



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 48 (April - May 2004)

FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY.

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500+ ARTWORKS ! - Aw GEE

139 artists are displaying their works at the **Grand Easter Exhibition 2004**. In "The Barn" at Yering Station April 9-12 from 9am - 5pm every day over the Easter Weekend. For the first time there will be sculpture and many 3D artworks. A living artist is rumoured to be doing a 'happening' during the festivities.

More than 50 volunteers have worked together to make this local art show a successful effort to make charitable contributions over the years. If you would like to work with the GEE committee for next year please contact **Malcolm Calder** on 5965 2372.

Previous GEEs have donated \$1500 to Afghan orphans and \$2500 to East Timor children's charities. **Leukaemia Auxiliary, Royal Children's Hospital (LARCH)** will be the beneficiary of this year's project. Expectations are running high for a wonderful show this Easter. Yering Station have generously donated "The Barn" and will provide a beverage service. The Yarra Valley Coffee Man will be on site as well.

Something for everyone: the prices range from \$ 15 for unframed works and small hangings to \$ 4800 for some of the more elaborate masterpieces. Several artists' cards will be for sale as well.

PARKING FINES TO APPLY TO WHEELIE BINS

After observations by local residents, council is taking up the idea of a parking levee for wheelie bins left out all week. As two wheeled 'vehicles' they do constitute a hazard on the motor way as many are 'parked' in a haphazard manner and often in the lane of oncoming traffic. The SC4 committee is offering a fundraising service to properly park and monitor errant bins. Story filed April 1, 2004.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME ... AND YOUR BINS TOO !

Do the bins or the rubbish in the bins or the trash spilt by Garbos constitute the sin? Bins left on the street all week clutter the view and are a hazard.

MISSING SEX TOY FOUND !

Clean up Australia Day volunteers managed to fill just half a skip this year. Bravo and congratulations to the group for doing such a thorough job in previous campaigns. Perhaps next year we will see the side roads fixed up. **31 men women and children** from the **Yarra Valley Tree Group** and **Steels Creek Community** converged from both ends of the road to meet up at SC4 for a wonderful sausage sizzle provided by the **Steels Creek Tennis Club** and to share grimy tales and to track down the trasher profile. HE / SHE / IT is a major consumer of 'girlie drinks' and CUB beverages, cans are deposited in the same place ON THE WAY HOME !!! (i.e.: outbound from Yarra Glen, near certain trees or streams) The sad truth is that these litter bugs are stowing their rubbish in the landscape rather than doing the right thing. Many cigarette stubs were found – a fire hazard to be sure. Oh, the mysterious 'device' was described as having electrodes and being sheath like and quite worn-out. It was later identified as an aide to animal husbandry.

Z' HUT IDENTIFIED

Down where Steels Creek crosses Hargreaves Lane there is an old wreck of a hut " ... I have a sketch map which shows your little hut and it is referred to as 'Ted Lancaster's Hut.' **Ivy Arney**, who gave me the map, is calling here this morning. Hopefully I can get some more information. Even more exciting ! Ze 'ut was built 1952 using a car packing case and scrap timber by Ted Lancaster & Arthur Arney, husband of Ivy. They lived on the other side of the creek. " Ivy will write a full history. Thanks to **Eric Tetlow** of the Yarra Glen Historical Society

VAMPIRES HIT TENNIS CLUB !

New blood required for Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club
Social players needed for Monday and Thursday evenings (7pm to 10pm)
Players also wanted for Saturday afternoon teams (1.15pm to 5pm) for winter season commencing in April. For more information please call **Albie on 5965 2354**. He's just waiting for your call!

Hydraulic Frolic - How about that D-D-U-U-S-S-T-T ?

If there is no further rain, this quarter will have been one of the driest for some time (5, 10, 50 years?), in 1999 we had 220mm, this year to date we have had 88mm, unless of course the B----y Cockatoos have been attacking the rain gauge like they have attacked every thing else. **Andrew Chapman**

MOVIES

The kaffuffle over ACMI and the future of lending 16mm materials is far from over but the Australian Council of Film Societies advises "...that we would not lose access to the Collection." Watch this space and come to the movies while you can ! Light supper at 6PM for \$5 followed by films at SC4.

9 April

It's a Wonderful Life**** (1946) 129 min, d Frank Capra, James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore; "every time you hear a bell ring, it means that some angel's just got his wings."

23 April

The 39 Steps**** (1935) 81m d Alfred Hitchcock; Robert Donat, Madeline Carroll; " a miracle of speed and light"

14 May

Goodbye Mr Chips *** (1939) 114m d Sam Wood; Robert Donat, Greer Garson, Paul Henreid, John Mills; "the whole picture has an assurance, bears a glow of popularity like the face of a successful candidate on election day." Graham Greene

28 May

Rear Window**** (1954) 112m d Alfred Hitchcock; James Stewart, Grace Kelly, Raymond Burr: a news photographer, confined to his room by a broken leg, sees a murder committed in a room on the other side of the court.

New Yarra Glen/Steels Creek Book Group (NYGSCBG)

The area is now supporting two regular book groups. Formed as a result of the original CAE group operating at its maximum of 15, the new smaller group also reached capacity very rapidly. This Wednesday morning group is independent, relatively unstructured and meets monthly in each other's homes. The books discussed are chosen by the participants two or three months in advance. Members of the group have the choice of buying the books or borrowing them from the library or each other.

Our group is as big as we want it at the moment (lounge room capacity) achieved by word of mouth. I would be happy to help anyone else form a group if they wish. **Lindy Montell 5965 2202**

CLAMBERERS Back on Track "Move it or Loose it"

SUNDAY MAY 2ND, 11AM PICNIC IN THE PARKFOR EVERYONE
SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR, SADDLE DAM PICNIC AREA (Mel 273 E7)

A special **welcome to B&B guests**, young and old; please join the start up chance for everyone to get together in pleasant surroundings, not far from home, with all facilities, shelter BBQs toilets etc. A whatever takes your fancy day....there are plenty of tracks of all grades. BYO everything.

There are no walks organized for April due to a very busy calendar.

APRIL 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Tennis Art	2	3 Tennis
4	5 Recycle L.lunch Tennis	6 Stitchers Tennis	7	8 ART Tennis	9 GEE MOVIE	10 MARKET GEE Tennis
11 GEE	12 GEE Tennis	13 Tennis Garden	14	15 ART Tennis	16	17 Tennis NOON Sausage Sizzle
18	19 Recycle	20 Stitchers Book Group Tennis	21	22 ART	23 MOVIE	24 MARKET Tennis Red Cross Open Garden Calders 1MAY
25	26 Growing Group	27 Tennis	28	29 S.M.B. ART Tennis	30	Tennis

SMB Men's Morning Tea Gordon Brown 9730 1937
Last Thursday 10:30 at Cheese Freaks Café and Store Yarra Glen

STITCHERS Jane Calder 5965 2372 Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

1st 3rd Tuesday 1:30 – 4 at SC4

24 members, 10 regulars; work on community effort for afternoon tea raffle proceeds to Cancer Council **May 25 at Yarra Glen Fudge Shop** (anti cancer tea + raffle = \$ 1700) plus own work; crochet, knit, patch, embroidery, since 1993.

TALKS Geoff Keets 9730 1698

Anyone with ideas and suggestions regarding topics and presenters please bring forward suggestions. Travel, flora, fauna, health, all of interest !

TENNIS Albie Leckie 5965 2354 Lindy Montell 5965 2202

Since 1911 Newsletter, Competitions, 80 active and social members

2nd 4th Monday 11am Ladies Social Lunch, Monday 7pm Social Tennis, Tuesday 10am Mid Week Ladies Competition, Thursday 7pm Hard Hitters, Saturday 1-6 Regular Competitions. **Social sausage sizzle 17 May all welcome.**

CLAMBERERS Margaret Houston 9730 1957

1st Sunday April – October **NEXT OUTING 2 May** Sugarloaf Park

Since 1993; the walking group hikes over local tracks to explore the flora and fauna of the valley and surrounding areas. Walks announced at SC4 Market beforehand or ring Margaret.

WOMEN'S Evening Activities and Friendship Group Pam Verhoven 5965 2274

1st Monday 7:30 SC4— Bring good ideas, time to start on Christmas Heirloom projects for next year ... **only 274 days until Christmas !!** Come for Company, Crafts, and Coffee .

MAY 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Clamberers Tennis	Recycle Tennis	Stitchers Tennis		Art Tennis		Tennis
Working Bee	Women's					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	L.lunch Tennis	Tennis		Art. Tennis	MOVIE	MARKET Tennis
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Recycle Tennis	Stitchers. Tennis. Book Club		S.M.B. Art Tennis		Tennis.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Tennis	Stitchers Tea YG Tennis		Art Tennis	MOVIE	MARKET Tennis
30	31					
	Recycle LLunch Tennis					

ART Malcolm Calder 5965 2372
Thursday 1:30 – 4:30 SC4 Bring your paints, discuss your art and share skills. Focus in April on the Great Easter Exhibition (GEE) at Yering Station with more than 140 local artists.

BOOK GROUP Les Tomlins 5965 2080
3rd Tuesday 15 Members Limited by CAE resources and lively discussions in member's homes. Luncheon meetings June, July August

GARDEN Christine Tomlins 5965 2080 Gillian Poulton 5797 8266
Newsletter, Outings, November Flower Show Since 1992, 63 members
Fourth Monday Growing Group 9am SC4 all welcome.
2nd Tuesday Outings

MARKET Jean Lowe 5965 2294
2nd 4th Saturday SC4 10 am sharp; community announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods, home made scones, coffee and tea. **Bring used jam jars to trade with the makers** ... 'tis the fruiting season.

MOVIE Jean Lowe 5965 2294 Chris Mullen 5965 2094
2nd & 4th Friday 6:00 Supper followed by screenings 2nd 4th Friday SC4 Classic Films with classy food from 6pm.
Contribution \$5 for food and donation for film. Email reminder available via chris@fullandplenty.com

SC4 = Steels Creek Community and Cultural Centre

The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir is pleased to announce that it will perform 2 concerts in the Yarra Valley in June and July, 2004. The normal ticket cost is \$12 per person, but "Early bird" tickets are available from Henry Verhoeven (5965 2274 / 0409 040 775) at \$10. Afternoon teas will be available as a fundraising effort for local community groups.

**Concert 1: Healesville Memorial Hall. Sunday 13th June. 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Concert 2: Warburton Arts Centre. Sunday 18th July. 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.**

The 70 member choir has performed both nationally and internationally (Wales, USA, South Africa, Canada), and is under the musical direction of Douglas Heywood OAM. Tickets are limited, so hurry!!

MEN'S BUSINESS MORNING TEA - A REPORT

Strictly speaking and adhering to the secret principles of its constitution, there should be a blank space following the above headline. However, in the interests of community cohesion and to enlighten any Doubting Thomases (or Thomasinas), it was decided at a board meeting to publish a brief but non-binding outline of the activities of this important group.

Meeting at 10.30 am on the last Thursday of every month, the individual and combined talents of the group can provide a solution to a wide range of problems. Here one can learn how to fix many and varied agricultural troubles. Minor and major medical questions are easily handled. The ideal supplier for a particular service or product can be nominated. Lifetime experiences are willingly offered to facilitate the best solution to a concern.....just try and stop them ! Anecdotes (of which there are plenty) help to brighten the seriousness of any meeting.

Of course, questions relating to history, computers, footwear, metallurgy, botany and finance are a breeze.

Should a new member be startled by the pall of silence that sometimes descends on the gathering, it's an indication of a feminine presence....It also presents a rare opportunity for the attentive staff at Cheese Freaks to seek any coffee orders.

Despite the departure of the founding President to a southerly pasture, membership continues to grow and new members are always welcome. If a potential member happens to possess a skill not mentioned, his membership would be expedited, facilitated, accelerated.....oh hell, sped up !!!!!

To preserve the group's secrecy, this report has been designed to self-destruct 5 minutes after being read ! **John Houston**

From the Taswegian Office

Sorry about the delay in answering but the world moves slowly on the mainland. The northern island is much faster!!!! **Rex Bean**

TENNIS

17-4-04 12 Noon The club is holding a **sausage sizzle** at the clubrooms, Sausages provided, b.y.o. everything else including a salad or sweet to share. Non-members and prospective socialites also welcome to sausage sizzle. Tennis to play or watch. This is a pre-season function. The summer season ended up with one of our teams making the finals. For the winter, we have three teams playing in the open section. Good luck to all players.

NEW MOTHERS, NEWER CHILDREN: UNITE !

Hi, if you are a new or recent new mum in the Steels Creek area and are interested in meeting with other new mums occasionally, for chat, coffee, walk etc please contact **Sonja Fischer** on **5965 2575**.

Tennis Club Working Bee

Sunday, May 2nd, at 10 a.m.

Sausage Sizzle at mid-day

Bring a paint brush or roller and help us smarten up our Club House.

Phone **Alby (5965 2354)** or **John (5965 2294)** to advise if you can help.

Sat 24 April 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Open Garden at the Calder's**, 375 Pinnacle Lane, Steels Creek. Teas available and plants for sale. All proceeds to **Yarra Glen Red Cross**.

Tues 25 May 1.30 – 4 p.m. At the Yarra Glen Fudge Shop, the Steels Creek **Stitchers** will be holding their annual **Biggest Afternoon Tea** at which two handmade quilts will be raffled, with the raffle to be drawn at 4pm. All proceeds to the **Cancer Council of Victoria**.

OFF WITH THEIR HEADS !

It's important to remove seed ("dead-head") heads from agapanthus - or is it agapanthi- and dispose of them in plastic bags so that this dreaded environmental weed doesn't spread from gardens to roadsides and bushland areas. Thanks **Rob Fallon**

Steels Creek Road Divided Again -----

Tear along the dotted line ... this morning the paint crew was out returning our tax dollars in the form of white paint ... one of the most powerful colours in the motoring world after red!

Our fantasy writer had the vision that the road could be 'torn along the perforations' as he rolled through the newly cleaned and recently soiled landscape (references to garbology studies and wheelie bins).

CROSS CREEK © J&J wordsmiths

ACROSS

1. Deliciously (10)
7. Opposite to zenith (5)
8. Still a bud(7)
10. Amateur (8)
11. Type of power (2)
13. Respect (6)
15. Incentive(6)
17. Pig talk (4)
18. Zodiac sign(7)
21. Jump off for Phillip Is (3 4)
22. Foxtrot (5)
23. Crab or mite (anagram) (10)

DOWN

1. Soup server (5)
2. Horse carer (8)
3. Debt (3)
4. Heraldic knob (4)
5. Poetical (7)
6. Native to an area (10)
9. Communication instruments (10)
12. Mess (8)
14. Sn (3)
16. Not at sea (6)
19. Sudden alarm (5)
20. 0(4)

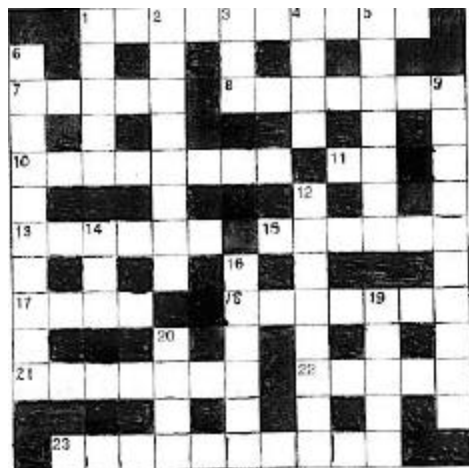
Crossword No 1. Answers (Thanks to those who picked up "Slip-ups". Here's to next time!)

ACROSS

1. Bass 5. Ho 7. Currawongs 11. Area 12. Ra 13. Ate
14. Begat 16. Weeds 18. Save 19. Rue 20. Me 21. Spit
23. PLO 25. Ag 28. Rid 29. Drink Can 33. Anti
34. Zebra 36. Op 37. Ti 39. Aga 41. Weighty 42. Open

DOWN

1. BA 2. Screwed 3. Sue 4. Bat 5. Hoses 6. On 8. Ravens
9. Gravel 10. Sate 11. At 13. Abroad 15. Gamp
17. Shiraz 22. Tines 24. Ore 26. Grape 27. Ant 30. In
31. Kith 32. Trap 35. Age 36. Ow
38 IT 40. An



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The two more recent reasons for "Community group of the year."

We gratefully acknowledge **Frank Hoogenraad** (Hoogies of Yarra Glen), for his support for the Steels Creek Community and **The Jolly Thing**.

DEADLINE for the next "**Jolly Thing**" is Wednesday May 31, 2004.