



## Stella Savy Brings a Bright Night to Creswick Why Not Join In?

Musician and community choir leader Stella Savy is well-known throughout Victoria but, importantly, Creswick calls her its own! Three years ago, Stella came to Creswick to establish the *CresFest* festival choir and following on from its success, the Creswick Chorus and the Creswick Kids Choirs were established and have been going strong ever since.

To great acclaim, both choirs perform at *CresFest* as well as around the region. There is much research that describes the real benefits to be enjoyed through singing; especially singing with others. Talk to the primary school kids who are in the Creswick Kids Choir and also their parents. They all talk about the fun they have, how they love being part of something different from school. Also, the parents have noticed that their kids are better at communicating, reading and even at doing their sums!

For the members of Creswick Chorus, it's a release from everyday encounters; from work, frustrations and anxieties. It's learning new songs in a very different language, to experience listening to others, to sing with one voice.

What an experience Stella brought to the Wednesday night rehearsal. Soweto musician, Bright Mathonsi, gave an enthusiastic workshop that left participants delighted to be in the presence of such an energetic singer. Over fifty singers from Creswick, Ballarat and Bendigo filled the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre and learned traditional Tsutu, Zulu and South African songs. The Neighbourhood Centre has never seen such joyous movement and sound from so many people. Singers were swaying, laughing, stomping and clapping, and just hoping that the workshop could go long into the night.

All it takes to join one of the two choirs that meet on a Wednesday at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre is a phone call to 5345 2356. Kids Choir begins after school at 3.45pm – 4.30pm, followed by Creswick Chorus at 5.30pm. Why not come along and give it a try. Everyone has a singing voice and everyone was a beginner - once!

*Fiona Watson*



*Soweto musician, Bright Mathonsi*

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**Creswick Cemeteries News  
Ongoing Maintenance**

Many thanks to the volunteers who help with the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. Thank you to Frances for her wonderful work in trimming the roses. Ray, Peter, Colleen and Daryl for your ongoing help. The cemetery is looking lovely.

While the road around the Australasian Monument is a bit wider, please do not park in that area as other vehicles need to get through. Many thanks.

If the weather stays dry, work will be done on the roadways on the eastern side of the cemetery. Please be aware that these will be closed during this time. If it is wet, the work will be done in Spring.

*Wendy Ohlsen*  
Secretary

**creswick Rainfall**

Monthly totals as sent to Bureau of Meteorology by Frank Slade.

	2022	2023	2024
	mm	mm	mm
January	163.0	9.5	97.0
February	1.0	28.8	4.0
March	49.0	45.0	0.0
April	65.5	116.0	66.4
May	39.3	70.0	34.5
June	104.5	125.0	
July	51.0	45.0	
August	156.0	46.0	
September	82.0	25.5	
October	214.1	67.5	
November	129.1	29.0	
December	40.2	23.0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,094.7</b>	<b>630.3</b>	<b>201.9</b>

**Senior Cits News**

The winter chill has arrived. However, that doesn't deter the seniors group from participating in Scrabble on Wednesdays or bingo each Friday.

The May social was enjoyed by all and we look forward to the next on 28 June. Members and friends will celebrate the club's 56<sup>th</sup> birthday with a lunch and entertainment by Malcolm and Choir. The July social will include the Annual General Meeting.

Good to see Gary back on deck after a spell in hospital and Elaine, who also had some time in hospital.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

*June Gray*  
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**Victoria Street Craft Group**

The Victoria Street Craft Group's Mother's Day Special Effort was won by:

- 1st Lorraine Wright
- 2nd Liz Hocking
- 3rd Dot Porter

Thank you to all who supported the group. It is much appreciated.

*Rita and all the girls*

**Creswick Hospital Auxiliary Raffle Thanks**

Creswick Hospital Auxiliary members would like to thank all those who purchased tickets in the Auxiliary's recent fund raising raffle: Creswick Woollen Mill and the Creswick Farmers Arms Hotel for their prize donations, and Creswick IGA for making space available to sell tickets.

Proceeds from the raffle have enabled the Auxiliary to purchase another four over-bed tables for the refurbished acute section of the hospital, adding to three provided earlier.

Raffle prize winners were Margaret McKay 1<sup>st</sup>, Sandra Mogg 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sebastian Hand 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Margaret Orr*



## Creswick Lions Club

### Supporting the Community

The small group of club members have continued to be active through recent months. June is the change-over month and saw the induction of office bearers for the coming year. Pat Tacey continues as President, Leigh Bell has been elected Secretary, and the club looks forward to working with her in this role. Bernadette Tacey continues as Treasurer and another new face, Kevan Pitcher, takes on the role of Vice President. The other nine members all have important roles to play in taking the club forward in its 51<sup>st</sup> year.

Creswick Market Sausage Sizzles continue to be the staple of the club, however other activities are conducted to raise money and to support the local and wider community. Lions collect old car batteries, call Pat 0429 581 591 to arrange pick up and old prescription glasses continue to be collected and recycled for overseas use. Two or three raffles are conducted throughout the year, and Lions Mints and Christmas Cakes are sold at a number of outlets in Creswick and Clunes.

Lions Australia is promoting Christmas in July through the sale of Lions Christmas Cakes at this time. These are available by contacting Pat on 0429 581 591, Leigh on 0438 558 450, emailing [creswick@lions201v1-4.org.au](mailto:creswick@lions201v1-4.org.au) or ask any Lions member. By now, Lions has conducted a wood raffle, so thanks to all who supported the effort.

What does Creswick Lions do with its money? Over the past twelve months \$18,000 has been distributed to various community groups for welfare needs, program maintenance, and historical development. Notable recipients include the Creswick Hospital \$7,000, Anglicare Creswick \$2,500 for local people in distress, Creswick Essentials Bags \$700 for provision of clothing and personal needs to those in need and Creswick Neighbourhood Centre \$1,000 for provision of hair care and program subsidies for those in need. Contributions to Lions various fundraising activities provide vital support for the ever-growing numbers of adults and children in need in and around Creswick, so please keep up the support. The club is open to other suggestions for projects to support.

In order to continue to serve our community, prospective new members are invited to come to a meeting or two, talk to any member at any time and hopefully join. To learn more about Lions visit <https://lionsclubs.org.au/about-us/>. New members and helpers are most welcome at any time. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month, except July, at the RSL Hall from 7.00pm.

*Pat Tacey*  
President

## Obituary

**Barbara Anne Archer (nee Ward)**

**Born 16 November 1923**

Barbara moved to Creswick in June 2005, a town that she loved and was involved with in many ways.



*Mother's Day  
12 May 2024*

She moved into an aged care facility in Bayswater in July 2020, when she could no longer live independently and needed to be nearer to her four children. She was very sad to leave Creswick but had some lovely memories.

Barbara continued to have the *Creswick District News* delivered, and read every issue cover to cover, often circling things for me to note.

Barbara passed away peacefully in her sleep on 23 May 2024 after a very short bout of pneumonia.

*Dave Archer, son*



## Creswick Garden Club

### Interested in growing olives

Glenn from Phoenix Olive Oil will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the Garden Club on Tuesday, 2 July. The olives are grown and the oil is produced in Smeaton, thus it will be very interesting to hear about olive oil production in the region. Glenn will be sharing his horticultural experience with us with a few tips on the do's and don'ts of olive growing in backyards.

So far this year, a very successful learning day was held with Sophie Thompson from *Gardening Australia* and the club is now concentrating on the major fundraiser for the year, the monster plant sale which takes place in November, coinciding with the Creswick Garden Club Open Garden weekend.

Creswick Garden Club continues to thrive, adding new members every month.

Lots of good things are happening in the garden as we prepare for the Spring.

*Karen Morgan*  
for Creswick Garden Club

# Leiarnna is Aiming High



Leiarnna Ferguson is a proud Australian Filipino. A grade 6 House Captain at Creswick Primary School, Leiarnna loves to read and especially likes to write. But that is not what is so amazing about her. Leiarnna has been practising Brazilian Jiu Jitsu since the age of six. Last year, as a grey belt, Leiarnna ranked number one nationally in the Australian Federation of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, claiming the National Championship and five individual State titles.

In 2023, Leiarnna was recognised by the Ballarat Sports Foundation and was a runner up in the Community Bank Creswick & District Jared Tallent Junior Sportsman Award. This year, Leiarnna claimed the first of the 2024 State titles becoming Victorian State Champion in her new division of yellow belt. With a shot at a World Championship in her sights, Leiarnna has moved to another gym and trainer in Melbourne and is now training up to three hours a day, six days a week. Her goal is to win a World Championship at the biggest junior tournament in the world: The International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation Pan Kids Championships, to be held in Florida, USA, in July 2024.

Leiarnna's dad, Jay, is a single father of three primary school-aged children. He owns a lawn mowing and gardening business which he operates during school hours. He is now reaching out to the community and friends, the Jiu Jitsu family near and far, and asking for support to give his daughter Leiarnna the opportunity to chase her dreams and have a serious crack at bringing home a World Championship.

A *GoFundMe* page has been set up to help with travel, accommodation and training costs for Leiarnna's 2024 national and international campaigns. The page can be found at [gofund.me/073eedf3](https://gofund.me/073eedf3). Leiarnna's work ethic and determination are exceptional and her efforts are to be commended.

Maria Taylor

See photo page 11

John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC) was delighted to participate in the *Biggest Morning Tea* event in May. When raised by the Lifestyle Team in April, it seemed such a good idea and shared many of the goals that we at JCAC hold dear. Cancer is a disease that affects all of us in some way or another.

This was not the sole purpose for holding the morning tea though. Many of our residents would have previously participated in this event and this was a way to continue that engagement and residents embraced it wholeheartedly.

The event was not budgeted for so we had to ensure the cost was manageable. Thank you again to the Lifestyle Team and Chef Harrison, for making it possible.

Credit goes to Jeff Unmack and his teams at Creswick and Clunes for establishing this event on the community calendar. Five hundred dollars was raised and JCAC is very proud of that!

Susan Craven, President

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Every rock will help.



## **Welcome to New Residents, 25 May Bumper Crowd**

A record number of seventeen new locals came along to the Senior Citizens Centre to attend the welcome event.

Sponsored by the Shire and facilitated by the Creswick Railway Workshop Association and U3A, there was good attendance with VicPol, SES, CFA and Parks Vic presenting. CRWA President Cr Don Henderson welcomed everyone. Shire Grants Officer, Jarrod Hodgson, gave a short presentation about the Shire and Cr Tim Drylie attended representing Business & Tourism and Transition Creswick.

Many community groups were represented, as this is a valuable opportunity for new locals to learn about the diversity of available clubs and groups and to talk directly with locals from those interest groups.

Thanks to CRWA's Gladys and Marj for assisting with afternoon tea. A huge thank you to the local Real Estate Agencies PRD and Biggin & Scott, for supplying lucky door gifts and to IGA Creswick for supplying a Gift Card to every new local. This level of continued support is amazing and new residents always remark about such local generosity!

The CRWA has applied in the 2024 - 2025 round of Shire Community Grants and if successful, will be holding more of these in the next twelve months.

*Judy Henderson*

## Volunteers Dinner

May 20 saw almost eighty local residents come together to celebrate Volunteers' Week at a dinner facilitated by the *Creswick Readiness Group* (previously the *Storm Recovery Committee*) and sponsored by Emergency Recovery Victoria. Invitations were sent to over sixty organisations, clubs and groups in Creswick and District and approximately forty responded and were represented at the dinner.

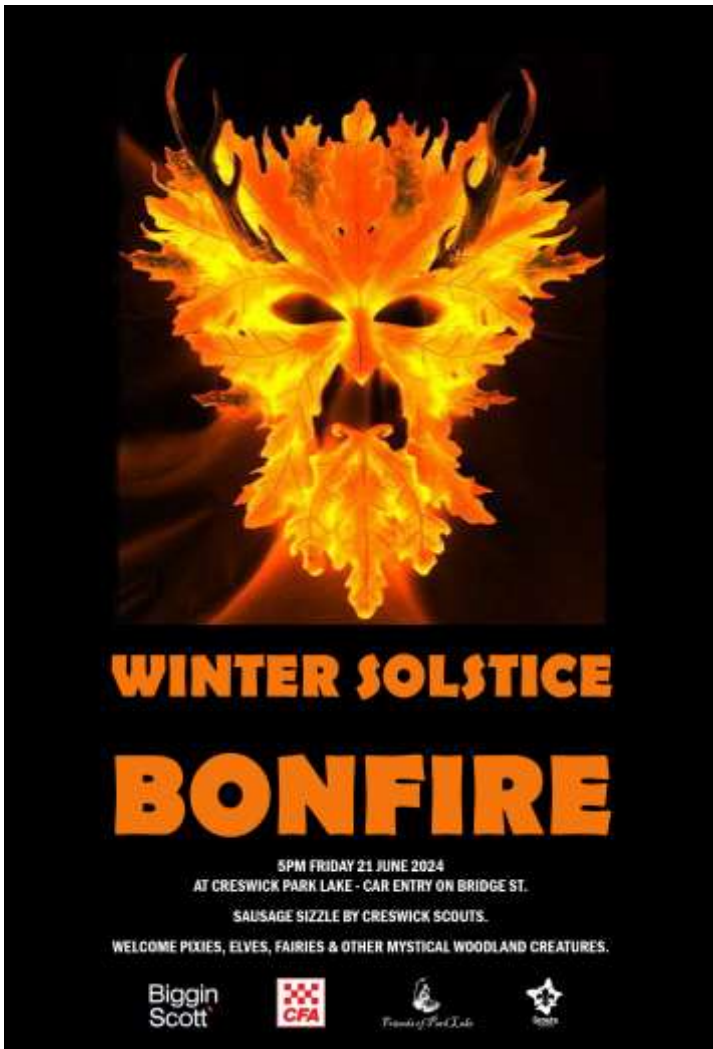
The aim of the night was to acknowledge the many volunteers in the community and promote discussion about how the community can move forward from the devastating storms of 2022, taking into account the learnings from that event and the work done since the 2012 flooding of Creswick. Alison Bainbridge from the *Pomonal Resilience Group* was the guest speaker and her engaging talk outlined the purpose of their group and the way in which it was established and how it operates ongoing and in the wake of disasters such as their recent experience with bushfires. Although a somewhat smaller community than Creswick, many of the principles apply to our community.

Mixed groupings on the tables promoted awareness of other organisations in the town, generated a lot of discussion and provided valuable feedback to questions regarding the positives of this community and the challenges faced, what is needed to fully inform the broader community and how best to implement ideas put forward on the night.

Common themes from the table responses were: ***a central noticeboard which is kept up to date; a current list of all groups/clubs and contacts in Creswick; Mental Health/First Aid training programs in the community; communication that reaches everyone and a coordinated calendar with all upcoming events listed.***

Those in attendance were invited to join the *Creswick Readiness Group* at their June meeting to consider all the feedback and work towards a resilient community ready to face future events. Upcoming meetings will be advertised and any interested members of the community are invited to join.

Pat Tacey



Alison Bainbridge



Preps doing science at Creswick Primary School

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Thank you to everyone who came along to our webinar or one of the community information sessions hosted across our Shire on both our draft Township Structure Plans and Rural Hepburn.

We had over 620 people attend 7 sessions. Our webinar had over 80 attendees and more than 320

views on our YouTube channel. Our Planners have also been busy responding to hundreds of emails and phone enquiries, along with meeting one-on-one with community members. We have extended the consultation period until **Wednesday 26 June 2024**, so please check out the **Future Hepburn project page**, read the proposed draft plans/strategy and provide your feedback.

Visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn>



## DRAFT BUDGET 2024-25

Council has endorsed its draft Budget 2024-25 to be released for community feedback.

The draft Budget outlines revenue and expenditure for the following financial year, and a focus on services to be delivered for the community. As we deal with challenging economic times, we need to make tough and responsible decisions. We will cut operating expenditure by \$1.5 million and borrow funds to ensure we can deliver capital work renewals.

Visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/draft-budget> to provide your feedback. Submissions close Thursday 13 June 2024.



## LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Council will work with our community over the coming months while we review our Ten-Year Financial Plan (LTFP). The aim of the LTFP is to ensure Council's medium to long-term financial sustainability.

Keep an eye on Participate Hepburn for opportunities to have your say at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>



## CRESWICK TRAILS



Our fabulous trail builders and Djuwang Baring (Creswick Trails), Dirt Art, are working fast and delivering the trails in great time. We hope to open a segment of the trails early for the community to enjoy. This is well before the

scheduled project completion of December this year, though this timing is not confirmed.

We would like to respectfully remind riders to refrain from accessing the trails before they are officially opened. We have had to deal with vandalism of site security and signage, as well as damage to the unfinished trails. If this continues, it could delay any possible early opening, while putting people in danger, including the Dirt Art crew.

If you see any unauthorised people accessing the site, please notify the police. We hope to have some exciting news about partial early opening of this world class network of mountain bike trails.

Official news regarding Djuwang Baring can be found at [www.creswicktrails.com](http://www.creswicktrails.com)



## CAMBRIDGE STREET PROJECT

The five week long public consultation phase for the Cambridge Street Streetscape project has drawn to a close. During that time, we had over 40 people attend the pop-up sessions and received 22 submissions regarding future plans for the area between Raglan and Victoria Streets. Over the next month Officers will consider the feedback and make suggestions that can be incorporated into a final plan.

A big thank you to all those who provided feedback. From here the project will go into a detailed planning and design phase and construction in the new year.

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# THE COMING OF THE RAILWAY

V Lawrence

*To celebrate the 150 years since the railway came to Creswick, this article is re-printed with the permission of the Creswick & District Historical Society*



*Visit of Commissioners at Creswick Railway Station (Collection of Creswick Museum)*

First considered in 1862, pressure to bring the railway to Creswick and Clunes began in earnest in 1867, then a meeting convened by the Borough Council, saw the formation of the North Western Railway League. A committee comprising of Messrs Richardson, Jebb and Cooper, with Town Clerk Reid as secretary, was formed. What a change this could bring to the lives of the locals. Such speeds of travel had never been experienced but there were mixed feelings for those who relied on horses for their living. Trains would put livery stables out of consideration. The journey to Ballarat, by coach and horses took an hour. The train would halve that time and with more comfort for its patrons. For farmers, it could mean that produce would reach the market in record time. This area was the food bowl for the colony. What an asset that would be.

In July 1868, a combined meeting with Clunes residents took place. Estimates of the likely number of passengers and freight were worked out for a submission to the Government. The big problem for Creswick was how to cross the Sulky Gully Ranges. A line from Ballarat to Clunes presented no problem, but an entry to Creswick seemed an insurmountable one. A further meeting in Clunes in November, 1869, revealed that another line was being investigated and surveyed, and by the end of that year, Government officials announced that the plans for Creswick had been scrapped. There was no way a line could be brought into Creswick. Should Creswick decide to construct the line themselves, the Government would pay one fifth of the cost. The Clunes folk were becoming impatient, as all the negotiating had held up plans for the Clunes railway.

Many local meetings followed. Creswickians felt they were being unjustly treated. A heated exchange

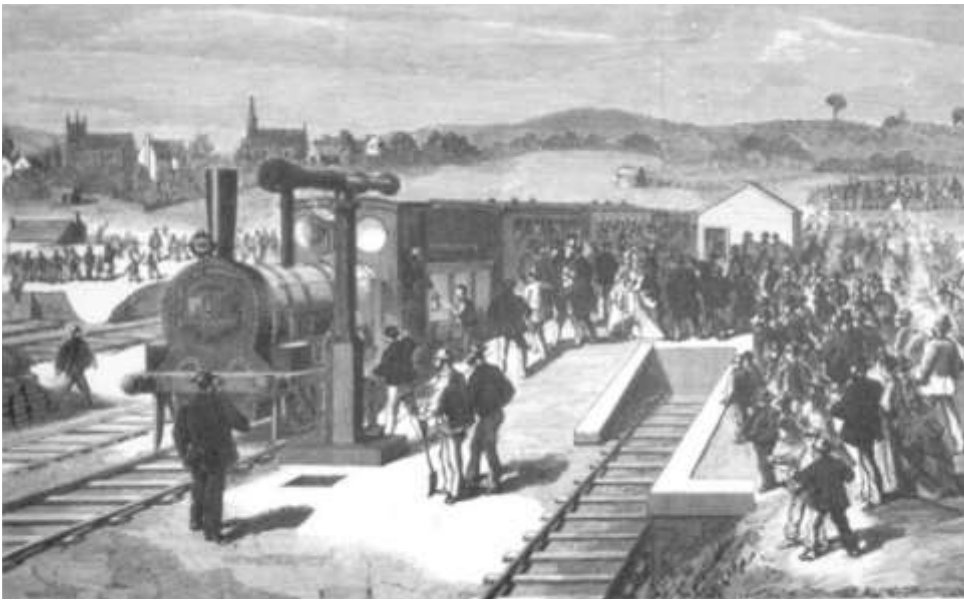
between the two towns led to a debate, which was won by Creswick, with Mr Laby rising to fame with his 'beet-root' speech. He claimed that he would construct a line from Ballarat to Creswick for £20,000, with a grade not steeper than 1 in 50. This brought a visit from Minister Longmore, who could see the possibility of a solution and was won over by the local league. However, when the Bill came before Parliament, the Creswick line was not mentioned. Off went the delegates to the Legislative Council, very forceful and persistent, and the battle was won.

Surveying was not completed until the end of 1872 and the estimated cost was £37 18d for 11  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of track. Plans were that the track would open on 7 July, 1874. Creswickians were still not happy. The design and size of the station was not up to the requirement of the district, nor did the proposed timetable meet with their approval. Pressure was placed on the Parliamentary representatives to make sure that the system fitted the needs of the likely local patrons.

In spite of all the negatives, the line was constructed by 7 July, 1874, but the infrastructure was far from ready. There were no station buildings. The usual bevy of officials arrived in town, for the official opening, disappointed that no welcoming committee greeted them nor lavished hospitality on them. A considerable lack of enthusiasm was evident. No holiday was declared for the school children. No businesses closed so that their proprietors could attend the ceremony. As the 'Advertiser' expressed it – The ceremony took place with no public demonstration whatsoever.

Why this lack of enthusiasm, when so much hard work had been done to achieve this result? NO INVITATION had come from the Minister for Railways,





*Opening of the Ballarat and Creswick Railway to Creswick  
13th July 1874. (Collection of Creswick Museum)*

to the Mayor and Councillors and those gentlemen were not taking part in the first train ride to Ballarat. The various press representatives wrote of the lack of local support for such an historical and important event. It fell to Mr Lewers to invite some of the visitors to enjoy a drink at the American Hotel with him. The prosperity of the town was toasted in 'Bumpers'. Some of the more important citizens of Ballarat had enjoyed the ride out to Creswick. A large number of prospective travellers however, did appear on the platform and the contractors – Messrs Young and McGuigan and the engineer – Mr Payton-Jones, were kept busy explaining the technical details to all. The general high standard of excellence in the work was agreed on. Employees had arrived the night before with Mr Matthieson, the general traffic manager. The ticket officer was kept busy issuing tickets and by 2 p.m., the train was nearly full and ready to take its first load to Ballarat. Local member Richardson availed himself of the new transport to attend the next session of Parliament. Those remaining on the platform gave three hearty cheers as the train pulled out, right on time. The journey proved to be incredibly slow, taking 44 minutes to reach Ballarat, an almost identical time to George Stephenson's first engine, half a century ago. Other reports said it took 26 minutes, and was speedy and comfortable.

The reception at Ballarat was far more enthusiastic, possibly because there were more unemployed people than in

Creswick. The train was soon filled again and began its return journey. It was the sight of the Creswick Hospital, with Springmount in the background that drew gasps of delight from the passengers and the view was declared one of the most picturesque in Victoria, but the lack of station buildings made for chaos on the platform.

By 24 July, construction of the bridge en route to Clunes was underway. Ten tubular pillars filled with concrete and sunk to a depth of forty feet into the bedrock were erected to hold the iron girders, about 180 feet in length. One inch cross plates

were riveted together to support the sleepers. It remains today as an excellent construction.

With the increased use of private motor vehicles, rail use declined in the latter half of the twentieth century, and Creswick ceased to be a stopping point for trains. With the restoration of the rail service and building of a new station in 2012, there was an increased interest in this form of transport. Thanks to the enthusiasm of a Friends of Creswick Rail Group, led by Councillor Henderson, the former railway station is under repair and restoration. The difference is in the type of trains now in use. No soot in the eyes from these swift beasts as they scuttle across the countryside. No dog-box carriages, no wooden bench seats, just comfort for the travellers and an even speedier journey.



*Railway accident at McCallum's Bridge, Creswick Maryborough  
Line, 19 August, 1909 (Collection of Creswick Museum)*

# FLYNN KELLETT

PORTFOLIO MANAGER

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*Leianna Ferguson receiving her medals*



# Northerly News

It was a very sporty May at Creswick North Primary School, with lots of active events happening. Students from all year levels have been very busy competing in many different sporting activities. The school participated in the District Athletics day at Llanberris Reserve in Ballarat along with other schools from the Eureka Division. The students did well in a variety of events including discus, shot put, long jump, javelin, relays, long distance events, sprints and more.

The Western Bulldogs Ballarat crew visited the school and ran a clinic with each class. The students had a great time with lots of Bulldogs merchandise give-aways too. The Junior School Council ran a sausage sizzle lunch for everyone in the BBQ area.

Some students qualified for the next level of Cross Country. They headed off to Prince of Wales Park to compete in the gruelling 3km event, and they ran very well. Some selected senior students also represented the Wathaurung District teams in AFL Football at CE Brown Reserve in Wendouree and soccer at Moreshead Park, with more coming up soon in netball at Selkirk Stadium. It is a great experience for the students to participate in combined representative teams at a high level.

Apart from all these sporting events, there were some valuable learnings when the St John's First Aid in Schools program visited and worked with students in all classes. Learning First Aid is an important skill for all young people.



Most of the senior Year 6 students visited the GRIP student leadership conference at Federation University, for a day full of activities and inspiring ideas. They learnt strategies to become a good leader, particularly as they head off to a variety of government, independent and Catholic secondary schools. It is important that the students have a wide range of skills that they can utilise in any of these settings, and that they become good students and citizens.

There are a growing number of students at this great school, and enrolments are currently open for Foundation for 2025. Please contact Creswick North on 5345 2012 for a tour – you will not be disappointed!

*Matthew Reyntjes,*  
*Principal*

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## Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

### Grant Update

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (Veterans) Grant to replant nine trees, replace plaques and install plaque mounts for new trees is on track for completion later in the year. Replacement elms become available in July giving us time to continue to try to find relatives to participate in this process.

The trees represent: Lennon Edwin Coulson, Frederick Francis Crisp, Charles Joseph Finlayson, Samuel McKay Gard, William McPherson, Clarence Albert Norman (known family), Edward Edgar Owens, Cornelius Robert Toll, Robert William Waddington.

### Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who helps with the Creswick Market sales and the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. These proceeds will cover increasing insurance costs

### Save the Date

Sunday, 30 June - Lindsay Cooke exhibition at the Commercial at Kingston ends.

Julie Baulch

On behalf of Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

## Creswick Capers



This term, the students have been immersed in a variety of learning activities. The Junior students have been learning about Living Things in class: looking after mealworms, feeding them, and watching them change. In Year 3/4, students have been completing a novel study on the book *Yirra and her Deadly Dog, Demon*. They have also been completing experiments as part of their *Beneath My Feet* science unit exploring how the earth's surface changes over time. The 5/6 class has been learning about democracy in Australia. The Hands-On Learning team has been working on a garden project that will be revealed to the community very soon.

It is exciting to welcome many new families on prep tours through the school. It is wonderful to show them the fabulous facilities and programs at Creswick Primary School, including its commitment to structured literacy which is taught across the school. If anyone would like to book a tour, please contact the school on 5345 8044 or email [helen.romeril@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:helen.romeril@education.vic.gov.au).

This year, the Junior School Council has been very successful in its fundraising efforts. In term one, the Junior School Council donated funds from these activities to the Kids Variety Club's *Brats Bash*, in which two students participated. They also raised funds for a school in our cluster, Pomonal Primary School, which was affected by the recent bushfires.

Helen Romeril,  
Principal

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## June 3, 1924

A euchre tournament in aid of the Creswick Victory Brass Band will be held in the bandroom this (Tuesday) evening, at 8 o'clock, to which the admission will be 11d. Valuable prizes are to be given, that for the gentlemen being a guinea smoker's outfit, and that for the ladies a Kodak camera. The band will play in Albert street prior to the tournament.

## June 6, 1924

The management of the Creswick Pictures has decided to give a gold locket to the most popular player in the Creswick Football team. Those who attend the screenings of the pictures will be given a coupon, upon which they will write the name of the player they chose as being the most popular, and they will deposit it in a box at the hall door. In addition those voting will have the chance of winning a double ticket, admitting to the pictures for one month, which will be given to one who guesses the number of votes nearest to that received by the most popular player. Progress results will be screened each week.

## June 10, 1924

Nominations close on Thursday next, up to 12 o'clock noon, for the seat for the electoral district of Allandale in the Legislative Assembly, the election having been brought about by the recent dissolution of Parliament owing to the defeat of the Redistribution Seats Bill. The nomination of Sir Alexander Peacock, the retiring member, was lodged on Saturday. There does not appear to be any likelihood of any opposition to the return of the Premier.

## June 13, 1924

Mining news – The mine manager at the New Ristori, Allendale, reported on Wednesday that another small

shaft had been put down from the north-east branch drive, and had bottomed at 9 feet on dry rough wash, which was profitable. This hole is nearer the shaft than the first one.

## June 17, 1924

A grand ball is to be held in the Creswick town hall tomorrow (Wednesday) night, in aid of the Diggers' Queen (Miss Ada Grigg), who is seeking the honours in connection with the Newlyn Hall Queen Carnival. There is to be a waltzing competition for valuable prizes, good music, and supper. Double tickets are 4/-, extra lady, single, and stage, 2/- each.

## June 20, 1924

The Mayor has convened a public meeting for tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 8 o'clock, in the council chambers to discuss a proposal to hold another Back to Creswick movement.

## June 24, 1924

Golf – On Saturday last 9 hole stroke handicaps were decided on the local links. J. Barling brought in the best record for the men, and the Misses A. Grose and Morris tied for the ladies. These two are requested to play off as soon as possible.

## June 27, 1924

Under the new postal regulations householders must provide letter boxes and thus obviate the necessity of the postman having to knock at the front door. It is compulsory that the letter boxes shall be in position before the end of this month. A great many persons have so far neglected the warning. After due notice it is probable the department will decline to deliver letters at addresses where the boxes have not been provided.



## Creswick Neighbourhood Centre's Safety Strategy

The safety of Creswick Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) clients, staff, volunteers and visitors is paramount to strategic planning undertaken by the CNC Board. Jenni Sewell, Chair of the Board, said that during the past year it has become increasingly evident that the carpark has presented a number of safety issues that needed addressing promptly.

*'As a Board we have a duty of care to all users of CNC, in whatever capacity. After many years of tree limbs dropping from the trees in the CNC carpark, we have made the difficult decision to have them removed',* Jenni Sewell stated. *'There have been too many near misses with limbs falling close to cars, neighbouring properties and even people.'*

A specialist arborist undertook a full tree assessment and his recommendation was the removal of the trees. The CNC consulted with Hepburn Shire Council and as the trees are not indigenous to this area, but are native to NSW, no permit is required to remove them.

*'We understand that in the short term the landscape will look significantly different, but we are excited about the prospect of planting new, more suitable vegetation that will attract a range of birds and other wildlife.'*

The CNC has been in contact with neighbouring property owners who are pleased at the decision that has been taken. Local environmental groups such as Landcare have been approached to assist with selection of suitable plantings.

CNC Manager Chrissy Austen said that work is expected to commence in July and during that time the carpark will be out of action.

*'All adjoining properties and users of CNC will be notified well in advance with signage on display during removal. Our aim is for the works to be done quickly to avoid too much disruption to neighbours, CNC customers and the community overall.'*

Fiona Watson

**See photo page 11**

# CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Garden Club Learning Day 29 June**  
Guest Speaker Sophie Thompson, \$60p/p includes morning tea and lunch. For tickets contact Jenny Jolliffe on 0408 735 068.

**Lindsay Cooke Exhibition**  
at the Commercial at Kingston ends Sunday, 30 June

**Anglicare Emergency Food Relief** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 1.00pm – 2.00pm. All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria St.

**Anglican Parish of Springmount**  
St John's Church, 103 Napier Street, Creswick  
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Contact: 0413 689 003

**Business & Tourism Creswick Inc.**  
Meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and open to anyone who is interested. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. Contact the secretary on [info@creswick.net](mailto:info@creswick.net)

**Catholic Parish Creswick**  
St Augustine's Church  
Mass Sunday 9.00am  
**except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**, Assembly of the Word and Communion.  
Contact 0488 220 685.

**Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church Parish** Every Sunday - 9.30am All Welcome. 130 Albert Street Creswick (The pretty pink church on the hill)  
Supply Minister: Rev Kate Tierney 0404 853 505 or email [tierneycatherine53@gmail.com](mailto:tierneycatherine53@gmail.com)

## REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

**Creswick Cemetery** - Gates Open 9.00am to 5.00pm. Daily

**Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc.** - first Wednesday Feb. Apr. Aug. Nov 7.00pm  
Phone 0434 071 185

**Creswick & District Historical Society**  
fourth Thursday every month (except December and January)  
Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm.  
Phone 5345 2065

**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](mailto:info@creswicku3a.com) website [www.creswicku3a.com](http://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 Maria Marco 0410 499 007  
[mariamarco3363@gmail.com](mailto:mariamarco3363@gmail.com)

**Creswick Museum**  
open Saturday between 11.00am to 3.30pm.

**Calembeen Parkrun**  
Every Saturday at 8am a 5km run, walk or come to volunteer! All welcome to join this fun, free weekly activity.  
For more information email [calembeen@parkrun.com.au](mailto:calembeen@parkrun.com.au) or find us on Facebook

**Community Repair & Share Event**  
3rd Saturday, 1.00pm to 4.00pm  
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre  
[transitioncreswick@gmail.com](mailto:transitioncreswick@gmail.com) or 5345 2356

**Creswick Market** - Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356 [creswicknc.org/creswick-market](http://creswicknc.org/creswick-market)  
Email [market@cnc.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:creswickprobus@gmail.com)

**Creswick Senior Citizens** - last Friday each month members enjoy social day and \$5 Lunch at Seniors' Clubrooms 12 noon

**Creswick Senior Cyclists** - meet Sundays and Wednesdays, 10.15am Creswick Band Rotunda.  
All casual cyclists welcome.

**Creswick Walking Group**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am. Meet Albert Studio, Cnr Ballarat Rd and South St. All Welcome, Rain, Hail or Shine.

**Creswick Ward meeting** - second Monday every month.

**Cr Don Henderson** 7.00pm  
Creswick Railway Station

**Cr Tim Drylie**  
by appointment  
Creswick Community Hub  
Ph. 0427 503 258 Email: [tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

**CRWA** - Members Meeting - First Sunday every month 1.00pm after Working Bee. Railway Workshops Precinct  
Judith 5345 1374

**Freedom In Christ Church**  
Creswick RSL Hall Albert Street  
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Contact Mob: 0400 138 089.

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

**Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers** - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website [scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://scoutsvictoria.com.au)

**Museum Research Centre** - Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests to [info@creswickmuseum.org.au](mailto:info@creswickmuseum.org.au)

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

**Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance**  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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** Meetings at 6pm on Mondays:  
3rd July; 4th September; 4th December - Creswick Railway Station

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

**Tipplers** - third Wednesday every month. email: [barrymarj@hotmail.com](mailto:barrymarj@hotmail.com)

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## Creswick Bowling Club

The Creswick Bowling Club held its Annual General Meeting and appointed the following people to positions on the Board.

Gerry Flapper, Chairperson; Ernie Robinson, Deputy Chairperson; Bernie O'Malley, Administration Director; Chris Boyd, Assistant Secretary; Alan Annear, Board Treasurer and Ross Pricor, Bowls Section Treasurer. Beth Huntley and Travis Hedger are Bowls Directors; Greg Peel, Services Director and Judy Rieniets and Stephen Hepworth are Players Representatives.

Standing down from the Board after many years as active members, are Alan Penrice and Barry Yates. Both have contributed enormously around the club and their efforts have been well documented and very much appreciated.

**Indoor Bowling News.** The Ladies Indoor Bowls Division is sitting comfortably in the four. The Men's competition Division 1 are struggling to find their form and need to persist to turn their fortunes around. Division 2 are playing some very good close games and sitting at third. This division sees the top four teams swapping places so will be close when the final rounds are played.

Four members of the indoor bowls squad had recent success in the Ballarat Indoor Bias Bowls Association tournament, winning the Men's Fours Championship. Congratulations to Travis Hedger, Rod Brehaut, Oscar Jones and Alan Annear. Planning is underway in putting together ideas to celebrate the club's 150<sup>th</sup> year next March. If there are any interested persons or older past members who may wish to connect with the club in some way, please make contact through the club's email address [cbcom50@gmail.com](mailto:cbcom50@gmail.com), or through the Facebook page which will have regular updates. Also, in this issue of *Creswick District News* there is an ad for people who may be interested in joining the club, either as a bowler, a new bowler, a Social Bowler or Social Member. This is open to all members of the community and a special invitation to young people who may like to learn how to bowl.

Recently, a group from the club attended a dinner to support the induction of one of our great past bowlers, Ray Laycock, to the Creswick & District Historical Society Honour Roll, along with three other worthy individuals. A great night was had by those who attended.

Another successful mixed Monthly Triples was held with twelve teams from all over Ballarat competing. Winners on the day were the team of Kieran Sutton-Ryan from Midlands, with Bruce Andrews and Alan Annear from Creswick. Runners-up were Mavis O'Brian, Rodney Justice and Max Bruton from Trentham.

*Bernie O'Malley*