



CRESWICK HAVILAH LODGE



The Lodge had the joyful experience of welcoming Mark Ward into the Fraternity at the August meeting. The Ceremony of Initiation was an hour of pomp and ancient ceremony, with twelve Freemasons taking part, while another twenty-one Freemasons witnessed the proceedings. It was a wonderful way to return from the winter break.

As is usual, Bro Ward was later taken to visit another Lodge to witness the ceremony that he had just been part of, to help reinforce its teachings.

The August meeting also showed how lucky this Lodge is to have two experienced and dedicated helpers to produce the delightful suppers enjoyed after each meeting.

A good supper encourages good conversation and good fellowship. Both ladies deserve a sincere vote of thanks from all Freemasons who come to the Creswick Havilah Lodge.

The room where the supper is held is called the *South* because in the days of the building of the great cathedrals in the Middle Ages, the Masons always had a *lunchroom* on the South side of the building to capture the sunlight and its warmth. In Havilah Lodge, of course, the *South* is underneath the main room.

If you are interested in learning more about Freemasonry, or would like a tour of the interior of the Lodge room and its collection of art works, feel free to contact Michael Clark on 0409 421 547.

Michael Clark



Members of the Lodge with the newest member, Bro Mark Ward (from L to R) Maurice Rotblat, Geoff Parsons, Bob Orr, Michael Clark, Mark Ward, Ed Koene, Grant Pasco, Michael Spaulding (Photo courtesy of David Law)



(L to R) Master of the Lodge Wor Bro Michael Clark, Bro Mark Ward, VWBro Ed Koene, Director of Ceremonies (Photo courtesy of David Law)

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June wishes to thank friends and family for their get well wishes during her stay in hospital and rehabilitation. She is looking forward to returning to activities at the Senior Cits.

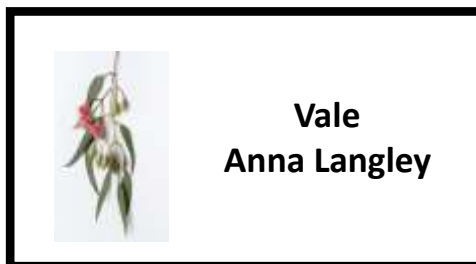
The next Social Day will be 27 September when there will be the usual lunch and entertainment. Get well wishes to anyone on the sick list.

June Gray 5334 6526



Bald Hills-Creswick Landcare Planting

As part of the biodiversity project at Calembreen Park, over 800 native food and fibre plants will be planted on Saturday, 12 October from 10.00am, weather permitting. All are welcome.



Vale
Anna Langley

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	
October	214.1	67.5	
November	129.1	29.0	
December	40.2	23.0	
TOTAL	1,094.7	630.3	369.4



Creswick-Smeaton RSL

The Creswick-Smeaton RSL Remembrance Day Service for 2024, will be held on **Monday, 11 November** commencing at 10.40am at the Creswick Cenotaph, corner Albert and Raglan Street, Creswick.

Phil Greenbank, Secretary

Victoria Street Craft Group

The group would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Special Effort.

Winners were:

- 1st Fred – \$200 blacksmith voucher.
- 2nd Liz Hocking – digital media receiver.
- 3rd Sheryl Gaten – garden trolley with accessories.
- 4th Laurie Porter – Kelso spade.

It was a very successful effort.
Rita

Bouquet

There are always those who do much to make a community flourish and often go unnoticed. One such is Barry Coveney.

The children's Magic Pudding Playground suffers vandalism from time to time, when unpleasant language is plastered on it.

Barry, of his own volition, armed with paint brush and paint, makes sure it is removed to make that playground a better place for the younger residents.

Thank you Barry!



St. Augustine's

Breakfast and Books

It has been a remarkable past few weeks at St Augustine's, filled with celebrations that brought the school community closer together. From the Father's Day Breakfast to the colour and joy of the Book Week Parade, as well as the reflection and celebration of our Patron Saint, St Augustine and finally the year 5 visits to feeder schools of Damascus, St Patrick's and Loreto College.

Book Week is always a highlight of the school calendar and this year's celebrations were particularly special. The week was brought to life through engaging activities that encouraged students to dive into the world of books. The grand finale was the Parade, where students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. The creativity on display was truly impressive, with costumes ranging from classic book figures to modern-day heroes. This was not just a fun event but also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading and the imagination it inspires.

The celebration of St Augustine's Feast Day was enjoyed by all, a day of reflection, prayer and community spirit. It began with a special Mass attended by students, staff, parishioners and members of the wider Creswick community. Year 6 Leaders did a remarkable job in leading

the community at Mass, highlighting St Augustine's teachings and his values that guide the school. Following Mass, celebrations continued with a series of activities that allowed the school to come together. From snags in bread to games and activities, the day was a true testament to the togetherness that is at the heart of the school. The kids did look pretty tired at the end of the day too!

Finally, Father's Day Breakfast, an event that never fails to bring smiles and warmth. This year was no exception, as fathers, uncles, grandfathers and special friends joined in a delicious breakfast of bacon and eggs. It was a terrific opportunity for the school to show appreciation for the important role these people play in students' lives.

Each event was a success thanks to the participation and support of everyone involved, especially the staff, and everyone looks forward to many more opportunities to come together in the spirit of joy, knowledge and community.

*Michael Heenan
Principal*

See photo page 6

NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME

Welcome Date is Confirmed!

The **New Residents Welcome** event will be held on

Saturday, 12 October, at 3.00pm
at the Senior Citizens Centre,

Water Street, behind the Town Hall.

Register via railwayworkshops@gmail.com

or SMS or phone **0407 622 463** (Judy)

or at the Creswick Hub, Library.

This is a free event, sponsored by the
Hepburn Shire.

New residents will find out more about Creswick, the people who live here, the local key agencies and the various groups that vitalise community!

Come along and enjoy afternoon tea with other new residents and locals.

Please register by 10 October
for catering purposes.



Creswick Garden Club Monster November

On Tuesday, 1 October, the Creswick Garden Club will meet at 1.15pm in the Senior Cits Club Rooms in Water Street, Creswick. The Guest Speaker for the meeting will be Chris Smith who will speak on growing those all-time classic garden favourites – iris, chrysanthemums and dahlias. Chris will be the final guest speaker for the year.

November will be a busy month for the club as it celebrates Melbourne Cup Day by visiting some club members' gardens and enjoying a progressive luncheon on the way. This will take place on 5 November.

The weekend of November 9 and 10 will be the Open Garden days, the mini-flower show and the monster plant sale. Tickets for the Open Garden program will be on sale on the day from the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria Street. They will also be available online.

The Flower Show will be held in the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre hall while the plant sale will commence at 9.00am in Coopers Reserve, outside the Visitor Information Centre.

For further information on any of these events, please contact the club Secretary on 0437 518 159.

*Karen Morgan
On behalf of the Creswick Garden Club*

HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE

John Alexander Graham 1869 - 1951 Author, Historian and Proud Creswickian

John Alexander Graham was born in Creswick in 1869. His parents, William and Sarah (Stephenson), emigrated on the *Omega* in 1856 from County Tyrone, Ireland and married in 1859. On arrival in Australia, William gave his occupation as labourer and became involved in the local mining industry.

John's two older brothers were William, born in 1861 and Thomas in 1863. They were two of the three *Lost Children*, a tragic story in Daylesford's history. In June 1867, William aged six, Thomas aged four, along with friend Alfred aged five, wandered off into the bush and became lost. Despite an extensive search they were not found until their bodies were discovered months later.

In 1967 the Daylesford Historical Society erected a cairn on the road to Daylesford to commemorate the 100th anniversary of their disappearance. John also had a younger sister Jessie, born in 1869.

John was educated at the Creswick Grammar School in Cambridge Street from 1882. The school was founded in 1869 by the Reverend Alex Pyne of St John's Church of England. Many successful Australians were educated at the Grammar School including Sir Alexander Peacock, Premier of Victoria during the early 1900s.

The Creswick Grammar School history was written and compiled by John A Graham in 1940. The book included lists of teachers and scholars, and reminiscences by former scholars.

Mr Graham's second book, *Early Creswick: The First Century*, serves as a testament to Graham's commitment to preserving and sharing Creswick's rich heritage. He developed an appreciation for the town's history from an early age, with his research and accuracy cementing his reputation as an author and historian.

Published in 1942, *Early Creswick: The First Century* remains an achievement in the field of regional history. A comprehensive history, it traces Creswick's evolution from its humble beginnings to a flourishing township. Through a combination of archival records, firsthand accounts and documentation, Graham's book reconstructs the social, economic and cultural tapestry of Creswick's inaugural century.

The Foreword to the original edition of *Early Creswick*, written by Lady Millie Peacock as President, Creswick Branch of the Red Cross Society, acknowledges John Graham's generosity in donating the proceeds from the sale of the book to the local Red Cross during the time of World War II.

The book records the arrival and work of the early explorers, settlers and squatters during the 1830s and 1840s, who brought cattle and sheep to the area and established large land holdings, including Captain John Hepburn and the Creswick brothers. As recorded, *'The squatters held no legal title to the land, the boundaries ... being arranged by mutual agreement'*.



It is interesting to note that Alexander Creswick, son of Henry, stated *'It was correct to clearly articulate the 'w' and that the custom adopted by many old residents of deleting the letter and turning the name into 'Cres'ick' was not in accord with his father's pronunciation'*.

The first sale of land in the district commenced from 1856 and many of these properties have remained with the original families since then.

At the turn of the 20th century, John Graham was living in Raglan Street, Creswick, possibly with his sister. Later he bought and resided in the house on the corner of King Street and Clunes Road.

John Graham was among the founders of the Old Creswickian Association in 1922 and was the first President. A need was seen, as the families of the miners with few employment opportunities in the district moved away from town, resulting in a loss of contact with the town and each other. In 1912, a reunion of former Creswick residents in Melbourne saw 150 men present. Following World War I, in 1921, the first *Back to Creswick* was held with 700 people attending. This led to the formation of the Old Creswickian Association whose gatherings strengthened former residents' links with their hometown and kept friendships alive. The organisation lasted until the late 20th century.

John Graham died on the eve of the 1951 Annual Reunion, the 30th Reunion, and at his request, the event was held with those who attended observing two minutes silence in his honour.

Broomfield Monument to Gold Mining

In April 1939, around 300 people, including John Graham, were present at Broomfield Road, Broomfield for the unveiling of the Broomfield Memorial which includes these words: *'This discovery of gold led to the opening up of the Spring Hill Leads, the richest deep alluvial goldfield in the world'*. Among the crowd were descendants of gold mining families, including John's father, William Graham. At the unveiling, John Graham presented the Memorial to the President of the Shire of Creswick.

His recording of oral history of the early families had started many years before the book was published and depicted what he described as, *'the rough but interesting days of the gold rush'*.

A few quotes –

'The summer of 1853-54 was very dry, and we ... had great difficulty in getting drinking water. When an occasional shower fell, we were obliged to save as much as possible from the tent roof.'

'I have seen a woman take her wedding ring off to buy a loaf of bread for 1/6d.'

'It is hard for old Creswickites to believe the progress that has been made in hydraulic sluicing and dredging. In the early days the tub and cradle, and then the advanced puddling machine were the best appliances.'

A description by John Graham of the Chinese during the gold rush –

'Some of the inhabitants of China Town were to be seen heavily laden with baskets swung by ropes from the ends of bamboo poles ... The bearers moved with the characteristic rhythmical trot of the Chinese.'

The Creswick Contingent Eureka Stockade - Memorial Inscription – Calembreen Park

'The Creswick contingent set out on 30 November 1854 from a grog shanty at Long Point, Creswick ... it proceeded along the densely crowded Clark's Flat, where stump orations were delivered and licenses burnt. ... The scratch army swelled ... until it reached 400 to 500. ... But a heavy thunderstorm not only drenched their bodies but cooled their ardour, and not many reached the Eureka Stockade.'

As well as being a successful businessman and mining investor, the importance of John Graham's recording of the district's history was recognised, along with many other sources, in a detailed report and study completed by the Shire of Creswick on Creswick's Heritage prepared for the National Estate Committee (Victoria) in 1990. His book is also referenced in the Conservation Analysis completed on the Creswick Town Hall in 1993.

A search of the Victorian Places web page shows *Early Creswick* as the first book recommended for further reading on the history of the town. The book is available

in libraries throughout Australia, including State, National and Universities, and several local residents have copies. An internet search reveals limited copies for sale in specialty bookshops.

Following a service in Melbourne on the death of John Graham on March 15, 1951, the cortege left for the Creswick cemetery where he was buried with his parents. His sister Jessie (Mrs Dr Wilson) had predeceased him. Jessie's two daughters were John Graham's only living close relatives: Enid (Mrs John Gourley) and Mollie (Mrs David Elder).

At the family graveside a service was conducted by Rev Martin, convenor of the Presbyterian Church Extension Board and Minister of the South Yarra Church. As reported in the *Creswick Advertiser* at the time, he paid tribute to Mr Graham's work as a member of the Extension Board, with his business ability being of great benefit, and Mr Graham's great generosity in donating to numerous causes in Creswick and beyond. One such bequest, in memory of his father, was the sculpture of Sir Walter Scott, 1771 - 1832, Scottish historian and poet, situated in front of the Civic Hall, Ballarat and unveiled by the Mayor of Ballarat in 1962.

In attendance at the Creswick cemetery were many prominent citizens and representatives from the Creswick community including St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hospital Committee, Shire Council, Forestry Commission, RSL and Old Creswickian Association.

John Alexander Graham is a worthy inductee to the Creswick Civic Honour Roll for 2024.



Creswick Cemeteries News Upgrades

All going well, works will begin on the roadways on the eastern side of the cemetery as well as works on the children's section across from the office. The grass will be removed from the children's section and replaced with white stones. It is hoped this will lift the area and make it a bit brighter. It is also planned to pressure wash the concrete which the plaques are on.

Without having the grass there, the angels and other special items can be placed on the site without danger of being broken due to mowing.

Plans are underway to have a letter box placed near the children's area so that families can post letters or messages to their loved ones.

Wendy Ohlsen
Secretary

Science Week and Book Week are always fun-filled times with great activities. There was a lot going on at school with Buddy activities, dress-up days and visits to The Hub in Creswick. These types of events always allow for greater engagement at school with the community and lots of wonderful learning. It's fantastic to see all students joining in happily and enjoying the activities, especially the dress-ups!

The junior class has been doing a unit on length in mathematics. They can now compare the size of objects using uniform objects and some students are even measuring in centimetres. Next they will learn all about capacity. All opportunities to do pouring, cooking and comparing are always beneficial and fun.

The middle grades were fortunate to visit the Hub in Creswick, where they shared more stories with Meg and May. They enjoyed three exciting tales and then unleashed their creativity by making their own wolves based on the story, *At Midnight*. The students have read so many great books and engaged with the magic of reading in a range of hands-on, creative ways.

The senior students visited The Hub during Science Week where they constructed *Scrawl Robots*, which created lots of cool patterns. The School Captains also had a valuable experience in assisting Chrissy at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre helping to serve lunches.

All Creswick North students had entries in the Creswick IGA's recent Olympics colouring competition, and as the school has many budding artists, several students received prizes for their wonderful work.

Lots of enrolments are coming in and the school continues



Some students with their winning entries in the local Creswick IGA's Olympics colouring competition.

to grow. Information sessions and transition days for incoming Foundation students will soon be running, ensuring they are set-up for starting school in 2025. State schools are great schools and Creswick North PS has amazing facilities and resources.

Please contact on 5345 2012 for a tour.

Matthew Reyntjes, Principal



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- Creswick Hub — Mondays 10am-12pm**
- The Warehouse - Clunes — Mondays 2pm-4pm**
- Daylesford Library — Tuesdays 10am-12pm**
- The Mechanics Trentham — Tuesdays 2pm-4pm**

 **STRUCTURE PLANNING**

Council has adopted the Township Structure Plans (for Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford and Hepburn Springs, Glenlyon, and Trentham) and Rural Hepburn Strategy at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday on 3 September.



These were developed after extensive consultation with community panels, community and stakeholder groups throughout 2023, along with specialist technical advice from consultants and Council officers with expertise in planning, ecology, infrastructure, transport, recreation, and economic development.

It is a critical body of work for the Shire's future and the culmination of more than two years of work by Council. Engagement during the project included 32,441 page views of the Future Hepburn project page on Participate Hepburn, 12,971 letters and 8,016 text messages were sent to the community to encourage submissions, seven Community Information Sessions with 623 participants attending, a Future Hepburn webinar with 80 participants and 366 views, and a total of 577 submissions from community members and other stakeholders.

The major driver for these Plans is the Victorian State Government's planning policy. It mandates that all municipalities have sufficient land available to cater for projected population growth. Strategic land use planning has been a major focus in this Council term, embodied in the Council Plan 2021-25.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the township plans and Rural Hepburn Strategy.

 **RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN**

Council adopted its Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at the August Council meeting. The Innovate RAP is part of a four-step reconciliation model that seeks to build on the strong foundations of the first stage, Reflect RAP. These plans enable Council to establish the best approaches to advance reconciliation within the Shire.



Using the pillars of relationships, respect and opportunities, we plan to further embed reconciliation within Council operations. Innovate RAP adheres to Reconciliation Australia's guidelines for a four-step overall plan, which will be implemented over the next two years.

The plan will soon be finalised and available for public viewing.

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 **IWD NOMINATIONS**

Community are invited to nominate women from the Shire that have brought about positive change with inspiring stories of achievement from our past or present. Since its commencement in 1911, International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March has been celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women globally. Nominations are open until 30 September 2024. The 2025 event will be held in March 2025.

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Creswick Bowling Club News

Next year, Creswick Bowling Club will celebrate its 150th year of existence. The 150 Committee is currently organising a luncheon for all past and present pennant bowling members who have had a connection with the club. Anyone interested in attending, please visit the club's Facebook page for further details. Enquiries can be forwarded to Michelle Booth at creswickbc150@gmail.com.

The Pennant season is nearly upon us with members beginning to roll a few bowls down the green to get back into the rhythm and become match ready. Practice sessions have begun on Thursdays, from 10.30am and from about 4.00pm. Quite a few bowlers are turning up to both sessions, which is promising. The club has welcomed some new bowling members and they appear very keen to get to grips with bowls. Members of the community are most welcome to come along to either session and have a go.

The Indoor Men's section recently held its annual Indoor Bowls Tournament at Webbcona Badminton Stadium with nine mats and eighteen teams from Ballarat, Horsham and Warrnambool clubs. A big thank you to all the clubs who supported this event and made it a great success. Thanks also to the Webbcona Bowling Club who allowed us to use their facilities to provide lunch and drinks.

Triples were again held at Creswick with six rinks open and another successful day was had with great weather. This event relies upon teams from Ballarat clubs, Trentham, Daylesford and individuals making up teams for the day. Winners on the day were the team from City Oval: David Flintoff, Tony Guthridge and Peter Orr. Runners-up were the team from Daylesford: Rod Poxon, Kevin Gibson, and Steve Stupiski.

The Match Committee is organising two practice matches; one against Daylesford and the other, an annual match against Learmonth, playing for the Bob Allen Trophy. Further details can be found on the Facebook page and on the notice board, where members may register their

interest in participating.

Midweek Pennant Round 1 will be on Tuesday, 1 October. Weekend Pennant Round 1 starts on Saturday, 5 October.

Bernie and Greg Peel visited St Mary's Primary School at Clarke's Hill on 23 August to conduct *Rookie Rollers* indoor bowls program for the students. This will continue for the next three weeks and involves the students learning new skills and introducing them to the techniques of bowls.

The committee is also planning a Team Naming Night on Friday, 27 September following the usual Friday night dinner. The club would ask as many pennant bowlers as possible to come along, have a meal and be a part of the evening.

You may have noticed the two signs coming into Creswick from either end, advertising for interested bowlers to contact the club and take the first step in learning how to bowl.

Last month we were saddened to hear about the sudden passing of our dear Carol Burt who played an important role in the club. Our condolences were sent to Richard and the family on this sad occasion. Carol will be sadly missed.

Friday night dinner numbers are continuing to build each week, which is great to see. 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, Sigrid Glasspool won the Member's Draw, collecting some *coffee money* for being there. You have to be there in order to win. From the first Friday in September, Friday night dinners will be held every week until the end of the season in March next year.

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.

Bernie O'Malley

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Thank You!

The Kingston Agricultural Society depends on volunteers, so it is pleasing to report that over 150 hours of support have allowed the Society to clear the Morrish Pavilion, set a concrete perimeter and lay artificial turf in the shed. Thanks to Smeaton Bowling Club for supplying the turf. If you wish to help at any time in any capacity, contact the Society.

Lots on as usual. Teams are working on multiple events at the Showgrounds for this year.

The Kingston Food and Wine Festival, which celebrates remarkable artisan producers, is on 26 October. This is a great family event with music, children's activities and entertainment. All the news is available online at [#kingstonfoodandwine](#) and posters will be up soon.

The 155th Annual Show is planned for 30 November, Family Day, and 1 December, equestrian events, with working dog competitions on both days. The Rural Schools Challenge is on again. This year the Show is hosting the State Final of the Dog High Jump so expect to see hot competition. Thanks to new facilities, cooking is returning to the Show. This includes adult VAS cake sections and junior cooking.

The Society is pleased to host the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society's horse show again in November, while they await completion of their facilities at Mount Rowan.

The Creswick Adult Riders is also hosted at the showgrounds on a regular basis. They have an upcoming classical dressage clinic on 24 October. Details online.

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John Rowlands, Secretary

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**It Is Official
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What a great night the Band's Cabaret was. The Seniors' Club rooms were packed to capacity with enthusiastic supporters of OUR band and the walls reverberated to the joyful music that they made. The formal announcement of their change of name means that, should you make a donation to the band's funds, it can be claimed as a tax deduction. All this was forgotten while listening to a great variety of music played by the members. They enjoyed performing as much as everyone did, listening. Special solo artists gave individual items or highlighted special instruments that make up a brass band. Great to see Jason White holding the Conductor's baton again! There were masses of prizes to be won and thanks go to the local traders for their support, but the main feature was the music and it was sheer joy to hear those brass instruments strutting their stuff. Not a guitar in sight!

Special mention was made of two young members, who play in the State's Junior Brass Band. They are touring New Zealand soon. A collection was taken up to help pay for the tour and was well supported by the audience. We wish them well in their travels. We danced, swayed, clapped, sang and applauded every item. It was a night to say thank you, to our band, for the contribution they make to our community. Hopefully, it was a financial success for them too. Well done, Creswick Municipal Band. The community is so proud of you and look forward to other such nights enjoying the band's music.

Val Lawrence



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The club's 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 newly re-surfaced synthetic green will be re-launched and the club will be thanking some of its funding partners for their help with this project. The green is being well used with many bowlers making the most of any fine days to have a roll.

A practice match will be held against Linton on Sunday, 22 September at Linton. Tuesday Pennant kicks off on 1 October and Saturday Pennant will begin on 5 October. The club has again entered three Pennant teams for both days.

New members are most welcome to come along and enjoy the game of bowls and the social atmosphere at the club. The facilities, the hall, bowling club rooms and kitchen are also available for hire for functions by members of the community.

If you wish 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.

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September, 2 1924

A Wisteria Fair will be held in the Salvation Army hall on Wednesday and Thursday. It will be opened at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon by Lady Peacock. Particulars are given in our advertising column.

September, 5 1924

Fallen Soldiers' Memorial – The Creswick Borough Fallen Soldiers' Memorial having been erected in Market Square, at the intersection of Albert, Raglan and Cambridge streets, the unveiling ceremony is to take place next Sunday afternoon September 7th, at 3 o'clock sharp.

September, 9 1924

A very gratifying response was made by parents and friends to the appeal of the school committee of the Creswick State School, No. 122, for gifts of books to the school library. About 100 volumes were presented, and, with the new books purchased to the value of £5, and those in the old library, over 300 books are now in hand.

September, 12 1924

"Ladies' Night" was held by the Creswick Havilah Lodge of Freemasons on Wednesday, when a dance was held in the town hall, which was largely attended by local and visiting Brethren and their wives and lady friends. The music was supplied by the Misses Payne (Piano and Violin) and Bro. P. H. Northcott (Cornet), and Bro. W. J. Peters was the M.C.

September, 16 1924

The local brass band will hold a euchre tournament in the

band room next Thursday evening. Valuable prizes will be given. The admission has been fixed at 1/-.

September, 19 1924

The annual woodchop for the benefit of the Creswick District Hospital, which was held on Saturday 6th and 13th inst., once again proved very successful. Under the supervision of Mr. Alf Wade, forest officer, who does a great deal in organising these annual efforts, over 72 cords of firewood were cut and stacked in the two days.

September, 23 1924

A requisition signed by 28 ratepayers, has been presented to the Mayor (Cr. T. Cushing), asking that a public meeting be called to protest against the proposed expenditure of the ratepayers' money on a municipal tennis court. The Mayor has acceded to the request by convening the meeting for Friday evening next, at 8.30 o'clock in the town hall.

September, 26 1924

The sports and races at Blampied in aid of the Creswick and Daylesford Hospitals will take place on Saturday, 4th October. Nominations close with the secretary Mr. J. S. Rieniets, Blampied, today (Friday) for the principal events.

September, 30 1924

Kingston – the record load of hay for the district was carted during the past week. Mr. Angus McKinnon, of Smeaton, delivered to Mr. W. Tyner's chaff mills at Kingston a load with a gross weight of 10 tons 15 cwt 12qrs., and a nett weight of 8 tons 6 cwt 1qr.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate the Creswick Municipal Band on their magnificent cabaret evening. Everyone had a wonderful time, especially in the second half of the program, when some sang along, some danced, everyone clapped and during *Sweet Caroline*, there were people waving their arms (as you do).

I've heard that they have won many awards and I'm not surprised. They are magnificent.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved as they gave a brilliant performance and it was a thoroughly entertaining evening.

Arlene Geoffrey



As winter wound down, the Literary Group embraced the challenges of the regional *Words in Winter* Festival with four members completing poems. There were lots of grumbles about hating winter, but when the white board and marker came out, it was found there was lots to love about it too.

The group was so delighted with their efforts that they have been published on the Facebook page and will also be published in the 'in house' newsletter.

Susan Craven

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**Kingston Food and Wine
Festival**, 26 October.
Kingston Annual Show,
30 November—1 December.
Both at Kingston
Showgrounds.

**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 7.00pm 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

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

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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

**Creswick & District Hospital
Auxiliary** meets at hospital
last Monday monthly 7.30pm.
No meeting in June.
New members welcome.

Creswick & District U3A -
0490 444 519 email
info@creswicku3a.com
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
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Creswick Probus Club - first
Tuesday every month (except
January) meetings St Andrew's
Hall, 10.00am.
Inquiries email
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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.
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Creswick Walking Group
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8.30am. Meet Albert Studio,
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Creswick Ward meeting -
second Monday every month.

Cr Don Henderson 7.00pm
Creswick Railway Station

Cr Tim Drylie
by appointment
Creswick Community Hub
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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
Park Lake working bees
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weather permitting.
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scoutsvictoria.com.au

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Creswick Railway Station

RSL meeting -
last Wednesday each month
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Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006

Tipplers - third Wednesday
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barrymarj@hotmail.com

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The past month has been wonderful at Creswick Primary School. Olympic fever hit the school, with a mini-olympics for the senior unit and potato-olympics for the junior unit. Students participated in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and competed in some fantastic sports, including paper plate discus, football target archery, scrunched-up paper netball, hurdles and balloon volleyball.

Recently there have been many improvements to the school. All shade sails over the playground, courtyard and sand pit areas have been replaced. The famous two-storey library has had an update and is now the Wellbeing/Library space with new bookshelves and furniture. New flagpoles have been delivered and will soon be erected in the front garden. The Hands-on Learning Team is continuing to work on the cubby house and garden for the junior students.

During the clearing out of some areas of the school, there have been some beautiful historical discoveries. Minutes from as early as 1952 for the old Mother's Club, now known as the Parents and Friends, were uncovered. These minutes refer to the students of Creswick Primary going to see the Queen when she visited Ballarat! Also discovered were some 1925 paintings under the stairs and a secret *dungeon* below the school library. The students have enjoyed seeing the *dungeon* and making up stories about this mysterious area of the school.

Helen Romeril
Principal





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