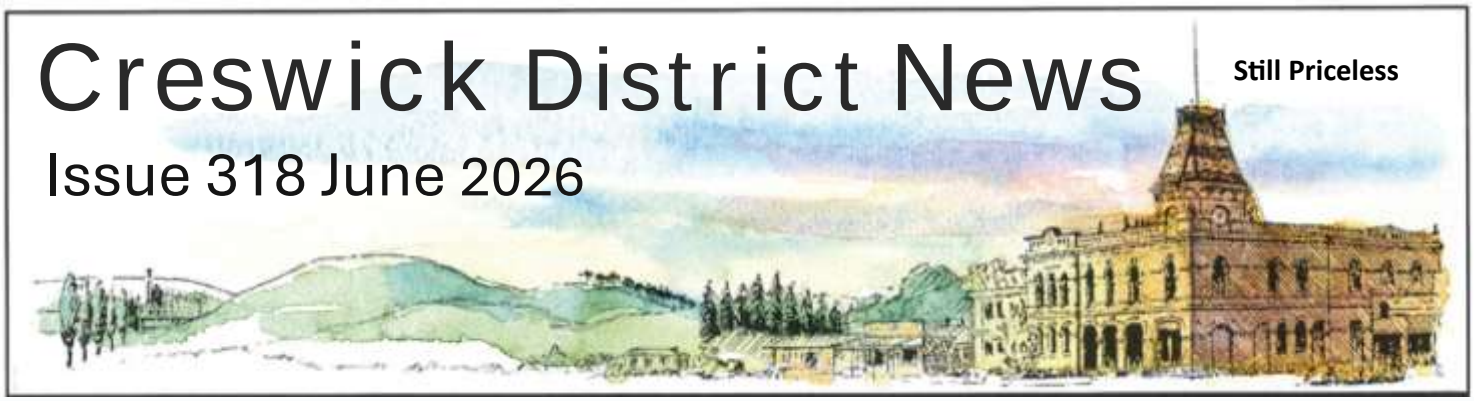
Creswick District News

Still Priceless

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Local Students Awarded Prestigious YOU*Thrive* Victoria Scholarships

Two local students, Jackie Rogers of Creswick and Olivia Kinnersley of Tourello, have been awarded 2026 YOU*Thrive* Victoria scholarships, made possible through the support of Community Bank Creswick & District.

Selected from a competitive field of more than 300 applicants, both recipients demonstrated a strong commitment to building their futures while contributing to rural and regional communities.

Olivia has commenced a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science in Diagnostic Radiology and has received a YOU*Thrive* Victoria University Scholarship valued at $30,000 over three years. Her goal is to improve access to medical services in regional areas.

Jackie has been awarded a Rural Chances Scholarship to support her Certificate III in Beauty. She hopes to one day own and operate her own salon in a rural community.

In addition to financial support, both students will benefit from YOU*Thrive* Victoria's *Wrap-Around Care* program, which provides mentoring, leadership development and networking opportunities.

Community Bank Creswick & District Branch Manager Lisa Woodill said, '*I love meeting our young locals and hearing about their plans for the future.*'



Lisa Woodill, Olivia Kinnersley, Jackie Rogers and Nicole Thomas

Congratulations to Jackie and Olivia on their achievements, and best wishes as they pursue their studies and future careers.



The Atlas Cedar

It was sad to see this wonderful tree in front of the Information Centre cut down, but it is good to know that the timber will be salvaged and recycled. The large logs are going to a local sawmill, the smaller logs will find a new life through woodturning and the smallest branches and foliage will be chipped for mulch.

At first glance, all that is left is a large empty space, but there are in fact several well-established trees remaining, including a small but thriving cedar.

Thanks to Lyn McCauley for her input.

Miriam Tonkin

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Seniors Centre News

Tried and True Entertainment

The Social Luncheon on Friday, 29 May was a very busy event, joined by friends from Maryborough and several new members.
The Creswick Ukestra provided the musical entertainment with tried and true songs known by most of us!
Committee members and helpers served the two course meal and spent quite some time cleaning up as about 50 people attended.
Thanks to Wendy, Annette, Rosemary, Betty, Gary, Sue, Gladys, Marilyn and Elly for their hard work and diligence.

Last Friday of the month - Social Gathering and Luncheon Midday
First Wednesday of the month - Craft Group 10.00am.

Judy Henderson,
Secretary

Creswick Cemeteries News

Thank you to Peter for making a lovely pergola near the office to grow wisteria. It makes a nice addition to the front of the cemetery.

A reminder to all visitors that ALL dogs MUST be on a lead at ALL TIMES while in the cemetery grounds. The cemetery is NOT a dog park. Please keep to the paths for your own safety and that of your pet.

It is against the law to place any ashes on graves or in the grounds of the cemetery without permission from the Trust Secretary. Please contact Wendy 0435 762 600 if you wish to place ashes in the cemetery.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

Creswick Rainfall

Provided by
Creswick North Primary School

	2024 mm	2025 mm	2026 mm
January	97.0	30.5	2.6
February	4.0	46.0	56.8
March	0.0	31.5	38.5
April	66.4	19.4	28.5
May	34.5	13.8	78.8
June	28.5	74.4	
July	97.5	102.4	
August	41.5	82.5	
September	52.5	38.0	
October	58.5	83.8	
November	35.0	127.8	
December	18.5	38.7	
TOTAL	**533.9**	**688.8**	**205.2**

Creswick Brass Band

Hello Valued CBB Members, Local community champions and music supporters.

Thursday, 20 August
The American Hotel Creswick.
Dinner from 6.00pm (at own expense).

CBB Annual General Meeting commences at 8.00pm.

To secure your dinner reservation, please contact Brendan and his team at The American to book 03 5345 2510.

Further details will be forwarded in due course.

Maxine Vallance
Secretary

Creswick Garden Club

Winter is upon us and members are enjoying a quieter time in their gardens before the busyness of preparations for spring. This time of the year also brings along the Annual General Meeting. The Creswick Garden Club Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 2 June at the Creswick Senior Citizen's Clubrooms.

If anyone wishes to nominate for an office bearing position or to be on the Committee, nomination forms have been sent out to all members via email. Membership fees are also due for renewal at this time. Payment can be made in person at the meeting or via bank deposit. Please ensure you put your name in the **reference** section so that the treasurer knows who has paid and to avoid being asked to pay again. The account details are available on the Club website.

It is a requirement of the Club's Rules of Association that each member complete a membership form each year. Copies of the membership form were sent out via email with the agenda for the Annual General Meeting. There will also be paper copies available at the meeting on 2 June.

The presentation of the Alison Sari Memorial Trophy will be made to this year's winner of the Club's monthly show bench competition.

Don't worry, the administrative part of the meeting will not be the only thing happening. Guest speakers, Angel and Em from Potted and Co, showed us how to take the best care of indoor plants. Angel and Em will also demonstrate the art of making *Kokadama*.

Sue Parker



CRWA Secretary Judy, JCAC Board President Susan and Recycle Central Volunteers Margie and Gladys

At John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC), purchasing by all departments is strictly controlled by its budgets. So, when new equipment needs are identified, in most cases, they will need to wait until the next budgeting round to be included, unless JCAC receives a generous donation for that purpose.

When approached by Judy Henderson on behalf of the Creswick Railway Workshop Association (CRWA), management was asked to consider what items could improve the efficiency of the kitchen. The Community Engagement Committee suggested they might identify a couple of pieces of equipment to give CRWA a choice. The items identified were a return buffet toaster and a compact power mixer/blender, both being commercial standard items. Asked to fund either, CRWA say they would fund both. JCAC is extremely grateful for their generosity.

The CRWA Inc has a fund-raising opportunity shop known as Recycle Central, which is very well supported by the community. Volunteers Margie and Sandy and others work tirelessly every Saturday. All funds raised stay in the town to ensure the future sustainability of the Railway Workshops Project. In addition, the CRWA is able to return support to community organisations and individuals. When asked what they would like, JCAC described the need for two kitchen appliances that would improve food preparation and versatility for residents. Hence, the CRWA gave JCAC a donation of $4,000.

JCAC would also like to remind the community that it is the largest employer in the district and is always looking to employ Personal care workers and engaging volunteers. If you would like to work closer to home or you have a skill to share, then contact JCAC via email at *jcac@jcac.org.au* or phone: 03 5345 9999.

Susan Craven
JCAC Board President

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

Things have been very busy at the Centre this past month. Creswick Primary School visited as part of its Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, doing gardening and cooking with Chef Drew. Newlyn students assisted with serving the meals at the monthly community lunch and St Augustine's students have been regularly helping in the community garden. St Augustine's grade 3 and 4 also paid a visit, keen to learn more about how they could have a positive impact in the community and how they could incorporate sustainable practices into their everyday lives. The students have lots of fabulous ideas on how they could give back within their community and the important role volunteering and helping plays in society. The future is in very good hands.



CNC also celebrated Volunteer Week twice! Volunteers enjoyed Hepburn Shire's lovely High Tea at Doug Lindsay Reserve on Friday, 22 May. Then, due to having such a busy time during Volunteer Week, CNC's morning tea was held the week after. Everyone enjoyed some coffee and cake at Smokeytown Cafe. It was fabulous to celebrate and thank our wonderful volunteers who do so much around the CNC and make it the welcoming, thriving place it is today. Hugest THANK YOU!

The CNC Team

Creswick & District Historical Society



Mrs Beth Huntley, Cr Shirley Cornish, Mayor Cr Tony Clark, Mr Ron Cosgrave, Mr Ross Dimond, Mr David Preston, Mrs Marj Poole and Cr Tim Drylie.

The Creswick & District Historical Society held the Civic Honour Roll Dinner on Friday, 29 May at the Doug Lindsay Recreation Centre. Three people were accepted onto the Honour Board for their contribution to the Creswick and District communities: Mr William Arthur Cosgrave, Mr Edward Albert Mizzeni, and Mrs Mabel Evelyn Lay, British Empire Medal.

Eighty-eight people attended the dinner, including family members of those nominated, Hepburn Shire Mayor and Councillors, together with representatives from the Board of the Community Bank Creswick & District, who are the main sponsors for this event. The Citations will be on display at the Creswick Information Centre for those who wish to read all about these special people.

Marge Poole, Secretary

Kingston Friends of the Avenue
Avenue visits

In 2023, Kingston Friends of the Avenue (FOA) joined Federation University's History and Heritage Partnership (HEP) network, coordinated by Professor David Waldron. The network connects third-year students with community organisations to undertake real-world projects. This provides opportunities for students to be introduced to, and involved in local history and history education.

In 2024, FOA proposed a project aimed at increasing community awareness of the Hepburn Shire's rich war heritage and encouraging greater engagement with its preservation. The concept centred on self-drive and online tours of local Avenues of Honour and war memorials.

FOA is delighted that four Information Technology students are now helping bring our vision to life, beginning with a virtual tour of the former Shire of Creswick Avenue of Honour at Kingston.

On 17 April, the students visited Kingston. The day began at the RSL Hall, where Phil Greenbank spoke about the Avenue's history and significance. The group then toured the Avenue before gathering at the Commercial Hotel for lunch and a visit to the Resource Centre to study the information that's available about the Avenue.

Once the virtual tour is completed, it will be accessible through the Kingston Avenue of Honour website: *https://kingstonavenueofhonour.org.au*.

FOA is grateful to the students for helping solve a long-standing challenge. For many years the Friends have asked how they could give families who can't visit their relative's tree in person a meaningful sense of



this remarkable place. The virtual tour provides that opportunity.

The essence of the Avenue's existence is to provide healing and solace for families and the community. For almost 110 years, the Avenue has offered remembrance, healing and a needs a strong sense of belonging for the community. It remains a dignified memorial to ordinary people who did extraordinary things. Through the virtual tour, families and the wider community will be able to experience and appreciate the significance and sanctity of this special place.

Upcoming Dates:

- Bunnings BBQ – Saturday, 25 July
- AGM – Wednesday, 23 September
- Remembrance Day – Wednesday, 11 November

Julie Baulch and Penny Swain
Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Thankyou from Plaistow

When you select a date in May for an event, you are always wary of the weather. On Saturday, 23 May, we awoke to a spectacular sunrise as we prepared for the Biggest Morning Tea, raising funds for Cancer Council. The day was fine with no rain, overcast sky and late in the morning a bit of breeze, but not enough to deter a good crowd of locals and visitors from further away. They gathered for tea, coffee and fresh scones, and invested in the various raffles and stalls.

Thank you to everyone who came including family and the volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success. Total donations of $5,628.30, have been banked with the Cancer Council.

Thanks must also go to the people who donated goodies for the raffle including the unsolicited gifts from Priceline and Country Trends, both from Maryborough.

The press have again been supreme in helping to promote the event. Social media is important but nothing beats a photo and a well-written story.

We plan to have a BMT again in 2027 on Saturday, 22 May.

Lilian and Peter Skilbeck 0419 884 710

HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE 2024

Paul Ryzowy

29/6/1912 - 18/10/2008

Following WWII, as a refugee, Paul established Creswick Woollen Mills, giving employment to over 150 people, and promoted Creswick nationally.

Paul Ryzowy was born in Poland in 1912. In September 1939 Paul was a university student in Warsaw. At this time Jews were permitted to study law, but not medicine.



Warned of the imminent Nazi invasion, Paul fled with nothing but an overcoat. He was unable to farewell his parents, who perished in the Holocaust. Escaping to Russia with other refugees, he made his way to Japan via Vladivostok, then to Shanghai, China, latterly under Japanese control. Because he spoke Polish, Russian and German he was able to work as a trader and to earn some money.

Post-war, Labor Leader Arthur Calwell visited Shanghai and invited refugees there to come to Australia. Ryzowy went first to America, via Honolulu, to search for some relatives. He stayed there until 1947 when he had little money left, then came to Australia, landing in Melbourne.

The Victorian Government of the time was encouraging decentralisation of industry from Melbourne to regional areas. Paul, with a friend from his Polish home town who had experience in the textile industry, borrowed £25,000 and purchased a property, previously used for a straw-thatching factory, in Creswick. He then imported some second-hand carding machines from England and commenced spinning wool.

The business grew and prospered. They not only spun wool but installed looms to manufacture fabrics. Quantities of grey blankets were produced and sold in the 1940s. In the 1950s they began making electric blankets which were marketed under the *Linda* trade-name along with fabric for fashion items. By the 1960s the mill was employing up to 150 people operating 50 looms. Over 10,000 of the blankets produced during this time were donated through the *Advertiser-Sunday Mail Foundation Blanket Appeal*, as well as through Ballarat's *3BA Winter Appeal*, to the poor and homeless.

Paul built a house in Williams Street, Creswick where he stayed during the week, returning to family in Melbourne at weekends. He also built houses for some of his employees, attracting skilled workers to the Mill.

In 1961, Paul went to London, carrying a letter of introduction from Premier Sir Henry Bolte. This opened many doors to assist with improving his products. In 1965 the Mill won an Australia-wide wool fashion award.

When the Government began tariff reductions the manufacturing industry faced increasing competition from overseas countries such as China. While many other mills ceased business, Paul was determined to adapt to change and for the mill to survive. He felt that local people should have jobs.

In 2004, the Mill gained a contract to design and produce a blanket for fire protection. Made from wool and steel, it is distributed to Victorian and interstate CFAs. The Mill also makes *Bluey* fabrics for jackets, the only Mill in Australia to do so. The alpaca blanket is a luxury product developed in Creswick and, being both warm and light-weight, is very popular. Its label proudly proclaims

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The Mill exported speciality items, including the alpaca blankets to New Zealand, now they go to China, Japan, Russia and the USA.

At the age of 80, instead of retiring in comfort, Paul decided to build new premises in Creswick and invest in new infrastructures. He was determined that his precious Mill would keep up with changing technology.

Creswick Mill products are taken all over the world by visitors and tourists. The name *'Creswick'* is well known for this reason. The Mill is the largest private employer in our region and for this we must recognise the man who worked in it until he was 92, when he handed it to his grandchildren.

Paul Ryzowy died in Melbourne in 2008.

Creswick Bowling Club

The month began with the appointment of two new members to the Board. Congratulations to Bruce Andrews, Assistant Secretary, and Peter Fontana, Vice Chairperson. Chris Boyd and Stephen Hepworth will act as Player Representatives. Board members for 2026-27 are as follows: Gerry Flapper, Peter Fontana, Bernie O'Malley, Bruce Andrews, Peter Bruenjes, Ross Prictor, Beth Huntley, Travis Hedger, Chris Boyd and Stephen Hepworth.

Ladies' Indoor teams are travelling well. As of the 18 May, the Ladies Division 2 side is in top position, while the Division 3 side is 5th. The Men's Division 1 side is in top spot after six rounds. Division 2 is in 7th but showing signs of improving each week.

Currently the club is conducting the Men's Singles Indoor Bowls Championships and should have the finals in the coming month. Following the singles will be pairs and the triples.

The fortnightly triples were held on 21 May, with 14 teams competing - a great turnout. Winners on this day were Frank and Jack Duggan and Daryl Boyd from Mt. Xavier. Runners-up were the team from BMS – Mick Storey, Geoff Allan and Rob Dickinson. Well done to everyone. Beth Huntley gets rave reviews for her delicious home-made soup, which is most appreciated!

Creswick Bowling Club hosted a guest speaker recently. Gary Kerridge, from Deaf Victoria, talked about the complexities involved with communication between hearing-impaired players and other bowlers. The club has one member who is slowly teaching us some of her signing while playing bowls. A very informative talk and we thank Gary for his time and presentation.

Friday night meals are on the first Friday of each month and the public is invited to come along and enjoy a simple two-course meal and socialise. Non-members pay $12.00. Please notify the club of your intention to attend and the number of guests, for catering purposes. Contact Bernie on 0437 102 059 by the Wednesday prior.

If you are looking for a venue to host an event, the clubroom has the capacity to seat up to 100 people. The club can provide limited catering or permit self-catering and operates a bar for your convenience. Again, contact Bernie to discuss details, pricing and conditions.

While we may not be playing Outdoor Pennant, now is the time for those who may wish to learn how to play bowls to get in touch and have some one-on-one tuition. It would be nice to attract more ladies and girls. Give Bernie a call on 0437 102 059 to arrange some time on the green.

Bernie O'Malley

Smeaton Bowling Club

The next few months are typically quieter months for Smeaton Bowling Club (SBC). However there is always the opportunity to have a roll on the synthetic green and polish up your bowling skills. It may be time to learn how to bowl, try a new set of bowls or make the transition to a bowling arm if you have been physically challenged in your bowling action. Whatever you choose to do, SBC can help you.

Congratulations to all our bowlers who received a best in rink award at the Annual Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region lunch held in April. It is recognition of the consistent and successful season that some of our rinks had. Hopefully that consistency continues as two of the Saturday pennant teams move up to the next division after winning their respective Grand Finals.

Could everyone who is interested in playing Pennant bowls in the 2026-2027 season please submit your availability for either, or both, Tuesday and Saturday teams. Contact Secretary, Russell as below. The Club needs to submit the number of SBC teams to the Region soon. If you are considering playing bowls and joining SBC now is the time to make contact and have a chat about what we have to offer.

For the broader community, our facilities are available for hire and can cater for a wide range of activities, big and small.

Contacts: Secretary, Russell on 0417 535 297 or *smeatonbowling@gmail.com*

Laraine Toose

Council news

Draft 2026/27 Budget

Council has endorsed the release of the draft 2026/27 Budget for public exhibition. The 2026/27 Budget is community-focused and prioritises our Shire's needs while balancing external cost pressures with the community's capacity to pay.

Aligned with Financial Vision

Council's draft 2026/27 Budget has been developed in line with the adopted Financial Vision and Financial Plan 2025–2035. This budget is focused on long-term sustainability.

Financial health

Council has budgeted a minor operating surplus ($511,000), with a positive unrestricted cash position. This is a positive trend and an improvement on prior financial years. There are no new borrowings and the Victorian Government rate cap of 2.75 per cent has been applied.

Capital works program

A $10.5 million capital works program is planned, funded by Council funds, reserves and grants. The program prioritises asset renewal and current project completion over new assets. Funding includes $2.8 million from grants and contributions. $4.83 million will be spent on our local roads.

Investment in projects

There will be small investments in key projects next year to improve community engagement and customer service. Council will also review the Financial Plan 2025–2035 and alternative revenue sources.

Reduction in waste charge

The average waste charge will reduce from $610 to $540.

Cash managed responsibly

Council also has all its reserves 'cash backed' (available and on hand). This is positive financial management, and not something that is legislatively required.

The future

The draft 2026/27 Budget relies heavily on Council's own resourcing and limited revenue streams. A lack of support from state and federal governments over the last decade has meant councils are facing unreasonable cost pressures. Council will continue to monitor and review its financial performance.

What's next?

The draft Budget will be considered for adoption at a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 30 June.

More information at **www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/budget**

Community Award winners



In May we hosted the Hepburn Shire Community Awards, a National Volunteer Week event.

The winners were:

- Citizen of the Year to Frank Page
- Event of the Year to Radical Fields (accepted by Ryan Kennedy)
- Hepburn Together to The Biggest Morning Tea (accepted by Bill and Lois Hetherington)

Congratulations to all these worthy winners.

Image: Martha Haylett MP, Cr Tony Clark (and Timmy), Frank Page, Lois Hetherington, Ryan Kennedy, Cr Shirley Cornish, Cr Pat Hockey and Catherine King MP

Blue Atlas Cedar in Creswick

The Blue Atlas Cedar (Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca') located at the entrance to the Creswick Visitor Information Centre has been removed due to its declining condition and associated risk.

Thank you to those who had their say on the replacement tree species. Officers are reviewing feedback and updates will be available on Participate Hepburn at

www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/blue-atlas-cedar

The timber from the tree will go to DJAARA Timbers in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding. DJAARA Timbers is a not-for-profit initiative that aims to honour trees by producing high-value timber products.

Rates and charges

The fourth instalment of rates and charges was due on Sunday 31 May 2026.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, need to set up a payment plan or have any questions, please visit our website at **www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/rates** or contact us on (03) 5348 2306.

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Help the Hall install upgraded heating and cooling, making the space more comfortable for everyone year-round. Come along and enjoy a warm and lively evening for all ages; a fun night filled with rhythm, song and connection.

Saturday, 18 July from 7.00pm
Neighbourhood Centre Wayapurra Hall
21/19 Victoria Street, Creswick
Cost $25 - $20 concession, kids under 12 free
Includes entertainment and a delicious supper

Performances from Creswick Chorus, HanzOn Drumming Creswick, Stella Savy, Mishael Gyabeng, Creswick Ukestra and other local entertainers.

Purchase drinks from the bar (no BYO).

Raffle (bring some cash) and auction. EFTPOS will be available.

Donations of goods or services are welcome at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.00am - 5.00pm, Thursdays 9.00am - 2.00pm.

Looking forward to your company and support.

Tickets can be purchased or donations welcome at: *https://events.humanitix.com/one-beat-many-voices-at-wayapurra-hall-creswick*

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Creswick Capers

Community Connections

Creswick Primary School (CPS) is incredibly fortunate to be part of such a strong and supportive community. From the students and staff to parents, grandparents, friends and wider community members, these connections are what make this school such a special place.

On 8 May, Mothers and Special Persons were welcomed into classrooms for an afternoon of open learning. Visitors enjoyed engaging in maths games alongside students, followed by a special assembly. During the assembly, students from 1/2D shared heartfelt reflections on why they love their mums and special people, finishing with a beautiful song enjoyed by all.

The strong community partnerships extend beyond the school grounds. As part of the *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden* program, students visited the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. The school is grateful to the volunteers who shared their time and knowledge as students helped tend the garden. The experience was made even more memorable as students cooked and enjoyed pizza in the woodfire oven.

Building on these partnerships, it was delightful to welcome Kate and a group of local Kindergarten students. It was wonderful to see Year 5/6 students working alongside the younger children to create vases of flowers. With glitter, stickers, ribbon, and gems, the activity was filled with creativity and joy, while fostering meaningful relationships across age groups.

Supporting student wellbeing and development remains a key priority at CPS. The School recently welcomed Sam Charlesworth from Hepburn Health, who commenced Puberty Education sessions. This program aligns with the Victorian Curriculum and provides students with age-appropriate knowledge and skills to support their health, wellbeing, and personal development.

The Playgroup is back up and running, Friday mornings from 9:15am, and we warmly welcome new and existing families.

Creswick Primary School continues to thrive through strong partnerships, meaningful learning, and a shared commitment to every student. Prep enrolments for 2027 are now open. Please contact the school for a personalised tour and an enrolment pack.

Katelyn Sutton
Classroom Teacher

See photo on page 16

Chat and Friendship - Bringing People Together



The Creswick community has recently benefited from an initiative aimed at bringing lonely people together to connect socially in a safe and comfortable location, with a *Chatty Table* launched at *Shirl's Cafe* in late May.

A *Chatty Table* is one of the core elements of the *Chatty Cafe* which provides a space for people of all ages and walks of life to connect, chat and enjoy some company - whether they are people on their own, a couple, parents with children, carers, friends or grandparents.

Creswick's *Chatty Table* meets at *Shirl's Cafe* every Thursday from 10.30am with a volunteer in attendance to help get the chatting started.

In early June, the *Chatty Table Special* arrived, with the first special being a donation of free pay it forward cups to celebrate. A different *Chatty Table Special* will be offered each week.

Chatty Cafe Australia is part of a global movement to help bring people together with the aim of reducing loneliness and social isolation, and building connections within the local community. More information about the *Chatty Cafe* movement can be found at www.chattycafeaustralia.org.au

Karen Peel, who has been living in Creswick for some time, and having gone through her own journey of personal discovery, realises how difficult it can be to meet new people and expand your social circle as an adult, and so wanted to create a safe, welcoming space for people to make connections and enjoy a chat. Karen is very grateful to Michelle and Warren of *Shirl's Cafe* for getting on board and becoming Creswick's very first *Chatty Cafe*.

Once again, the Creswick community is very fortunate to have such a caring and foresightful champion in Karen Peel to see a need and then to create a solution for loneliness and isolation with the help of our local businesses.

Maria Taylor

100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

June 1, 1926 Nominations close at 4 pm on Thursday for the vacancy in the Creswick Borough Council, caused by the demise of Cr. W. P. Northcott. So far the only candidate announced is Mr. W. Stanley Northcott, the eldest son the late member.

June 4, 1926 A meeting of the Trustees of the Creswick Cemetery was held on Tuesday evening. .... Arrangements were made for the planting of trees along the western boundary. The sexton was instructed to enforce the rules, requiring written application for permission to do certain works at the cemetery..

June 8, 1926 Mounted Constable G. J. Thorburn has resumed duty at Creswick after his holidays. He has been gazetted ranger for the borough to deal with the wandering stock nuisance. All owners of stock are warned that hereafter animals found wandering in the streets or roads unattended will be impounded.

June 11, 1926 Newlyn Cricket Club – Grand Premier Ball will be held in the Newlyn Hall on Wednesday night, June 16th, 1926. Jazz Orchestra. Supper. Double tickets 5/; extra lady, 1/. John T. Yates, President. H. Myles, secretary.

June 15, 1926 The monthly meeting of the Creswick Progress Association will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) night, at 8 o'clock in the bank chambers. There will be important business to transact, and it is hoped that the attendance will be large, ladies being especially invited to be present.

June 18, 1926 In connection with the 1st Creswick Girl Guides, a sale of gifts and concert will be held in the A.N.A. hall next Monday evening, and will be opened by Lady Peacock. The admission has been fixed at the small sum of 6d.

June 22, 1926 The annual meeting of the Creswick branch of the Red Cross Society will be held in the bank chambers tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

June 25, 1926 The Old Creswickian Association in Melbourne having decided that another "Back to Creswick" be held early in November next, it will be necessary for the local residents to make arrangements for the fitting reception of the home-comers. For the purpose of considering the details, the Mayor (Cr. T. Cushing) has convened a public meeting of ladies and gentlemen for Monday evening next.

June 29, 1926 The annual meeting of the Creswick branch of the Australian Women's National League was held last Friday evening. In spite of the inclement weather, there was a very fair number of members present. The President (Lady Peacock) was in the chair.

165 years ago June 4, 1861 Rosekilly's Hotel – Miss Carry George and company performed at the Lyceum Theatre. This talented actress bids fair, under proper tuition to obtain an exalted position amongst theatrical celebrities – Mr. O'Connell will, on Thursday next resume the leadership of the quadrille party at the above named hotel. (This is the British Hotel, the Lyceum Theatre was where the old supermarket is now)

150 years ago June 2, 1876 Whilst searching some Chinese places at Black Lead yesterday morning, Sergeant Moran discovered several house-breaking implements in the hut of a well-known thief, named Ah Toy, consisting of a light crowbar, covered carefully with paper, a quantity of skeleton keys in a leather bag, and other things. The fellow was arrested for having those burglarous articles in his possession.

75 years ago June 1, 1951 Wandering cows cause damage to gardens and car. Wandering cows have been the cause of damage to gardens in Creswick this last week and to a motor vehicle on a country road in the shire. Two gardens at Camp Hill and one at Hammon street have been damaged. One householder reported 60 cabbages which were ready to cut were eaten or trampled....





Northerly News

Creswick North PS is part of the Wathaurung Cluster sports group. The school recently participated in the Athletics Day at Llanberris Reserve. It was a lovely day weather-wise and it was great to see so many families coming along to show support. All students from F-6 participated in a wide variety of different track and field events that they had been training for during all of Term 1.



Smile Squad came to visit the school and check students' dental hygiene. It's just one of many community services that the school provides for local families, along with Brekky Club, free family food boxes, Glasses for Kids program, the School Nursing program and much more.

The Mother's Day morning tea was a big hit with Mums, Grandmas, and other special people in students' lives. It was great to see so many turn up to share some time with each other, as well as with the students at school.

Year 6 student leaders recently visited Federation University for the *GRIP Student Leadership Conference*. It was a great experience for them all, gaining strategies on how to be a good leader and ideas that they could implement at school.

Creswick North PS is currently open for 2027 enrolments so if you would like a school tour to experience this fantastic school, please call the school on 5345 2012. We also offer wonderful before/after school care, as well as Vacation Care.

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal

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Let's Get Together

As winter settles in, there are plenty of opportunities to get out, learn something new, meet local people, and connect with services and organisations in your community. We've partnered with a range of experts and agencies to bring you a series of free events across Daylesford, Creswick, Clunes, Trentham and Kingston.

Whether you're interested in soil health, working dogs, winter wellbeing, emergency preparedness, or simply enjoying a coffee and chat with local police, there's something for everyone. We encourage you to come along, bring a friend, and take advantage of these practical, informative and community-focused events.

Friday, 3 July 10.00am
Coffee with a Cop
Creswick IGA Carpark

Monday, 6 July 10.00am
Ambulance Victoria: Practical tips for the winter months
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

Tuesday, 7 July 10.30am
VicEmergency App Help Pop-Up Session
Daylesford CFA Fire Station

Wednesday, 8 July 10.00am
VicEmergency App Help Pop-Up Session
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

Friday, 10 July 10.00am
Coffee with a Cop
Cafe Fifty Two Clunes

Tuesday, 14 July 11.00am
Introduction to Personal Support in Emergencies
Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre

More information can be found at:
Hepburn.eventbrite.com.au

If you need the services of a
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in the Creswick district
Ring 5345 7414,
0408 317 872 or 5345 7522
or visit *rvahj.org.au* for more information.

CRESWICK AND DISTRICT
REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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(NIL THIS MONTH)

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

Ballroom Dancing Classes
Goldfields Recreation and Dance Inc.
All levels - Mondays
$20 per annum
Contacts: 0402 777 852 or 0427 246 278
email:
info@goldfieldsrecreationanddance.org
web:
Goldfieldsrecreationanddance.org

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 1.00 pm 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: Pastor Andrew Shearer-Cox
0429 261 954 or email
ucpastorandrew@outlook.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 of the month. 2pm at the CFA in Albert St.

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 Friday 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

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

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

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



Holiday fun in Creswick, with
Scott's BMX Trick Bike Show
Saturday July 4 at 1pm
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre
Kids $5; adults $10; family $25



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