

Creswick District News

Still Priceless

Issue 311 October 2025



It is with great pleasure and excitement that John Curtin Aged Care management announces the success of the recent grant application for funding of the redevelopment project.

On 1 October, the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, met with the Board and guests to announce that we would be receiving \$13 million from the Federal Government.

This project has been a wonderful team effort by Treasurer, Richard Ainio, CEO, Steve Bruechert, Finance Manager, Simon Coope and Infrastructure Committee members, Malcolm Hull and John Edwards. I extend my congratulations to them all and gratitude and thanks for their contributions. Well done all.

I would also like to thank Minister King for supporting this grant application and recognising the importance this facility holds within the local community. For our local communities it demonstrates that this government continues to support us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Karen Robinson as Acting CEO during Steve Bruechert's extended leave. Welcome Karen.

Hope to see you all at John Curtin Aged Care over Garden Lover's weekend.

Susan Craven

URGENT NOTICE OF ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO *CRESWICK DISTRICT NEWS*

Due to Australia Post requirements which allow them to manage additional volume of deliveries leading up to Christmas and in December in particular, *Creswick District News* needs to adjust its timeline as follows:

Submission date for articles and changes to ad artwork for December edition will be Friday, 14 November.

The delivery date to homes will be anytime between 8 and 20 December.

CDN appreciates the co-operation of everyone involved in adjusting to these changes which have been the norm for the past three years. In particular, *CDN* would like to thank their printer *FRP*, for the flexibility in their work schedule and our ever-efficient group of folders.

CDN Team

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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Thanks to funding from the Victorian Government's Community Recovery Hub grants program, world-class Working Dog Training School workshops, normally \$500, are FREE for local farmers and their dogs.

Limited places remain:

Daylesford Victoria Park, Tuesday,

7 October, only 4 spots left.

Kingston Showgrounds, Wednesday,

8 October only . 4 spots left.

Clunes Showgrounds, Thursday, 9 Oct,

SOLD OUT

Know someone with a sheep farm or a working Kelpie/Border Collie? Please share this article.

Isaac M

(CDN hopes these events went well!)



Creswick Cemeteries News

Creswick Cemetery has several options for ashes interments. There are cylinders, niche wall, trees and gardens. If you have any family ashes you wish to inter in the cemetery, please contact the secretary on 0435 762 600.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary

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

	2023	2024	2025
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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	38.0
October	67.5	58.5	
November	29.0	35.0	
December	23.0	18.5	
TOTAL	630.3	533.9	438.0

Creswick & District Historical Society

The Creswick & District Historical Society is looking for office equipment, mainly filing cabinets and cupboards and wonders if anyone has anything that they do not use and would be willing to donate to the Society.

If so, can you please contact Marj Poole on 5345 2065. Thank you.



Creswick Lions Club Working for Community

A great time of year for the Lions as the club celebrates its community work by allocating funds to the local organisations which look after the welfare of many people in the district. These include the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Anglicare, Creswick Essential Bags, Scouts, RSL, Shannon's Bridge to name a few who have received Lions' donations.

Next time you buy an egg and bacon sandwich or a sausage in bread at the Creswick Market from the Lions, please know the funds go right back into the community. The next big fund raiser is the Trivia Night which is booked in for 22 November at Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve. Bookings will open soon on Humantix and a reminder will go into the November *CDN*. There will be details on the Creswick Socials and posters will be placed around town. Last year was such a fun night and a great way to relax and help raise much needed funds for Creswick.

The order for the famous Lions Christmas Cakes and puddings has gone in. There will be a limited number which are gluten free, so if you would like to reserve one please let Leigh know. These will be available from the beginning of November.

Just a reminder - car batteries can still be dropped off at 11 Caddy Drive Creswick and old glasses can be dropped off at the hub. Have you seen one of the blue bins with the Lions logo? Please pop in any bottles and cans you may have for recycling.

Have you got four hours per month to spare? Out of the 720 hours in a month, volunteers need only attend one meeting which lasts about two hours and help on a two hour shift at the market BBQ. That's all it takes to be part of the Creswick Lions Club. Meetings are nice and casual on the second Wednesday of the month at the RSL. The November meeting will see two new members inducted. Everybody is welcome so come along and see what we do.

Leigh Bell
Secretary 0438 558 450



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Creswick & District Financial Services Ltd AGM & Dividend Announcement

CDFS, the company that operates the franchise for Community Bank Creswick & District, announced that its Board of Directors has declared a fully franked dividend of 15 cents per share, payable on 1 December 2025, to shareholders on record as at 30 October 2025.

To reflect the strong financial position of the company, and to acknowledge the loyalty of shareholders, CDFS also announced a one-off bonus dividend payment of three cents per share, which brings the total dividend payment up to 18 cents per share fully franked.

'We believe that the increased dividend payment, alongside the increase in community contributions for the year, and the branch refurbishment, reflects our commitment to the future and demonstrates our solidarity with the Creswick and district community', said Chair Janine Booth.

CDFS will hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 30 October 2025, 10.30am at John Curtin Aged Care. All are welcome to attend.

If anyone is interested in purchasing shares in CDFS, more information can be found on the website www.bendigobank.com.au/creswick and click on the Trading Shares tab. To be eligible to purchase shares, shareholders must have a close connection to the Creswick and district community.



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June Gray

A Life Well-Lived

Recently, the Creswick Community lost a well-loved resident. This is a brief, but by no means comprehensive, tribute to this lady.

In 1933 June was born in Creswick, the elder child of parents who lived near where the Ballarat/Maryborough rail line crosses Gillies Road, Creswick North. A brother followed. Starting school in 1938, she originally rode a horse to North Creswick Primary School where her teacher was Miss Ida Bowley. When her brother started school they graduated to a horse and cart and later, when a bit older road bikes to school. To help the family finances, they often got the job of selling lettuces from their mother's garden on the way to school. After school there were always chores to be done on a mixed farm.

Leaving school after grade 8, June worked at Morleys Knitting Mill in Ballarat and then in Clunes at the Internet Factory. She married Harry in February, 1952 and in 1980 they managed to buy the 19 acre Bald Hills property where she saw out her days. Harry was a seasonal worker who dug potatoes around the Scrub Hill and Dean area. He also worked with the cropping farmers cutting oats and hay then, stooking it.

June and Harry had five children, two sons and three daughters. The older children were home schooled while Harry worked on farms in the Mallee and New South Wales. For weeks on end the family would pack up and go *on the rabbits* in the Mallee, trapping, spotlighting and shooting rabbits, then selling them in Mildura. This served a dual purpose

of feeding the family and creating an income. They also travelled to the Mildura Ice Works and into NSW to sell the rabbits.

Once the older children were ready for high school, Harry worked at Ryall's Mill, in Creswick and June became very involved with Bald Hills School and Tennis Club. She played tennis well into her 80s and this group of ladies continued to meet on a regular basis to have time together for morning tea, a natter and have their hair cut.

June was a founding member of the Creswick Garden Club and later received Life Membership. When the club began in the Church of England Hall, June was in charge of the Show Bench at each monthly meeting of the group. She had a beautiful garden and many interesting old fashioned plants and bulbs and was always willing to share them.

A stalwart of the Creswick Senior Citizens, June particularly enjoyed events involving music, the visits to Morning Melodies and musical events at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre. Her favourite song, *Love is in the Air*, was played at her funeral. She also loved the bus trips she organised over the years. One person remembers in recent years how if she ran into June on a Friday she was always in a hurry – *'gotta go, the oldies will be wondering where I am if I'm late to pick them up'*.

There is no doubt that June lived a selfless life which was anchored not only in her family, but in community service.

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SMEATON BOWLING CLUB NEWS

New Life Member – Helen Mizzeni



Helen, centre, at the Opening Day

At the season Opening Day in September, Life Membership of the Smeaton Bowling Club was awarded to Helen Mizzeni. Helen is a long time member of the club, a keen bowler and a person who has always willingly taken on responsibilities to help at club level. She was the first Lady President and has also volunteered her time at regional level. Congratulations Helen!

Season 2025-2026 has begun with a few weeks of pennant competition having been played. Practice sessions and social games have also begun. The synthetic green has settled down well over the winter and is bowling very consistently. Selection

Committees are tweaking team selections to get the best rinks on the green – never an easy task for the them.

The accessibility ramp has been completed at the northern entrance to the clubrooms. It is a great improvement and will help many people gain easy, confident access to the clubhouse. Thank you to all the volunteer members who helped achieve this. The kitchen upgrade is due for completion any day and this will help to make the club's facilities more user friendly for members and the broader community. These facilities, the hall, bowling clubrooms and kitchen are available for hire. It would be good to see them used more often by people outside the bowling club.

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.

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

Laraine Toose

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Kingston's Ancient Algerian Oak



Kingston's ancient Algerian Oak tree is under threat of being cut down because of *AusNet's* proposed transmission lines. It is a finalist in this year's *National Trust Tree of the Year* contest. The winner will be decided by public vote which runs until midnight on 23 October. If you would like to vote for this tree, google *National Trust 2025 Victorian Tree of the Year*.

The oak can be seen on the right as you cross the bluestone bridge on the way from Kingston to Blampied, or by stopping before the bridge and walking past the pine plantation down the old coach track towards Birchs Creek. It was placed on the Trust's *Register of Significant Trees* in 2023 because of its age, which is at least 130 years old, good health, unmodified state as it has never been pruned and its cultural and scientific importance. Sadly, being on the *Significant Tree Register* does not give it statutory protection and *AusNet* dismisses its loss as **low impact**.

Kingston residents however, are fighting the decisions to cut it down and to build an 80 metre high tower beside the 1883 keystone-arched bridge. Submissions have been made to *AusNet* and 875 signatures to save the tree were gathered in the three weeks before submissions closed, a Hands-Around-the-Oak Rally was held on 20 August attracting people from all over the region and there has been much media coverage.

People are being urged to vote for Kingston's Oak for two reasons; it is a very worthy contender for the title of *Tree of the Year*, and it is hoped that winning this title will help in the fight to save it from being destroyed and to protect Kingston's only piece of public land along with the historic bridge.

Jeremy Harper
Kingston Resident



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Creswick Bowling Club News

New Season Preparations in Full Swing

This month, several new members, both playing and social, were welcomed to the club. Planning for the 2025-2026 season is well underway with several practice matches played over the last weeks of September. The club fielded seven full rinks against Daylesford in a very friendly competition. The day finished with a great afternoon tea supplied by members.

Following those matches, practice games within the club were held. Sigrid Glasspool, one of the club's longest serving players, had the honour of bowling the first bowl to mark the start of the pennant season. On Sunday, 28 September the annual Bob Allen Shield game with Learmonth was held. Again, the response from members to play this event was very strong. Learmonth hosted the day and, as usual for Learmonth, presented a fantastic spread for afternoon tea. The results from that day will be updated in next month's issue of the *CDN*.

Rob Broughton and Phill Zelley both received their Super Veterans badges at a function at the Sebastopol Bowling Club in September. The badge is presented to bowlers who have reached a huge milestone in years of playing and to acknowledge their connection to the sport of bowls. Congratulations, the club is sure there are plenty of bowls left in you both.

Barry squeezed another Winter Triples bowls day on 23 September with teams from all over the district filling six rinks. Winners were the team from Central Wendouree and the runners-up were the team from BMS. Planning is under way to commence Summer Triples monthly, starting on 22 October followed by 26 November. Bowlers will take a short break in December before resuming in January 2026.

Practice nights on Mondays and Thursdays with new club coach are drawing very good numbers and it is good to see everyone making an effort to improve their skills each session, despite the weather being cold and wet at times. The warmer weather and daylight saving will be with us soon and more members will take advantage of the better conditions and come along.

While the response from members to renew their subscriptions has been good, there are still a few who need to pay their dues as soon as possible.

New members are most welcome to join the club. Visit on a Friday night and come for dinner. Think about becoming a social member and enjoy the benefits that a membership offers. The club is available for functions and other events.

Bernie O'Malley



JARED TALLENT JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON AWARD 2025

Nominations are now open!

We know there are some wonderful junior sportspeople in our District, nominate one of them today!

Picture: Leiamna Ferguson the 2024 recipient with Janine Booth & Jeff Unmack

The award recipient receives a \$500 bank account to assist them to achieve their sporting goals.

Criteria is available from the Community Bank Creswick & District branch or by emailing admin@cdfsl.com.au. Submit your written nomination by 5pm on 31st December 2025.

Traffic improvements for Djuwang Baring

Following the successful (and busy) opening of Djuwang Baring last year, Council is acting on community feedback to improve local roads.

We have reaffirmed \$300,000 to complete the Melbourne Road pedestrian crossing (as part of the original scope of the project) and are investing \$300,000 in road upgrades (all from within the original project allocation) including:

- sealing St Georges Lake Road
- realigning the St Georges Lake Road and Lees Street intersection
- installing speed humps and traffic calming infrastructure
- reviewing the speed limit on St Georges Lake Road
- installing new signage to improve safety and access
- trialling a pick-up zone at Hammon Park

We are also applying for funding to expand works and reduce the cost to ratepayers.

Thank you to everyone who has shared feedback.

Positive Ageing Expo 2025

Mark your calendars for this year's Positive Ageing Expo.

After a successful event in 2024, we are set to return with energy, inspiration, and community spirit.

- Tuesday 28 October, 10 am to 3 pm
- The Mechanics Trentham

Learn more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/pae-2025

Being a responsible pet owner

Being a pet owner can be great and comes with a few responsibilities.

- It's your responsibility to clean up after your dog, and your responsibility to carry dog poo bags.
- Microchip and register your pet so you can be reunited if it becomes lost.
- Keep your pets safely contained within your property at all times (cat owners should be familiar with the cat curfew).
- Give your pet plenty of attention and exercise.
- Provide clean fresh water, healthy food and ensure your pets have the required vaccinations.

Learn more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/animals

The draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026–2029 will be on public exhibition during October, have your say at www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/damp

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Emergency management events

Emergency Services Expo 2025

You are invited to this year's Emergency Services Expo at Victoria Park, Daylesford, Saturday 25 October, 10 am to 2 pm.

- Fun, family day out.
- Free sausage sizzle, ice cream, doughnuts, face painting and coffee.
- Watch live fire and rescue demos and participate in cyber security workshops.
- Meet your local heroes, first responders and community engagement teams.
- Learn how to prepare your property, family and animals for emergencies.



The First 72 Hours Workshop

What will you do for the first 72 hours if you have no access to power, water, gas, reception, road access or food?

In this workshop participants will learn how to prepare for the first 72 hours after an emergency and explore how together, we can build knowledge and reduce vulnerabilities. Every participant in the workshop will be supported to prepare an emergency plan for their household.

- Friday 21 November, 2:30–5 pm, Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve

Pillowcase Workshop

This one-hour workshop is designed for children aged 8–10 and involves engaging discussions and interactive activities to help children understand the importance of being prepared during emergencies. Each child is given a pillowcase to decorate and take home to make their own personal emergency kit.

- Sunday 30 November, 10:30–11:30 am, Creswick Town Hall

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Trent Ashley - Wig Tamer

In March this year, Trent Ashley, a wig and hair designer with over 30 years of experience in the hair industry, decided that Creswick would be the ideal place to set up shop. He opened *Tamed Studio* in the old Commonwealth Bank building in Albert Street, where he could continue his hairdressing business, as well as making the wigs for which he is now well-known.

Trent's career really took off in 2010, when a lady, whose hair he was cutting, spotted some wigs he was working on for a friend and offered him a job on *Hairspray* in Sydney.

This work led to Singapore to work with *Wicked*, and the rest is history.

His extensive theatre credits now include serving as Head of Department on numerous productions, including *Hairspray* (2010), *Wicked* (Singapore Tour 2011 – 2012), *Moonshadow* (2012), *Georgie Girl* (2015), *Miss Saigon* (2016), *Dusty* (2016), *Funny Girl* (2016), *Curtains* (2016), *Brigadoon* (2017), *Hello Dolly* (2017), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (2017), *Oklahoma* (2018), *The Boy from Oz* (2019), *A Little Night Music* (2019), *Legally Blonde: The Musical* (2019,) and the Victorian State School Spectacular (2019 – 2023).

Last Christmas and New Year, Trent did all the wig maintenance for the Disney cruise ship. His work has



Trent and Marina Prior

also been featured prominently on RuPaul's *Drag Race*, and in a wide range of television advertisements. Although slowly winding back from full-time wig production, Trent still works on wigs for friends and school productions.

In modern musical theatre, virtually all main actors wear wigs. It saves time and provides continuity of the look. Indeed, most international productions brought into Australia are contractually required to use a specific and exact design for costumes and hair. The process for making a wig - particularly for

theatre - requires a huge amount of skill as well as creativity. To make the wigs, real hair is sourced from overseas, and depending on the complexity of the design, can take from several hours to several days. Once finished, they require constant maintenance.

In July last year, Trent settled on 22 acres north of Creswick, with his partner and his mum. He loves this town, *'It's close to everything, with a beautiful atmosphere and everything you need is right here'*. It's clear that Creswick's creative community has also gained another talented member.

Maria Taylor



Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Community Garden Update

Have you noticed the community garden is a hive of activity lately? Keen to find out more and how you can be involved?

Did you know? Community gardens promote wellbeing by offering a safe, inclusive space for physical activity, social connection, and mental health support.

Gardening encourages gentle movement and access to fresh produce, improving nutrition and physical health. It reduces stress and anxiety through time spent outdoors and provides a sense of purpose and achievement.

For flood-affected communities, gardens offer therapeutic benefits and a chance to reconnect with nature and each other. They foster friendships, reduce isolation and build resilience.

Learning to grow food also boosts confidence and

self-reliance, creating pathways to volunteering, skill-building, and even employment in horticulture or hospitality.

The CNC is hosting monthly workshops with the fabulous Janie on the first Saturday of the month from 10.00am - 12.00pm, with a specific focus each month on topics such as seed propagation, soil health, plant nutrition and deficiencies, pests and disease, irrigation methods and much, much more.

Cost is \$15 per month or \$30 for three months.

To secure your place in the program pop in and see us at the CNC, 19-21 Victoria Street, Creswick or book online via the website.

Come and join Janie and be a part of the magnificent redevelopment of a much loved community asset.

Chrissy Austin
Manager

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Many thanks to everyone who attended the AGM, particularly guest speaker Matthew Daniel, who spoke about the positive results from his trial, indicating that the application of compost and mulch helps improve soil health. The final results will be revealed after the next stage of soil testing in November. Many thanks also to Mayor Don Henderson for officiating and Councillor Tony Clark for attending. The new Office Bearers are:

President - Julie Baulch

Vice President - Claire Rowlands

Secretary - Lisa Howlett

Treasurer - Leah Armstrong

Minute Secretary - Margaret Robinson

Committee Members - Wendy Dunton, Margaret Armstrong, Penny Swain

As the Avenue has been beautifully cared for by Council and thanks to the hard work everyone put in at the last working bee, there is no need to hold a working bee prior to Remembrance Day.

Come along to the Kingston Fire Station on Sunday, 26 October when the Kingston Fire Brigade CFA will hold a community event from 3.00pm to 5.00pm with demonstrations and information on fire preparedness.

The Friends and Kingston Agricultural Society are holding Bunnings BBQs on Friday 17 October and Sunday 16 November. Check the Facebook page to see if we need more volunteers, otherwise come along for a sausage!

SAVE THE DATE:

Bunnings BBQ – Friday, 17 October

Creswick Market – Saturday, 18 October

Remembrance Day – Tuesday, 11 November
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Creswick Market – Saturday, 15 November

Bunnings BBQ – Sunday, 16 November

Leah Armstrong



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a handful of cars,
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A Successful Creswick Art Show

This year's Creswick Art Show's opening night was a great success, with entertainment provided by Ian Kronberger and members of the ukelele band. It provided just the right atmosphere for people to mingle amongst the art and await the verdict of the judges.

The awarding of the first prize to Lisa Timson for *Jennifer, Me and a Pot of Tea*, was very warmly received. Other winners were:

The Portrait Prize - Chelle Destefano for *My Self Portrait with My Girl Benita*.

Second Prize - Ro Bancroft *Begonia Can Can*.

Packers Prize - Kaylene Latimer *Old Railway Bridge Yarra River, Melbourne*.

People's Choice - Rosemarie Calvert *Field of Flowers*.

A prize was awarded by the Kronberger family in memory of Bruce Kronberger, a past President of Pavilion Arts. This is a one-off award, which went to Bep Grouw *So Blue (Nude)*.

Special mention by the judges, Morgan Williams and Kim Percy from *Radius Art Hepburn Springs*, went to David Mellows for his *Mathurins Et Greffuhle* and to Bettina Ralph for her striking photography.

Secretary of Pavilion Arts, Glynis Edwards said that 300 people came to the exhibition over the three days. *'We were absolutely delighted with the quality and diversity of the art work. We had 42 artists exhibit 76 pieces – and perhaps best of all, 10 works of art were sold and one commission was placed. This is testament to the commitment of both artists and the community to continue to encourage a culture of art within Creswick.'*

Fiona Watson



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100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

October 2, 1925 Woodcutters and others are reminded that the annual woodchop for the Creswick District Hospital will be continued on Saturday (tomorrow), at Cobbler's Gully. An attempt will be made to complete the whole of the cutting and stacking, and to do this a big body of workers will be required.

October 6, 1925 Old age and invalid pensions have been increased by 5/- per fortnight, irrespective of existing rates. Pensioners will note that the first payment at the increased rate will be made on Thursday next, 8th October.

October 9, 1925 Steinman's Motor Bus will run to Ballarat on Saturday and Monday evenings, in connection with South Street Competitions. Leave at 7 o'clock.

October 13, 1925...Football - Next Saturday, on the Smeaton ground, Creswick and Bungaree will play for the premiership. In the event of Creswick being beaten, they will, as minor premiers, have the right

to challenge Bungaree to a grand final, which will take place on the latter's ground.

October 16, 1925 At the present time there are 42 subscribers to the Creswick telephone exchange, and the number is to be added to by seven connections for Ascot residents. This will mean the revenue from the local exchange will closely approach, if not exceed, the amount necessary for a continuous service. Those who desire this should bestir themselves to prevail on others to have the telephone installed, so that a continuous service will be assured.

October 20, 1925 The pupils of the local school again demonstrated in a practical manner, their appreciation of the District Hospital, by making a record collection of sixty-seven dozen and three eggs.

Creswick Football team are premiers of the Creswick District Association.

October 23, 1925 XMAS PRESENTS – Suede novelties etc. For samples and prices apply M. Howie, Albert Street.



2025 CRESWICK GARDEN LOVERS WEEKEND

November 8 and 9

The *Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend*, now in its 10th year, is an annual community event organised by the Creswick Garden Club.

This year there is a new program of gardens and events to visit. Come along to meet and chat with their creators. As in previous years, local iconic commercial gardens, nurseries and community groups will also be participating in the event. Profits are used for local Creswick projects and to provide ongoing sustainability for the event.

The Open Garden entry fees for adults are \$6 per garden, children under 16 are free. Tickets are available on the day at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall: Saturday, 8 November 9.00am-5.00pm and Sunday, 9 November 9.00am-4.00pm.

Tickets may also be purchased online until Friday, 7 November at *Humantix-Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend*, 8-9 November 2025.

A Garden Party is planned at The Secret Garden, Mollonghip. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be available on the day at the hall or online by visiting the Secret Garden website

www.thesecretgardenofdaylesford.com.au.

The Creswick Garden Club will also hold their annual Flower Show at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

Hall on Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday 9.00 am to 4.00pm. Entries to be submitted at the hall by 8.00pm, Friday, 7 November. For entry and category information, please visit the Creswick Garden Club website. The entry fee for the Flower Show is by gold coin donation.

The Creswick Garden Club will hold a monster plant sale at Coopers Reserve outside the Visitor Information Centre Saturday until sold out. Any unsold plants will be for sale outside the Community Centre Hall from 9.00am Sunday.

Volunteers wishing to be a part of the event, either to help out at one of the private gardens or at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall with tickets sales, would be very welcome. Please see contact details below to advise your availability and contact details.

More information: Website:

www.creswickgardenclub.com, Facebook: Creswick

Garden Lovers Weekend. Instagram:

[@creswickgardenloversweekend](https://www.instagram.com/creswickgardenloversweekend).

Enquiries: Garden Lovers Weekend - Margaret Giles

0419 326 453 or info@creswick.net.

Flower Show - Leanne Murray 0437 518 159 or

cgc.flowershow@gmail.com.



Music News

Students Success and Upcoming Performances

Students of local piano teacher Bronislaw Sozanski, have had a very busy and successful time in term 3. Eight students sat piano exams in Grades 2 to 8. Three were awarded high distinctions and two were awarded distinctions. Twelve students competed in the Royal South Street Piano competitions and all won awards. Encouragement awards for students with potential went to three students and one was especially honoured with the *Chisholm St Award*, which is a paid performance opportunity.

Senior students will perform a one-hour *Piano for Pleasure* concert on Saturday, 25 October, 2.00pm in the Anglican Cathedral Synod Hall, Lydiard Street South. Afternoon tea will be served. All enquiries to 5345 7522.

Some upcoming events are:

Saturday, 18 October at 6.00pm, a catered lecture; 7.30pm *The Passion of Joan of Arc*, a silent movie with curated music at Federation University, 7 Camp Street, Ballarat Central. This is a free event.

Sunday, 26 October at 5.30pm, Royal South Street Showcase concert Her Majesty's Theatre.

Sunday, 9 November at 2.00pm, Vox celebrating 20 years at Ballarat Performing Arts Centre Chapel, 501-503 Neill Street, Ballarat.

Bron Sozanski

Creswick Readiness Group

Stay Informed, Stay Safe and
Support Your Community

The CFA is giving the community an informative experience of a unique fire training demonstration at the **Emergency Services Expo, Victoria Park Daylesford on Saturday, 25 October 2025.**

They are bringing 14 fire trucks and a special training *prop* - a shipping container set up as a real-life kitchen fire scenario, where CFA members will put their skills to the test in a safe, all gas-controlled burn.

To make the day even better, there will be free activities and treats for all ages: a sausage sizzle, coffee and donuts, ice cream, plus face painting for the kids. The Council staff will also be on site with some earthmoving equipment, giving locals the chance to see the big machines up close.

Be summer ready! Pick up your free *Be Safe Creswick Flip Chart* at the Hub or Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. It's packed with emergency contacts, fire plans, evacuation tips and more to help you prepare for the summer season.

Isaac M





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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend, 8 and 9 November

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

Clunes Show, 15 November

Lions Club Trivia Night, 22 November
Doug Lindsay Reserve, 7.00pm

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 Giggie 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 11.00am to 3.30pm.

Calembeen Parkrun
Every Saturday at 8am a 5km run, walk or come to volunteer! All welcome to join this fun, free weekly activity.
For more information email calembeen@parkrun.com.au or find us on Facebook

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 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.
All Welcome, Rain, Hail or Shine.

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

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

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

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

OGoldfields Recreation and Dance Inc.

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Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website scoutsvictoria.com.au

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@creswickar.tspavilion.org.au

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

Tipplers - 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

Magic, Music and Clydesdales at the 2025 Clunes Show

Saturday, 15 November

The annual Clunes Spring Show is always a family favourite and this year will be no exception. Mark the calendar for the event on Saturday, 15 November, 2025. This year the program is highlighted by comedy magician Scott Stunz. Scott will amaze and entertain on the main stage at 12.00pm and 3.00pm. There will also be roving balloon magic for all the family to enjoy.

The horse arena is always busy on Show Day but this year the amazing Clydesdales will make a comeback from 1.00pm. The Show will also be joined by the beautiful *Sandy Creek Clydesdales*, with their magnificent horses on display. Their blacksmithing demonstrations during the day will take you back to days of old.

The main stage will be buzzing throughout the day with local musicians. There will be local soloist Caylee Jane and the Wesley College Student Band in the morning. Then the lunchtime gig will welcome the zany Ballan Community Street Band. Visitors might remember Mitch Matheson from last year's Show and it is a pleasure to welcome him back from 3.30pm.

Animals are always a huge part of any country show and Clunes is no exception. The *Big Ones, Tall Ones, Small Ones and Really Tiny and Slimy Fun Pet Show*, is always a hit. Bring along anything other than a horse for the judging at 1.00pm. There's also *Wicked Wildlife*, pony rides and ferret racing throughout the day, not to mention the livestock competitions and judging which are such a key element to any country show.

The Dog High Jump competition is an annual crowd favourite at 2.00pm so don't miss that, or the ladies woodsplit, gumboot throw, keg throw and tug of war throughout the afternoon. All great spectacles and good for a laugh while you enjoy a quiet drink at the bar.

The Bute Ute competition has been a much loved feature of the Show for years. Bring yours and try your luck. Entries are taken until 11.30am on Show Day.

The kids will love the giant sandpit, carnival rides, face painting, puppets and showbags.

The Homecrafts Pavilion will be filled with home cookery, floral displays, art, photography and a whole lot more. Competition entries close for most sections on Tuesday, 4 November so make a real day of it and get some entries in. The schedule can be found on the website clunesshow.com.au.

The Clunes Show is a cracking good day with heaps to entertain all ages. Kids under 16 enter for free. Don't miss it!



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