



The Merry Wives Of Windsor

Bringing Musical Joy To
Creswick

Lyster's Opera *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, performed to a sell-out audience at Creswick's Town Hall. As the rain rang down on the roof, nothing could drown out the sweet, clear voice of soprano Belinda Dalton. Her superlative singing was much-appreciated by members of the audience, who were heard to remark how fortunate that such a high standard of performance could be seen and heard in a small town like Creswick.

Jamie Moffat, Director of Lyster Opera, said he was delighted that the Creswick and district community were supporting the productions. *'The numbers are growing, and the company loves coming to Creswick where they receive such a warm welcome. Rehearsals are well underway for Christoph Willibald Gluck's Orphée et Eurydice which we will bring to Creswick in March 2026.'*

Director of *The Merry Wives*, Daniel Sinfield, in piecing this comic opera together, realised that it was important to make it relatable to current audiences. While the situations described in Shakespeare's original play are recognisable as modern dilemmas - love, jealousy and relationships - Daniel wanted to tease out certain events to show how the characters dealt with their frustrations, making them feel almost contemporary, rather than just figures from a distant time.



Cast members giving it their all - photo supplied

Falstaff, the antagonist of the story is a bumbling, self-centred figure who has few redeeming qualities. The role was admirably sung by Darcy Carroll, whose deep bass baritone voice was a joy to hear.

The full cast performed magnificently and the good news is that tickets will be on sale soon for Lyster Opera's next production in March 2026.

Fiona Watson

Creswick District News

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Founder of *CresFest* Honoured with Award as a Top Senior Citizen



Judy Turner knows better than most what the love of music can bring to people's lives, through playing, singing, dancing or immersion in music. As founder and director of *CresFest*, now approaching its fifth year, Judy has inspired and persuaded the local community to get behind her in bringing a diverse music festival to Creswick.

For her outstanding efforts Judy has been honoured with an award in the 2025 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

'I've been overwhelmed at how our Creswick community has become involved in CresFest through volunteering in so

many different ways. It's very humbling to receive this recognition and to know that being a senior is a great time of our lives. I'm looking forward to meeting up with volunteers during CresFest 26 from April 10 – 12 and sharing their enthusiasm for another great festival.'

Fiona Watson

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	38.0
October	67.5	58.5	83.8
November	29.0	35.0	
December	23.0	18.5	
TOTAL	630.3	533.9	522.30

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Lions Club Trivia Night,

22 November Doug Lindsay Reserve, 7.00pm

Historical Society AGM

Thursday, 27 November at 2.00pm

JCAC AGM

Thursday, 27 November, 7.00pm

Kingston Agricultural Society Show:

Family Day 6 December
Horse Show 7 December

Creswick Market

20 December

The Creswick Seniors Centre Update

Many locals attended the Open House on Monday, 13 October, which was an opportunity to showcase the Centre and the groups who use the space. The social dancing was in full swing as the Devonshire tea was baking in the kitchen. Friends of Park Lake were there with information explaining their plans for the Botanical Reserve. The newest resident, Yoga & Sound Meditation Group, also attended. The craft group supplied passive activities such as card and bracelet making and had bespoke items for sale. Thanks to Bernie and Gerry from the Creswick Bowling Club for their tuition in indoor bowls. Raffle winners were Cheryl Gordon, Yvette Dare and Norma Clifton.

Welcome Wednesday began on 5 November from 10.00am to 2.00pm. This will be a regular activity on the first Wednesday of every month when the craft group meet. Also, aside from bowls, pool, chess and darts, there are other activities to enjoy. The Young @ Heart Gift Shop will also be open. Drop in for a chat over a coffee, tea and sweet treat and bring your friends.

The Social Luncheon gathering is now held on the last Wednesday of the month. Join us for lunch and entertainment from midday to 2.30pm, \$5 for two courses.

The Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday, 17 December. All members will be sent an invitation in coming weeks or contact the Secretary for more information. The cost is \$25. Please RSVP by 10 December, 2025.

Judy Henderson



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of John Curtin Aged Care will be held on Thursday, 27 November at 7.00pm in the Pepperberry Room, RACV Goldfields Resort.

Please RSVP for attendance to jcac@jcac.org.au or call on 5345 9999 by close of business Monday, 25 November.

Members can lodge questions for the Board by close of business Monday, 25 November.

Questions will not be accepted from the floor. Refreshments will be served on arrival.

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Can You Help With Some Christmas Cheer?



Creswick Neighbourhood Centre is once again joining the Reverse Advent Box initiative.

You can collect an empty cardboard hamper to take home. Then each day, or whenever you can, pop in a few non-perishable items. Once it's full - or even half full - bring it back to the Centre and it will go to someone in need this Christmas. Pantry staples such as festive treats, toiletries or anything that might brighten someone's holiday season can be included, but no home baked goods, sorry.

Empty boxes will be available from the Centre in mid-November and need to be returned by early December. The team will then distribute hampers to local families and individuals before Christmas. Last year 80 boxes were delivered. Let's see if we can do even more this year.

Let the Centre know if you are aware of someone who could use a little extra support this year. They can collect a Reverse Advent Box from the Centre, or delivery can be arranged if transport is an issue.

Chrissy Austin
Manager

Creswick & District Historical Society AGM

Creswick & District Historical Society Inc would like to invite anyone interested in local history to attend the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 27 November at 2.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Senior Citizens Rooms, Water Street, Creswick. There is a lot happening in town next year and the Society would love to get more people involved. The more the merrier.

The Creswick Town Hall will be having it's 150th birthday in February, 2026 and will be open over several days for visitors.

Marj Poole

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Creswick Bowling Club News

The Club welcomed several new social members this month.

Sunday, 28 September the annual Bob Allen Shield game was played with Learmonth and the day went very well with six full rinks. Again, Learmonth was successful on the day and retained the cup.

In early October Gerry and Bernie attended the Senior Citizens Open Day and demonstrated the finer points of indoor bowls. Several people took to the mat and played a few ends. They all discovered that it is not as easy as it looks but enjoyed the experience.

In Pennant Bowls news, both Saturday and Tuesday pennant games are up to round 4, with Saturday Divisions 2 and 4 being washed out one week, so clubs shared points. The club is still working on fielding consistent teams each week. Tuesday Pennant Division 2 and 5 are struggling at this stage. Barry's Summer Triples was again affected by the wild weather on 22 October. The next one will be Wednesday, 26 November, with no date for December. Games will resume in January 2026. Practice nights on Mondays and Thursdays with the new coach are still proving popular and well attended.

The club recently held a very successful *Men's Health* talk with Terry Granno and Michael Bird giving a short presentation on prostate cancer and what



Gerry Flapper handing the Bob Allen cup to Craig Findlay, photo Bernie O'Malley

men should do to detect early signs of this deadly disease. Those in attendance for the dinner were very appreciative of the speakers.

Dinner is on each Friday during the Pennant season and people are most welcome to come along from 6.00pm.

The Social Committee is in the planning stages for several events, the first being the Christmas Dinner, to be held on 20 December. Details will be sent out to all members who are on the email list and displayed on the club's notice board.

One of the newer bowling members, Amanda Care, recently swapped her bowls for weights to attend the Australian Masters Games in Canberra, competing in the 52kg weight division class where she won a gold medal. Amanda says her weightlifting improves her strength for bowls and I don't think anyone will argue with her on the green. Well done Amanda and congratulations.

New members are most welcome to join the club. Visit on a Friday night, 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

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Creswick Cemeteries News

A big thank you to Peter for weeding and mulching the Rose Garden. It is much appreciated. Also, a big thank you to Ray, Colleen and Peter for tidying up the Old Cemetery.

Volunteers play a big part in helping at the cemetery, if you find you have some time on your hands and would like to help out, contact the Secretary on 0435 762 600.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary



Kingston Friends of the Avenue

Hepburn Shire Council has advised that they will remove two declining trees in the coming weeks. They plan to work with families, where known, when arranging the replacement planting of trees. The plaques have been removed from the trees and will be kept safe until they can be returned to their trees with a metal post to match the other new trees. The two trees planned for removal are West 16 G J Brinsden and East 107 R Forrester. The Friends have contacted the Brinsden family. Can you help find the Forrester Family?

Please email kingstonfoa@gmail.com with any information.

Kingston's Algerian Oak won the National Trust's Victorian Tree of the Year 2025. Many thanks to everyone who voted and helped spread the word. A special thanks to Jeremy Harper for all his work in promoting the vote and this gorgeous tree. To see the Statements from the National Trust and from Jeremy Harper regarding the win, please read the article on the National Trust Victoria website. Both the National Trust and Jeremy also speak of the lack

of protection for trees under Victoria's current planning system and reinforce the community's wish to preserve the Algerian Oak.

For photos of the Algerian Oak, please see Other Significant Trees on the Friends' website, kingstonavenueofhonour.org.au.

Save the dates:

- Kingston Show, Family Day 6 December and Horse Show 7 December.
- Creswick Market 20 December.

Leah Armstrong

On behalf of Kingston Friends of the Avenue

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Smeaton Bowling Club Planning Ahead



The pennant season is well underway and it is great to see that all six of the Club's Tuesday and Saturday teams are competing well each week. The springtime weather is always variable but bowlers are a resilient bunch of people and keep playing on with smiles on their faces.

Smeaton Bowling Club's events are underway and members are attending tournaments throughout the region, supporting other clubs and spreading the word about Smeaton's upcoming tournaments.

These include:

Christmas Barefoot Bowls on Friday, 12 December at 6.00pm. All members of the community are welcome to come along, have a chat and a social game of bowls.

Turkey Triples on Sunday, 7 December.

2026

- NebPak Fours on Sunday, 18 January.
- Twilight Triples on Wednesday 4, 11 and 18 February, at 6.00pm.
- Steak and Kidney Day on Wednesday, 11 March.
- Ladies Tournament Wednesday, 18 March.
- Corporate Cup Thursday 5, 12 and 19 March at 6.00pm.

If you are interested in learning how to play bowls please make contact and consider joining our friendly, country club. Keep an eye on the Facebook or web page for upcoming activities too.

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

Laraine Toose

Creswick Garden Club News Christmas Lunch

Even though it seems that the club only celebrated Christmas 2024 last week, it's time to book for the 2025 Creswick Garden Club Christmas Lunch. This will commence at midday on Tuesday, 2 December at the Bungaree Recreation Reserve, 1108 Bungaree - Creswick Road and will cost \$40. Please bring a wrapped gardening themed gift to the value of \$10.

RSVP to Jenny Jolliffe on 0408 735 068 by 25 November, 2025.

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Creswick Community Garage Sales 2025

That's A Wrap!

Saturday, 18 October, dawned overcast, but by mid-morning the sun was out and so were the buyers at the 10th annual Creswick Community Garage Sales (CCGS). Volunteers selling maps at the Creswick Bandstand were kept busy from 8.00am, with many regulars lining up, eager to get to the good stuff ahead of the crowds. Albert Street was a hive of activity as visitors sought coffee and sustenance ahead of the great bargain hunt.

Twenty-four households took part this year, with the regular monthly Creswick Market hosting a further four. Whilst site numbers were down on last year, visitors commented that they found it easier to navigate between fewer locations over a smaller area. Creswick sellers had the option of staying open on Sunday too, with a number reporting better sales on the second day.

Planning is already underway for next year's CCGS with the promise of a redesigned map layout. Although most people manage to find locations using their phones, the listing of map co-ordinates does create confusion for others. It seems the days of drawing lines from X-Y to find your destination are a thing of the past!

Creswick Community Garage Sales are an annual fundraising event for Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc (C&DAC). The campaign for an indoor heated swimming facility for this community continues, as it has since 2012. In August 2024, Hepburn Shire Councillors received a presentation on the *Indoor Aquatics Provision Feasibility Study and Business Case* prepared by consultancy Solucio Pty Ltd. The report has yet to be made available to Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc. committee or the public.

The smooth operations of Creswick Community Garage Sales are ensured through the generous support of Tom Shaw at Biggin Scott Creswick; the Office of Martha Haylett MP; Creswick Market and Creswick Neighbourhood Centre staff; Creswick Post Office staff and the Creswick posties; Creswick Information Centre volunteers and C&DAC volunteers Don Sargeant, President and Julie Moran, Secretary.

Julie Moran

<https://www.facebook.com/creswickaquaticcentre>

Kingston Agricultural Society Enjoy Your Local Show!



The Showgrounds are open to the community. It's the perfect spot to have a picnic, walk the dog or sit in the heritage-listed grandstand and appreciate the view of the surrounding district.

Join us at the Kingston Agricultural Show for Family Day on 6 December and Equestrian Day on 7 December.

This year, the Kingston Agricultural Society (KAS) is excited to bring you the Castlemaine Circus with two troupe performances and interactive workshops for all. The Circus starts at 10.00am and goes until 12.30pm.

The dog jump, always entertaining, will be there again as well as two days of top class working-dog competition. A ute competition will be launched. There will be more cooking classes and new craft classes and preschool art classes have been extended. You can throw a gumboot, make a cardboard tractor with the kids and enter the Produce Basket competition with everything you have grown or produced from home this year. Listen to the music while you watch the harness classes and the heavy horses of olden days.

There is no charge for children and after the Circus there's a lot to do. Paint your face, pat a chook, create and paint a wooden toy to take home or have a family photo in the farm photo stand. Cheer on your local school in the Rural Schools Challenge or test your skills with the hose on the CFA Fire House.

Come and enjoy your local show.

Find KAS and all the details at [#kingstonshow](#). Want to volunteer? Let us know if you can help.

John Rowlands, Secretary



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To use the library during open access hours, you will need to be aged 16 and over (or have an inducted adult with you) and be an inducted library member.

Visit your local library today to learn more about open access.

Creswick Library will have open access from April/May 2026.

Visit www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/open-access to learn more about the project.

Free green waste drop-off November

The weather is warming up and it's a great time to clean up your property in preparation for the upcoming fire season. For more information on how to prepare your property and stay safe, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Things to remember

- Bring proof of residency
- Separate your load - green material should be separate from other items
- Noxious weeds should not be transported or brought to transfer stations
- Excludes commercial quantities of waste

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Green waste is turned into mulch and is available for self-loading for free. If you would like an attendant to load it for you, it is \$12 per cubic metre.

Visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations to learn more.



Congratulations Judy Turner

On Wednesday 22 October, the 2025 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards recognised 17 exceptional older Victorians, including Hepburn Shire's very own Judy Turner, the creator of CresFest.

Judy has led many local project, including Music at the Mill, Creswick Chorus and the Creswick Kids Choir. She was also a presenter at Council's 2024 Positive Ageing Expo and spoke about the power of music in ageing.

Well done Judy.

Emergency management events

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.

- 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

Find out more and book at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/em-events

Djuwang Baring - all trails open

The G3 section of Djuwang Baring is now open and ready to ride. The team were working on rock armouring to address a consistently wet area. To check for any future unforeseen closures, visit the Djuwang Baring website, www.djuwangbaring.com

Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve

On Tuesday 21 October, the next stage of the reserve's Sustainability Improvements Project commenced. This stage of the project will see the upgrade of the drainage on the main oval and is scheduled for completion before the end of the year.

Works will happen both inside and outside the oval boundary fence meaning traffic and pedestrian access will be restricted during the project. Please stay clear of works and follow signage when visiting the reserve.

The project is supported by the Federal Government's Investing in Our Communities Program.

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Creswick Brass Band

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ABBA aka Creswick Brass Band

The Creswick Brass Band has continued to maintain an active banding calendar since the last update in the CDN. The Creswick Woollen Mills hosted a Christmas in July event which proved to be the perfect venue for a winters day for the band to play some carols. In September, the band supported Beaufort Municipal Brass Band with their *A Day of Music in Beaufort*, which was a day of continual music performed by bands from the region. In October, the band performed at the *Grampians Brass Festival* in Ararat. This festival requires bands to be creative with storytelling. The band told a story of how they helped *ABBA* continue their Australian tour when their tour bus broke down. Members became *ABBA*, the local mayor, club owners and a mechanic to create a 1970's scene to entertain the audience and garner their vote. The evening session invited a player from each band to participate in a *riff off*. Hugh McKelvey represented Creswick Brass Band with an eclectic performance utilising his trombone, a whistle and a small trumpet. The winner of the Festival this year went to reigning champions, Western Brass, with their engaging *Who Dunnit?* themed performance.

During November, the band will continue to be active. They helped the 1st Creswick Scouts celebrate their 75th Anniversary and on 30 November will travel to perform at Federation Square in Melbourne for *Band Stand Sunday*. This event invites bands from around the state to perform. The band is

also preparing for a busy Christmas season full of carols and Christmas cheer. If you see the band playing, we're always open to Christmas carol requests or singalongs, in fact, it is encouraged!

New learners have been welcomed to the Thursday evening group and are progressing well. Some are trying out different instruments and recently two of the young ones joined in for band rehearsal and did a fantastic job! Also some members have tried their skills in different areas by conducting the band through a few pieces. Conducting is a challenging skill to learn but those who practised waving the baton did very well.

As a charitable organisation, donations of any size are welcomed. These are tax-deductible. This support helps the band continue to promote live music in the community. There is information about donating on the social pages or email at creswickbrassband@hotmail.com.

Stay up to date with the band's activities through Facebook and Instagram. New members of all ages and experience levels are always welcome. Support with instruments can be provided. 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 us on a rehearsal night to speak with a member.

From the Band



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Creswick Capers

Stepping back in time

The school is so fortunate to be located in a town that is steeped in history. The year 5/6 students have been learning about life in Australia in the 1800s and how the Gold Rush impacted the lives of people in the area. This learning has been centred around the Jackie French historical fiction text, *The Night They Stormed Eureka*. The story tells of a group of people on the Goldfields in 1854 and what life was like for them trying to strike it rich.

The learning experiences for these senior students have been varied. They visited the local cemetery, where the graves of the 22 miners lost in the Australasian Mining Disaster in 1882 are located. Students learnt the stories of the mining disaster that happened on our back doorstep. This remains Australia's worst gold mining accident.

Students then experienced life on the Goldfields for

themselves with a two-day camp to the costume schools at Sovereign Hill. Here, they dressed up in authentic costumes while they attended school, learning what it was like for children on the Goldfields. The group also attended the *Aura Night Show* at Sovereign Hill, a spectacular retelling of the Eureka Stockade, a history lesson about how gold made its way into the earth and the discovery of gold through the eyes of the Wadawurrung people.

Prep, 1, 2, 3 and 4 students didn't miss out. They went to Sovereign Hill on one of these days to see the students dressed up and were also involved in educational activities which taught them about what children played and words used in the 1850s.

Helen Romeril
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November 3, 1925

An interesting function was carried out at the local State School in the afternoon of Friday last, when the Memorial Prize – the permanent gift of the executors of the late J. E. Cowling, a former head teacher- was presented to the winner, Mavis B. Grose, grade VI, by Lady Peacock.

November 6, 1925

It is regrettable that there was not a larger attendance of parents at the local town hall last Tuesday evening when a grand concert and display were given by St. Peter's Wolf Cubs from Ballarat, in aid of the funds of the Creswick troop of boy scouts.

November 10, 1925

The Creswick Football Club had a very successful season, for the team succeeded in carrying off the district premiership. To celebrate that achievement, a grand ball is to be held in the town hall tomorrow (Wednesday) night.

November 13, 1925

Smeaton – the annual show night dance will be held in the Smeaton hall tomorrow (Saturday) when the proceeds will be in aid of the supper room fund. The admission is 2/ for gentlemen and 1/ for ladies.

November 17, 1925

A meeting of the trustees of the Victoria Mining Accident Relief Fund will be held in Melbourne on 2nd December. Those who desire to apply for grants may obtain the necessary forms from Mr. Arthur B. Grose, town clerk.

November 20, 1925

The former Creswick and District Residents' Association of Geelong held a meeting under the chairmanship of its new president (Mr. A. Trott). The Secretary (Mr. A. Pavarno), read a balance sheet of the annual social reunion, which showed a credit balance.

November 24, 1925

The friends of ex-Cr. Richard Hender of North Creswick, will be interested to know that last Wednesday was the 83rd anniversary of his birthday. He continues in fairly good health, but is unable to get about much, having to make use of two sticks.

November 27, 1925

A meeting of ladies will be held this (Friday) evening, at 8.15 o'clock, in the bank chambers, to make arrangements in connection with the Creswick Hospital Sports Carnival on Foundation Day. A good attendance is hoped for.

Kingston's Algerian Oak Winner of Victoria's Tree of the Year

The National Trust has just announced Kingston's magnificent oak as Victoria's Tree of the Year for 2025. Winning this title is a great honour, both as recognition of a grand old tree and of the community's efforts to save it. Kingston has one of the finest Avenues of Honour in the State and now has Victoria's finest tree of 2025!

The other finalists were all worthy contenders and beautiful trees, including another local specimen and the runner up, Federation University's magnificent Tasmanian blue gum. However, the Algerian Oak is the only one under threat and that may have given it an advantage. So thank you to all those people who voted for this tree and to local groups and media who promoted the campaign. It is hoped that it will help save the tree from AusNet's transmission lines.

Also, many thanks to the National Trust of Victoria who run this annual competition to honour and respect the great trees of Victoria.

Jeremy Harper
Kingston Resident





St Augustine's News

As we move through the weeks of Term 4, there is a visible sense of pride and gratitude at St Augustine's. The new classrooms are full of so much energy. Students continue to grow and achieve in remarkable ways, and staff continue to bring out the best in every learner. This time of year also provides a special opportunity to reflect on the outstanding work that happens every day across the school community.

Recently, schools across Australia celebrated *World Teachers' Day*, a time to recognise and thank the incredible staff who make St Augustine's such a special place to learn. Every member of the teaching staff contributes to creating an environment where children are known, valued and challenged to achieve their personal best. Teaching is more than a profession, it's something that you almost marry. It's really hard to describe what teaching is, it is so many things. At St Augustine's, teachers model compassion, curiosity and resilience each day, shaping not only academic learning but the social and emotional needs of the students entrusted to their care. To all the wonderful teaching staff, thank you.

Students from Year 2-6 have completed their Term 4 Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) testing. These assessments provide valuable insights into student progress in literacy and numeracy and the results this term have been exceptionally pleasing. Across all year levels, students have demonstrated significant growth, reflecting the impact of targeted explicit teaching, high expectations and a culture of continuous feedback and learning. These results affirm that our approach to learning, grounded in knowing each student's starting point and building on their strengths and using the Science of Learning approach, is having a real effect. We are seeing

growth not just in test scores, but in confidence and self-efficacy.

The new building has been a centre of activity over recent weeks and it's been fantastic to watch the building take shape into its final stages. We are now of the belief that the completion date will be at the end of November with the playground areas having been completed. It is getting closer to the finish. Fingers crossed.

It has been a pleasure to welcome the 2026 Prep students through the transition program. The excitement and curiosity of newest learners remind us of the heart of what we do. The transition sessions have been filled with smiles, laughter and new friendships, as they become familiar with their teachers, classrooms and school routines. Thanks go to Ms Anderson on the program she has conducted so far. A strong start to school sets the tone for a lifetime of learning. We thank all those involved in ensuring these experiences are calm, engaging and supportive for children and families alike.

And finally, we are also excited to report that enrolments for 2027 are already strong, reflecting the confidence families have in the school. This continued growth is a wonderful endorsement of the care demonstrated, that defines who we are.

As we look toward the end of another school year, there is so much to celebrate. From the professionalism and heart of staff, to the enthusiasm and growth of our students and the exciting developments in facilities and enrolments, St Augustine's continues to thrive. Thank you to our parents, carers and wider community for your ongoing partnership and support.

Michael Heenan
Principal

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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 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
Social Day and Lunch is the last Wednesday of the month at noon. Lunch prices \$5 - \$10.
Welcome Wednesday Chat, Craft & Games the first Wednesday of the month from 10 am - 2 pm.
Updated information on Facebook. Contact Secretary Judy Henderson creswickseniorcitizenscentre@gmail.com or via 0407 622 463

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.

Goldfields Recreation and Dance Inc.
Ballroom Dancing Classes
All levels - Mondays
\$10 per annum
Call 0402 777 852 or 0427 246 278

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@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
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



Students on Senior Camp at Cottage By The Sea in Queenscliff

A great start to Term 4 at Creswick North Primary School. The big event this term has been the four day Queenscliff camp at *Cottage By The Sea*. It is a fantastic venue and the students had a wonderful time. Activities included visiting the Maritime Museum, going swimming, a ropes course, beach walks, boat rides and much more.

Recently there was a round-robin sports carnival at Doug Lindsay Reserve against Macarthur Street PS and Invermay PS. There were football and netball matches and the students did very well in both sports. They were able to wear the new AFL guernseys and netball outfits for the first time and they looked wonderful.

Year 4, 5 and 6 students visited Lake Dewar near Myrniong to go fishing with the *Fishcare* team. They caught lots of fish and even kept a few that were of a good size. The day finished off with some BBQ sausages for lunch. It's always a great day for everyone involved.

The school was fortunate to have St John Ambulance come to run their First Aid program with each class. Older students learnt activities such as CPR while the younger ones focussed on how to stay safe around the home. It is always a valuable program for every student.

The 2026 Foundation transition activities have begun with a recent parent information evening. Soon,

students who are enrolled for 2026, will attend school for short sessions to make them feel more comfortable about starting school next year.

The school provides a before-school and after-school program called *Club2041* which is very popular. These programs provide a valuable service for school families. Due to the high number of bookings, a care program during the school holidays is also being offered.

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

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal

