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Creswick District News

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A National Treasure

Creswick Post Office was named Australia Post's *Our AP Way Licensed Post Office of the Year* and owner/manager, Casey Preston, proudly accepted this national award at a presentation dinner recently held at Southbank.

The award recognises excellent customer service and contribution to the community. As part of the wide-ranging selection process, Australia Post's '*Brand Standards*' were assessed - that is, how the post office is presented and experienced by customers. Casey thinks a recent remodel may have helped. Scanning compliance in tracking parcels was also important. Casey is very proud that Creswick Post Office scored highly in this, with 99.6% of parcels correctly processed. She is aiming for better. Casey is swift to share credit for the award with the Creswick community, the Post Office staff and her family.

Managing the Post Office has been a family affair for many years. Casey pays particular tribute to her mother, Janine Booth, who purchased the business in 1998, when it occupied the original post office building. Casey remembers helping out there while she was still in primary school. She remembers the old brick building fondly, but she does not miss the very wide counter - very difficult to reach across to serve the customers!

The move to the old Fire Station in 2007 was hard work, which had to be done in the evenings and at weekends so that customer services were not disrupted. The new premises provided much needed space as customer and staff numbers grew. There are now six independent mail contractors and six Post Office staff, including Casey. Her son, Jaxon, helps out when he can, just as she once did.

Casey worked for her mother from the age of 20. She has now managed the business full time for five years.

She and her husband, Jason Preston, purchased it in 2025. Creswick born and bred, they understand and appreciate the importance of connection with their community.



Jason and Casey Preston

Throughout their time in charge, both Janine and Casey have managed periodic changes and disruptions, all the while maintaining services to customers. As the big banks left Creswick, the Post Office filled the gap, offering banking and bill paying services, and does so still. Two years ago, a new computer system replaced one that had been in service for thirty years - another big change to be managed.

COVID was a time that called for resilience and Casey and her team rose to the challenge. With Janine away, they worked twelve-hour days, masked up, with screens installed and the queue of customers spaced as required. The volume of parcels handled rivalled the pre-Christmas rush and storage became an issue.

The festive season is fast approaching and Casey says they expect approximately 900 packages on pre-Christmas Monday. Asked about staff numbers needed to cope with that, Casey says that they will manage. '*And Mum will help, and Jaxon too.*' It's a family affair.

Once more - congratulations and thank you to Casey and her team, from the community you serve so well.

Miriam Tonkin

Creswick District News

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Mechanics Trentham Community Hall
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Elizabeth Howard
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Wine appreciation social group by Goldfields Recreation and Dance Inc.
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Contact: 0427 246 278 email: *info@goldfieldsrecreationanddance.org*
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Creswick Theatre Company

Pinter's Son, Jim, by Henry Lawson
Sunday, 25 October at 2.00pm

Salem Witches: A Murder Mystery
Event fundraiser
Halloween Saturday, 31 October, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tickets available from Humanitix

2026 Clunes Show 21 November

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	153.2
July	97.5	102.4	83.7
August	41.5	82.5	148.3
September	52.5	38.0	27.8
October	58.5	83.8	
November	35.0	127.8	
December	18.5	38.7	
TOTAL	**533.9**	**688.8**	**618.2**

The CDN acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of this land and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

CFA

Creswick CFA Open Day

Join us at our Open Day on Sunday, 25 October, from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Creswick Fire Brigade, 52 Albert Street, Creswick. All ages are welcome, and there is plenty to see and do.

Activities include a kid's poster competition and demonstrations by our junior running teams. CFA members will be presenting fire displays throughout the day. A free sausage sizzle will be provided for all who attend.

The day is also an opportunity to learn about *Get Fire Ready*, the CFA's program to help households prepare for fire season. Volunteers will be available to talk about fire danger readiness, including information about Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans as well as how to make a plan for the season ahead.

Bring your family, meet your local brigade and ask your questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way. Your generosity allows us to be here for the community when you need us.

Letter to the Editor

I could not let the year come to a close without congratulating the brilliant administrative team of the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Manager Chrissie and Admin Co-ordinator Holly, are a dynamic duo who have built around them an incomparable team of volunteers. Volunteers don't just appear, let alone remain, if they don't feel valued.

In case you don't know, this town's Neighbourhood Centre is amongst the top-rated centres in Victoria. And all this has been built amidst massive funding cuts. The extensive programs which are offered, together with extensive community ties which provide much needed practical support for those in need, is incomparable.

Where many other centres may have closed, Creswick has flourished. The working hours of paid staff have been necessarily reduced, but have they moved on? No! The example set by these people is to be much admired. I also understand that Holly is a dab hand at starting the mower – even if it's a weekend and someone has rung her. That is just one example of the multi-tasking which is undertaken daily, or should I say weekly, this is a seven day-a-week resource.

So, please, think twice about what a wonderful community resource the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre is and think about what you may be able to do to help them continue.

A grateful resident.

Update from the Editors

You may have noticed a few new articles and inclusions in the last couple of editions. Following our recent survey, we're continuing to evolve the content to respond to your requests.

This month we're pleased to welcome Mount Rowan Secondary School to the CDN community. We've been hearing about our children during their primary school years, but now we can continue to follow some of them on their learning journey through high school.

We're also making changes to our publication timings. In December each year, we publish early to help Casey and the Post Office team focus on cards, parcels and Christmas gifts. This year we'll do the same, but will keep to the new timings in 2027, publishing in the first week each month to be more current and up to date with events.

Thanks to all who take time out of busy lives to contribute to our much loved district news.

The editing team

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
November issue: 1st November
December issue: 15th November
No January edition
February issue: 15th January 2027

From Blossom to Bounty

My garden is small. Sometimes it frustrates me that there is not enough space to plant what I would like. There will never be an oak to sit under nor a large sunny patch dedicated solely to growing vegetables. But I have found my small back yard can be quite productive nonetheless.

Apples and nectarines have come and sadly gone-too many pests. I'm persevering with medlar and pomegranate. A mulberry and a Seville orange are newcomers - fingers crossed. Unsurprisingly, a cumquat has cropped heavily for several years, providing many jars of marmalade.

My favourite is the quince tree. It is not a dwarf variety, but has grown into a beautiful specimen in its large pot. Every spring it flowers generously with simple, soft pink blossoms. The new leaves are fresh, downy green. I remember the old quince tree in my parents' garden and how I loved to etch faces on the immature fruit by scraping the felt covering away.

If I remember to keep the water up to this little tree, there should be up to a dozen quinces which will ripen to a glowing yellow - small, but pest resistant and hardy. Once picked, they sit in the fruit bowl as we enjoy their fragrance. Then, some quince pie and the ultimate reward, jewel-bright, ruby-red quince jelly.

Miriam Tonkin

Grasslands Information Session



Dr Paul Foreman
Senior Ecologist and Botanist

Did you know that some of our grasslands qualify for threatened ecosystem protection under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act? And did you know that even more areas around Hepburn qualify for protection under the Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee (FFG) Act. In 2012, the Federal Environment Minister approved the protected status of the Natural Temperate Grasslands of the Victorian Volcanic Plain. These grasslands are found on basalt soils, and can be identified by the presence of at least 50% kangaroo grass, or 50% native forbs/wildflowers. They can be found on roadsides, cemeteries, grazing land and old mines sites, as well as many other areas in Hepburn and Ballarat, and qualify for national protection. A land use or land management change triggers the requirement to apply for a permit from the Minister.

Victoria's Volcanic Plains include Rocklyn, Newlyn, Kooroocheang, Allendale, Smeaton, Clunes, Creswick North, Glendonald and beyond, and also stretch from Melbourne to Warrnambool. It's the volcanic nature that makes it some of the best farmland in the country. But before it was farmland, it was made up of kangaroo grasslands, open woodlands, and swamps rich in biodiversity. Today only small fragments (less than 1%) remain intact.

With funding from Hepburn Shire's Community Grants, the **Bald Hills - Creswick Landcare Group is hosting a Grasslands Information Session on 7 November, 2026 at 1.00pm, at the Creswick Senior Citizens Centre** to raise awareness of our local grassland treasures. We will also help with grass identification skills, and discuss how our grasslands can be managed to reduce fire risks during summer. Special guest presenter, Dr Paul Foreman, studied forestry at Creswick before going on to study botany and ecology at LaTrobe University. He has been involved in various technical and strategic leadership roles within state and local government, is the Deputy Chair of Landcare Victoria, and runs his own consulting business, Blue Devil Consulting.

Refreshments will be provided, and some special native grassland plants will be available to purchase to add to your garden.

Please join us by scanning the QR Code, going to https://events.humanitix.com/protecting-our-remnant-grasslands, or sending an email to *baldhillscreswicklandcare@gmail.com.*

Remember to check out last month's issue of *Creswick District News* to register for upcoming Ecology Tours funded by the City of Ballarat.

David Unwin
Bald Hills - Creswick Landcare Group Inc

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Make an Emergency Plan – and take home a FREE Emergency Go Bag! Our practical *Make an Emergency Plan* workshops are coming to Daylesford, Creswick and Trentham, giving you the chance to sit down and actually put an emergency plan together. We'll step you through what to think about, what to pack, where you'd go and how would you get there.

The *Emergency Services Expo* is happening at Victoria Park Recreation Reserve in Daylesford on Saturday, 7 November, 10.00am-2.00pm, and we've got a very special couple of visitors joining us! Bluey and Bingo will be LIVE on stage for three performances at 10.30am, 11.45am and 1.00pm. Come along and meet emergency services. It's a great day out for the whole family, with plenty to see, do and learn about staying safe and prepared.

There's plenty more happening throughout October and November, including coffee with your local cops and free SafePL8 installations, Ambulance Victoria health sessions, VicEmergency App Help pop-ups, *Municipal Fire Prevention Program* information sessions and free green waste disposal throughout November. These are all free opportunities to get useful information, ask questions and connect with the people who help keep our communities safe and resilient.

Check out the full program and register your place today at *hepburn.eventbrite.com.au*.

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Smeaton Bowling Club

The Pennant 2026-2027 season is underway and some new members have been welcomed to the Club. Club President Geoffrey Pickering thanked the guests who attended our Opening Day, including representatives from Hepburn Shire Council, Mayor Tony Clark, Councillor Don Henderson and a Ripon candidate for the upcoming State election. The club welcomed the opportunity to showcase its facilities and also to thank supporters.

Scroungers continues every Thursday afternoon. Club practice is also held Thursdays after 4.00pm. Please walk in the gate and join in if you have any interest in learning how to play. We have bowls available for players to try the game and Club members will always be able to assist you.

Our facilities including the hall, clubrooms and kitchen are available for hire for functions too. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more news and upcoming events.

Contact: President Geoffrey 0418 501 080, Secretary Russell 0417 535 297 or *smeatonbowling@gmail.com*

Creswick Cemeteries News

Many thanks to Peter, Colleen, Chris, Daryl, Rod, Paul, Steve and Adrian who have been helping to maintain the cemetery while I have been off sick. Your help is much appreciated, Wendy.

A friendly reminder to please keep any trinkets and flowers off lawn graves and in the appropriate vases. We need to mow the lawns and these could be damaged if left on the lawn area.

We would like to thank Joe and Krystal from Bridge Garage for helping with the cost of the bin collection at the cemetery. We appreciate your assistance.

Editors Note:
Very best wishes for a speedy recovery, Wendy.
From all of us at CDN.

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Jump to it at the Clunes Show



The annual Spring Show in Clunes is always a hit for the family. Held on Saturday 21 November this will be the 163rd running of this iconic event.

Every year the Dog High Jump competition is a crowd pleaser. This year the Society is proud to be hosting the State Final for this amazing event. The best dogs in the State will compete across all size categories.

There's great fun for the kids including a header simulator, a special kids play space, free woodworking, wild animals, puppets, pony rides and face painting. Look out for the roving entertainment featuring giant bubbles, hula hoops and spinning plates.

The Animals of Magical Mountain is the lunchtime act on the main stage and there will be other live entertainment across the day.

All the old show favourites will be there including shearing displays, sheep, cattle, lambs and poultry, horses on the arena and working dog demonstrations.

The Home crafts pavilion will be bursting with exhibits and will be on display as soon as the judging concludes at around 11.30.

You don't have to be a spectator. Bring along your ute and take part in the Bute Ute competition. Have a shot at the gumboot throw, tug of war, ladies wood split or the keg throw.

It is an awesome day for the whole family and great value at $20 for adults with kids under 16 free. Don't miss it!



Life & Rhymes of Banjo Paterson

125 years ago Australia's most famous poet, Banjo Paterson, presented lectures on the Boer War through four states and New Zealand. As a professional performance poet, I recently re-enacted his tour and found there was interest in me extending the tour to other places that Banjo missed.

Rather than discussion of the Boer War, my presentation is an entertainment show: *The Life and Rhymes of Banjo Paterson.* I have performed the show 64 times in 60 different towns, and have been doing similar shows for the last ten years in Winton, Queensland, where Banjo wrote *Waltzing Matilda*.

The show goes for two hours plus interval and incorporates visuals as well as recitations of several of his popular poems along with history of his fascinating life.

A 3-minute sample video of my show can be seen at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5KXdQ_UPsU
Event Details

Date: Sunday, 8 November 2026

Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Venue: Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria Street, Ballarat East.

Hosted By: Rotary Club of Ballarat South Inc

Tickets: Available through TryBooking

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Council News

St Georges Lake road update

Following the success of the Djuwang Baring trails network in Creswick, Council plans to carry out important upgrades to St Georges Lake Road. The work will address a range of community concerns around traffic, dust, speed and road safety within the trails precinct. Improvements will include road sealing, realigning the Lees St intersection, speed management infrastructure and signage. Works will take place between October and December 2026.



Council's path forward

At the September meeting, Council received reports about its financial position, unpaid rates and charges, and an independent expert review of its long-term financial plan. A second phase of the review in November will examine opportunities for revising the long-term financial plan.

Council's cash flow has been significantly affected by unpaid and overdue rates, as well as the timing of government grants.

Of Council's approx 8,000 residential ratepayers, about 1,000 have overdue rates, yet only 200 are currently on payment plans. If you have difficulty paying your rates, please reach out to us to discuss how we can help you through developing a payment plan. More information at **www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/rates**

Victorian Seniors Festival



There are limited tickets left for 'Song Sung Blue' Monday Matinee at the Daylesford (Phoenix) Cinema on Monday 19 October at 10:30 am.
On 23 October from 2–4 pm we also have Reuben Morgan performing at John Curtin Aged Care in Creswick.
These events are free with afternoon tea provided, but do require patrons to book a (free) ticket beforehand.
Learn more at **www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/events**

Free green waste drop-off

From 1–30 November residents of Hepburn Shire can visit any of the transfer stations for free green waste disposal to help prepare for the fire season.

Things to remember: It is illegal to transport noxious weeds in Victoria and for our transfer stations to accept them.

These regulations aim to reduce the spread of noxious weeds in Victoria. There are various methods of correct disposal, depending on the season and weed type.

More information at:
www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations



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Creswick Garden Club

Spring is here, and even though the weather can be a bit fickle, our gardens are thriving! It's the perfect time to celebrate all things horticultural. The Creswick Garden Lovers Festival is happening on Saturday and Sunday, 7 and 8 November. Besides eight beautiful gardens to explore, you'll also find the Creswick Garden Club Annual Flower Show, a monster plant sale and the Saturday Spring Market. Keep an eye out for the scarecrows popping up in gardens and businesses around town to help you mark this Creswick calendar highlight.

This year's flower show includes some categories from the first Creswick Town Hall flower show, which took place 150 years ago. You'll still find the usual favourites like roses, cut flowers, Australian natives, floral art, fruit and vegetables. Plus, there are categories for adults and kids with lovely sashes and bragging rights up for grabs for the winning entries.

There's a children's colouring competition with age categories from 3-4 years, 5-7 years, 8-9 years and 10-12 years. The colouring pictures have been sent to local primary schools, kindergartens and child care centres. If you're interested in entering, the colouring pictures are available from Creswick Flowers along with the show schedules.

This year, there's also a special scarecrow competition for primary schools, kindergartens and child care centres. These scarecrows will be on display at the flower show at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Come along and vote for your favourite scarecrow. There's a $200 prize for the school or early childhood centre who wins. All the entries for the colouring competition will also be on display.

The very popular plant sale is back at Coopers Reserve next to the Tourist Information Centre on Saturday, 7 November from 9.00am until all plants are sold. The team has been busy growing some special plants and treasures from the members' gardens. Plants are priced at $5 and $10.

There's more to enjoy! A spring market is coming to the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre on Saturday, November 7, starting bright and early at 9.00am. You'll find garden-themed treats and handmade goodies, along with a classic cake stall and some fun free activities for children.

Sue Parker







New scholarships open more pathways for local young people

Young people across the Creswick and district region will have access to a broader range of education support, with the Creswick & District Community Bank's comprehensive new scholarship program designed to support young people at some of the most important transition points in their education and careers.

The Education Support Program now includes Grade 6 Transition to Secondary School Scholarships worth $500, TAFE, Traineeship and Apprenticeship Commencement Scholarships worth $1,000, and University Commencement Scholarships worth $5,000. Together, the scholarships recognise that there is no single pathway for young people, and that the costs and challenges of taking the next step can arise whether that step is secondary school, a trade, TAFE or university.

Narelle Barrett, Executive Officer/Company Secretary, said the new approach had been shaped by listening to young people, local schools and those who work closely with young people. '*We've really listened to the schools, and those best positioned to support young people with their aspirations. We want to make it as easy as possible for young people to apply.*'

Importantly, the program recognises vocational education and trades alongside university pathways. '*This approach means we can support more young people than ever before, but also that scholarships are available for young people who are interested in trades, apprenticeships or TAFE courses*,' Ms Barrett said. '*We are focused on helping young people navigate important transitions, recognizing that there are diverse circumstances from financial security to neurodiversity that can make those transitions harder to traverse*.'

The Bank has not only thought carefully about what support young people need; they've also thought about when young people are best placed to seek help. Grade 6 Transition Scholarship applications open on 1 November 2026, while applications for the University Commencement Scholarship do not open until 1 December and remain open until 30 January 2027. This gives students time after results are released to consider their options, including those who may decide later that university is right for them. The TAFE, Traineeship and Apprenticeship scholarships are even more flexible, with applications assessed and scholarships awarded on an ongoing basis.

It is a program that reflects the Creswick & District Community Bank's close connection with its community: practical, flexible and designed around the realities facing rural young people and their families.

If you know a young person preparing for Year 7, starting a trade, traineeship or TAFE course, or considering university in 2027, encourage them to take a look and apply at *www.grants.cdfsl.com.au*. Full eligibility details can be obtained by dropping in to see the team at the Community Bank in Creswick.

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Creswick North Primary School

Term 3 finished with a team colours dress-up day and our Junior School Council raised money for the Fight Cancer Foundation. We did some footy skills and activities, and it was a fun day to end the term.

Year 3-6 students had a fantastic time on their Melbourne Camp towards the end of last term. They visited places such as ArtVo, Melbourne Aquarium, Eureka Tower, Victoria Market and much more. A favourite was trying Ice-Skating at Docklands.

Term 4 began with a wonderful incursion event, the Science Discovery Dome's Cosmodome! A large 360 degree digital planetarium dome was set-up in the Multi-Purpose room and hosted an immersive experience covering Earth and Space for all year levels. This was a culmination to the Space unit studied by several classes during Term 3.

Enrolments are still open for 2027, so if you would like a school tour to experience our fantastic school, please call us on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal

MUSIC NEWS

The second half of this year has been extremely busy for piano students of local teacher Bron Sozanski. Fourteen students performed at the Royal South Street piano competitions in July, with great success. Shayla Tang won the Local Encouragement Award and Chisholm Street Prize, which is a paid performance opportunity.

Three students will perform in the *Piano for Pleasure* concert in the Anglican Cathedral Hall, Lydiard Street South on Saturday, 31 October at 2.00pm. A free one-hour concert of fine piano music followed by afternoon tea. September saw the annual Melbourne Chamber Orchestra weekend in Daylesford. The review of this concert series appears in the 21 September issue of The Local.

Concert enquiries phone 5345 7522.

Bronislaw Sozanski

Creswick Primary School

In Term 3, Year 5/6 students were fortunate to participate in the Passions & Pathways Program, designed to broaden their understanding of future pathways, careers and opportunities beyond primary school.

Throughout the program, students took part in a range of exciting, hands-on experiences. They explored workplace safety, staying safe in different workplaces, and heard from a young ambassador about their journey towards becoming a water engineer, providing an insight into how passions and interests can develop into future careers.

A highlight was visiting La Trobe University in Bendigo. For many students, this was their first experience visiting a university campus and seeing the opportunities available beyond school.

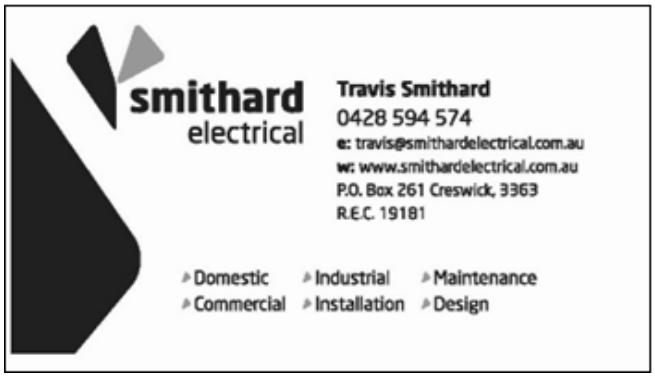
Students also participated in a Pathways Roadshow, visiting local organisations including

Ballarat Wildlife Park, Sovereign Hill, Accenture and Headspace. They particularly enjoyed discovering the wide range of careers at Sovereign Hill and getting hands-on at the Wildlife Park while learning about animal care.

As part of the program's entrepreneurial project, students worked closely with Creswick Neighbourhood Centre to design a new noticeboard sign for the Creswick Community Garden. Students considered the needs of the community, developed ideas and worked towards creating a solution. Keep your eyes peeled, as the new sign will be installed over the coming weeks!

It has been fantastic to see our students engaged, curious and excited about their futures. A big thank you to all the organisations, community members and partners who supported our students throughout the program.

Katelyn Sutton, Classroom Teacher



Creswick Lions Club's Quiet Achievers

The Club is very lucky to have a list of community members who are unable to join the Club at the moment but are able to volunteer some time when needed. Without this list the Club would not be able to take on its many catering requests. A BIG thank you.

You may have noticed Nicola, our junior volunteer Lion, taking the money at most of the Creswick Market BBQs. She makes our job so much easier with a young brain to boot. We call it the volunteers to the volunteers. That is how l started in the Lions, making sandwiches for those clearing up at the 2022 flood. It also helped me decide if that was the best fit for me as l moved into retirement.

If you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to have a chat to us at the market or call Andrew on 0400 895 613, or myself.

Lions Christmas cakes and puddings will be available from late October. Gluten free numbers are limited so please contact Pat on 0429 581 591 to ensure you get one or more.

The Club continues to collect unwanted car batteries (contact Pat 0429 581 591 or Andrew 0400 895 613) and unwanted prescription glasses and hearing aids (contact Bernadette 0419 326 052).

Leigh Bell
Secretary Creswick Lions Club
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Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend

7 - 8 November

Organised by the Creswick Garden Club, now approaching its 11th year, the Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend is eagerly anticipated by gardeners throughout the district and further afield, some from interstate. Many are returning visitors who love the gardens, Creswick and the people who generously open their gardens and share their gardening knowledge.

This year there are eight open gardens, one entirely new, five which were opened several years ago and two which opened last year. The range of plantings in these gardens, the creativity, and the joy of seeing the hard work undertaken by dedicated gardeners – from novice gardeners to stalwarts – is an inspiration for patrons of the Garden Lovers Weekend.

As well as the eight open gardens there is the Creswick Garden Club's annual flower show, a fabulous monster plant sale and a garden themed market beside the Creswick Community Hall (Wayapurra Hall in Victoria Street). Profits from the weekend are used for ongoing sustainability of this bloomin' marvellous event and for other related community projects.

Over 60 volunteers are involved in the weekend, and prior to the Garden Lovers Weekend, volunteers visit each of the gardens to ensure that they have a good overview.

The Garden Lovers Weekend is proudly supported by Hepburn Shire Council, Biggin & Scott Real Estate and our commercial partners.

Tickets are only available online until Friday, 6 November by visiting the Creswick Garden Lovers website. Weekend ticket sales must be purchased at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria Street Creswick, 19 Victoria Street on Saturday or Sunday from 9.00am. Entry charge is $8 each garden, children under 16 are free. Flower show: gold coin donation. Map showing garden addresses is available when purchasing tickets.

Fiona Watson


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cake slice biscuit scone
truffle cupcake shortbread
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Mount Rowan Secondary College

It was an exciting Term 3 at Mount Rowan Secondary College. We celebrated R U OK Day with a week of activities and a free lunch with a variety of cuisines from different cultures, and our Year 10 cohort took part in the Teen Mental Health First Aid Program. All amazing initiatives from our Wellbeing Team. History was also made as our Inter Boys Basketball team secured our first-ever Ballarat Associated Schools (BAS) pennant in our first year in the competition. We finished the term on another high note by celebrating the Year 12 Class of 2026. This group finished Primary School in the midst of COVID-19 and started high school while lockdowns still loomed, so it was wonderful to see them all dressed up and celebrating together at the Formal Evening. Some students will now start their journey into full-time employment, apprenticeships or other education, while others prepare for VCAA exams in Term 4. We wish all students the best of luck with their future endeavors and look forward to welcoming you as our newest Alumni.



This year, the school enlisted Marion Leith as the Alumni Program Coordinator. We are excited to get in touch with former students. We have been fortunate to have some of these Alumni return to speak to students about their successes after school. One such Alumni was Steve Shillington, Class of 1990 from Wendouree Secondary College, who spoke to the senior Business Management classes about his career as a McDonald's franchisee which has seen him working across Denmark and Australia. He had many memorable quotes, but one that stood out was, "Say 'Yes' to opportunities that come your way". A huge thank you to Steve for coming to share his stories with the next generation. Looking at Term 4, it isn't all about exams. Year 9 School for Student Leadership students will be heading off to the Gnurad-Gundidi Campus, just outside Noorat, to be part of their in-residence program. These 5 students will take part in a hands-on learning program where they will disconnect from their phones and spend time engaging in a variety of outdoor activities, making connections with students from other schools, and building their leadership capabilities. While this year's group are about to embark on that adventure, 2025's School for Leadership Students will be completing their community project. As part of the program, each group must return to school and complete a community project in the following year. Last year's attendees are having a Colour Run and Sausage Sizzle in Term 4 to help raise awareness and funds around Family Violence. All funds raised will go to WRISC, a local community program that supports those affected by family violence and runs education programs. We look forward to updating you on how their fundraising goes.





This is also the time when our Energy Breakthrough Teams kick their preparation into high gear. Energy Breakthrough runs in Maryborough each year at the end of November, where students complete a 24-hour endurance race in their trikes as teams of 8, taking turns. Keep an eye out for the next edition to hear more about their preparation journey.

Stay tuned to hear about this and many more exciting events at Mount Rowan Secondary College in Term 4.

Katrina Pace
Student Voice and Data

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When	Wednesday 18 November 2026
Time	11.00am - 12.00pm
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100 Years Ago
Compiled by Creswick Museum

October 1, 1926

PUBLIC NOTICE- In response to inquiries as to why I do not say more about people calling me names etc., I desire to say that it was advertised twice, and that is sufficient for all time. I can claim damages if they did not stop. J. E. Atkinson, North Creswick.

October 5, 1926

The water mains of the borough are now being cleaned out, which necessitates the turning off of the water at intervals, so householders are requested to draw off a supply. Those who have hot water systems should specially note this.

October 8, 1926

Residents of the town and district will be pleased to know that Cr. Wm. Oswin, of the Creswick Borough Council, has been shown a special mark of confidence by his appointment as a justice of the peace. He will be congratulated by his friends on the honor conferred.

October 12, 1926

The Long Point Cricket Club will hold a euchre tournament and dance in the A.N.A. hall next Thursday night. The admission will be 1/ for the euchre and 6d for the dance.

October 19, 1926

The Borough Council offers a reward of 5 pound for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who killed the young swans at Calembeen Park. The pair of black swans had been placed on the waters of the Park with the past few weeks, being the gift of the Shire of Borung, and it is regrettable that they should be killed.

October 22, 1926

Last Monday evening, in accordance with pre-arranged plan, quite a number of members of the local A. N. A. and I.O. R. visited the School of Forestry, where Mr. Chas. E. Carter, the Principal, gave a very interesting lecture on "Timbers, their growth and structure." There was no doubt as to the interest of the audience, and Mr. Carter's mastery of his subject was made manifest.

165 years ago October 1, 1861

Mader Brothers, Fruiterers, Bakers and Wholesale Confectioners, Albert Street, Creswick .

C. Nees, Furniture and Upholstery Warehouse, Albert Street West, Creswick and at Fraser Street, Clunes.

Globe and Pickling Onion Seed, Six Shillings per lb., At Mrs. Barclay's, Fruiterer, Creswick. Other seeds equally cheap.

150 years ago October 2, 1876

The return rifle match of Creswick against Clunes takes place today at the Hard Hill butts, ten men on each side. The following do battle against Clunes: - Captain Keatch, Sergt-Major Martyre, Sergeant's Blight and Iles, Troopers Jebb and Orr and Private's lang, McCormick, Tait and Bowley.

75 years ago October 5, 1951

Though His Excellency the Governor (Sir Dallas Brooks) cannot come to Creswick, Lady Brooks has graciously consented to officially open the Creswick District Hospital's new maternity wing on Tuesday, October 16.





Kingston Friends of the Avenue

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Many thanks to everyone who attended the AGM, particularly special guest speaker Evelyn Wright, who told the engaging story of the documents connected to the plantings of the former Shire of Creswick Avenue of Honour. She explained how the documents came to the Creswick Museum Research Centre, and provided insight into the meetings, discussions and planning that went into the plantings, and the many local businesses involved. We could have listened to Evelyn all night!



Thanks also to Deputy Mayor Shirley Cornish, who officiated the meeting with flair, to Councillors Don Henderson and Tim Drylie for attending and to The Commercial @ Kingston for hosting and providing supper. Additional thanks to Shirley for suggesting and sharing the group photo, and to Trace from The Commercial for taking the photo.

OFFICE BEARERS

President - Julie Baulch

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Treasurer - Leah Armstrong

Minutes Secretary - Margaret Robinson

Committee Members - Margaret Armstrong, Penny Swain, Paul Baker

Special thanks to our outgoing Committee Member Wendy Dunton, it's been a pleasure, and welcome to our new Committee Member Paul Baker.

GRANT VIDEO

The Friends are grateful for the grants we have received from the Federal Government and Community Bank Creswick & District. Without these grants, we would have very limited opportunity to help the trees and to share our Avenue and its stories with the world. We look forward to sharing our updated website later this year. One of our first projects from the Community Bank Creswick & District grant was a video of our special guest Evelyn Wright's speech at our AGM, as shared by videographer Terry Hope:
https://youtu.be/h8fFw_GyEiU

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday 25 October 2026 – Avenue Working Bee
- Wednesday 11 November 2026 – Remembrance Day
- Saturday 21 November 2026 – Creswick Market Plant Stall

John Curtin Aged Care

We are in the midst of Spring and it is living up to its reputation, turbulent! But when the sun is shining it is glorious. The gardens at JCAC are now at their best and our garden staff are busy ensuring they continue to look their best for the Garden Lovers Weekend in November. Once again the Sensory Garden will be open for viewing by the public. Can you identify the components that relate to each sense in the garden?

Now two years old, the garden continues to evolve as all gardens do, so whatever else you do while in Creswick over that weekend, spare the time to visit this small garden. Cafe Curtin will also be open from 9.00am to 4.00pm as usual and we will have a plant and gardening books stall!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Susan Craven



Reverse Advent Calendar Returns to Creswick

The Creswick Neighbourhood Centre is once again inviting our community to take part in the Reverse Advent Calendar (RAC), a simple act of generosity that has become a much-loved Christmas tradition. Thanks to the wonderful support of local residents over several years, the Creswick RAC collection has enabled the Neighbourhood Centre to provide practical assistance to local individuals and families doing it tough during the Christmas season.

A Reverse Advent Calendar begins as an empty box. For 20 days in the lead up to Christmas you add one item each day, gradually filling the box with food, toiletries and festive treats. Unlike a traditional Advent Calendar, where the focus is on receiving a daily treat, a Reverse Advent Calendar turns the idea around and focuses on giving. Filled boxes are distributed through local food relief services to people in the immediate community who are experiencing food insecurity, ensuring that generosity stays local and directly benefits neighbours in need.

Boxes can be collected from the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre or Creswick Pharmacy from mid-November. Simply pick up a box and information flyer, then for 20 days place one non-perishable food item, toiletry item or Christmas treat into your box. Once full, return your box to the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre by Monday, 14 December for distribution that week.

Before sealing your box, take a moment to write a short Christmas greeting in the space provided on the lid, a small note that reminds the recipient that someone in their own community cares.

Participating in Reverse Advent Calendar is a wonderful reflection of the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre's commitment to inclusion and social connection. It provides an easy way for individuals, families, schools, workplaces and community groups to come together with a shared purpose of supporting others. Every filled box represents more than just food, it sends a message of kindness, hope and belonging to someone who may otherwise feel forgotten at Christmas.

While Reverse Advent Calendar is now embraced by dozens of communities across Australia, many people are surprised to learn that it was founded by a Creswick resident. Heather Luttrell, who moved to Creswick in 2024, first launched the initiative in 2018 after years of filling an ordinary cardboard box wrapped in Christmas paper for donation to a local food relief agency. Hoping that perhaps four friends might join her, Heather invited friends via Facebook to take part. Instead, 70 boxes were filled in that first year. The following year, a local designer volunteered to create the RAC logo and purpose-designed collection box, and more than 1,000 boxes were donated across Ballarat. Since then, the initiative has received local, national and even international media attention, including coverage by the BBC, and has grown into a tradition enjoyed by people all across Australia. Around 6,000 Reverse Advent Calendar boxes are filled each year, helping Australians experiencing food insecurity while reminding us that even the simplest acts of generosity can have an extraordinary impact.

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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT - Regular and on-going Events

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 food hamper. Collection is from Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria Street.

Anglican Parish of Springmount
St John's Church, 103 Napier Street Creswick.
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd Sundays.
Service of the Word: 10.00am 4th Sundays.

Ballroom Dancing Classes
Goldfields Recreation and Dance Inc.
All levels - Mondays $30 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 1.00pm at the Clunes Sports Stadium. $10 covers court hire and equipment.

Creswick Cloggers (tap dance)
Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm.
Creswick Town Hall, North Parade, Creswick.
Contact 0418 306 321

Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church Parish.
Every Sunday - 9.30.
130 Albert Street Creswick.
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. 2.00pm at the CFA in Albert St.
info@creswickhistoricalsociety.org.au

Creswick & District Hospital Auxiliary
Meets at the 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 from 11.00am to 3.30pm.
creswickmuseum@gmail.com

Calembeen Parkrun
Every Saturday at 8.00am, a 5km run, walk or come to volunteer. 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 the 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.
Bookings 5345 2356.
creswickinc.org/creswick-market
Email: *market@cnc.org.au*

Creswick Probus Club
First Tuesday every month (except January). Meetings at St Andrew's Hall.
10.00am Inquiries email: *creswickprobus@gmail.com*
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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 10.00am - 2.00pm. Updated information on Facebook.
Contact Secretary Judy Henderson
creswickseniorcitizenscentre@gmail.com
or via 0407 622 463

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 10.00am - 12.00pm every Wednesday. Meet at the jetty.

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers
Every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website.
scoutsvictoria.co.au

Museum Research Centre
Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm.
Email requests to *creswickmuseum@gmail.com*

Music Jam
For music lovers every Friday 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance
3rd Sunday of each month with live band.
Invermay Hall, Muscatel St. Invermay.
$12 and $10 for 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 odd month 1.00pm. RSL Hall
Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

Senior Cyclists
Meets Sundays,10.00am Creswick Band Rotunda. All casual cyclists welcome.

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 to 12.00pm at the Creswick Bowling Club. BYO lunch.
Contact Rita on 534502239 or 0407 452 232

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

Please contact individual organisations regarding possible changes to their meeting schedules


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