

Creswick Neighbourhood Centre News NAIDOC Week Activities

On Wednesday, 24 July, the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, (CNC), welcomed children from all three local primary schools to celebrate NAIDOC week. Beginning with a fabulous singing workshop with Stella Savy from *Coco Sounds*, who is also the Wednesday night Kids Choir leader, the children learnt more about Indigenous Culture and what NAIDOC week represents, as well as learning a number of songs from the Torres Strait Islands. The second part of this event was to unveil a large mural that all school and kindergarten children in Creswick were part of. Local artist, Dale Oliver, curated large panels on the side fence of the CNC using all the children's creations. This project commenced during Reconciliation Week in May, where all participants were given a wooden leaf or butterfly to decorate using Indigenous art styles or colours. Over 400 wooden shapes were also handcrafted by the Creswick Men's and Women's Sheds.



Local artist Dale Oliver



Creswick Primary School

This project is another step by the CNC to become more welcoming to First Nations Australians and to learn more about the land we are on - Dja Dja Wurrung land and Aboriginal culture overall. Thank you to Stella Savy for her insightful and super fun workshop.

And what a wonderful mural it is! All the children and their teachers marvelled at how it has come together. This is proudly displayed on the side fence near the grassed area at the CNC. Everyone is welcome to come and view the mural at any time and all will agree that it has brightened up the space. A huge thanks to all involved.

Chrissy Austin, Manager

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Creswick Cemeteries News

Many thanks to the Ballarat Corrections Unit for sending a crew to help with gardening at the cemetery last month. It was greatly appreciated.

After thirty-two years on the committee, Mr Kieran Moore has retired. We wish him well and thank him for his years of service on the committee and as Chairperson for nearly twenty years.

Mowing season will be upon us again soon, so please refrain from placing trinkets or flowers on lawn graves or in front of headstones as they could be damaged when mowing. Place all flowers in the pots provided with the headstone. Thank you.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary

VALE
Jeanette Leishman

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	28.5
July	51.0	45.0	97.5
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	
TOTAL	1,094.7	630.3	327.9

Senior Cits News

What a pleasure to see the sunshine bring in a new month. August will give us hope for warmer days and maybe an outing or two.

The next Social Day should bring back fond memories with Phyllis Quick's Group performing. The usual yummy meal will be served and perhaps the raffle could come your way. So come along on 30 August for a good fun day.

Best wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray
5334 6526



Save the RSL Trivia Night Thank You Everyone

The Creswick-Smeaton RSL would like to thank all those businesses from Creswick, Ballarat and Melbourne who donated prizes for the door raffle, activities and the silent auction. They would also like to thank the community who booked out the tables within three weeks of the event being advertised and then coming out on a cold winter's night.

Many thanks to those who provided feedback on what a great night they had. The evening raised just over \$5,500 and the RSL is looking at doing this again in 2026.

Phil Greenbank

CRESWICK DISTRICT NEWS

**Annual General Meeting
will be held on 27 August,
2024**

**4.30pm at the Creswick
Visitor
Information Centre**

All welcome

Parkrun

Roberta Gets a Groundhog Day Challenge!



A familiar face around Creswick and at Calembeen *Parkrun* is Roberta Rice. Known for her commitment to her fitness as well as sheer grit and determination shown every week at *Parkrun*, Roberta achieved something very rare ... A Groundhog Day! This is when

someone gets the same time twice, down to the seconds which in this case was 41 minutes 33 seconds. Very special and well done to Roberta. Who knows, maybe she will get the same time again?

For those new to *Parkrun*, this is a free weekly timed 5km track in which people come together to run or walk, try to better their own times and get some exercise with like-minded people. It is a terrific run. There is no need to book, come down one Saturday morning at 8.00am to join the fun and see if you can do 5kms, or come and join the team of volunteers. This activity is 100% reliant on volunteers so there is always room for more helpers.

Chrissy Austin, calembeen@parkrun.com



FRIENDS OF PARK LAKE

Gaining inspiration from the flora of Park Lake, Creswick's historic botanical reserve, artist Sue Morris has created a series of stunning floral greeting cards which will be sold to raise funds for Park Lake to continue its maintenance and beautification program.

Secretary of the Friends of Park Lake, Andrew Bell, could not be more delighted with the greeting cards that reflect the changing seasons of Park Lake. *'Sue is an accomplished artist whose paintings have proved very popular with Creswickians. Her Flowering Gumnut was awarded the People's Choice at last year's local art show. At the previous year's art show judge Kiri Smart, curator at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, awarded a commendation for Sue's Winter Wattle.'*

As Sue's paintings have won the hearts of the local community, Friends of Park Lake were delighted when she agreed to create three greetings cards, each with a different image: Flowering Gumnut, Park Lake Rhododendrons and Winter Wattle. The original paintings were oil on canvas and then printed to make the greeting cards.

Sue loves nothing more than painting Australian natives. *'I spent a lifetime in the commercial world, creating textile designs for businesses like Sheridan and Linen House. I love the countryside; it's where I grew up and it is a joy for me to create images that celebrate our own natural environment, offering a sense of where we live.'*

Andrew said that these beautiful cards will be sold at the Creswick Post Office. *'They will be sold individually, but can, of course, be bought together. I really would like to express my thanks to the Post Office for selling the greetings cards. It's great to see the community coming together like this.'*

Fiona Watson

Rescue Thanks From a Visitor to Creswick

I am a seventy-nine year-old grandmother. Recently while enjoying a stay in Creswick, I had the misfortune to impale my hand on a metal ring, a connecting part of a stair post which tethered me to the rail at the top of the first flight. My friend's efforts to cut the ring with ordinary pliers failed. Each attempt was very painful. We called 000.

Very soon, three CFA members arrived. They quickly assessed the situation. With the appropriate cutters, and one final ouch, the metal ring was snipped. I was free. Half the ring was on the floor, the other half embedded in my hand. Within a few minutes two ambulance officers were checking my medical history, taking my blood pressure before the piece of ring was removed, the wound examined, cleaned and bandaged. The SES came to check all was well and apparently the police were informed there was no need for their attendance.

The purpose of relating this experience, is to acknowledge those responders. The CFA members and ambos were so thorough, thoughtful, efficient, kind and friendly. I believe they are service members from your beautiful local area. I extend grateful thanks and appreciation for the caring attention each of them provided. How fortunate a community!

My hand has healed well.

Sincerely,
Granma M

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HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE

Mark Spenceley 30/10/1959 - 24/3/2019

For Services to Sport, Aged Care, Creswick Fire Brigade and the Community

Mark Spenceley, second son of Douglas Paul Spenceley and Mary Betty, nee Ridgewell, was born on 30 October, 1959 in Brixworth, Northampton, UK. The Spenceley family took advantage of the £10 GBP Assisted Migration Scheme, travelling on the *TV Fairsky* and arriving in Australia on 5 January, 1963. His early education from 1966 to 1969 was at Creswick Primary School. The family briefly returned to England in 1969 and Mark continued his education at the New Romney Primary School in Kent.

Returning to Creswick in October, 1970 Mark resumed his education at Creswick Primary School for a further year then enrolled at Ballarat East High School, remaining there until 1975. Mark was a long serving member of the North Creswick Primary School Committee, always available for working bees and school sports days. In 1980 Mark married Kerrie Neil and the couple had three children; Erin, Gemma and Tynan, and nine grandchildren.

The John Curtin Memorial Hostel was formed in 1983. The Committee members were very pleased to have a young man like Mark join the Committee in 1985, at the ripe old age of twenty-six. With his working background in finance, he was appointed to the Finance Committee in 1986 and was a dedicated member until, due to employment as a shift worker, he did not seek re-election in 1994. The Committee of Management presented Mark with a certificate in November 1995 in recognition of his service to the Hostel.

All through his working life in finance, sales, nursing and planning, the one occupation that he really enjoyed was his employment with the Country Fire Authority Region 15 staff. Joining in 2001 as a wildfire instructor he remained with the Authority up to his untimely death in 2019. Mark joined the Creswick Fire Brigade in February 1982 and during his thirty-seven years he held the following positions:

- Apparatus Officer 1991 – 1992
- 3rd Lieutenant 1992 – 1993
- 1st Lieutenant 1993 – 1999
- Captain - 1999 – 2009
- Secretary 2015 – 2017
- 2nd Lieutenant and Training Officer 2017 – 2019
- Creswick Group Delegate 2005 - 2011

- Delegate to Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria 2011 – 2019

During his time as Captain, he was the driving force behind the purchase of the Creswick Water Board buildings, later to become the fire station in 2005.

Mark was very innovative in his approach to training members of the Brigade. He instigated training for volunteer drivers and played an instrumental role in the development and delivery of leadership activities both in Creswick and Region 15. He introduced the *Fireline Leadership Program* from the USA, a world class program which he delivered, training people in Victoria, interstate and in the USA.



He was trained and qualified as a Strike Team Leader, Sector and Divisional Commander. He monitored members coming through the ranks, both within Creswick Brigade, Creswick Group and district. Mark had a commitment towards the sporting events of the Volunteer Fire Brigades Board, and was a very active member of the Creswick Brigade running team, who won the State C Class Championships at Bendigo in 1985 and B Class in Mildura in 1994.

With regard to the CFA, he was the 'go-to' man for advice and training. Mark's dedication to the Fire Brigade, serving the citizens of Creswick District and their properties, was

rewarded with the following awards:

- CFA Service Medals 20, 25, 30 and 35 years
- Life Membership of CFA 2012
- National Medal August 30, 1999
- National Medal 1st Clasp July 10, 2012
- National Medal 2nd Clasp due July 1, 2017
- Life Membership Creswick Fire Brigade 2012
- Volunteer Fire Brigade Victoria Gold Star 2016

Mark was a Life Member of the Creswick Football/Netball Club, playing over two hundred games, which included three Reserve premierships. He was a tireless worker for the club, whether working as Secretary, umpire or on the entry gate. He was deeply involved in promoting and working with the children in the *Auskick* program. Mark provided support and guidance to the committee for forty years.

August 1, 1924

Allendale – The drains and footpaths of the town need urgent municipal attention, and if heavy rain falls they will become very sloppy for pedestrians who have occasion to travel, particularly after nightfall. Many properties will run the risk of being flooded unless clearance is made of many of the water channels, which only receive spasmodic attention.

August 5, 1924

A most successful ‘Working Bee’ was held at the Creswick State School forest reserve, near Calembreen park, on Saturday afternoon last. The boys of the higher grades, under the head teacher (Mr. Chas. W. Frost) had prepared about 100 holes prior to the “bee”. The result of Saturday’s work was that another 200 holes were sunk and about 600 trees planted.

August 8, 1924

When excavating for the foundations for the Fallen Soldiers’ Memorial, which was to have been placed in Cooper’s Reserve, it was found that it would be a far from suitable site, the old creek bed being uncovered. At a hurriedly convened meeting held on Wednesday night, it was unanimously decided to erect the memorial on the spot in Market Square where the gun recently stood near the fountain.

August 12, 1924

Newlyn – For months past preparations have been going on for a great event in the history of Newlyn, the opening of a new hall. To raise funds to pay the cost of its erection, a Queen Competition was held, three young ladies seeking the honours. These were Miss Lyn McKinnon, Queen of Agriculture; Miss Ada Grigg, the Diggers’ Queen; and Miss Floris Yates, the Queen of Sport.

August 15, 1924

The leading positions in the contest for the most popular player in the local football team, being conducted by Creswick Pictures, were as follow up to Saturday night last: - H. Gracie, 1; S. Rust, 2; R. Bowley, 3. At the conclusion of the voting the ultimate winner will receive a handsome gold locket.

August 19, 1924

It is intended to raise funds for the purpose of providing an invalid’s chair for Mr. J. Ryan of North Creswick. Under the auspices of the Young People’s Social Club and the A.L.P., a long night dance will be held in the town hall on Thursday night, 28th inst. Tickets are 2/- for gentlemen and 1/- for ladies.

August 22, 1924

Blampied Ugly Men’s Competition. In aid of the Creswick and Daylesford Hospitals. A Grand ball will be held in the Newlyn New Hall on Wednesday, 27th August, in aid of Blampied’s Ugly Man (Mr. P. Rieniets). Rieniets Orchestra. Admission – Gents, 3/-; Ladies, 1/-. Good Supper.

Alex Jeffrey, M. Rieniets, Joint Secs. Help us to help a good cause.

August 26, 1924

Coming after the recent rains, the heavy fall yesterday carried the creek running through the town to become flooded late in the afternoon, and it overflowed its banks on the North Creswick side of Davies’ Bridge, running through Mr. J. Featherstone’s property, and making a miniature lake at the north end of Cambridge street; also reaching the roadway near the culvert on the Clunes road, north of the bridge. A portion of the roadway leading to Bridge Street was scoured.

(In 1924 there was only one bridge across the creek at the north end and this was Davies’ Bridge on the road to Castlemaine.)



Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

The Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18 September at the Commercial @ Kingston. Please arrive at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start. All welcome, please RSVP to kingstonfoa@gmail.com.

Centenary tree and plaque

In 2018, the Hon Catherine King MP, along with the great-grandnephews of William Grigg, planted a tree to commemorate the centenary of the first planting of the Shire of Creswick Avenue of Honour in Kingston. The Centenary Tree now has a plaque telling its story mounted on a large rock in front of it. The tree is located

in the main street of Kingston, opposite the Commercial @ Kingston, and around 50 metres to the south.

Commemorative planting

August saw Kingston, Friends of the Avenue join the Norman Family as they planted a replacement tree to honour Clarence Albert Norman, who served in the First World War, and then served in the Second World War training blacksmiths to serve overseas. Clarence Albert Norman’s photograph and service certificate can be seen at the Commercial @ Kingston.

Leah Armstrong

On behalf of Kingston Friends



Northerly News Chooks on the Way



Some of the students visiting the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre to celebrate NAIDOC Week

It has been a nice start to Term 3 despite the cold weather. The school is fortunate to have a large undercover area so students can still get outside and have a play at recess, even on wintery days.

The school community is pleased to report that the chook shed renovations are finished. Everyone has worked hard over the past year upgrading all aspects of the shed and yard to get it more secure and usable. The next action is to obtain chooks again to complement the wonderful vegetable garden.

The school has lots of enrolments coming in and continues to grow. Information sessions and transition days for the incoming Foundation students will soon be running to

ensure they are set up for starting school in 2025.

The Year 6 students are also in their final semester of primary school. It's an exciting time for them all and thanks to the school's strong student leadership program, they will be more than ready to head into Year 7 next year. It is a little known fact that our students successfully get into all Government, Private and Catholic schools with ease, across Ballarat and beyond. State schools are great schools and the school has amazing facilities and resources. Please contact the school on 5345 2012 for a tour – you will not be disappointed!

Matthew Reyntjes
Principal



Calling All New Residents!

There will be a Welcome to Creswick Info Session and Afternoon Tea in coming weeks. It will be held on a Saturday at 3.00pm. It's a great session so don't miss out, courtesy of Hepburn Shire Council, plus it is free to attend. Please register when you read this, you will then be advised of all details as plans develop. Register at the Creswick Hub or railwayworkshops@gmail.com or phone 0407 622 463.



Creswick Garden Club Upcoming Events

Greetings fellow Garden Club members. At the September meeting to be held on Tuesday, 3 September at the Senior Citizen's Club Rooms, Water Street, it is planned to have Liam Downes from Black Cat Truffles talk about having a truffle farm in central Victoria. This is not confirmed as yet but there is a plan B in place.

The monster plant stall and mini flower show plans are forging ahead. These events will co-incide with the annual Open Garden weekend hosted in mid-November. Full details for both events will be published in next month's *Creswick District News*.

For more information about these events, or the club, please contact the Secretary on 0437 518 159.

Karen Morgan
On behalf of the Creswick Garden Club

   **DJUWANG BARING PARTIAL OPENING**



It's official! On 2 August we opened 32 kilometres of Djuwang Baring (Creswick Trails) five months ahead of schedule.

Together with our project partners DJAARA, land management partners and our funding bodies (Regional Development Victoria and Creswick Community Bank), we are very proud to reach this major milestone. A special thank you also goes to our friends at Daylesford Macedon Tourism, Tourism Midwest Victoria, VOGA and Dirt Art for their contributions and ongoing support.

When complete Djuwang Baring will be a 60-kilometre network of mountain bike trails starting from the Hammon Park Trailhead, a 5 minute walk from the centre of Creswick.

Djuwang Baring will be a unique asset for our local community. It will have a strong positive impact on tourism and visitation, which in turn will provide strong returns to local and regional businesses and tourism destinations.

Funding for Hammon Park and Djuwang Baring has been provided by the State Government's Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund (\$4.66m) and Creswick Community Bank (\$250,000 for Hammon Park) with Council funding the remainder.

To showcase the trails and the economic opportunities that will arise from them, we have also launched a new website. Check it out at www.djuwangbaring.com

Remember to follow the trail signage, ride to your ability and take care on the open trails.

Images: Xanthia Chatham was the first official rider on the new trails, and the ribbon is officially cut.

    **TOURISM AWARD WIN**



Daylesford has been named the TAC Victorian Top Small Tourism Town winner, having competed against Heathcote, Koroit, Maldon and Sorrento.

From its beautiful landscapes and rich culture, to the shopping and dining experiences, Daylesford is truly a special place to be enjoyed in every season. Attracting visitors to our shire helps support businesses and grow our local economy.

Thank you to everyone who voted for Daylesford, and a special shout-out to the sponsors of the event — Victoria Tourism Industry Council, Transport Accident Commission, Gawk Outdoor, and Storytowns. Thank you also to the dedicated team at Council and Daylesford Macedon Tourism who worked hard on our submission to the awards.

Image: Dr Karina Lamb (Acting CEO), Cr Brian Hood (Mayor) & Bridgette O'Brien (Coordinator Economic Development & Visitor Economy)

   **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Township Structure Plans and Rural Hepburn (Future Hepburn)

Tuesday, 3 September at 2pm

Future Hepburn is a major once-in-a-generation project. It aims to protect and enhance the existing character of our towns and rural settlements through strategic planning controls to help manage future growth and development.

The final drafts will be considered at a Special Council Meeting on 3 September at 2pm and you can tune into our Facebook livestream. Thank you to the hundreds of community members who engaged with us on this project.

Financial Vision — Long-term Financial Plan

Tuesday, 10 September at 2pm

Council has been working on its Financial Vision over the last few months. We'd like to thank everybody who has had their say.

The Financial Vision will be considered at a Special Council Meeting on 10 September at 2pm and you can tune into our Facebook livestream.



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Congratulations To Creswick's IGA

At the 25th National IGA Awards of Excellence, held at The Star Gold Coast on July 15, IGA Creswick took home two awards. The 2024 IGA National Customer Service and Experience Award and 2024 IGA National Medium Dairy and Freezer Department of the Year Award.

The Dairy and Freezer Departments are a true standout. Their shelves are always full and beautifully presented. They continue to excel with the team's dedication to maintaining high standards and delivering the best products to their customers.

The entire team at IGA Creswick is known to go above and beyond to service the community which includes sourcing items for customers that aren't ranged. Kath Noonan, who leads the home delivery crew, takes the customer service experience to a whole new level offering a service that includes delivering and helping to unpack groceries in customers' homes.

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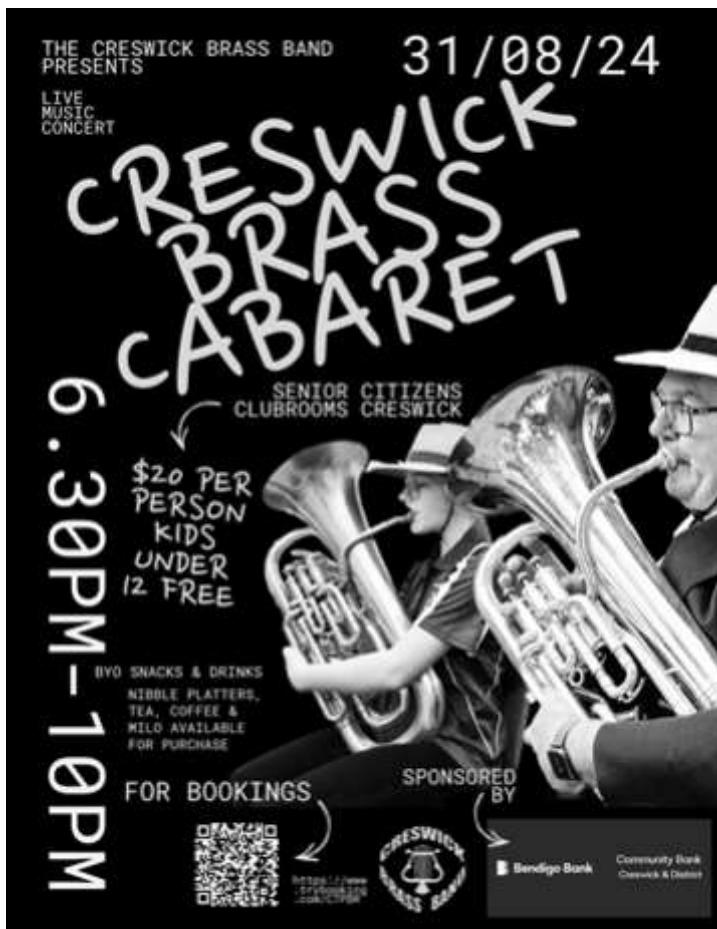
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SMEATON BOWLING CLUB Upcoming New Season

Although the weather has been quite dismal lately, it will not be long before SBC bowlers and friends will be returning to the greens to begin practise for the new bowls season. Opening Day will be held on Sunday, 15 September at 2.00pm and everyone is welcome to come along for a social game and afternoon tea.

The club has been invited to play in a practice match against Linton which is proposed for Sunday, 22 September, at Linton. Regular practise and the popular *scroungers* event will also begin in September.

Pennant teams are being discussed by the Match Committees and anyone wishing to play is invited to make contact with the Club. New members are welcome to come along and enjoy the game of bowls and the social atmosphere at the club.

Recent weeks have seen the sad news of the deaths of long standing friends of the club, Life Member Kevin Lafranchi, Jeanette Leishman and Geoff Slater. SBC extends sympathy to their family and friends.

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

A Reader's Contribution - Queen of Agriculture

I read with interest the extracts in *100 Years Ago*, compiled by Creswick Museum, in Issue 297 of *Creswick District News*.

I have enclosed a copy of the photograph of the Queen of Agriculture and attendants. The Queen of Agriculture, Miss Lyn McKinnon, is my mother.

Lyn McKinnon married Elliot Morris, son of Jessie Elizabeth Mitchell-Paine-Morris in 1927. They lived most of their time in Creswick and are buried in the Creswick Cemetery.

Kind regards from a former - still calls Creswick HOME - Creswick resident.

Lois Dexter (nee Morris)



Newlyn Queen Carnival - Newlyn Hall 1924 Queen of Agriculture – Miss Lyn McKinnon

Left to right:

George Cawthorn

Doris Ryre

J H Davey

Lyn McKinnon

Doreen Williams

Kathleen Prendergast

Page Boy, gold satin suit.

Maid of Honour; white satin dress, gold tissue trim, gold tissue headdress.

Master of Ceremonies.

Queen of Agriculture; gold chiffon velvet dress, gold shoes, heavy gold velvet cloak, gold beaded headdress.

Maid of Honour; white satin dress, gold tissue trim, gold tissue headdress.

Flower Girl; dress of white voile over gold satin.



After a lovely two-week holiday, the students have enjoyed getting back into their learning this term.

The students began the term celebrating NAIDOC Week. This year's theme was *Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud, and Proud*. This theme honours the

strength and vitality of First Nations culture, with a fire symbolising connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The activities that the students participated in were to make a whole school campfire with the theme *Connection to Country - Keep the Fire Burning*. All students contributed to a whole school artwork. As part of these celebrations, the school came together with Creswick North and St Augustine's Primary Schools for an activity at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, where a students' collaborative art project was unveiled. Throughout the week, staff read Indigenous stories to students and lunchtime activities were also held. On Friday, senior grades presented their

connection to country and sang *I am Australian* in Yawuru language. The presentation was a wonderful way to end the celebrations.

Performing Arts at Creswick Primary School

There is an air of excitement as rehearsals for the school concert, *The Wizard of Oz*, begin. The concert will be performed at the Mount Rowan Secondary College theatre later in the term.

This term the school is also excited to welcome members of the community as volunteers to Creswick Primary School to help with the fortnightly clubs program. On Friday afternoons students participate in whole school cross-age activities and with the help of some parents and friends, African singing and ukuleles will be introduced into the clubs' program. These performing arts clubs complement the gardening, STEM, Lego, arts and crafts, ball games, and Indonesian clubs that are already running.

2025 Prep Students

The school community is looking forward to meeting new 2025 prep students soon in the Prep Transition Program. If you are interested in enrolling at Creswick Primary School, please call the school office on 5345 2044 to arrange a tour and collect an enrolment pack.

Helen Romeril
Principal

Meet the team



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194 Ballarat Road, Creswick

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Once again, aged care is making headlines in the media for a variety of reasons.

The Maggie Beer series on TV has given viewers a look inside one site of a larger, multi-site provider, and John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC) has been following this with some interest. A number of her suggestions have been part of procedures at JCAC for some time.

CEO, Steve Bruechert, and chef, Harrison Lockert, are putting together a more in-depth response, which will be put out to the JCAC family shortly. We will be talking about *The John Curtin Way*. It marks a change in culture; meeting resident's expectations; educating families and staff and presents further opportunities for community interaction. It can be a challenging process. And further, many will be aware of the plight of the residents in the Shepparton, Lifestyle Communities. It is with gratitude that JCAC thanks the founders for not burdening residents with exit fees. John Curtin Aged Care is a great Creswick asset and can look forward to a brighter future.

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Creswick Bowling Club News

End of One Season, Beginning of Another

Preparations for the commencement of the Outdoor Bowls Pennant season, commencing in October, are under way. Hopefully there will be a practice match with Learmonth at the end of September. Confirmation will appear in the next edition of *CDN*, the club noticeboard and other media outlets.

Names of those who may be interested in playing Pennant this season are being collected .

Midweek Pennant is played on Tuesdays, 11.00am – 2.30pm and Weekend Pennant on Saturdays from 1.00pm – 5.30pm. Keep up with all the updates through the club's email and Facebook page.

The club hosted ten teams for a Triples event in July. The winners were Rod Poxon, Kevin Gibson and Steve Stupiski from Daylesford while the runners-up were a team from City Oval. Congratulations to all. Check the Facebook page for the next Triples game to be held. Single Entries are also welcomed.

Indoor Bowls. This season is drawing to a close with finals being played. The Ladies team defeated Midlands in the semi-final, congratulations to Eva Mitchell, Judy Rieniets, Eileen Franklin, Shirley Birkett, Beth Huntley, Liz Hocking, Elizabeth Cosgrove, Debbie Matthews, and Judith Caddy.

The two Men's divisions were unlucky to both finish in fifth place in their respective Divisions. As they say, there's always next year!

Further success in the VIBBA Men's Triples finals with Gerry Flapper, Travis Hedger and Rod Brehaut taking the runner-up prize. Well done to each of you.

The club's Indoor Championships have been played and the Triples Champions are Phil Zelle, Travis Hedger and Greg Peel.

The club Pairs final was played between Ross Pictor and Rob Edwards teaming up against Phil Judd and Trevor

Booth. Ross and Rob had to win the last end but came up short by one shot. Congratulations to Phil and Trevor.

Travis Hedger is the club's 2024 Indoor Bowls Champion, overcoming Oscar Jones to win.



*Back: Judy Rieniets, Eva Mitchell, Judith Caddy, Debbie Matthews
Front: Beth Huntley, Shirley Birkett, Elizabeth Cosgrove, Liz Hocking*

The Friday night dinners are going up in numbers each week. Everyone is invited to attend and it would be good to get an indication of numbers to help with catering. Call Bernie on 0437 102 059 and let him know. At the last dinner, Liz Hocking won the Member's Draw collecting a tidy sum. Members need to be there in order to win.

The clubhouse is available for bookings for select functions and if you are thinking of an end-of-year break-up *Try Bowls* function, then contact Bernie to discuss your proposal.

Depending on the weather, outdoor bowling practice will commence in August each Thursday morning from 11.00am – 12.00noon and Thursday afternoon around 4.30pm onwards. Please feel free to come along to either session and have a go at bowling. Someone will be available to guide you through the basics and, who knows, you just might get hooked and become a member.

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Kingston, Friends of the Avenue
AGM Wednesday, 18 September at the Commercial @ Kingston, 6.45pm for 7.00pm start.
Creswick Market plant stall. Saturday, 21 September

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
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-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
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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://creswick-market.creswicknc.org)
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
Creswick RSL Hall Albert Street
Sundays 10.30am – 12.30pm
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Friends of Park Lake
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Meet at the jetty.

Joey's, 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

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Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc Meetings at 6pm on Mondays: 7th October; 9th December - Creswick Railway Station

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

Tiplers - third Wednesday every month. email: barrymarj@hotmail.com

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St Augustine's News

Recently the students have had the opportunity to visit and interact with the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Art and Garden Space. The visit, which was part of their ongoing art studies and understanding of First Nations peoples, provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to engage with their local community and gain first-hand experience in creative and ecological projects. This particular focus was around NAIDOC week and the significance it has for everyone.

The Creswick Community Art and Garden Space, renowned for its vibrant murals and lush, well-maintained gardens, welcomed the students with open arms. A special thanks to Chrissy and all the volunteers who maintain the area. The tour began with a guided walk through the garden, where the students had the chance to learn about sustainable gardening practices and the importance of biodiversity. They were particularly fascinated by the vegetable patches, native plants and the composting process. The worm juice was a hit.

Following the garden tour, students visited their recent art works which were excellently curated and displayed by Alma's dad. Alma is a year 6 student. They were so proud of themselves and the contribution they have made to the space. The visit not only sparked their creativity but also deepened their appreciation for the connection between art, nature and country.

Grandparents Day

What a wonderful day Grandparents Day was! This proved to be a heart-warming and joyous occasion for students, grandparents and staff alike. The schoolrooms were all transformed into a welcoming space filled with portraits of grandparents which showcased the children's great love of them.

The overwhelming feedback from both grandparents and students was one of joy and gratitude. It was a day filled with happiness, pride, and a deep sense of community, reinforcing the special relationships that exist between generations. The success of the event is a testament to the strong sense of family and community that is cherished at St Augustine's.

Looking back on these recent events, it's clear that the spirit of learning and connection continues to thrive within the school community. Here's to more moments of inspiration and celebration in the months ahead!

*Michael Heenan
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