

Creswick District News

Issue 313 December 2025

Still Priceless



Creswick-Smeaton RSL



Thank you to the community for their attendance at the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph. Also thanks to the local primary schools whose students read the Remembrance poems and to the 8/7 RVR for the Catafalque party.

Thanks also to the Hepburn Shire Creswick Depot gardeners for the Flanders Poppy display.

Once again this year, the Creswick and district community were very supportive of the Poppy Appeal.

Phil Greenbank
Secretary

Creswick Garden Club



The Garden Club would like to thank all those who came along and supported the plant stall and Flower Show held over the Garden Lovers' Weekend. The members hope everyone enjoyed the activities as much as they did.

There were stunning flowers on display in all of the categories at this year's Flower Show which made the judge's job very tricky indeed.

The Children's Section entries were very lively and it looked like the competitors had fun making their creatures. A special mention to the children and staff at Creswick North Primary whose miniature garden had been carefully planned with different components being made by children from various grade levels. The hard work and planning paid off and the club hopes the storybook prize will be much enjoyed.

The club would like to wish all members and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a bright and Happy New Year.

The club will resume on Tuesday, 3 February 2026 with the Welcome Back Lunch at noon at the Creswick Senior Citizens' Centre. The cost will be \$15 per person. Please bring a slice for dessert. Bookings can be made by phoning President Jenny Jolliffe on 0408 735 068 by 27 January.

Sue

All associated with *Creswick District News* would like to wish their loyal readers, subscribers, contributors and advertisers a happy and safe Festive Season

Creswick District News

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As 2025 draws to a close, we want to give all of our wonderful volunteers and friends of CNC a huge thank you for all your efforts throughout the year. While 2025 has been a challenging year for many, there have also been magnificent times and lots of laughs which brought smiles to many faces.

The Centre cannot do it without you and appreciate all you do.

Please note that CNC volunteers and staff will be having a break over Christmas and in January. There will be no sit down community lunch in January. Foodbank will also have a break and recommence on Tuesday, 20 January. The CNC will reopen fully on Tuesday, 27 January with a BBQ lunch, eat in or takeaway, from noon – all welcome.

Please note there will be limited food available from the share pantry out the back of the CNC. This will depend on community donations. Anyone who can spare a few items, please drop them into the pantry for others.

CNC looks forward to another great year in 2026 and cannot wait to see everyone from Tuesday, 27 January.

Team CNC Chrissy, Holly, Heather, Janie and all the CNC volunteers

Creswick Cemeteries News

Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year To All

Please remember over the Christmas period, to be aware of pedestrians and workers in the cemetery and drive slowly.

Also, ***no dogs*** to be off leash at any time in the cemetery. It is ***not*** a dog park. Only walk your dogs on lead on the paths and roadways for the safety of your dog and other users of the cemetery. Thank you.

*Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary*

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	tba
December	23.0	18.5	
TOTAL	630.3	533.9	522.30

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Creswick Market

20 December

Anglican Parish of Springmount

24 December

StPaul's Clunes

Nativity Service - 5.30 pm

StJohn's Creswick

Christmas Eve Vigil -
8.00 pm

25 December

AllSaints' Learmonth

Christmas Day
Eucharist - 9.30 am

A Weekend To Delight Gardeners

Organised by the Creswick Garden Club, the 10th Creswick Garden Lovers' Weekend (CGLW) held on 8 and 9 November, was another all-round success. Fortunately, gardeners are an intrepid lot as the weather was quite cool. Attendees came from all over Australia, although most were from Victoria with many making return visits. There were 2,679 visits to eight gardens. Creswick's shops and cafes were extremely busy all weekend.

With over 60 volunteers assisting at the gardens and selling tickets at the Neighbourhood Centre Hall, it was an event which could not happen without such huge community support. The Garden Club's Monster Plant Sale was a great success. Rare plants all grown by members and sold at very realistic prices, were quickly snapped up.

The Flower Show was again held in the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall. The displays enabled many people to view beautiful plants and creatively presented vases of flowers. The peonies were a big draw card this year!

Twenty eight people entered in various sections and the committee would like to see this number grow next year. Most entries were in the Floral Art, 14 in Novice and eight in the Advanced section. Greg Block judged the Floral Art with Heather Davidson taking out the blue ribbon in Advanced and a novice entry designed by Jane Neville won the blue ribbon as well as the gold ribbon for the overall Champion Exhibit in Floral Art. Well done, Jane!

The Creswick Flowers' Posy Challenge was this year judged by Kevin Moneghetti. The adult 1st prize of a \$30 voucher went to Jane Neville; 2nd place went to Carolyn Pinkowski. The junior 1st prize of a \$20 voucher was won by Esther Murray with Archie Ellis a close second.

Judging of the Horticulture sections was again done by Kevin Moneghetti. Creswick North Primary was the only school to enter the schools competition. They made a fantastic fairy garden display, thank you to all the children and teachers who took the time to enter. Hopefully the other schools can participate next year.

There were only a few entries in the children's section. The overall winner was Archer Murray, with a character made from *Anything That Grows*. Second in the under 12s was Mason Murray. Archie Ellis won with a planting in an *Unusual Container*, Max Ellis in U8 won for his character made of *Anything That Grows*. Esther and Tucker Murray were 1st and 2nd and dazzled the judge with their painted glittery rocks.

Lots of entries in the sections in horticulture made it

tough judging for Kevin Moneghetti. Entries in rose sections were down, due to the recent weather conditions, but it was a great year for peonies. President Jenny Jolliffe's entries were a stand out. The winner of the Champion Exhibit in Horticulture went to an iris display entered by Julie Spittle. Congratulations Julie.

A big thank you to all the Show committee for their support and help with planning and setting up for the event. Everyone is looking forward to the next show.

Raffle winners, with prizes contributed by the wonderful commercial partners were :

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Marg Giles

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It's All About the Connection

Janine Retires After 50 Years with Australia Post

Janine Booth, owner/operator of the Creswick Post Office since 1998, celebrated a significant milestone on 1 July this year - Janine officially retired after 50 years with Australia Post.

She was born and bred in Kingston. She started with the Postmaster Generals Office (PMG) in 1974 as a Junior Postal Officer at Creswick PO delivering telegrams to make some money during school holidays. The PMG changed in 1975 to Telecom and Australia Post and Janine was lucky enough to be accepted into the

Australia Post Postal Clerk Training School in Melbourne. This was also significant as it was the first time women were included in the training intake.

Younger readers of CDN will be amused to learn that those first six women were not allowed to wear mini skirts. There were no lifts to the training floor, so no short skirts were allowed up the stairs! The trainees would spend a week on the job training at various post offices, then return for six months of study. Students were boarded out in the western suburbs and Geelong.

After graduating, Janine worked in various locations, including the Melbourne GPO, Williamstown, Newport and Sunshine Post Offices. As one of the very few females in the system, she was chosen to represent Australia Post at a number of temporary Philatelic Post Offices throughout Melbourne at significant events such as the Melbourne Show, the Melbourne Cup and the West Gate Bridge opening.

In 1979, Janine married Creswick boy, Bill Booth and transferred back to the Ballarat region, working at various post offices including Creswick, Daylesford, Maryborough, Avoca and Ballarat.

In 1992, she returned to Creswick Post Office to work for the then Licensee Ray Evans. In 1998, Janine and Bill purchased the licence from Ray, becoming the owner/operators of their home town Creswick's Licensed Post Office business, which was one of the



Janine at the London Olympics

first licensed offices in Australia.

Living and working in their home town, the Booths had two boys, Tyler and Jayden and a daughter Casey. Janine became completely enmeshed in the local community - with kindergarten, school councils, the Creswick Football/Netball Club and playing and supporting junior tennis at the Mt Prospect Tennis Association at the Park Lake complex. Janine also oversaw the administration, development and relocation of soccer and

football to the Doug Lindsay Reserve. From 2005 to 2011, Janine was an elected Councillor for Creswick Ward of the Hepburn Shire Council. Whilst there, Janine was keen to always promote Creswick's interests. In 2010 she was chosen as Mayor.

In 2012, due to her wide experience in representing Australia Post at temporary offices, Janine was accepted to work at their office at the London Olympic Games. At that time, Australia Post had garnered the support of schools Australia-wide for students to send messages of support to the Aussie athletes. This was before the days of social media and direct messaging. Most popular athletes to receive letters were the BMX riders, the equestrians and the swimmers. Whilst there, Janine would take her meals in the athletes' 4,000 seat food hall. She was very excited to see Usain Bolt there one day.

'They needed someone who could connect with school kids,' Janine tells us. When she returned from London, Janine went to various local schools to talk about her experiences and to describe how well the children's messages were received. In fact, Janine remembers clearly the bundle of letters that came to London from Creswick Primary School and was happy to tell the children there all about them.

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Janine Retires After 50 Years with Australia Post

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In 2007, Janine oversaw the move into the newly renovated fire station at 81 Albert Street. The original post office building unfortunately did not comply with disability access and modern work practices. The business grew to include five mail contractors, three sorters and five counter staff, providing services to an average 400 customers a day and almost 3,000 delivery points for mail and parcels every day.

Earlier this year, Janine officially handed over the keys to the Creswick Post Office to her daughter Casey and her husband Jason Preston. With seven grandchildren and all her children living locally, Janine is looking forward to spending more time with them. She volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre and intends to join the Garden Club. She has been on the Board of the Community Bank Creswick & District for the past 18 years and has been Chair since last year. And despite having officially retired, customers may still see her at the post office helping out during busy times.

Janine looks back on her 50 year career with Australia Post with pride: *'It gave me so many opportunities and challenges. I learned so many skills from working with Australia Post, running a business and from my connection to the local community through school and sports clubs. It was a privilege to get to know and help so many in our community.'*

Janine values this feeling of connectedness in Creswick very highly indeed. *'Creswick is a fantastic place to live and raise a family and I have thoroughly enjoyed being connected in a community that has supported me and my extended family through employment, education, sports and friendship.'* She has been all for Creswick and its people and it's clear she intends to carry that passion on into retirement.

Maria Taylor



Christmas Greetings and Thanks

The year is almost over and what a year it has been for John Curtin Aged Care Inc (JCAC), ending on a high. JCAC is still glowing from the announcement of the Federal Government grant of \$13m towards the redevelopment of the centre. This grant has secured the future of JCAC.

During the Creswick Garden Lovers' Weekend in November, the new Sensory Garden, now 15 months old, was on display. Thank you to everyone who donated or bought plants, books and raffle tickets. Thanks to all the volunteers and visitors, many of whom enjoyed themselves in Cafe Curtin. It was a wonderful weekend. Thanks also go to the Creswick Garden Club for organising this event.

November was also the month when those who had left us over the previous year were commemorated. It has long been a tradition at JCAC and is always a very moving occasion. Thank you to Verey Funerals for officiating.

We are now looking forward to Christmas celebrations, both at the centre and in homes with our families.

On behalf of the Board, management, staff, volunteers and residents, JCAC extends best wishes to the community for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Merry Christmas.

Susan Craven

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December 21

All Saints' Learmonth
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St Matthew's Newlyn
Christmas Eucharist - 5.00 pm

December 24

St Paul's Clunes
Nativity Service - 5.30 pm
St John's Creswick
Christmas Eve Vigil - 8.00 pm

December 25

All Saints' Learmonth
Christmas Day Eucharist - 9.30 am

January 4

All Saints' Learmonth
Holy Eucharist - 10.00 am

January 11

St John's Creswick
Holy Eucharist - 10.00 am

January 18

St Paul's Clunes
Holy Eucharist - 10.00 am

January 25

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**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to All**



Creswick Lions Club

Wrapping up Another Successful Year

As another year draws to a close, Creswick Lions continue to fund raise to support organisations and individuals around the district with an emphasis on welfare in these challenging times.

At the November meeting, it was the club's pleasure to induct their newest member, Mark Shalless. Mark is well known around town and has now committed to bringing his vast and varied experiences to the Lions. They also acknowledged the contribution made by Nicola Thomas to the club's efforts. Nicola is a student at St Augustine's Primary School and has been the club's cashier at the Creswick Market throughout the year.

Nicola has excelled in her monetary skills and her pleasant interaction with customers.

Lions will again be selling Christmas cakes and puddings this year outside Creswick IGA along with raffle tickets. These will also be available at the Bendigo Bank, Creswick Post Office, Davies and Rose, John Curtin, Flemos, Creswick Goldfields Vet and the Clunes Pharmacy. This year there is a limited supply of gluten free cakes, please phone Pat on 0429 581 591 to order. The Christmas Raffle will be a



Nicola Thomas

hamper plus vouchers from various businesses. Thanks to the businesses mentioned above and all the others who support the club and enable them to help those less fortunate in the community.

Late in November the club conducted a successful Trivia Night. Again, thanks to the business community for their overwhelming support and the participants for coming along and having a great night.

The club is still collecting unwanted spectacles and old 12 volt batteries. Please contact Pat on 0429 581 591 to arrange drop off or collection.

New members are always welcome. If anyone is interested in finding out

more, contact Kathryn on 0408 241 294 or come to a meeting at the Creswick RSL hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm.

Patrick Tacey
President

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- keeping grass, weeds and undergrowth at a safe height (under 100 mm).
- reducing fuel loads around buildings, fences, and property boundaries.
- maintaining clear access for emergency vehicles.

Make sure you have the VicEmergency app installed to stay informed on fire danger days.

For more information on how to prepare your property during the fire danger period and stay safe visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Health authorities are warning Australians to take the dangers of extreme heat seriously. Heatwaves are silent and deadly killers and claim more lives in Australia than all other natural disasters.

To help you stay safe, Council has partnered with the Grampians Public Health Unit, Central Highlands Rural Health and 14 other agencies to pilot the Heatwave H.E.L.P. project in our region.

More information at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/HELP

Watch out for wildlife

Snakes love warm weather and are an important part of our environment (they are a protected species under law). They normally avoid people but may bite if disturbed or threatened. All snakes should be considered venomous, dial 000 if you are bitten.

Maggies swoop on intruders when they feel they need to defend their nests and chicks. Male adults use their body language - beak clapping, whooshing above your head and screeching - to warn you to keep away from their eggs or newly-hatched chicks.

2025/26 pool season

We are excited to welcome you back to our outdoor pools in Clunes, Daylesford and Trentham from Monday 8 December. We also have our much-loved Splash Park in Creswick.

We have worked hard behind the scenes to get our facilities ready for you to enjoy.

A reminder that pools close on Christmas Day, New Year's Day and when the next day Bureau of Meteorology weather prediction is 21 degrees and below.

More information at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/pools

End of year closure

Council hubs and libraries will close at 5 pm on Tuesday 23 December (Daylesford Library will close at 5:30 pm) and reopen as usual on Monday 5 January.

Bin collections

Thursday 25 December - no bin collections.

Friday 26 December - your bin collection may be delayed by 24 hours.

Thursday 1 January - no bin collections.

Friday 2 January - your bin collection may be delayed by 24 hours.

Transfer stations

Thursday 25 December - closed.

Visitor Information Centres

Thursday 25 December - closed.

Swimming pools

Thursday 25 December and Thursday 1 January - closed.

Emergencies

For animal emergencies phone 0419 587 955.

For all other Council-related emergencies phone 0419 583 573.

Councillors and staff wish you a safe and happy festive period.

Fire hazard inspections commence

Council has started its fire hazard inspection program this month to help the community prepare for the upcoming fire danger period.

The Country Fire Authority has announced that the Fire Danger Period starts on 24 November in Hepburn Shire.

Council officers will inspect properties across the Shire to identify long grass, overgrown vegetation, and other potential fire hazards. These inspections form part of Council's responsibility under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 to help reduce the risk of bush and grass fires.

We encourage all residents and landowners to act early by mowing grass, clearing debris, trimming overhanging branches and ensuring access for emergency vehicles.



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Creswick Bowling Club News

During November, two promising young players were welcomed to the club, Caleb Hepworth and Dane Francis-Whitfield. Caleb is recuperating from knee surgery and will join the pennant squad when he is fit. Dane is a new bowler and had his first game recently. While he is new, he is already showing the skills necessary to become a regular pennant player.

Both Saturday and Tuesday Pennant Divisions are struggling to find consistent form nearing the half-way mark of the season. It is unfortunate that some bowlers are either on the sick list, the recovery list or, at times, unavailable for personal reasons. As the season rolls on it is hoped that teams can be stabilised. Tuesday competition will play up to 23 December and the Saturday competition will play Round 9 on 20 December before a three-week break. Barry's Summer Triples on 26 November had a full contingent of rinks. There will be no triples in December but they will resume in January 2026. Practice nights on Mondays and Thursdays with the new coach are still proving popular. This offers all pennant and social bowlers the opportunity to brush up on their skills.

Dinner is on each Friday evening during the pennant season at 6.00pm. These are well attended and everybody is most welcome to come along for a simple two course meal at \$12.00 for non-members.

The Christmas break-up dinner for members will be on Saturday, 20 December from 6.30pm onwards, this is after the last round before the Christmas break. Members are asked to bring a salad or a sweet while the club will provide the main meal. Please note there will be no Friday night dinner on 19 December.

There will be raffles and giveaways available throughout the night with Santa coming to get the night into the Christmas spirit. The major raffle prize this year is a voucher for two people for a midweek overnight stay with breakfast included at the Forest Resort Creswick. Many thanks to Wendy Lee from the RACV Forest Resort management for donating this wonderful prize. Tickets will be available for \$2.00 each. There will also be two Christmas hampers as well as numerous surprise prizes to win during the night.

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.

The Board and members of the Creswick Bowling Club wish everybody a wonderful Christmas and look forward to a Happy New Year.

Bernie O'Malley



Kingston Friends of the Avenue

Thank you to friends and supporters for your assistance in 2025. The Friends would struggle to look after the trees without this support.

Also thanks to all the Kingston Friends of the Avenue members, the Kingston Agricultural Society, the Kingston CFA Fire Brigade, The Commercial @ Kingston Hotel, Creswick Market, Newlyn Primary School, Creswick-Smeaton RSL and everyone who attends the Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day Services - it's always heartwarming to have them join us.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the working bees and Bunnings BBQs and who donated to the group, or purchased plants from the Creswick Market stall.

The Friends are always grateful to those who can attend the AGM and to Jennifer Preston of JPA Business Services Pty Ltd for providing her accountancy expertise.

A special thanks to Hepburn Shire Council for its work

on the Avenue and township trees, along with the Councillors and the Council Working Group. Working with families connected with the trees is a privilege.

Catherine King's support for the successful Volunteer Grants program application is appreciated. Also that of Martha Haylett for supporting the successful application to the Department of Veteran Affairs DFFH grant.

The Friends look forward to continuing to build their relationship with the Community Bank Creswick & District, Destination Central Victoria and Federation University.

Lastly, The Friends would like to thank the *Creswick District News* team for its ongoing support and to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe Festive Season.

Leah Armstrong

on behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.



Creswick Capers

A Wonderful Community Day

Creswick Primary School is so fortunate to have the support of the local community. This includes students and staff, parents and grandparents, friends and community members. Recently, the annual *Jogathon*, a tradition that has been a part of Creswick Primary School for nearly 40 years, was held. Each year, the community comes together in the most wonderful way for this massive fundraising event.

There was a huge turnout of friends and family to cheer the students on. There were many examples of persistence and resilience from students as they ran, walked, jogged and some even emu-walked around the 700m block. It is so wonderful to see past students come along and participate in the event. In the coming weeks, the school will celebrate students who did the most laps and raised the most money. It's important to also acknowledge students who participated for the first time and those who beat their record from last year.

An event like this doesn't just happen. Behind the scenes there are risk registers, organising sponsorship forms, counting money, counting laps and dealing with the cones. Setting up the shelters and drink stations, the list goes on. The school is fortunate to have Mrs Davies, the person behind this massive event. Her time and effort are truly appreciated. Thank you, Katrina! Thank you also to all of the wonderful staff who chipped in to assist.

Thank you to parents, grandparents, carers and volunteers, who helped out in many different ways.

Also, thanks to Senior Constable Steven Tung from the Creswick Police Station who came along to help supervise the event. It is great to have a connection with the local emergency services.

It was an amazing day.

Helen Romeril
Principal



Northerly News

A Big Finish to the Year!

So far this term, students have been busy with the senior camp to Cottage By The Sea; the annual Creswick Cup for netball and soccer against Creswick PS; fishing at Lake Dewar; St John First Aid program and golf lessons with Sporting Schools.

Transition activities for 2026 Foundation students have begun with a parent-information evening and a school visit for new students.

In the last few weeks of term there will be Year 6 Graduation, a trip to Sovereign Hill and the end-of-year school community picnic, which is always lots of fun.

Creswick North has a before and after school program called *Club2041* and great numbers are attending. This program provides a valuable service for school families. Because of the high uptake, the school is providing a care program during school holidays, which many families have started to utilise as well.

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

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal

Creswick Seniors Centre

The 26 November luncheon was entertained by the talented Creswick *Ukestra*. Look out for them in the *2026 CresFest* Program. Having a live performance adds something special to social gatherings.

The Annual Traditional Christmas Dinner will be held on 17 December at noon and will feature a special performance by entertainer Tessa Marshall. Some tickets may still be available at \$25 per person. Contact the Secretary before 10 December for more details.

The Creswick Seniors Centre wishes all members and friends a very pleasant and satisfying Christmas season. Your support during 2025 has been appreciated and everyone can look forward to an active and engaging 2026!

Judy Henderson
Secretary 0407 622 463

100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

December 1, 1925

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December 4, 1925

Allendale – the harvest has commenced on several district farms, where hay cutting is now in progress. The crops in the majority are short, but will be of good quality, as the light rainfall and cool weather has improved them much on their earlier prospects.

December 8, 1925

Allendale St. Mary's R. C. Church. A euchre and dance in aid of the above will be held in the Allendale Mechanics' Institute on Thursday, the 10th December. Good Prizes. Good Music. Supper Provided. Prices: Euchre: 1/6. Dance: Gents, 1/- . M. Power, W. J. Casey, Hon. Secs.

December 11, 1925

The Anzac Day Act, recently passed by the State Parliament, provides for the observance of the 25th April in each year as a public holiday. Public offices, banks, factories, shops and warehouses (with certain exceptions) must be closed, as well as hotels etc., trading in liquor on Anzac Day being prohibited. Race meetings must not be held, and no theatre of any kind (including those for pictures) used without permit from the Chief Secretary.

December 15, 1925

A meeting of the Creswick Progress Association will be held in the bank chambers (Town hall) this (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock, when it is specially notified that every resident of the town is entitled to be present, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

December 18, 1925

Mr. C. Steinman is now running his motor bus from Creswick to Ballarat daily, leaving at 10 am and will continue to do so until after the holidays.

December 22, 1925

Yesterday a disastrous bush fire started in the vicinity of Lincoln Gully, to the south east of Creswick, alleged to have been started by some juveniles close to the blackberry bushes along what is known as Arch's track. It was a hot day, with a fairly strong wind blowing, and the fire spread with great rapidity.....Splendid work was done by the fire fighters, who are to be congratulated on their successful efforts. Fire breaks were burnt with the hope of confining the conflagration to a limited area, and when most of the party from Creswick left for home after five o'clock, it was believed that endeavor had been achieved, but not before several hundreds of acres of country had been burnt over.

December 24, 1925

The residents can spend a pleasant evening at the town hall tomorrow (Christmas night), when a grand concert will be held in aid of the funds of the Creswick District Hospital. A very attractive programme has been prepared, and will be contributed to by both district and local talent. The admission is only 1/, and it is hoped that there will be a large audience to greet the performers.

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Smeaton Bowling Club

A range of members from the community enjoyed Christmas Barefoot Bowls on Friday, 12 December. Another Barefoot Bowls session will be held in late January.

Other upcoming events include:

- NebPak Mixed 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.

The Club's Pennant teams have celebrated a few wins and its new bowlers had the opportunity to practise their newfound bowling skills in a competitive setting. The grass green is in play so bowlers can enjoy the challenge of bowling on two different surfaces. The catering committee has been busy raising funds for the club as well.

Thank you to all club members and friends who contribute in so many different ways and we wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you are interested in learning how to play bowls, 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 TOWN HALL

150TH BIRTHDAY



**Come celebrate Creswick Town Hall,
150th Birthday.**

**Thursday, February, 26th, Friday, 27th,
Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 1st March, 2026.**

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Creswick Readiness Group

As the year draws to an end, it is always good to look back and celebrate the many achievements over 2025.

Highlights include delivery of Mental Health First Aid courses, an updated map for the Creswick Information Centre is underway. This will include new features within Creswick such as the skate park and the new defibrillators, Emergency Service Panel Forum, and Jamie Drury's talk on drought proofing gardens.

From the feedback over the years, communication has been of the utmost importance, ensuring all members of all ages in Creswick have been able to receive the information. This has been the Group's focus since it began in 2022. A big thank you goes to Jai Edwards who has worked tirelessly bringing refreshed ideas on Emergency Management to Creswick.

There have been discussions in Creswick cafes and reminders to the many committees of what is going on in this space. It has been a hot topic in the many walking groups as they wander our beautiful countryside. The Group is working as one now when it comes to Emergency Preparedness for Creswick so that the community is ready for anything that comes its way.

Thank you also goes to the *Creswick District News* team. Feedback from many forums has reiterated how helpful and appreciated it is in Creswick. We would like to thank Anne Brennan for all her help and wish her every happiness in the next phase of her life. Remember you can pick up a flipchart from the Hub in Creswick. They are on a table just as you walk through the door.

Enjoy your festive season and the Group looks forward to bringing you more updates in 2026.

Leigh Bell
Secretary

Creswick Brass Band

On the First Day of Christmas ...

The Creswick Brass Band was excited to be a part of the 1st Creswick Scouts' 75th Anniversary in November. Although the weather was cool, the atmosphere was warm and inviting with many people attending throughout the event. One of the band's learners took the opportunity to help on percussion and keep the band in time. Congratulations again on 75 years of Scouts in Creswick!

As the Band heads into December, the season for Christmas carols begins and the calendar is looking full. December is always an active time for the band, so follow the social media page to keep up to date with where they are playing.

Where is Creswick Brass Band playing? -

- 30 November – Band Stand Sunday
- 5 December – Newlyn Primary School Christmas Carols
- 6 December – Kingston Show
- 21 December – Christmas Carols in Ballarat
- 21 December – Lights on for Corey Carols by Candlelight
- 23 December – Christmas Carols in Ballarat
- 23 December – Mr and Mrs Claus House in Creswick
- 24 December – Christmas Carols in Ballarat
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The learners group will wrap up for the year in December. Congratulations to them on their hard work throughout the year. The band looks forward to seeing them in 2026 when the new school year starts.

The first rehearsal for the new year will be on 22 January. Anyone thinking about learning an instrument or joining the band, can make contact through the social media page or email creswickbrassband@hotmail.com.

The band would like to extend their gratitude to the Creswick community for the ongoing support of the Creswick Brass Band throughout the year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

The Brass Band

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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS SEE PAGE 2

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: 10.00 am 2nd 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 - meets Sundays, 10:00am 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
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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.
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Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website scoutsvictoria.com.au
Museum Research Centre - Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests to info@creswickmuseum.org.au

Music Jam
For music lovers every Friday 7.00pm-9.00pm
Neighbourhood Centre. Audience welcome

Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance
3rd Sunday of each month with live band.
Invermay Hall, Muscatel Street, Invermay.
\$12 & \$10 members. Supper to Share please.

Social Dance, Thursday nights at VRI Hall Ballarat 7.30pm – 10.00pm.
Phone 0487 222 924.

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc Enquiries: secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au

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

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

St Augustine's News

Remembrance Day Ceremony



Well, it looks like the weather is beginning to get warmer and hopefully it stays that way as it is concrete pouring time. The new multi-purpose courts will be completed soon.

Learning doesn't stop because of building works. Moving through the middle of the term, it has been wonderful to witness the continued growth and development of students in all areas of their learning. Guided by principles of the *science of learning*, teachers continue to build strong foundations that help children understand not just *what* they learn, but *how* they learn. It is exciting to see students becoming more reflective, resilient and engaged learners each day. Over the next few weeks, there will be a big focus on the children's writing.


The Year 6 students represented St Augustine's with pride and reverence at the Creswick Remembrance Day Ceremony. They joined members of the community in honouring the service and sacrifice of those who have fought for peace. Their respectful participation was a powerful reminder of the importance of gratitude, reflection and community connection. Year 6 leaders were exemplary in the manner in which they read and participated in the ceremony.

Some of the students will be celebrating their First Eucharist, which is a very special step in their faith journey and thank you to the families, teachers and parish team who have supported them in their preparation.

We are proud of the way students continue to grow in faith, knowledge and kindness. Thank you to staff and families for the care and encouragement they provide each day, as it truly takes a community to help our children flourish.

Michael Heenan
Principal





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