

Creswick District News

Still Priceless

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Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson for 2024



Janine Booth, Leiarinna Ferguson, Jeff Unmack

Congratulations to Leiarinna Ferguson who has been selected as the 2024 Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson of the Year. Leiarinna receives a trophy, \$500 to use towards achieving her sporting goals and her name will be recorded on the Honour Board in the Creswick Community Bank branch.

During 2024, Leiarinna competed in and won, the Australian Federation of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu National Championship, also the Victorian and New South Wales State Championships. Her sights set on competing internationally, she then travelled to Florida in the USA to compete in the World Championships, achieving a Silver Medal. In 2025, Leiarinna hopes to again compete on the international stage while commencing her secondary school education.

Since its inception in 2017, the Jared Tallent Junior Sportsperson Award has recognised and supported 21 young athletes from the area. The community continues to be amazed at the huge talent and wide range of athletic ability in our region.



Northerly News

It's been a great start to the year at Creswick North Primary School. Increased numbers in all year levels have seen the school grow. An extra class has been added, which also means new staff as well.

There is a new shade-sail and seating border around one of the four playground areas. The large undercover area was painted over the holidays and the roofing and guttering fixed.

In the first few weeks of Term 1, students have had their first music session with Stella Savy in readiness for *CresFest* and have been involved in Cross Country training, an event in which the school always does well. In addition, the school community has enjoyed a Book Fair and Welcome BBQ.

A new before and after-school program called Club2041 has started, with great numbers attending. It provides a valuable service for school families.

If anyone would like a tour to experience this fantastic school, please call on 5345 2012.

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal



Students at Creswick North PS working in the veggie and herb garden

Welcome to New Residents

Reminder - register to attend the free Welcome to New Residents in the Seniors Centre in Water Street, Creswick on Saturday, 29 March at 3.00pm. It is a fabulous introduction to Creswick! RSVP by email railwayworkshops@gmail.com, via SMS 0407 622 463 or in person at the Creswick Hub.

See you there!

Creswick District News

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President's Report

Looking back over the past year, we can see that COVID has made a big change in our lives. Many seniors are still afraid to attend social gatherings and prefer to stay at home. Added to this, we have seen the passing of valued long-time members, as a result we have lower membership numbers.

So we have to look to the future and explore new ideas and activities to appeal to the new modern day seniors. We do have many activities that we can offer, such as snooker, indoor bowls, cards, Scrabble, darts and bingo. We also go on day trips using the seniors bus, managed by the Welfare Committee.

I am looking forward to a year where we see many new faces here in the Centre!

I also wish to thank the Committee of 2023 -2024 for their hard work and support.

Gary Neumann,
President

Senior Cits News

Beginning a new year, seniors held their summer social meal and entertainment which included the Annual General Meeting which was presided over by Cr Don Henderson.

Election results were:

- President Gary Neumann
- Secretary Judy Henderson
- Asst Secretary June Gray
- Treasurer Betty Neumann

There are still a few committee spaces unfilled.

The next Social Day will be 28 March with Ricky Lee entertaining. Do come along for a good, fun day. See Gary about the coming entertainment days he has in mind and make a booking.

Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray
5334 6526

creswick Rainfall

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

	2023	2024	2025
	mm	mm	
January	9.5	97.0	30.5
February	28.8	4.0	46.0
March	45.0	0.0	
April	116.0	66.4	
May	70.0	34.5	
June	125.0	28.5	
July	45.0	97.5	
August	46.0	41.5	
September	25.5	52.5	
October	67.5	58.5	
November	29.0	35.0	
December	23.0	18.5	
TOTAL	630.3	533.9	76.5



Creswick Cemeteries News

New contact number

Please note that Creswick Cemetery has a new contact phone number - 0435 762 600. It would be appreciated if all future enquiries could be made to this number.

The Cemetery Trust would like to welcome Peter Lendfers onto the Trust for the next five years. Welcome Peter.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary



The Creswick Garden Club Farewell to a Celebrated Gardener

A sea of summer frocks welcomed guest speaker David Glenn, owner of the iconic Lambley Nursery, to the first meeting of 2025 for The Creswick Garden Club.

Over 90 garden lovers assembled for David's talk and they were captivated by his presentation - a pictorial trip down memory lane, from his childhood in England, through to travelling as a young man in Europe and finally to his beloved Lambley which he has shared with his artist wife, Criss Canning, for many years.



David Glenn and Pam Lockhart

David's love of all things to do with gardening began when he was just seven years old and had his first garden. From that moment he knew that gardening would provide him with a lifetime of pleasure and he was determined to share that with others. At 12, he was mucking out at his uncle's nursery and as anyone who has had to clean out chicken poo or other smelly offerings, it's not for the faint-hearted. At 19 David was travelling through Eastern Europe where he came across rare and exotic plants which, over time, he has been able to import to his nursery.

As anyone who has visited Lambley knows, the floral canvas changes with the seasons and visitors are never disappointed to experience the variety, colour, creativity and love that David demonstrates within the many flower beds. It is truly a feast for the senses.

David and Criss have made the difficult decision to sell Lambley. His comprehensive knowledge of horticulture and his generosity in walking around the grounds with visitors will be sorely missed.

President Pam Lockhart, in thanking David for his talk, said how grateful the Creswick Garden Club was for his support over the years - especially when he named a new species of salvia after past President Val Lawrence. She wished David well in his retirement. But, do gardeners ever really retire?

Fiona Watson



Creswick Capers

It has been a wonderful start to the school year here at Creswick Primary School. Students, new and old, have all settled in beautifully. New families were welcomed to the school at the Welcome to School Picnic which was held last month. This was a fabulous opportunity for families and staff to come together.

During the evening the newly appointed School Captains and House Captains organised activities for the students. Lots of fun was had by all! Enthusiastic Junior School Council members sold icy poles as part of their first fundraising efforts for the year.

The Little Kookaburra's Playgroup is up and running. It was wonderful to see many returning and new faces in the first few sessions. If you have a child aged 0-5 please come along on a Friday morning and join us. See the school's *Facebook* page for more information.

Tours for 2026 Prep students have started. Please contact the school on 5345 2044 if you would like a personal tour of the school.

We look forward to sharing the school with you throughout the year.

Helen Romeril,
Principal



PAVILION ARTS Community Postcard Exhibition

Pavilion Arts Creswick is presenting a Community Postcard Exhibition from 4 to 6 April during *CresFest*.

Venue: 53 Albert Street, beside the Laundromat.
Open from **12.00pm – 5.00pm Friday and 10.00am – 5.00pm Saturday and Sunday.**

Entries are invited to this event from **ALL** members of the wider community.

To register your entry, simply purchase two blank postcards for a cost of \$10. These are available for sale at the Creswick Visitor Information Centre, 41 - 43 Albert Street.

The postcard size is 20cm x 15cm and you may use any medium directly on the card, or adhered to the face.

Please submit artwork for display marked with a title and selling price or NFS (not for sale), at 53 Albert Street on **Thursday, 3 April between 4.00pm – 6.00pm.** Unsold postcards should be collected from the venue on **Sunday, 6 April between 5.00pm – 6.00pm.**

For enquiries, please contact Pavilion Arts at secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au.



Creswick Brass Band Busy, Busy, Busy

After a well-earned break from a busy December playing Christmas Carols, the Creswick Brass Band is well and truly back for 2025. The year ahead is already looking very busy. The band started by playing some well-known Australian songs to help with the atmosphere at the Creswick Australia Day morning tea. The next community performance will be at Clunes Booktown on 23 March. For those browsing for a new read or wanting to meet authors, the band will be there to entertain you with some well-known pieces.

Currently, the band is preparing for the National Band Championships which will be held in Melbourne over the Easter weekend. The band is always proud to represent Creswick and this competition draws attention from national and international brass band fans. Band members are rehearsing twice a week under the expert guidance of Musical Director, Katrina Bird, with some sections undertaking extra rehearsals to master the repertoire. Rehearsals have included working on parts together, but also fun exercises involving practising buzzing parts on mouthpieces and singing into balloons! Rehearsal isn't always just about learning the notes but learning techniques to improve overall playing.

The Learner's Program is being run throughout the school terms. New learners of any age and ability are always welcome to learn to play a brass or percussion instrument. This program is held on Thursday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. For more information, please get in touch via the social media page, email creswickbrassband@hotmail.com or come to a rehearsal to see what's involved. The band will also be playing at *CresFest* on 6 April.

The Creswick Brass Band is always grateful for the support from the local community and community organisations. This support helps the band to continue to provide music for the community. Donations, which are now tax deductible, are very welcome. Keep up to date with the activities of the Creswick Brass Band by following them on Facebook or Instagram, or come along Thursday evenings at 7.00pm at the Creswick Senior Citizens to listen to rehearsal.

Creswick Brass Band



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue

Tree Update - the replacement trees, planted in September, are doing really well, despite the dry and challenging season. Matthew Daniel, Senior Arborist with Hepburn Shire Council, is constantly monitoring the whole Avenue, especially the new trees which are being watered regularly. The regime centres around extreme weather events. In fact, Matthew worked on Australia Day to ensure the trees were hydrated.

The mulch height around the new trees is slightly exaggerated. When the rain comes, Council will apply liquid microbial treatment that will readily decompose the mulch.

Council was successful in acquiring a Victorian Sustainability Grant to remediate soil health in specific locations throughout the Shire. As part of this grant, nine new trees were selected for a scientific trial, along with ten mature Avenue trees in decline. The mature trees have indication tape, with four as control trees and six as application trees. Council is using FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) material to increase the soil's biological activity to aid tree establishment and mature tree longevity.

ANZAC Day - the ANZAC Day Service will commence at 9.00am on Friday, 25 April 2025 at the Cenotaph at the corner of Kingston Road and Victoria Road. Guests are welcome to join us afterwards for morning tea at the Commercial @ Kingston.

In preparation for ANZAC Day, there will be a working bee on Sunday, 13 April from 10.00am to 12.00pm - feel free to join in. Please sign up at the Kingston Fire Station before 10.00am. A BBQ lunch will be provided afterwards.

Significant Trees - many thanks to Committee Member Penny Swain who provided last month's report about significant trees in Kingston, which is now featured on the website.

Save the Date:

- 13 April – Working Bee, 10.00am to 12.00pm
- 19 April - Creswick Market plant stall
- 25 April – 9.00am ANZAC Day Service

Leah Armstrong



News From Your Local Kingston Agricultural Society

The Showgrounds are open to the community. It's the perfect spot to have a picnic, walk the dog or sit in the heritage listed grandstand and appreciate the view and surrounding district.

Ladies, start your engines!

On 29 March, 8.30am to 10.00am, the society will be hosting the 2025 Florence Thomson Tour for breakfast. The tour is a totally unique rally just for women drivers celebrating the pioneering spirit and contribution of women to Australian motoring.

More than 95 vehicles have entered ranging from veteran to vintage, then to more modern classics and more than 200 people are participating as either drivers or passengers. Entrants must be women driving a vehicle 25 years of age or older. Participants are encouraged to dress to the era of the vehicle that they are driving.

The community is invited to come and see the tour vehicles and talk to some of the participants.

Find us at [#kingstonshow](https://www.instagram.com/kingstonshow). Want to volunteer at any of our events? Let us know if you can help.

*John Rowlands,
Secretary*



Creswick Bowling Club Celebrations!

On 23 February, the Creswick Bowling Club held a lunch to celebrate their 150th year as a Bowling Club.

Invited guests included: Martha Haylett, MP for Ripon and a great supporter of the club, Don Henderson, Hepburn Shire Mayor and his wife Judy, Tony Sherwill, CEO of Bowls Victoria, Janine Booth, Chair of the Community Bank Creswick & District Board, Lloyd Simms and Wayne Morgan, both representing Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region and Peter Williams, Club Support Manager for Bowls Australia.



June Whitehead, Gerrard Flapper and Sigrid Glasspool

Over 100 invited guests enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Kate Shirley and listened to various speakers throughout the day's proceedings.

Five past club members were inducted into the Inaugural Hall of Fame Honour Roll which was unveiled by current Life Members, June Whitehead and Alan Penrice. The recipients were Ray Laycock, Ted Hubbard, Greeta Fahey (nee Greenwell), Anthony Flapper and Matthew Flapper. Each was awarded their certificate in acknowledgment of their involvement and achievements in bowls either at local, regional, state and international levels as well as their own personal achievements throughout their individual careers. The CEO of Bowls Victoria noted, that for a small club like Creswick, it was remarkable to have so many worthy recipients. The club has produced brochures on each of the nominees. These are available upon request.

The 150th Committee of Michelle Booth, Wendy and Rob Ohlsen, Ernie Robinson, Peter Fontana, Gerry Flapper and Bernie O'Malley, had put in 18 months of preparation to

present a program that was enjoyed by all who attended. Travis Hedger, Bowls Director, acted as Master of Ceremonies and many others who were assisting in the background made the day a great success.

Special certificates were also awarded to June Whitehead, who has been a member for 53 years, while Gerry Flapper has just passed the 50 year mark. Sigrid Glasspool was recognised for being the oldest member *still playing pennant at the age of 95*. Sigrid, along with Trevor Booth, recently won the Open Pairs Club Championships, defeating Greg Peel and Richard Gregg. Both the Men's and Women's minor championships are still in progress.

The club held it's Presentation Night on Friday, 14 March as part of the Friday night dinner. These dinners will continue until Easter, unless otherwise notified. The Board will then decide how often they will be held.



Anthony and Matthew Flapper

Now outdoor bowls has finished with none of the club's divisions making the finals, everyone can have a break before Indoor Bowls commences late April. Both Selection Committees thank all members for their co-operation in team selections each week.

The club will be hosting a Farmer's Day Tournament on Wednesday, 26 March. Cost per team is \$100 with lunch and afternoon tea. There will be four games of ten ends commencing at 10.00am with winners for both morning and afternoon games. Contact Barry Yates 0418 452 639 for more information.

Enjoy the break and see you on the green.

Bernie O'Malley

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Council's Biodiversity Grants and Sustainable Hepburn Grants are closing soon.

The Sustainable Hepburn Grants Program supports community-based projects and initiatives that aim to reduce future impacts of climate change and promote or establish circular economy-focused programs, while Biodiversity Grants support community-driven biodiversity initiatives.

Applications close on 16 March. For more information regarding Council's grants program visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants

To discuss a project idea contact grants@hepburn.vic.gov.au

HEPBURN TOGETHER



Hepburn Together 2025-2029 is a community engagement initiative aimed at shaping the future of Hepburn Shire as we create our new Council Plan for 2025-2029.

Thank you to those of you who applied to be part of the Deliberative Engagement Panel. There will be more opportunities

to get involved over the coming months. Stay up to date on the Participate Hepburn website www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au

LISTENING POST EVENTS

We will be hosting a series of Listening Post events throughout 2025, aimed at strengthening communication and engagement with the community. The events will be held in major townships as well as smaller communities, with the opportunity for residents to share their ideas, provide feedback on services, and discuss matters that are important to them with senior Council Officers and Councillors.

Listening Posts scheduled are:

- Thursday 27 March - Daylesford Coles, 4 pm – 6 pm
- Saturday 3 May - Trentham Spudfest, 10 am – 12 pm

Details of other Listening Post events, including dates and locations, will be made available on our website

www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/listening-posts

DJUWANG BARING SURVEY

Following a successful opening of Djuwang Baring's 60 km network of mountain bike trails in late November 2024, we have seen an enthusiastic uptake in visitation to the area.

Now, we want to check in with the Creswick business and residential communities to understand your experiences and work together to manage the change that becoming a trails town brings with it.

From 18 March until 3 April, you will be able to have your say on the Participate Hepburn website www.participate.hepburn.com.au

Two surveys will be available, one for the general community who live in or near and one for businesses.

Hard copy surveys are available upon request, please contact abreach@hepburn.vic.gov.au or our customer experience team on 5348 2306 or visit your nearest Council hub.

You can also request a call back if you or your group have feedback that is not covered by the survey.

We will use the results along with visitation data, traffic counts and other physical measures to understand what has changed and how best to manage that change.

A follow up report will be published on Participate Hepburn so we can share what we have learned.

We are looking forward to hearing about how things may have changed (or stayed the same) for you following the opening of the trails.

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Creswick Angling Club Lake Fyans Weekend

Creswick Angling Club members travelled to spend a weekend at the Scout Camp at Lake Fyans. The competition was to honour the late Bill Wright who spent many a weekend volunteering to improve the facilities. Club champion, Shane Jeffrey, again bagged the most fish for the weekend.

Other fish weighed in were Therese Jeffery's 950g rainbow trout and Judy Rieniets' 935g brown trout.

Information on the Creswick Anglers Club can be obtained by ringing Dave Voigt on 0423 778 860.

Judy Rieniets, Secretary



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Friends of Park Lake

Celebrating past achievements and looking forward to 2025

On one of those delightful summer days – not too hot and definitely not too cold, Friends of Park Lake met at the beginning of February for its first working bee of 2025. This was followed by a delicious picnic to welcome back members and supporters for 2025, including Councillors Shirley Cornish and Pat Hockey, as well as members from the local Land Care Group.

President Maria Marco, reported that so much had been achieved in 2024 including, the completion of the Lion's Club maze, with great help from Ballarat Grammar students, the ongoing enjoyment of events such as the Winter Solstice Festival (which will be held again this year on Saturday, 21 June), the bonfire night, production of greeting cards to raise money to purchase plants and the ongoing planting around the lake.

'This year our focus will be to continue planting around Park Lake, including a lovely garden around the magnolia tree, and we will continue the work on the old fernery section. Friends of Park Lake are a group of like-minded people living in Creswick, who like to get together to improve Park Lake, which has a wonderful history and deserves to be restored. We all share the vision to re-establish Park Lake Botanical Reserve to its former beauty.'

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at Park Lake and we would love to meet up with new members of the community and invite them to join us when they have a free moment.'

Contact President Maria Marco on 0410 499 007, Vice President Yvette Dare on 0498 098 193 or Secretary Leigh Bell on 0438 558 450 for more details.

Fiona Watson

**Creswick & District Historical Society
 Honour Roll Dinner**

Creswick Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner will be held on Friday, 30 May at the Doug Lindsay Reserve, Football/Netball Club - please save the date if you are interested in attending this event. More details will be announced closer to the date.

For more information, please contact Marj Poole on 5345 2065 or Jack Van Beveren on 5345 2658.

Marj Poole



Creswick Lions News

Creswick Lions hosted a visit from District Governor Lions, Des Jones and his wife Lion Sue, at the February dinner meeting where a delicious cold meat and salad meal, followed by delectable sweets, was enjoyed by all. Des outlined the Districts' aims and objectives for the current year and acknowledged Creswick Lions Club's contributions and achievements to, and in the community. Des had the honour of acknowledging the wonderful service of Lion Graeme Mitchell who has completed 50 years service as a member, during which time Graeme has served in many roles and recently has managed the distribution of Lions Cakes and Lions Mints while contributing much to the community. Des also presented Kevin O'Hehir with a 10 year service chevron and President Pat Tacey with a pin acknowledging his efforts in promoting membership. With membership in mind, Lions are always looking for new community members who can volunteer some time at the market sausage sizzles, selling raffle tickets and attending some meetings to share knowledge and ideas for future events, activities and projects. You don't have to



District Governor Des Jones Presenting Graeme Mitchell with his 50 Year Service Award.



District Governor Des Jones with Kevin O'Hehir after presenting him with his 10 Year Service Award.

commit to attending all meetings. Come along to a meeting on the second Wednesday of the month or talk to us at the Creswick Market. The club is in the process of establishing a Lions Cubs program whereby primary school age children and their parents can become involved in some activities which show them what volunteerism involves.

The next major fundraising effort will be during *CresFest* where the normal fare of egg and bacon sandwiches and sausages will be sold at the regular cheap market prices. The club will also be working in conjunction with the Creswick Scouts based at the *CresFest* Centre Stage at Creswick Primary School. Support would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, the Lions Club major funds distribution occurs in May and written applications by the end of April would be appreciated. Lions are always on the lookout for a project they can partner with.

Pat Tacey



4 – 6 April 2025 - A Feast of a Festival

CresFest 2025 is making a call out to all the kids who are performing this year: make sure you tell your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbours – to come along to see you in action on Saturday, 5 April at the Rhythms of Africa Extravaganza.

Founder of *CresFest*, Judy Turner, said that this year's event will again be a feast of a festival, a weekend of sensational events for both young and old, where musical moments will leave you wanting to come back for more in 2026.

Creswick Primary School will host an abundance of activities on Saturday and Sunday, including Songs for Kids, written by kids; magic lessons by Cath Jamison; games from yesteryear where oldies will be teaching the kids – or could it be the other way round? The Bard of Buninyong company will again perform *The Magic Pudding* at the Primary School and at the Magic Pudding Playground in Raglan Street. Then there's a children's song workshop in Jingulu language.

Freya and Tom McGowan, will be running an Open Mic for kids who want to impress with their musical skills. Saturday afternoon's *extravaganza* will include over 100 kids from the three primary schools following incursions by Stella Savy and Kofi Kunkpe in term one. Filled with joyful dancing, singing and drumming, this is an event not to be missed.

There are plenty of world class folk and roots concerts for those accompanying the young ones. Making a welcome return are Chris Stout and Catriona McKay from Scotland, local icon Archer and The Royal High Jinx. Headline acts include First Nations singer Joe Geia and Kofi Kunkpe from Ghana. With many free concerts, community choirs, workshops, dances and conversations, there are events that will appeal to everyone. Creswick and district locals can access discounted tickets at the Community Bank Creswick & District.

The festival raffle will **only** be available during the weekend, with limited numbers of tickets for sale. There are four fantastic donated prizes; an original artwork by Creswick artist Georgia Maguire, a Getaway weekend, a Garden Lovers package and Food Lovers package, with all proceeds going towards supporting *CresFest 2026*.

Hepburn Shire Council, in conjunction with VicRoads, has issued this statement: *To facilitate the safe conduct of this event, road closures will be in place. Detailed road closure details will be published closer to the event.*

For more information visit www.cresfest.com.au until 4 April, and from then on, the Festival Hub.

Fiona Watson

100 Years Ago

Compiled by Creswick Museum

3 March, 1925

LOYAL SPRING HILL LODGE, I.O.O.F. The fortnightly meeting of the above will be held in the Rechabite Hall, This (Tuesday) Evening, at 7.30 o'clock. A full attendance requested. H. Bowley, Secretary.

6 March, 1925

Shopkeepers are notified by advertisement in another column that, under the Factories Act, shops must be registered with the Secretary for Labor before the 14th inst. The penalty for non compliance is £15.

10 March, 1925

T. Kennedy, Hairdresser, of Allendale, will visit Smeaton on the first Thursday of each month (Sale Day), at the Cumberland Hotel. Best attention given. Everything clean. Charges moderate.

13 March, 1925

The annual demonstration of the Country Fire Brigades was commenced on Tuesday, at Warrnambool, when the review and march past took place. The discipline awards were made, and it is pleasing to note that the Creswick Brigade shared in the honors. In D grade they tied for third place, gaining 87 points.

17 March, 1925

The annual St. Patrick's Day Races and Sports took place at Blampied, in Mrs. LaFranchi's paddock, last Saturday afternoon. They were the most successful held for some years past, the races being much more interesting and the attendance very satisfactory.

20 March, 1925

Harvest festival services will be conducted next Sunday morning and evening in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Creswick and in the afternoon at Scrub Hill, the preacher being the Rev. S. A. Eastman. Gifts of fruit, vegetables and produce will be received at each church on Saturday afternoon.

24 March, 1925

Visitors to the Botanical gardens should be careful, as on Friday afternoon, when a resident was proceeding to the State Plantation, on the occasion of the public function, a small reddish brown snake of a little more than a foot in length was seen basking in the sunshine on the footpath about 40 yards to the east of the fernery.

27 March, 1925

As announced, the Gem Economic Store, at the corner of Albert and Raglan Streets, Creswick, was opened yesterday with a large display of Lam-Knit knitted goods for men, women and children. It is a fine example of what can be done in Australia, and is well worth an inspection.

31 March, 1925

The trustees of the Creswick Victory Brass Band, which recently decided to disband, met on Saturday evening, when there were present Sir Alexander Peacock and Messrs W. P. Northcott and Alex Broom. The town clerk (Mr. Arthur B. Grose) was appointed secretary to the trustees. As it will be necessary for the trustees to take charge of all instruments, it was decided to meet again next Saturday evening, and to ask the secretary of the band to attend.

Creswick Essential Bags Initiative

Throughout 2024, members of Creswick Essential Bags Initiative (CEBI) distributed hundreds of personal care items to local charities and schools. Demand for items including sanitary products, shampoo and toothpaste, has increased in 2025, with families and individuals struggling to make ends meet.

The group operates under the auspices of Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, receiving donations of goods from the public. A collection box is available at the Centre in Victoria Street. CEBI is able to purchase new products at discounted prices through the generous support of Community Bank Creswick & District, Lions Club Creswick, and North Creswick Car Club.

During March, CEBI members will deliver sanitary products to the Hub for distribution to visitors using public toilet facilities at the library. Toiletries, children's lunch bags with tooth care products and new summer socks will be given to primary schools. Anglicare Creswick, which operates fortnightly community lunches and outreach services, will receive toiletries, towels, and sanitary products.

Over winter, CEBI collects and distributes blankets, warm socks, beanies and scarves to the Shower Bus and Anglicare

for both male and female clients. In spring, Share The Dignity bags are packed tight with personal care and gift products for women who are homeless or escaping domestic violence.

The generosity of the community ensures the success of the CEBI project. New, unopened toiletries may be left at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. A call-out for blankets and other items will be made before winter.

To learn more about what CEBI does look us up on Facebook: Creswick Essential Bags Initiative (CEBI)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/206821716861767>

Julie Moran

CEBI

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or visit rvahj.org.au for more information.

Resulting from the last Royal Commission into Aged Care, there is now a larger sub committee structure in place. All sub committees are chaired by Board Members and, as President, I am an *ex officio* member of all sub committees.

Readers may be familiar with the work of the Community Engagement Committee, who are charged with raising the profile of John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC). The Committee is chaired by Sandy Campbell. Its membership is made up of representatives from across the Creswick and Clunes communities and has members who represent the arts, literature, gardening and services, plus Lifestyle Management. They brought you the *Cats Art Show*, which kicked off the fund raising project for the new bus and the two book sale weekends.

This year, they are facilitating a series of community forums. The first was held in February and addressed *How to get into Aged Care*. It was successfully presented by CEO, Steve Bruechert, and Finance Manager, Simon Coope. JCAC intends it to become an annual activity.

The second forum is to be held in May and will address *How to Cope with Grief/Trauma*. This can significantly impact people's lives: the loss of parents, partners, children, friends, homes, jobs, identities and pets. Often, friends and family feel inadequate when confronted with grief and unintentionally say things that can be hurtful. This is something we will all experience at some stage. This forum will bring together other services and providers already within the community; we will then have a better understanding of where to go for help.

The newest sub committee to be formed is the Consumer Advisory Board and is chaired by Alison Trevenon. The membership of this committee is made up of representatives of management, residents and families and they will look at many aspects of life within the facility with a view to acknowledging or improving the overall amenity of John Curtin Aged Care as a premium service to communities.

The role of a Board member is challenging!

Susan Craven



SMEATON BOWLING CLUB
Winding up of Season

Pennant Bowls has wound up and club tournaments are in full swing as the end of the season approaches. Congratulations to the Midweek Division 3 and 4 and Saturday Division 6 teams who competed in the finals. The club is proud of their efforts!

Club events will be completed by late March and the annual Steak and Kidney Day and Ladies tournament as well as the Essantis/Unigrain Corporate Cup will take place. The final Barefoot Bowls night was held before the winter break. The Ladies Tournament will be held on Wednesday, 19 March.

Congratulations to Sue Lafranchi and Geoffrey Pickering who won the Club Singles Championships this year. Sue and Geoff played in the regional Champion of Champions event at Kyneton BC and proudly represented the club.

The club is always looking for new members so if you, or anyone you know, is interested in playing bowls next season, please consider joining the Smeaton Bowling Club.

If you wish to learn more about the happenings at Smeaton Bowling Club, please make contact with Secretary Russell on 0417 535 297, President David on 0418 584 942 or via email to smeatonbowling@gmail.com.

Laraine Toose



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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Creswick Historical Society Honour Roll Dinner on Friday, 30 May at the Doug Lindsay Reserve contact Marj Poole on 5345 2065 or Jack Van Beveren on 5345 2658

Pavilion Arts Community Postcard Exhibition, 4 - 6 April.
Enquiries to secretary@artspavilion.org.au

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Creswick & 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
website www.creswicku3a.com

Creswick Folk Club Second and fourth Friday 7.30pm, Creswick Railway Station, Contact John Harris
0428 842 234

Creswick Garden Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) Seniors' Club Rooms 1.15pm.

Creswick Havilah Lodge -
Meeting fourth Thursday every month 7.30pm.
Bob Orr 5345 2165

Creswick Lions Club
second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall
Membership Chairperson Leigh Bell 0438 558 450
leighbell1234@gmail.com

Creswick Museum
open Saturday between 11.00am to 3.30pm.

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

Community Repair & Share Event
3rd Sunday, 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre
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
Email market@cnc.org.au

Creswick Probus Club - first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am.
Inquiries email creswickprobus@gmail.com

Creswick 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

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

Freedom In Christ Church
RSL Hall Albert St Creswick
Jesus heals and sets free.
Sundays 10:15am - 1:00pm
Pastor Margaret Tamkin
Contact Mob. 0449 917 503

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

Goldfields Recreation and Dance Inc.
Ballroom Dancing Classes
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\$10 per annum
Call 0402 777 852 or 0427 246 278

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website scoutsvictoria.com.au

Museum Research Centre -
Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm.
Email requests to info@creswickmuseum.org.au

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

Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance
3rd Sunday of each month with live band.
Invermay Hall, Muscatel Street, Invermay.
\$12 & \$10 members. Supper to Share please.
Social Dance, Thursday nights at VRI Hall Ballarat 7.30pm – 10.00pm. Phone 0487 222 924.

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc
7 April 2025 - Monday 6.00 pm
AGM 27 April 2025 - Sunday 2.00 pm
Creswick Neighbourhood House
Enquiries: secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au

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

Tiptlers - third Wednesday every month. email: tonycartwright@gltau.com

Victoria Street Craft Group, every Monday 9.30am – 12.00pm/12:30 pm at the Creswick Bowling Club. BYO lunch.
Contact Rita on 5345 2239 or 0407 452 232

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

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