Club and Creswick IGA.

Including Foundation Leaders, there are 130 adult citizens on record, who have provided service to scouting in Creswick over the years. Such support will hopefully ensure that in due course Creswick Scouts will be able to celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Neville Cartledge OAM

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*Presentation Dinner for Queen's Scout and Duke of Edinburgh Awards
held on 14 July 1983*

*L-R: Tom Evans M.L.A., Richard Cartledge, Jonathon Duffy,
David Orr, Trevor Blake David Tink*

Term 3 is a shorter term this year but it has been very busy at Creswick North PS. It started with Science Week when Year 5/6 visited the Creswick Hub, where they created mini rotating solar systems. All classes did special science-based sessions during the week including making ice-cream, using invisible ink, making hoop planes, making crystals and lots more inquisitive thinking.

The following week was Book Week and the theme this year was *Book an Adventure*. The students did lots of great book-related activities including an author chat with Andy Griffiths. Dress-up day was a big success with students making a great effort to join in the fun.

Fireman Phil also visited to do the annual Fire Safety talk with each class, talking about being safe at home as well as at school. He followed up by bringing along the fire truck to show the students.

All classes visited Mt Rowan SC to view their musical theatre performance called *Alice's Wonder World*,

based on *Alice in Wonderland*, which they all enjoyed immensely.

The F-2s visited the Ballarat Wildlife Park and it was wonderful to interact with all the animals. It wasn't great weather, but feeding the kangaroos was fun. On the same day, the 3-6s hopped on the train and went to Melbourne for a walking history tour. It was a very informative day and the students learnt a lot about the history of the area dating back 60,000 years.

Creswick North PS runs a before and after school program called Club2041 and great numbers are attending. These programs provide a valuable service for school families. Because of the high take-up, the school has also started a Vacation Care program during the school holidays, which many families have started utilising as well.

Creswick North PS is open for 2026 enrolments so if you would like a school tour to experience this fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes,
Principal

Happy To Help - Living in a Caring Community

From individuals to businesses to service clubs, from the Shire right up through State and Federal Governments, in times of need I've realised that in the Creswick community, everyone is happy to chip in when needed. They really are happy to help.

Just the other week there was much excitement down at the IGA as Steve Sellars and his team had a wonderful time supporting farmers at an IGA fundraiser. The community support was overwhelming, as throughout the month 575 tokens for the Farm Angels raised \$1,150 for Aussie farmers who are doing it tough. And better still, \$775 was raised at the IGA event, with Steve Sellars matching it through IGA's Community Chest program, with a donation of \$1,550 to *The Blue Tree Project*, a mental health charity, which the Shire is also supporting. So look out for Blue Trees springing up throughout the Shire. It's a gentle reminder to ask your mates how they are doing. During the drought it's not just about loss of income, but also the impact on the environment and especially on the well-being of farmers and their families.

The Creswick Readiness Group has already trained 20 people in Mental Health first aid, with more training to follow. Farmers are doing it really tough in Hepburn Shire, so it's good to know that there are grants available from the Federal Government, through State initiatives of up to \$5,000, to help them through these difficult times. Check out the website www.agriculture.vic.gov.au. I think it's really important that we don't feel embarrassed about asking for help. It works both ways - if you don't ask, you'll never know!

I know that there are many people working behind the scenes - and a big shout out to the *Creswick District News* - it's a great way to get interesting and important messages out to the community. Long may the *CDN* keep going.

I know there will be people saying - '*Who is this woman telling us what to do?*'. I just want to say thank you to those who help and are happy to help. What a great community we live in.

Fiona Watson



*Creswick North Primary School
Foundation students dressing up for Book Week*



*Our community is built piece by piece
together with families, students and teachers*

Creswick Capers

In August, Book Week was celebrated at Creswick Primary School. It began with an open morning. Over 60 parents, carers, friends and grandparents were welcomed to the school throughout the morning. Visitors saw some of the fantastic work that is done in classrooms and participated in a whole-school art activity.

To continue the celebrations, junior students went to the local Library to read a story and complete an art activity. It was fabulous to venture out into the local community and be part of the wider celebrations. There was also a book scavenger hunt around school, where students spent time during recess and lunch finding all the parts of the story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

To end the week, there was a Book Parade and Readers' Picnic where students dressed as their favourite book characters. The teachers acted out the story *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and then 50 visitors joined the students for a picnic, sharing stories and snacks.

Overall, it was a fabulous week at Creswick Primary School!

Helen Romeril, Principal



Happy to Help

L-R: Cattle farmer Amanda Gray and her dog Buddy, egg farmer Laura Quick, Steve Sellars, potato farmers Andy Maher and Kevin Maher (standing), John and his father Richard Grigg

Draft Road Management Plan

We are currently reviewing our Road Management Plan in line with requirements under the *Road Management Act 2004*. This review happens every four years to ensure our road network is safe, reliable, and maintained to a consistent standard for all road users. Our draft Road Management Plan 2025 covers:

- How we manage over 1,400 km of local roads across the Shire
- The road and footpath assets maintained by Council
- Council's responsibilities under the Act
- Performance standards for inspections, defect intervention levels, and response times

www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/road-management-plan

Submissions are open until Friday 19 September 2025.



Emergency management events

The First 72 Hours Workshop

What will you do for the first 72 hours if you have no access to services such as power, water, gas, reception, road access, or limited food? This workshop supports you to create an emergency plan for your household or business.

- Saturday 20 September, 9:30 am – 12 pm, Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve

Storytime - Birdie's Tree Storybooks

Join our special guest storyteller along with Birdie and Mr Frog as they learn about different natural disasters and find out how to cope and recover from stressful events.

- Thursday 25 September, 9:30–10 am, Creswick Hub

Smart Apps for Emergencies Workshop

Join in on a practical workshop to empower you to use technology more effectively before, during and after natural disasters and other emergencies. Get assistance to download and set up apps that allow you to be notified in case of a bushfire, flood or other emergency.

- Tuesday 14 October, 3:30–4:30 pm, Creswick Hub

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The Block school holiday program

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In this fast-paced, 60-minute challenge children will:

- Work as a team to tackle building and designing tasks, ensuring everyone contributes their ideas and strengths.
- Make smart decisions with a limited budget, deciding whether to splurge on decorations or save for a higher final bid.
- Pitch their completed house to the group, convincing others why theirs is the best.

Monday 29 September, 2–3 pm

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- Farm debt mediation: an overview
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- Navigating disruption to your business

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- Message from the Mayor
- Support for ratepayers
- Connect with us on Instagram
- Daylesford Town Hall project update

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Nominate them for the International Women's Day Heather Mutimer Honour Roll for 2026.

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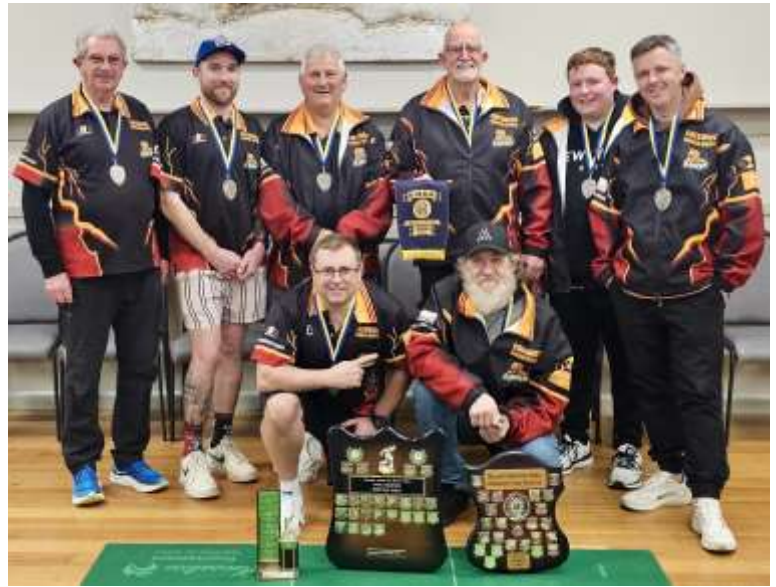
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Clunes Hit and Giggle Pickleball celebrates its first year
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2025 Men's Ballarat Indoor Bias Bowls Association
Champions. Photo: Debbie Matthews



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Creswick Bowling Club One Season Ends, Another Begins

This month has seen the culmination of the Men's and Women's Indoor Bowls season and what a season. Probably one of the most successful with some fantastic achievements from both teams and individual members.

The ladies finished their finals campaign in third place, narrowly losing the preliminary final by three shots. The men's Division 2 side missed playing in the final series having come up against the top two sides in the last two games.

Division 1 finished in second place after the last round and played VRI in the first semi-final, which they won, putting them straight into the Grand Final. They played Midlands Indoor Bowls Club with a good crowd of supporters for both clubs. After a slow start by both mats, Creswick began to claw their way back into the game with Gerry Flapper's team clinching a one shot win while Travis Hedger's team drew away over the last five ends to win comfortably by 14 shots. A great game throughout the night with excellent bowling from all players. The men held a presentation on 22 August.

In other bowling news the club is proud to announce the appointment of a playing coach, Cameron Bryce, who will be a valuable asset to members. Sessions commenced at the start of September and some pre-season practice matches have been planned prior to the start of the season in October. Hopefully there will be an Intra-club match on Saturday, 20 September. The selection committees will begin to organise divisions and teams for the opening rounds and the annual Bob Allen Shield game will be held on Sunday, 28 September. Barry Yates' Fortnightly Triples, scheduled to be played in August, were abandoned due to bad weather.

Friday night dinners will be weekly from September and as the weather warms up, starting times may change. Are you planning a small function and looking for a suitable venue? The bowls club can accommodate up to 120 people, arrange catering or offer provisions for self-catering. A bar is also available. Contact Bernie on 0437 102 059 to discuss options.

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Everyone is happy to see the end of winter and the arrival of spring. Living up to expectations, the daffodils, spring blossoms and wattles are all in beautiful display across the region and don't they make us feel uplifted!

The next big thing on the calendar is, of course, the *Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend*. Cafe Curtin will be open over both days from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Weather permitting, there may be a BBQ, but there will at least be a sausage sizzle. The plant stand will feature once again and potting up for that is now underway. There will be a range of good gardening books for sale and Ben, our head gardener, will be in attendance to answer any horticultural questions. The new sensory garden will be open for those interested to see how it is progressing, 12 months on.

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Susan Craven, President



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Annual Learning Day



President Jenny Joliffe with guest speaker Jane Tonkin

Neither wind nor rain could keep the 120 attendees away from this year's Creswick Garden Club's Learning Day, held at the RACV Goldfields Resort.

President Jenny Joliffe said that the venue was perfect, with helpful RACV staff, wonderful displays, great prizes from generous sponsors, outstanding guest speakers and, not forgetting, the amazing Garden Club volunteers, without whom it would have been more difficult to present another great Learning Day.

'We know that by the speed at which tickets were sold throughout Victoria, our Learning Day is eagerly anticipated, and this year's certainly did not disappoint.'

'Our guest speakers were Jane Tonkin from Tonkin's Bulbs in the Dandenongs. She is a rare plant breeder and attendees had the opportunity, following her informative talk, to purchase some delightful and very exceptional bulbs.'

'Alan Ayton, world traveller and plant photographer gave an exceptional presentation of his travels through Australia, delighting us all with his photographs of the amazing flora to be found in this part of the world.'

Special thanks to the major sponsors: Overwrought, Wilsons Fruit and Vegetables, Spring Park Nursery and Mill Rose. Events like the Learning Day would not be possible without the excellent generosity of local sponsors and businesses.

There were prizes galore to be won and special thanks go to over 30 local businesses in Creswick, Ballarat, Daylesford and Ballan who so generously donated prizes.

1st Prize – Donated by Overwrought,
won by Kris McMahon

2nd Prize- IGA hamper won by L. Kucan

3rd Prize- Spring Park hamper, pot, plants, bulbs
and fertiliser won by Jill Bentley

No doubt planning for next year's Learning Day will be underway very soon.

Fiona Watson

100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

September 1, 1925 The Lady supporters of the Creswick Football Club will hold a euchre tournament and long-night dance in the A.N.A. hall on Wednesday (Tomorrow), in aid of the club funds. Cash prizes will be given and supper provided.

September 4, 1925 Kingston, Smeaton, Newlyn and Dean Agricultural and Pastoral Society. A meeting of the committee of the above will be held at the Shire Hall, Kingston, on Wednesday next, 9th inst., at 2.30 p.m. A large attendance is desired. G. C. Morrish, Secretary.

September 8, 1925 Mining – Much increased activity is now being shown in prospecting the indicator seams and veins in the timber ranges at Broomfield, where it is understood the pioneer parties have met with very profitable results.

September 11, 1925 Kooroocheang – the anniversary of the Methodist Sunday school will be celebrated on Sunday, when a service will be held at 2.30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. H. O. Horn, and hymns of childhood will be sung.

September 15, 1925 In connection with the local Salvation Army, a children's programme and coffee supper will be given in the hall next Thursday evening, the admission being 1/-. On the following Thursday there is to be a fair, which will be opened by Lady Peacock.

September 18, 1925 G. H. BurrIDGE – Bootmaker, Allendale (Rear of Army Barracks) Notifies the Public that he has commenced business. All repairs neatly and promptly executed. Ladies' and Gent's Hand-sewn work a specialty. Prices moderate. A trial solicited. Also Harness repairing.

September 22, 1925 Newlyn – At a meeting of the Returned Soldiers' League it was decided to hold a euchre tournament and military dance on Friday, October 23rd. Keep this night free. Full particulars will appear in a later issue.

September 25, 1925 The continuance of the woodchop for the Creswick District Hospital will not take place until Saturday of next week. This postponement has been made to allow cutters and stackers to attend the football matches tomorrow. The names of Messrs. Bern Fox and J. Ryan were omitted from the list of workers on the first day.

September 29, 1925 Kingston – a new floor has been laid down in the Mechanics' Hall, and the floor space extended. To celebrate this forward move, a grand ball will be held in the hall tomorrow (Wednesday) night. There will be jazz music. Double tickets are 5/- and for extra lady 2/-. An enjoyable night's dancing is assured.

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St Augustine's Primary School

Feast Day of St Augustine

As the term continues, we are reminded once again of the strength and spirit of the St Augustine's community, a spirit clearly alive in the recent celebration and gathering to celebrate the Feast Day of St Augustine, the school's patron. It was a day full of reflection, gratitude and joy, as everyone honoured the values that form the foundation of this community: **wisdom, love, and service**. The liturgy, shared with parishioners, followed by a sausage sizzle, was a beautiful opportunity to come together in faith and fellowship. It was especially heartening to see the year 6 Leaders playing an active role in both preparations and the day's events, demonstrating leadership and a deep understanding of how St Augustine's example can guide our choices and actions.

A recent comment from a casual relief teacher (CRT), affirmed what is seen every day; students' enthusiasm, respect, and commitment to learning. After teaching across all year levels, she shared how impressed she was by students' manners and behaviour. So impressed, in fact, that she's enrolled her own child to start at St Augustine's next year. *Fair dinkum!* That kind of feedback reflects not just the strength of our students, but the shared efforts of staff and families in building a positive, values-driven learning environment.

A key part of continuing to provide excellent learning opportunities is the school's commitment to ongoing professional learning. Recently, staff have been working with Jordan O'Sullivan from *Shaping Minds*, with a focus on mathematics. Jordan's expertise in Cognitive Science and the Science of Learning is helping to refine teaching practices, particularly in fostering student thinking and problem-solving. This work is already making a difference in classrooms, with students benefiting from lessons designed to build both deep understanding and confidence in maths.

Meanwhile, the new building project is progressing well. Construction is on track, and it is anticipated that moving in will be by mid-November. This new space will offer bright, modern learning environments designed to support collaboration and creativity. Most students recently had a sneak peek at the refurbished classrooms and were excited about the new verandah and decking!

As always, thank you to our families for your ongoing support and encouragement. Together, we continue to build a strong, connected school community where every learner is known, valued, and empowered to thrive. May we continue to walk in the spirit of St Augustine, with hearts open to learning, service and one another.

Michael Heenan
Principal

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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Kingston Friends of the Avenue
Creswick Market Plant Stall -
Saturday 20 September
Working Bee - Sunday 26
October, 10am to 12pm. Please
register at the Fire Station
AGM 24 September

1st Creswick Scout Group
Saturday, 8 November,
75th anniversary dinner at Doug
Lindsay Reserve
For bookings, contact Sandra
Lewis at treasurer.1stcreswick@scoutsvictoria.com.au

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.

Clunes Hit and Giggle Pickleball
Wednesdays 1pm at the Clunes
Sports Stadium. \$10 covers
court hire and all equipment.

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
open Saturday between
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Creswick Repair & Share Cafe
9.00am to 12.00pm at Creswick
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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 Seniors Centre -Water
St. Regular Social Gathering is
held on the last Friday of each
month at noon. Lunch prices \$5
- \$10. Updated information on
Facebook. Contact Secretary
Judy Henderson
creswickseniorcitizenscentre@gmail.com or via 0407 622 463

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.
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Cr Tim Drylie
by appointment
Creswick Community Hub
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tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au

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

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Museum Research Centre -
Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm.
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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.
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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@creswickartpsavilion.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

Kingston Friends of the Avenue



The Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc. AGM is on Wednesday, 24 September. Please arrive at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start and RSVP by Tuesday, 16 September to kingstonfoa@gmail.com. The special guest speaker is Matthew Daniel, Senior Arborist from Hepburn Shire Council. Matthew is a keen supporter of the Avenue of Honour and will at last reveal the results of the microbial trials that have been conducted in the Avenue over the past 12 months. Some trees received special treatment whilst others, the controls, did not. We are very excited to learn the results.

Friends of the Avenue has submitted its response to the Western Renewables Link Inquiry and Advisory Committee regarding the proposed high-voltage transmission towers. Thank you to everyone who wrote submissions.

Save the Dates:

Creswick Market Plant Stall - Saturday 20 September

Working Bee -

Sunday 26 October, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Please register at the Fire Station

Remembrance Day - Tuesday 11 November, 10.45am

Leah Armstrong

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