

Creswick District News

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Creswick Brass Cabaret SOLD OUT!



On the evening of 31 August, 2024, the Creswick Brass Band transformed the local Senior Citizens clubrooms into a lively cabaret venue, offering an unforgettable night of music, entertainment and camaraderie. The event was a resounding success, with tickets selling out a week in advance. The rapid sell-out was largely driven by the support of new sponsor, the Community Bank Creswick & District, and the overwhelming popularity of the band's 2023 *Spring Brass Cabaret*, which left such a lasting impression that many community members were eager to secure their tickets for this year's performance well in advance.

Following the 2023 event, which garnered positive reviews from attendees for its mix of both traditional and modern brass pieces, fabulous performances, active crowd involvement, hilarious fun, silent auctions, and super-cool guest prizes, the 2024 *Creswick Brass Cabaret* proved even better!

In true cabaret style, the band performed a mix of traditional brass band tunes and popular favourites, all to the delight of the enthusiastic audience. The musicians, under the expert direction of conductor, Jason White, brought the venue to life with their outstanding performances. Audience members, seated at trophy-decorated tables, enjoyed drinks and snacks while the music set an energetic tone for the evening. Highlights of the night were solo performances from members of the band, the silent raffle and fun prizes, which kept the crowd energised and engaged throughout the evening.

The Creswick Brass Band has long been a pillar of the town's cultural life, and with the support of new sponsor, Community Bank Creswick & District, plans to connect with the community in new and exciting ways. The Creswick Brass Cabaret is the first joint venture, and the partnership has been highly successful. Band president, Rob Ohlsen, commented, *'We were overwhelmed by the support from the community. Selling out a week early shows how much people appreciate live music and local entertainment. Last year's success definitely set the bar high, and we're thrilled to have exceeded expectations again'*.

The funds raised from ticket sales will go toward supporting the band's future performances and the maintenance of their equipment. The Creswick Brass Band loves being able to give back to the community and thank everyone who attended, the Community Bank Creswick & District and all the businesses and individuals who supported them through donations and promotion. The band says, *'Thank you Creswick Community'*.

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Creswick Lions Club

Christmas is fast approaching and Creswick Lions will again be selling Christmas cakes and puddings. This year the range includes the traditional 1.5kg Christmas cakes for \$20, the 900g puddings for \$16, a limited number of 1kg cakes for \$16 and 400g puddings for \$10. Thank you to the following businesses and organisations for selling Lions Cakes on the club's behalf – the Community Bank Creswick & District, Creswick Post Office, Davies and Rose, Flems, John Curtin Aged Care, Clunes Newsagent and Clunes Medical Centre.

Purchase can also be arranged by contacting Pat on 0429 581 591 or Leigh on 0438 558 450, especially for bulk lots. It is recommended that orders be placed before the end of November in case extras are required. The club will also be selling outside the IGA and at the Creswick Market leading up to Christmas when the annual Christmas Raffle tickets will also be sold.

During November, the major fund-raising event for the year was conducted, a successful Trivia Night with fun and frivolity enjoyed by all. Thanks to Meg, Leigh, Bernadette and Kathryn for organising the event and

thanks to the businesses and individuals for their support.

The October Creswick Market sausage sizzle was held as the club's annual fundraiser for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, to which the \$500 profit was donated. The club continues to collect old car/truck batteries which are sold to raise money to put back into the community. If you have any please contact Pat on 0429 581 591 to arrange collection or drop off. Also being collected are unwanted eyeglasses for redistribution to developing countries. These can be left at the Shire Hub, Community Health Centre, Neighbourhood Centre or contact Bernadette to arrange dropping off.

Pat Tacey



Creswick Cemeteries News

Improvements have been made to the children's area and under the gum trees on the Creswick side of the cemetery.

The Old Creswick Cemetery in Drummond Street will now be closed to public access. A sign has been placed near the gateway with the names of all those known to still be buried there. Contrary to popular belief, this cemetery was established by the inhabitants of Creswick to bury their loved ones. Few had the means to move their loved ones to the New Cemetery after it officially opened in 1858. Everyone else was left in Drummond Street, except some of the Chinese whose remains were removed and taken back to China. We don't know which ones as records were not kept for the Old Cemetery. All names have been researched through Births, Deaths and Marriages, newspaper reports and inquest records.

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	28.5
July	51.0	45.0	97.5
August	156.0	46.0	41.5
September	82.0	25.5	52.5
October	214.1	67.5	58.5
November	129.1	29.0	
December	40.2	23.0	
TOTAL	1,094.7	630.3	480.4



Judy Turner, the dynamic musician and founder of the hugely popular *CresFest* Folk and Roots Festival held in Creswick every April, was awarded the Contribution to Folk Award in Melbourne last month.

CresFest President, Mark Myers said 'a group of us travelled to Melbourne to be part of the celebrations at the annual Australian Folk Music Awards, held at Brunswick Ballroom'. The event, Myers said, was a gathering of the tribe, from all over Australia, with people from every state honoured for their contributions.

'We are very proud of Judy and of all she has achieved for Creswick. At the Awards night we realised how much she has contributed over many decades, to make music an essential part of hundreds, if not thousands, of lives. Her

energy and commitment are awe inspiring, and we are lucky to have her living in our region'.

Turner was nominated for the award by Ballarat legend, singer and choir leader Stella Savy, for her pioneering work providing musical opportunities for players of all ages through the creation and maintenance of Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, Stringmania Camp, and, of course, *CresFest*.

'Above all', Stella said 'Judy's secret magical power is having great ideas, making them come alive, then enthusing and inspiring other people to the extent they eventually want to take them over'.

And that, Judy says, is the secret of music in community. Stella Savy, now the co-director of *CresFest*, agrees.

Fiona Watson

Creswick Storm Recovery Committee Transitions to Creswick Readiness Group: Building Resilience Together

As the committee reflects on the achievements of the Creswick Storm Recovery Committee, deepest thanks are extended to Pat Tacey, Leigh Bell, Ron Head, Mark Shalless, Bernie Jordan, Pauline Stapleton, Neil James, Elly Van Oirschot, Don Henderson, Tim Drylie and all those who worked tirelessly to support the community after the devastating floods. The work done has had a lasting impact, and now the Committee is evolving into the Creswick Readiness Group, broadening the focus to ensure the community is prepared for any kind of emergency, whether it be flood, fire, or other hazards.

This transition to **all hazards** preparedness reflects the community's commitment to being ready for whatever challenges may come. By strengthening connections with the wider Hepburn Shire and continuing collaboration with Emergency Management Victoria and various emergency services, the members are taking a proactive approach to building long-term resilience. This is not just about emergency response, it is about fostering lasting relationships, improving communication, and ensuring everyone in the community knows what to do in a time of crisis.

Ways to move forward were discussed at the community dinner on 15 June. The feedback shared at that dinner, as well as from previous listening posts and surveys, has shaped the current focus. Three key themes emerged:

1. Community Connectedness: Building a network where everyone knows their role and has someone to turn to in times of crisis.
2. Effective Communication: Ensuring timely, clear information reaches all members of the community.
3. Utilising Community Skills: Leveraging the vast skills

within our community to ensure that all are as prepared as possible.

The feedback highlighted areas to be addressed, such as the disconnect between those affected by disasters, emergency services and support agencies. It became apparent that some groups, including the homeless, youth and children, require particular attention when it comes to preparedness and resilience.

Moving forward, the Creswick Readiness Group will be working to deliver outcomes based on this feedback. One of its key goals is to develop community-based training and an emergency scenario exercise, likely to take place next year. More will be shared more about these plans in the coming months.

Finally, a special mention goes to the mental health initiatives. There is now a Mental Health First Aid Trainer in town, and there will be opportunities for community members to take part in future training sessions. The mental health impact of disasters is significant, and the Group is committed to supporting the community in this area.

In future articles, the specific actions being taken to address these priorities will be discussed, and all interested in joining the Creswick Readiness Group are invited to reach out. Together, we can ensure Creswick is prepared for whatever the future holds. If you would like to join, or would like more information, the next meeting of the Creswick Readiness Group is in the Green Room at The American, Thursday, 21 November at 6.30pm, or contact Chairperson Juliet Viney at juliet.viney@gmail.com or Secretary Leigh Bell at leighbell.1234@gmail.com.

Juliet Viney, Chairperson

David C Henderson

12/9/35 - 11/7/2024



In his autobiography *My Tale*, David Charles Henderson would describe himself as a teacher, a fisherman, a hunter, a traveller and an historian, but the sum of these diverse labels came to mean so much more in a life of learning and service.

Born in Ballarat in 1935, David grew up in the Cabbage Tree area of

Creswick near Slaty Creek with his four siblings: Shirley, Dawn, Carol and Don. Though a fairly spartan life by today's standards, his memories of hunting, fishing, exploring the old mine sites and working with horses, tell of an idyllic childhood and taught him that history was alive and all around us.

David attended Creswick Primary School, then Ballarat High School where he earned his Leaving Certificate. That's when he decided to go to Teachers College as it was '*... out of the weather, not too physical and the government paid you*'. With the Education Department, David served in many schools across the Western District of Victoria, before his first long-term stint at Toolondo, a tiny town south of Horsham. He married June Dunphy in 1957 after meeting her in Brisbane on an eventful motorcycle trip with two mates. After ten years at Toolondo, where his four children were born, the family moved back to Creswick, building a house in Lewers Street for \$7,200.

While completing a Diploma of Art in Ballarat, David worked at Creswick school for one year, then took a promotion at a Daylesford school. He remembered his time at Daylesford as '*a tough timber town, but the*

children were great'. After ten years at Daylesford, David became Vice Principal, then Principal at Clunes. In 1981, the position of Head Teacher at the Red Hill School at Sovereign Hill was advertised and David applied immediately: '*It was my childhood down to the ground - horse-drawn vehicles, gold panning, mining and cooking over an open fire*'. He was required to dress in 1850s costume. Students from all over Victoria would come for two days to be immersed in 1850s gold rush town. David even made all their costumes himself - about 1,000 sets all up, which he kept mended.

In 1990, David retired from teaching and became a member of FOSH (Friends of Sovereign Hill), and kept volunteering taking school groups through Sovereign Hill. He wrote three little books for children called *Golden Tales* which sold well. He was eventually awarded Life Membership of FOSH, as was his wife June.

David had a great sense of community. He was a foundation member of Apex in Creswick, founded OASIS (Old Apexians Still Interested in Service) when he became too old for Apex, introduced soccer to Daylesford, then at different times was President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Creswick Soccer Club. He was a founding member of the Creswick Historical Society. The maps he drew for the *Walking Tour of Creswick* and the *David Henderson Map* are still great historical resources today.

David's friends called him an interesting character with a dry sense of humour, always ready to get in and contribute. David was an historian who actually *lived* history and his legacy will live on. As he wrote in his autobiography: '*With the support of my late wife June, I have had a wonderful life*'.

David is survived by his four children, ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

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Marshmallow, Creswick's Innovative Hair Salon

As owner and Managing Director of Marshmallow, Casey Leneghan will affirm the importance of continuing to deliver products that are a point of difference from other salons.

In choosing Creswick to create a salon that would make a difference to people wanting to feel good about themselves, having hair styled to suit their personality and lifestyle, Casey was determined to introduce practices that were holistic in their delivery.

Casey said, *'I understand that my clients trust me to keep ahead of trends, to introduce products that are not available elsewhere in the region, and to employ hair stylists that share my values and philosophy'*. Casey recently introduced Nanoplasty, a high-tech product from Italy, that restores and straightens hair without the use of harsh chemicals.

'I've always been concerned about the use of harsh chemicals on young children, or pregnant women. Now we can safely give our clients the look they want, knowing that their hair will be straightened and nourished with organic and amino acids. The really good news is that the treatment lasts for up to eight months!'

Recently, Casey was delighted to welcome to Marshmallow a highly regarded hair stylist and long-term friend, Adam Noel. With over 30 years' experience, and having worked with Casey 15 years ago in her Ballarat salon, Soho, Adam brings a unique understanding as stylist, cutter and colourist. He has quickly acquired new clients from around the district as well as retaining his loyal clients from Ballarat.

'I can't be more excited that Adam has joined the team at Marshmallow along with Sophie and Corina,' Casey said. *'Adam has already made a positive impact on both the salon and to Creswick in general. A broader client base, from as far as Melbourne, means that there will be a whole influx of new people coming into Creswick, supporting all the amazing local businesses. That's what's so good about working in a small community. We all benefit by working in together.'*

Fiona Watson



SMEATON BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Moving further into the Pennant season there is a lot happening around the club. The first Barefoot Bowls/Community Come and Try night was on Friday, 8 November and the next event is scheduled for Friday, 13 December. All interested community members are encouraged to come along and try bowling or just come for a chat and a social drink. The night kicks off at 6.00pm with BBQ and drinks available.

The club is fortunate to have a beautiful grass green on which to play, that has now been opened up for practice and pennant play. The new synthetic green is also settling in well, and the lights will be upgraded soon. The club is a great all round facility!

The events calendar has been set for the season and if you are interested in any of these events follow on Facebook for updates. As always, thank you to the sponsors for their ongoing support of this country club.

Sunday, 8 December - Turkey Triples;
Friday, 13 December, 6.00pm - Barefoot Bowls/
Community night.

2025

Sunday, 19 January - Nebpak Transport Mixed Fours;
Wednesday, 5, 12 and 19 February - Twilight Triples;
Thursday, 6, 13 and 20 March - Essantis/Unigrain
Corporate Cup;
Wednesday, 12 March - Steak and Kidney Day;
Wednesday, 19 March - Ladies Tournament.

Thursday afternoon Scroungers has wound down as Thursday evening practice winds up, and internal club events are beginning to be played.

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

Laraine Toose



On Tuesday, 22 October John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC) management presented the revised Standards incorporated into the new Strategic Plan to thirty guests, including Life Members and community members. These standards will now form part of The John Curtin Way.

This was followed by a presentation of the exciting future ahead for John Curtin, including concept plans, grant applications, and generous bequests that can facilitate the first stage.

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Susan Craven, President



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Submit your expression of interest by 12pm on Monday 25 November via the Participate Hepburn website - <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/hepburn-z-net>

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Things to remember:

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Northerly News Gone Fishin'

The school's ten-day swimming program at Swim & Survival Academy in Wendouree concluded at the end of Term 3 and it was great to see the improvement in the students' swimming, survival and water safety skills.

After the holiday break, the Central Highlands *Fishcare* group came to work with the Year 3 - 6 students. They practised their skills in casting, knot-tying and fish identification. The local fisheries officer also paid a visit to go through the rules of fishing in the lakes and waterways of Victoria. This skills program will be followed-up with an excursion with the *Fishcare* group in December to Lake Dewar near Bacchus Marsh.

The *Smile Squad* dental van came to visit and lots of students participated in the program. It is great to provide the opportunity for families to access this free program, and the *Smile Squad* team were excellent.



Camp Activity

All students had entries in the Creswick Fire Brigade's recent Community Open Day competition. The theme was *Smoke Alarms Save Lives*, and as the school has many budding artists, several students received prizes for their wonderful work.

The Year 3 - 6 students have recently been on camp at the YMCA Lady Northcote Camp in Glenmore for three days. The weather was great and they had a wonderful time with activities such as raft-building, the giant swing, bike-riding, archery, cooking and whole-group leadership tasks.

Lots of enrolments are coming in and the school continues to grow very quickly. The 2025 Foundation student and family information sessions were run recently, and the transition days are coming up soon to ensure new students are set-up and ready for starting school in 2025.

Transition activities are also ramping up now for the Year 6s and they are preparing to attend a wide variety of government, private, catholic and independent secondary schools around Ballarat and districts.

State schools are great schools and at Creswick North PS there are amazing facilities and resources. Please contact the school on 5345 2012 for a tour.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal



Creswick Capers Working Bee and Community Service

We are so lucky to live in the township of Creswick and are pleased to be able to be part of its vibrant community. In this edition of *CDN*, we would like to celebrate the community at Creswick Primary School.

The first weekend back at school saw the first working bee. A group of enthusiastic families came along to work on two projects: the front garden and painting the railings of the MPB. Two hours were spent in the beautiful sunshine working together to revitalise these two areas. Thank you to all the families and staff who supported the working bee.

This term, the Little Kookaburra's Playgroup started at Creswick. The first session saw 15 families from across Creswick come together. The children participated in play activities, story time, and a song with Miss Strong. Playgroup welcomes anyone with children aged 0-5 and operates on Friday mornings between 9.15am and 10.45am.

At the end of last term, the two School Captains, Kobe and Lucy, joined the staff at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre to help serve their Creswick Community Lunch. They were privileged to meet some of the community members at lunch and see what wonderful things the Neighbourhood Centre does for the community. Lunch is held on the second Tuesday of each month at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

The Junior School Council members went down to Albert Street last week to ask for donations for the annual Christmas Raffle. The students had to explain to



businesses why they were there and gave out letters explaining the raffle. The school thanks the local businesses who have donated. The support is really appreciated.

As the term progresses, Creswick Primary School will be joining the other fantastic state school in town, Creswick North Primary School, in the annual Creswick Cup netball match. The school also joined the Pavilion Arts group on Halloween for their Lantern Parade within the school grounds.

Helen Romeril, Principal



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This beautifully restored early 1860s bluestone home, known as Jory House, is steeped in history and character.

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St Augustine's News

Growth, Both Personal and Horticultural

School life seems to be bubbling along. It is wonderful to see the growth of all students as they continue in their learning journeys. The Year 6s are leading the way, their approach to their studies should be commended. Today I was lucky enough to be in the Year 6, Year 5 and Prep classrooms. The Year 6s were learning about low and high modality words and how they can impact emotive language. The Year 5s were incorporating the Mentor Text strategy with the text *Wild Australian Life* by Leonard Cronin and Chris Nixon and Preps were writing sentences and paragraphs about the way they are feeling. That was all before 10.00am!

The school continues to welcome the newest students to St Augustine's and are reminded how essential a Prep Transition program is, and how surrounding Kindergartens do a fantastic job in preparing the children. We believe our programs are designed to ease the transition for young learners into primary school. Staff have organised engaging activities of discovery based learning, and the children are becoming familiar with their new environment, meeting peers, and forming connections with their teachers.

The school's Creswick Community Garden continues to thrive, providing a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with nature and learn about sustainable practices. This hands-on project, led by the Year 6 leaders, not only promotes healthy habits but also fosters a sense of community as students come together to plant, tend, and harvest a variety of vegetables. Thanks to Chrissy, Norm and Alfie from the Neighbourhood Centre for their support with this project.

The Year 6 Bike Education program is off to an exciting start. This program teaches students essential cycling skills and road safety, empowering them to navigate their surroundings confidently. With hands-on sessions both in the schoolyard and on local roads, students are learning about bike maintenance, traffic rules and the importance of wearing helmets and being safe.

The Performing Arts program is flourishing this term, with students exploring their creativity through singing, dancing and movement. Ms Kate Snow often talks about the creativity and zest the children display. The Performing Arts program is essential as it encourages self-expression and teamwork, culminating in the Christmas Concert, a showcase where students can perform for their peers and families. From learning choreography to developing vocal techniques, participants are gaining confidence and honing their skills, and we can't wait to see the incredible performances they will deliver.

All plans, permits and approvals for the new school building are now complete. The tender process has been finalised and the school is in the final stages of appointing a construction company. The school now looks forward to the commencement of the project and expects all classrooms, including science and art centres to be finalised by mid-year 2025.

Enrolments and School Tours:

If you are considering St A's school for your child please contact the office on admin@sacreswick.catholic.edu.au or phone 5345 2106 to arrange a school tour.

Michael Heenan, Principal



I'm here to help.
For assistance with state government matters, please contact my office.

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Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc.

Many thanks to all who helped with the recent working bee. Twenty-two volunteers contributed to the following: 286 trees whopper snipped, 27 new plaques returned to trees, 18 plaque mounts installed, and a free BBQ lunch at the CFA Fire Station.

The working bee was followed by a successful community First Aid Course in the afternoon.

Many thanks to those who assisted prior to the working bee, to those who have donated to the group and thanks also to the Facebook followers.

Save the dates:

Kingston Show, Saturday, 30 November

Creswick Market, Saturday, 21 December

Julie Baulch, on behalf of Kingston FOA

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The Spring Season and Baby Birds

During spring, many of Victoria's young birds are going through the fledgling stage of their development. Wildlife Victoria has advice about what to do if you see a young bird on the ground.

A young bird goes through the following stages before becoming fully independent:

Leaving the nest: These birds are starting to leave the nest but can only hop around a little. The parents should be nearby, or off collecting some food for the little one and will be back shortly.

Fledgling: After fledglings emerge out of their nest, they can spend up to two weeks on the ground while learning to fly. These birds are starting to run around and may even have a go at flying, but they might not have the hang of it just yet.

During this period, they are still being fed by their parents and should not be interfered with unless obviously injured. Parents should still be watching out for them. Fledglings may leave the nest for up to six hours, so don't be worried if you aren't seeing them regularly.

Check out more information at Wildlife Victoria

<https://www.wildlifelifevictoria.org.au/>

Wildlife Victoria can offer several ways to join the network of volunteers. Rescue and transport volunteers attend to injured, sick, or orphaned native animals and if needed,



capture, contain and transport the animal to a vet. Foster carers are authorised under Wildlife Shelter Operators to gain experience and guidance in the care and treatment of native wildlife. In Victoria, sick, injured or orphaned wildlife can only be rehabilitated by a wildlife shelter operator or foster carer who is authorised by the Conservation Regulator under the Wildlife Act. The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action hold all Shelter and Foster Carer licences. Wildlife Victoria emergency response line 8400 7300 operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Article from Wildlife Victoria Online Page, in response to questions on social media about fledgling birds.

November 4, 1924

Residents of Creswick and district are reminded that the third annual reunion of the Old Creswickian Association will be held in the supper room of the Melbourne town hall on Wednesday (to-morrow) night. An enjoyable time is anticipated.

November 7, 1924

The Commonwealth Gazette published the results of the examination held recently for a vacancy on the Creswick Post Office staff. Harold Grose was first, and Walwin Arch second. The other candidates were H. Booth, P. George, R. Drummond, R. Allen, Lionel Harridge, A. Felstead, C. Smart and T. Heagney. The marks obtained were higher than those secured by the candidates at a similar examination in Geelong, the results of which also appear in the "Gazette". The promotion of Mr. Douglas Arch from the Creswick Post Office will shortly cause another vacancy.

November 11, 1924

Heavy rain was experienced last week. Commencing on Tuesday, 69 points were registered at the local town hall the following morning, 45 points on Thursday morning, 56 points on Friday morning, and 92 points on Saturday morning. Shortly after 1 o'clock on Friday there was a very heavy shower of over half an inch in a few minutes. The Creswick Creek rose rapidly until it overflowed its banks in places. The footbridge near the bowling green suffered, one of the piers giving way, letting down the bridge in one place. A little below Davies' bridge the water spread across the Clunes road, and also surrounded the outbuildings at Featherstone's butcher's shop. The north end of Cambridge street was also damaged. The total rainfall for November to date is 3 inches 9 points. In the same month of last year 1 inch 46 points fell.

November 14, 1924

Those desirous of preserving eggs would do well to peruse the advertisement in another column of Mr. W. B. Maine, chemist, of Albert street, who has in stock the "Keepwell" Solution, in tins at 1/ and 2/3.

November 18, 1924

The committee of the Creswick Mechanics' Institute and Free Library have decided to instal a second billiard table in the institute. They tendered for the purchase of the billiard table and all accessories in the defunct Soldiers' Club room at the town hall, at £52/10/, and being the highest offer made, it was accepted by the trustees at a meeting held last Saturday evening.

November 21, 1924

Ex-Cr. Richard Hender, of North Creswick, on Tuesday last, 18th November, attained the great age of 82 years. His friends will be pleased to know that he is in good health, but his hearing has become affected and the years have taken toll of his legs and joints to some extent. Mr. Hender remarks that he hopes to be able to "canter" around the yard for a few more birthdays. He is one of the very old residents of the district, and lived a very active life until advancing years caused his retirement into private life.

November 25, 1924

Blampted – Landowners and farmers in this district are almost without exception establishing telephone communication, and there have been fifteen recent connections with the local post office. Further applications are being made and the department is displaying every effort to meet their wishes, for it is officially recognised that the telephone contributes much to the convenience of isolated rural life.

November 28, 1924

A meeting of the trustees of the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund is to be held in Melbourne on Wednesday next. Applications from persons in this district who desire relief must be lodged with the Mayor (Cr. T. Cushing) not later than tomorrow (Saturday) . Note- this was originally the money raised for the victim's families of the Australasian No. 2 mine disaster of 1882.



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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Kingston Agricultural Show, 30 November

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 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

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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 Maria Marco 0410 499 007
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 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
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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.

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

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 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

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

Victoria Street Craft Group, every Monday 10.00am – 2.00pm at the Creswick Bowling Club. BYO lunch. Contact Rita on 5345 2239 or 0407 452 232

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There were two major events for the Lodge in the past month.

Each October the Lodge installs the Master (President) for the next 12 months. Preparations were just getting underway for the dinner to be in the downstairs dining room when it was discovered there had been a break-in. The entry door had been broken off its hinges and nearly \$1,000 worth of drinks, soft and



hard, and other items had been stolen, including two large artificial flower arrangements and their vases.

Fortunately, the police investigation, repairs to the door, and the clean-up were done in very short order so the celebrations proceeded smoothly. The ladies who do the catering produced a magnificent meal of roast pork, followed by wonderful apple crumble and ice cream. All home cooked - beautiful!

The very ancient and theatrical ceremony of installing the

new Master was conducted by a local team of Grand Lodge Officers ably led by the District Co-Ordinator, Very Worshipful Brother Peter Bond, Past Grand Junior Warden, ably assisted by Creswick's own Very Worshipful Brother Robert Gilmore Orr, Past Deputy Grand Master.

The new Master of the Lodge is the old Master presiding for a second year, Worshipful Brother Michael Clark, Member of the Order of Merit.

Michael Clark

Creswick-Smeaton RSL Support for Cambodia

Creswick-Smeaton RSL member, Gary Chandler, has recently returned from eight months in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Gary was a volunteer English Language Teacher in a Buddhist Pagoda School. He also supported three other village schools locally with school supplies and audio visual equipment.

Cambodia is one of the poorest Asian nations. It relies very heavily on tourism which has not recovered since the COVID pandemic. There is a huge need for laptops and iPads in the classrooms, wiped of personal information and data. These items are very expensive for families who live on an average salary of US\$200 per month.

Even basic supplies of exercise books, pens, writing pencils, rulers/protractors, erasers and sharpeners are beyond the reach of village families.

If you can help by donating your used laptops and iPads or assist with school supplies, please contact Gary Chandler on 0409 011 890 or RSL Secretary Phil Greenbank on 0490 374 006.

Gary will be returning to Cambodia in 2025 to continue teaching.

Phil Greenbank
Secretary

