

Creswick District News

Still Priceless

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One site Twenty-two lives Countless stories

You may have noticed something special has been quietly taking shape at the New Australasian No. 2 Mine Site.

Over recent months, volunteers, local craftspeople and project partners have been hard at work bringing to life a significant new heritage installation that will soon share one of Creswick's most important stories.

The project is the culmination of several years of dedication by Creswick Connect (Business and Tourism Creswick Inc), supported by local historians, Community Bank Creswick and District (major sponsor), Chrome in the Goldfields, Victorian Government Local History grants, Hepburn Shire, other funding partners and community volunteers. They have all worked together to preserve an important chapter of Creswick's history and the history of mining in Australia.

The finished project will invite visitors to discover the people, places and events that helped shape Creswick and the wider Victorian Goldfields as the starting point of the Buried Rivers of Gold Trail.

The story A2 Australasian Mine site tragedy – where 22 miners lost their lives hundreds of meters below the soil one December night – is told with accuracy and empathy by local historian and graphic designer Robt Haughie.

Robt designed the signage, created using hardwood from a replica poppet head at the Parks Victoria site to bring a sense of scale and importance to the historical site and remind us all of the ripple effects of such tragedies.

The official launch is planned for Sunday, 30 August, when the installation will be unveiled for the first time. The opening will feature local speakers, community performances and an opportunity to celebrate the many volunteers and organisations whose passion has brought this project to life.

More than simply unveiling new signage, this generates renewed interest in Creswick's remarkable heritage and encourages both locals and visitors alike to explore the stories hidden throughout our landscape.



Tom Hazeldine and Shaun Dridan

Check out the socials on Creswick Connect facebook and instagram to see us sharing more behind the scenes of the project and glimpses into the mine's history on the count down to the launch.

Alexandra Pennell

Creswick District News

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as the Traditional Owners of this land and
we pay our respects to Elders past and present.**

Creswick Seniors Centre Update

The centre will be hosting Health & Wellbeing Sessions over the coming months. A timetable is posted at the Centre, on Facebook and in the Shire Hub. Sponsored by the Hepburn Shire via Eddie Wyman, Positive Ageing Officer, the sessions are free to attend and cover a wide range of issues that may be of concern. The first session covers Brain Health and Memory on Wednesday, 29 July at 1.30pm, 2 Water St. Pop a note on your fridge or in your diary!

The June Social Luncheon was much appreciated and will be repeated on Friday, 31 July, \$8 for 2 courses. Please book to assist with catering. There are many activities on offer, if you have an enquiry, please contact the secretary.

Judy Henderson

Secretary 0407 622 463



Creswick Cemeteries News

A big thank you to Creswick Garden Club who have kindly trimmed up the roses. It is much appreciated.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at the cemetery with weeding, mowing or whippersnipping, please contact the secretary on

0435 762 600. Volunteers are much needed and always welcome.

Wendy Ohlsen

Secretary

Creswick Rainfall

*Provided by
Creswick North Primary School*

	2024	2025	2026
	mm	mm	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	153.2
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	358.4

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Father's Day Sunday September 6th

Dean Community Reserve
Kite Festival
Great day for kids
Enter by donation
Catering available on site
World known Jo Baker will have kites available for children to paint and fly.

Dean Sheep Dog Trials October 4th

Dean Community Reserve
Contact Brian 0438 304 479 for more information
Flyers available closer to the date.

Have your say about the future of Creswick District News

Creswick District News is an important part of local life. We know it is read and valued by many people, and we want to make sure it remains as useful, interesting and relevant as possible. To help us plan future editions, we are asking readers to **complete this 2 minute survey**. Your feedback will help us keep Creswick District News strong, community-focused and responsive to local interests.

1. Do you read Creswick District News?

- ☐ Every edition
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3. Where do you live?

4. What is your age group?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18–34
- ☐ 35–49
- ☐ 50–64
- ☐ 65–74
- ☐ 75+

5. What is your gender?

- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Another term: _____
- ☐ Prefer not to say

6. Are there children or young people in your household? Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ No
- ☐ Children aged under 5
- ☐ Primary school-aged children
- ☐ Secondary school-aged children
- ☐ Young adults aged 18–24

7. Which of the following best describes your current situation?

- ☐ Working full-time
- ☐ Working part-time or casually
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Not currently working
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Prefer not to say

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- ☐ Gardening and environment
- ☐ Health and wellbeing
- ☐ Arts, culture or creative writing
- ☐ Advertising or business notices
- ☐ Other: _____

9. What would you like to see more of in the newsletter?

10. What would you like to see less of in the newsletter?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return it by 31 August 2026

Return options:

- ☐ Drop-off at Creswick Visitors Centre
- ☐ Email: cdn@cbl.com.au
- ☐ Mail: PO Box 384, Creswick, 3363
- ☐ Link available on CDN facebook page Facebook.com/CreswickDistrictNews





Creswick Garden Club

Presenting Foxtail Lilies

Winter is a quieter time of the year for gardeners. While life in the garden has slowed down, events at the garden club continue apace and it is good to see new shoots emerging from bulbs and buds forming on trees.

The club is looking forward to meeting Travis from Eremurus Farms of Australia, Clunes, at the 7 July meeting. *Eremurus*, also known as foxtail lilies, have beautiful tall flower spikes. They are much admired and sought after by gardeners. Travis will be talking about these beautiful plants, their origins and tips for growing the best flowers.

An entry fee of \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members includes a ticket for the lucky door prize and a light afternoon tea. The trading table will be operating, as will the show bench, including floral art. The venue is the Senior Citizen's rooms, 2 Water Street, Creswick, at 1.00pm.

A reminder to members that annual fees are now due. These can be paid in person at the next meeting or via bank transfer. Don't forget to put your name in the reference section when paying online so the treasurer can track your payment.

If you have already paid the \$20 membership fee but have not collected your membership card, please see Minute Secretary, Sue Parker, and she will provide one for you. The membership card entitles you to discounts at Miss Northcote's Garden in Creswick, Formosa Gardens in Redan and Spring Park Nursery at Eganstown.

Sue Parker
Secretary

Creswick and District Historical Society

The group invites nominations for the Creswick Civic Honour Roll. If you can think of someone who deserves to be included on the Honour Board, you can contact Marj Poole on 5345 2065 or go into the Creswick Information Centre to get a Nomination Form and details of the required information. The Nominations need to be lodged by the end of September 2026 for consideration.

Marg Poole Secretary

CRESWICK MUSEUM



The Creswick Museum, located in the historic Town Hall building on Albert Street, is a treasure trove of artefacts, paintings and documents dating from the early days of Creswick and

the surrounding areas. The museum aims to collect, protect and show significant historical items to the public. The museum also attempts to inform and interpret all aspects of our history.

Creswick Museum is an Accredited Museum and is staffed entirely by volunteers. Apart from regular displays of the collection, the museum stages special exhibitions from time to time. These involve curated selections from our own collection as well as items borrowed from individuals, other museums and art galleries. These subjects have included early pioneers, soldier settlement, members of the Lindsay family of artists, the Chinese in Creswick, Springmount Pottery, the Town Hall building and many other areas of interest.

The museum is always looking for more assistance. If you have an interest in local history, in research, in exhibition display or have other skills you think are relevant, we would like to hear from you. Contact us by email – creswickmuseum@gmail.com.

During winter, the museum is open on Saturdays from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Geoff Newmarch
Secretary



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SMEATON HISTORIAN AWARDED OAM

Smeaton resident Keir Reeves has spent the past decade working across the goldfields corridor of Ballarat, Creswick, Daylesford and Clunes — a stretch he describes as “a remarkable part of the country” — building upon an impressive career in higher education, history and preserving community identity.

The historian and Director of Federation University’s Future Regions Research Centre has centred his work on how regional communities engage with history, while also advocating for broader access to higher education.

This work has been recognised with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2026 King’s Birthday honours for his service to regional higher education.

Growing up in Castlemaine after moving from Melbourne in the mid-1980s, Professor Reeves delivered the morning newspapers and played local footy — an upbringing that grounded him in regional life and sparked an early fascination with the goldfields’ layered past.

“I grew up around people who were passionate about history. I loved the old buildings and the many wonderful stories of the goldfields personalities,” he said.

That early interest developed into formal study in history, heritage and economics and later into an academic career that wasn’t initially planned. His first role was tutoring at the University of Melbourne — an experience that, at the time, seemed far from the start of a profession. His career later included roles at the University of Melbourne and Monash University, as well as research fellowships in the United Kingdom, Japan and Europe. He has also worked internationally in tourism studies and historical interpretation, including projects in England, Belgium, Vanuatu, Turkey and Fiji.

Returning to regional Victoria became the turning point that has defined the focus and impact of his career.

“I’ve spent the past decade here at Federation, working on projects across the Ballarat, Horsham, Ararat campuses and the broader goldfields region. For me this award is not only a personal recognition



but also reflects the support I have received from my students, colleagues as well as members of cultural and community organisations throughout my career,” he said.

His work explores how communities engage with history and heritage to shape identity, tourism and local development, alongside the vital role of universities in regional areas.

He maintains a strong focus on widening participation in higher education, particularly for students from regional and non-traditional backgrounds, reflecting a long-held belief that education should open doors rather than close them.

“I’ve always been interested in how people get on their journey and I’m inspired by people from the country pursuing higher education — it still drives what I do. What excites me is seeing people who might not have gone to university being able to start that journey locally and succeed,” Professor Reeves said.

At Federation, that commitment has translated into supervision of more than 20 PhD completions, many involving students who are the first in their families to enter higher education or who have taken non-linear pathways into academia. “In part this recognition also belongs to them. It’s a privilege to support their work and to see where they go with their careers.”

Beyond the university, Professor Reeves has been active in historical societies, festivals and heritage initiatives across regional Victoria, working to connect academic research with community outcomes. He played a key role in convening the Australian Historical Association conference in Ballarat — the only time the national body met there — and has supported a range of regional cultural and heritage as well as economic development projects.

“I’ve been fortunate to do this work in the goldfields, which is such a special place. It has shaped my research, my teaching and my sense of purpose — and it’s a reminder that place still matters in both history and education.”

Federation University, Australia



At the end of the financial year, JCAC reflects on the last 12 months. Steve Bruechert has departed as CEO and the process of Registration has arrived. The Board took the decision to delay recruiting a new CEO, until there is clarity on the role's remit.

The former system of Accreditation took three weeks whereas the new system spreads across three months. The process being that the Audit Team requests policy and historical records relating to implementation, monitoring and follow up. Staff were given a relatively short time frame to comply and attend to these requests.

The final report will take time to get through and assign a clear Action Plan for going forward. The community can be assured that in the areas of clinical care JCAC passed admirably. There is still a lot of work to be done in relation to the monitoring and recording of the new and revised policies.

Upon departure the Audit Team complemented JCAC on three specific things:

- 1) The happiness of residents
- 2) The friendliness of staff
- 3) The impressiveness of the activities offered.

The Audit Team congratulated the staff on the standard of care provided to residents and thanked them for their co-operation with the audit process.

The President would like to express heartfelt thanks to all the staff of JCAC, including all those 'acting' in various roles. Finally, JCAC has commenced the process of recruiting a new CEO!

Susan Craven, JCAC Board President

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Kingston Friends of The Avenue

Despite Kingston Friends of the Avenue's (KFOA) concerns raised via the EES process, AusNet has applied for planning approval to use the heritage-listed Avenue of Honour as a construction route during the proposed two-year construction period for the Western Renewables Link.

According to KFOA, this proposal poses a physical risk to the Avenue trees and threatens the dignity and sanctity of this living memorial. The proposed construction also coincides with plans to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of the Avenue on Remembrance Day 2028.

The Avenue of 286 elms is considered by arborists to be one of the best examples in the world. It is described by Heritage Victoria as having State and local significance and as an impressive visual and cultural landmark. It is a key landscape feature of the district, and '... a fine example of memorial planting, where each individual who enlisted for service was recognised equally, regardless of rank or gender.' With the support of the RSL, KFOA is calling for the significance of the magnificent Avenue of Honour to be acknowledged and respected.

The Avenue was conceived and brought into being by the community in 1918, to provide a place to grieve and mourn. Our responsibility is to honour them by protecting their legacy.

KFOA invites the whole district to join with us in protesting AusNet's plans. Please bring your family, friends and neighbours.

11.00am Sunday, 2 August at the Midland Highway end of the Avenue. Speakers start at 11.15am. Sausage sizzle.

SAVE THE DATES

- Saturday, 25 July Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
- Sunday, 2 August 11.00am Community Rally
- Wednesday, 23 September AGM

Julie Baulch and Penny Swain

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.



Brass Band Banter



During May, the Creswick Brass Band was busy rehearsing pieces for the Bendigo Eisteddfod and undertaking regional performances. These included the Ballarat Heritage Festival welcoming passengers for the steam train at the Ballarat Station playing classics and modern favourites. The Bendigo Eisteddfod was an enjoyable performance. While the band didn't place on this occasion, the feedback provided will be beneficial for preparation for the Victorian State Championships in August. Throughout winter, the Band's focus has been on preparing for the upcoming state championships. The Annual General Meeting will be held on 20 August at the American Hotel in Creswick community members are welcome to attend. Dinner is from 6:00pm (at own expense) with the meeting to commence at 8:00pm. Please contact the American Hotel directly to reserve your spot. The evening will include reflecting on the past 12 months of the band's activities, achievements of the band and annual awards.

The band continues to welcome new members as well as people of all ages to its learners group.

Whether you are interested in learning an instrument or returning to music, this may be the group for you. We can help with learning a brass instrument or percussion, instrument hire and reading music in a supportive group environment. The group runs Thursday evening during the school term from 6:00pm to 7:00pm and band rehearsal starts at 7:30pm on Thursday evenings at the Creswick Senior Citizens Centre. Visitors are also welcome to watch a rehearsal if you're interested in what a brass band sounds like.

As a new financial year gets underway, please keep the band in mind for organisations to donate towards as the band is a registered not for profit organisation. Donations help keep live music playing in Creswick and supports opportunities for people to learn music. See the band's social media pages to learn how to donate and to keep up with the band's recent events.

Creswick Brass Band

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Council News

2026/27 Budget adopted

The 2026/27 Budget was adopted at a Special Meeting of Council on 30 June 2026.

This is a budget that balances the needs of the community with a need to show restraint in a complex financial environment.

It focuses on getting back to basics and investing in the services that matter most.

Highlights:

- \$10.5m Capital Works Program
- ~\$70 reduction to the waste charge
- financial reserves are cash backed
- investigating new revenue streams

Thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to provide feedback on the draft budget. Your input played an important role in helping shape our priorities. We also acknowledge the dedication of our staff and Councillors, who invested many hours of work, careful planning and thoughtful consideration into developing the budget.

A final copy of the 2026/27 Budget will be made available soon on Participate Hepburn
www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/budget

Community grants awarded

Seventeen community groups received grants of up to \$5,000 in our 2025/26 Community Grants Program. The money will go towards projects and initiatives that enhance the social, environmental and economic life of the Shire.

Two community groups have also been successful in obtaining funding through Council's 2025/26 Sustainable Hepburn Grants Program. More at
www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants

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Blue Atlas Cedar

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback on the preferred replacement species, following the removal of the Blue Atlas Cedar at the Creswick Visitor Information Centre (VIC).

The two most popular suggestions were for a Yarra Gum or another Blue Atlas Cedar to be planted in place of the previous tree. Considering this feedback, along with visual impact, suitability for the high traffic site, and the ground conditions, our Parks team have determined that the most appropriate replacement is a new Blue Atlas Cedar. This will be planted as part of our annual tree planting program in July.

Although a Yarra Gum might not be most suitable for that location, Council has taken on the community feedback and will also plant a number of these trees off Lutet Street (near Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve), Wallaby Track (opposite Djuwang Baring skills area) and off Elizabeth Street (behind Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve).

You might have also noticed a number of maples planted in the vicinity of the VIC. These have been put in as part of the Streetscape Improvement Program currently being delivered by our team and are in line with the endorsed streetscape plans.

Great to see lots of new plantings in Creswick.

Kester Brown Vision Enhancer

The Kester Brown Vision Enhancer is available for use at the Creswick Hub, donated by Dr Kester Brown's family in his memory. It is an electronic device that helps people with low vision by enlarging text and images on a screen. It is designed to make reading books, newspapers, labels, and other printed materials easier. The device supports people with visual impairments by improving their ability to complete everyday tasks and maintain greater independence.



St Augustine's Primary School

What a ripper of a Term 2 it has been at St Augustine's Primary School.

The students, staff and families have enjoyed a term packed with learning, celebration and community spirit, reflecting the school vision of Compassion, Curiosity and Optimism, where every person has every opportunity to flourish.

One of the highlights was the official opening and blessing of the magnificent new learning spaces. It was a proud day for the school community to celebrate this milestone alongside parents, parishioners, past students and special guests. The school would like to thank Catherine King MP for joining us and for her continued support of education in the region. The new facilities provide inspiring spaces to learn, collaborate and thrive for generations to come.

Community connections continued with the Mother's Day Breakfast. Mums, grandmothers and students shared breakfast before school. Another reminder of the support we receive from families and the strong partnerships that make St Augustine's such a special place.

The students swapped classrooms for green and gold to celebrate the Socceroos and their outstanding achievement in qualifying for the FIFA World Cup. The students proudly supported our national team and enjoyed a fun day celebrating sport, teamwork and national pride.

Learning has also extended beyond the classroom.

Students explored the wonders of wildlife at Melbourne Zoo, experienced the magic of live performance at the theatre in Ballarat and immersed themselves in innovation at the STEM facilities in Bendigo.

Back at school, our partnership with CSIRO inspires the next generation of scientists, engineers and problem solvers. Weekly visits from the CSIRO team have seen students enthusiastically developing robotics and coding skills, while building creativity, collaboration and critical thinking.

Partnerships with Damascus College, St Patrick's College and Loreto College are creating exciting pathways for students through shared learning opportunities, transition programs and collaborative projects that enrich education across our Catholic learning community.

Outside the classroom students have represented St Augustine's across a range of School Sport Victoria competitions. The students have demonstrated determination, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship.

We thank our students for their enthusiasm, our staff for their dedication and commitment and our families for the support they provide every day. It really has been a ripper of a Term, and we can't wait to see what Term 3 brings.

Michael Heenan
Principal

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Creswick Primary School

It has been a busy time for our Year 6 students as they begin phase one of their transition to secondary school. Over recent weeks, students have been participating in high school interviews, completing applications and undertaking testing. This important milestone marks the beginning of a new chapter in their educational journey, and it has been wonderful to see students approach the process with confidence and enthusiasm.

The school is proud that many of the students will be heading to our local feeder school, Mount Rowan Secondary College. In addition, students will be transitioning to a range of schools including Daylesford Secondary College, Damascus College, Loreto College, St Patrick's College and Highview Christian College. Creswick Primary School is incredibly fortunate that the students have access to such a broad range of secondary school options,

ensuring that each child can find a setting that best supports their academic, social and wellbeing needs.

Looking ahead, the school is also preparing for the next group of learners. The Kinder to Prep transition program will begin next term, with visits between our Prep teacher and local kindergartens, as well as opportunities for kinder students to visit the school. These experiences help build familiarity and confidence, supporting a smooth start to school life.

Enrolments for 2027 are now open. If you are interested in a personalised tour, please contact the school on 5345 2044. We also have places available across other year levels.

Katelyn Sutton
Classroom Teacher

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100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

July 2, 1926 The rainfall registered at the State Nursery at Creswick has been supplied to us by Mr. A. E. Tidd, being as under:-January, 80 points; February, 10; March, 60; April, 216; May, 332; June, 284. Total for 6 months, 9 inches 82 points.

July 6, 1926 The recently formed 1st Creswick Girl Guides held a sale of gifts and an entertainment in the A.N.A. hall on Monday evening of last week, and the function proved highly successful. This is a fine organisation, and is deserving of every support. Lady Peacock consented to open the fair, and the girl guides formed a guard of honor as she passed through the hall.

July 9, 1926 Smeaton – The mild autumn which has been experienced is responsible for a splendid growth in crop and grass. Early sown crops in some cases are being eaten down. Normal conditions prevailing during the spring, a good harvest seems assured.

July 13, 1926 The management of the New Ristori Mine is satisfied with the progress of the new development work at the mine, so far as it has gone. The No. 10 bore bottomed at 208 feet, after having proved 16 ft of red clay lying beneath 192 ft of basaltic rock. The indications are that the western edge of the channel has been reached and the next bore should show suitable shaft-sinking country.

July 16, 1926 It appears that several girls from Creswick and Tourello are engaged in work at the Clunes Knitting Mills, and through travelling by the ordinary Ballarat to Maryborough steam train they arrive at Clunes after the hour of commencing work, which means a loss of wages to them. An effort was made to obtain permission for the girls to travel on the motor train, which leaves at an earlier hour, but without result. However, Sir Alexander Peacock entered into negotiations with the Railway department, and has been successful in obtaining

the desired alteration as a trial, which should be of great service to employees of the Clunes Mill who travel from Creswick and Tourello.

July 20, 1926 The next of the series of euchre tournaments and dances in connection with the Creswick Football Club will be held next Thursday night in the A.N.A. hall. Good prizes will be provided for the tournament, that for the ladies being a crumb tray and brush, and for the gentlemen a pound of tobacco.

165 years ago July 2, 1861 Fire Brigade Meeting – We beg to remind our readers that a public meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, this evening (Tuesday) at eight o'clock, for the purpose of organising the fire brigade, appointing its officers, &c. All the parties who have already enrolled themselves and those willing to do so are earnestly invited to attend, as the organisation of such a body on Creswick is highly desirable.

150 years ago July 3, 1876 Orderly Room, Creswick. A Lecture will be delivered in the above room by the Right Reverend Samuel Thornton, D. D. (Bishop of Ballarat), On Friday, 7th July, 1876 in aid of the Building Fund of the Church of England Sunday School. Subject: "Convulsions in Nature". Front seats, 2s; body of room, 1s. Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock p.m.

75 years ago July 6, 1951 Creswick R.S.L. buys more land. At a special meeting on Wednesday, Creswick R.S.L. decided to purchase the block of ground adjoining its existing block where the R.S.L. club room is in Albert Street. The R.S.L. will now own about 110 ft frontage to Albert Street. This will give the league better lay out for the memorial hall which it proposes to build when funds are sufficient and permit is available.



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Creswick Readiness Group

Building a resilient community starts long before an emergency occurs. Knowing where to find reliable information, and taking practical steps to prepare at home are key for achieving resilience. Whether it's a bushfire, storm, flood or extended power outage, being prepared can reduce stress, improve decision-making, and help protect you, your family and your neighbours.

Throughout the year, the Creswick Readiness Group (CRG) has worked alongside emergency services and community organisations to deliver practical information sessions and strengthen community connections, in order to improve local resilience. The commitment continues into the second half of 2026, with two free events that will help residents become prepared before the next emergency.

The first event was a Make an Emergency Plan workshop on Thursday, 23 July at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Participants learnt practical, easy-to-follow steps to prepare for the first 72 hours after an emergency, created a personalised emergency plan, and gained confidence to respond when disasters strike. The workshop was open to everyone, with each participant receiving a free emergency dry bag.

The second event is an Emergency Services Panel and lunch on Tuesday, 18 August from 10.00am at Doug Lindsay Reserve, Creswick. Representatives from local emergency services will explain the role their organisations play before, during and after emergencies. There will be Q&A and practical advice to help residents stay safe. A free lunch will be provided.

Whether you're new to the area or have lived here for years, these free events are a great opportunity to connect with emergency services, learn more about local risks, and take simple steps to become better prepared.

Isaac McCann



Northerly News

Creswick North PS (CNPS) was fortunate to get a Sporting Schools grant to run some netball sessions for our students with an instructor from Netball Victoria. The students learnt lots of new skills and grew in confidence over the four sessions with their catching, passing and shooting.

A few students represented the Wathaurong Cluster sports group in netball at Selkirk Stadium, where they competed well against other schools. The mixed team won a couple of games whilst the girls' team won all of their four games.

There have been two big fundraisers over the past few weeks. Despite a cold day, there were lots of visitors at the Bunnings BBQ sausage sizzle at the Ballarat store. There has also been a good response to the pie/donut drive through Bake & Grind.

Work on the new futsal court is well underway and is expected to be completed sometime next term. The students are very excited and can't wait! The new futsal court will complement the School's extensive grounds, with netball/basketball courts, several playgrounds, cubby houses, chook shed and bike/scooter tracks.

The School is currently open for 2027 enrolments so if you would like a school tour please call us on 5345 2012. CNPS also offer wonderful before/after school care, as well as vacation care.

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal

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 Bowling Club

This month's news begins with preparations for the commencement of the 2026-2027 Pennant season and numbers need to be finalised by the end of July.

Ladies' Indoor teams are travelling along steadily in the last half of the season. As of Round 9, the Ladies Division 2 side is occupying second position, with Sebastopol, Buninyong and Midlands filling out the top four. The Division 3 side is in 5th position and trying for a couple of good wins to bring them up into the four.

The Men's Division 1 side (as of Round 10) is in the top spot, on equal points with Midlands and 3 shots up on Victoria, and 6 shots ahead of VRI making up the top four. Division 2 is in 7th and are showing signs of improving each week.

Currently the club are conducting the Men's Singles Indoor Bowls Championships and are down to the last four, with a result expected this month. Following the Singles, the Pairs and the Triples will be conducted.

The Ladies are also conducting their championships which will conclude shortly.

Travis Hedger recently attained runner-up in the Ballarat Intergroup Men's Singles Championships in Indoor bowls. Both Travis and Rob Brehaut, two of Creswick's Indoor Division 1 side, have been chosen to represent Victoria at the Australian Nationals to be held in Sydney, along with 16 other bowlers from the Ballarat Indoor Bias Bowls Association.

The Creswick Indoor Bowls section will again be hosting the Annual Open Fours Indoor Tournament on Sunday, 16 August at the Ballarat Badminton Stadium in Wendouree with \$1,200 in prize money.



If you wish to enter a team, please contact Travis on 0431 672 774.

The Fortnightly Triples were held on the 19 June with the rain holding off for the day. Winners were John Moroney, Howie Smith and Trevor Jones. Runner – ups for the day were the team from BMS – Brian Hickman, Geoff Allan and Rob Dickinson. Well done to everyone. Again, Beth supplied the home-made soup which was well received.

Friday Night Meals are on the first Friday of each month and the public is invited to come along and enjoy a simple 2 course meal and socialise. Non-members are \$12.00. Please notify us of your intention to come along 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. Unfortunately catering is not provided but you can self-cater or bring in your own caterers. We also operate a Bar for your convenience. Again, contact Bernie to discuss details, pricing and conditions.

Beginning this month, the selection committees will be getting together to canvas members' intentions to play Pennant bowls this season. Expect a phone call soon. New bowlers as well as new members are welcome to join the club and come along, when the weather is fine, to have a bowl. 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.

Travis Hedger

I'm here to help.

For assistance with state government matters including housing, roads, transport and education, please contact my office.

Martha Haylett
MP for Creswick

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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

Ballroom Dancing Classes

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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.

Calembreen 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
calembreen@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
creswicknnc.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

Tiplers

Third Wednesday every
month. Monthly social
gathering of local folk at local
homes. Email:
tonycartwright@gltau.com
to join our mailing list.

Victoria Street Craft Group,

every Monday 9.30am –
12.00pm/12.30 pm at the
Creswick Bowling Club. BYO
lunch.
Contact Rita on 5345 2239 or
0407 452 232

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group rides that may be road,
CX or MTB. Details on VOGA
Facebook page. Free club
membership via
www.vogacycleclub.com.au



DEFEND KINGSTON AVENUE COMMUNITY RALLY



SUNDAY 2 AUGUST
11am–12.30pm

Kingston Avenue of Honour at Risk

AusNet has applied for state planning approval for the Avenue to become part of their Western Renewables Link industrial-scale transport construction route. According to AusNet's EES report this would include:

- ⚠️ 2-year construction period.
- ⚠️ 426 transmission towers with 40 towers proposed north of the Avenue.
- ⚠️ 155 kilometres of access roads outside the easement and even more access roads inside the easement.
- ⚠️ 7,151 concrete truck movements – around 17 concrete trucks for every tower with around 2,248 concrete trucks driving from Ballan to Hepburn Shire and nearby areas.
- ⚠️ Approx. 92 heavy vehicle trips per day to tower sites – we calculate that's about 58,000 heavy vehicle movements to tower sites, assuming a six-day working week over two years. This does not include HV movements associated with laydown areas, access track construction or other activities.
- ⚠️ 464 light vehicle trips per day to tower sites – we calculate that's about 289,786 trips to tower sites, assuming a six-day working week over two years.

Rally Against AusNet's Plan

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc invite the whole district to join us in protesting AusNet's plan to use the Avenue of Honour as their industrial-scale transport route.

We want a guarantee that the road will not be widened and that AusNet won't be given permission to use the Avenue for construction traffic.

For decades, the local community has worked to honour the dignity of the Avenue. It's not just a road. It's a war memorial for those who served in places like Gallipoli and northern France. The heritage landscape is one of the district's most beautiful landmarks.

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc demand protection for the magnificent Avenue of Honour which provides remembrance, healing and a strong sense of belonging for the local community. The RSL have expressed their support for our position.

Please bring your family, friends and neighbours and join us at 11am, Sunday, 2 August 2026. Gather at the Midland Highway end of the Avenue of Honour.

Speakers from 11.15am
Sausage sizzle.



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