



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 50 (August - September 2004)
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Half Century for the Jolly Thing ... this marks number 50; from 6.10.1996 Thanks to previous contributors; let the tradition continue !
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11TH AT 8 PM

The 2004 Annual General Meeting of the Steels Creek Community Centre Inc. will be held at the Community Centre on Wednesday August 11 at 8PM.

Nominations for office bearers and committee have been called and it would be great to have some new faces on the committee. If you would like to have a part in helping the Community Centre over the next year, please get in touch with **Eric Tetlow** (Treasurer) or **Margaret Houston** (Secretary) as soon as possible c/o P.O. Box 213, Yarra Glen, 3775.

LOOMING MARITAL CRISIS IN STEELS CREEK !

Every Thursday morning, around 11am a group of about six lads and lasses meet at the Steels Creek Community Centre for some serious 'baby business.' I spoke to one of the female participants who kindly agreed to voice her thoughts on these meetings. She said:

"It is wonderful that we have a meeting place in our local area where we can assemble for some great playtime, chats and other activities. However, I am most concerned about the lack of males attending these meetings and that the lack of numbers may result in a future marital crisis in this area. I mean, how is a girl supposed to meet a guy out here if they don't come to the centre? It's a serious issue and it needs to be resolved ASAP."

Whether you are male or female, if you are in the 0-3 year age group and wish to join in the fun on **Thursdays from 11am to 12.30pm** all you have to do is persuade your mum or dad that it's a worthwhile meeting to go to because

a) it's a short car trip or walk (!) to the venue. b) there are other nice parents for them to meet and c) it only costs \$1 for the parent.

For more Playgroup information please contact **Sonja on 5965 2575**.

PS: My apologies to all the **DADS** who may have felt left out by the initial ad in the Jolly Thing a few months ago, which only addressed new mums. **Dads are most welcome** as well and we look forward to seeing you on a Thursday morning at the community centre. If you are a new or recent parent (or know ones who have just moved into the area, have recently had a baby or are about to have one please pass on this information

Project Title: Additional Feeding For Babies

Report from East Timor regarding use of money donated by the Grand Easter Exhibition 2003.

This is US 0.61 / child / day ...
Project Location : Tenae Village, Main Village of Naimeco, Sub District of Pante Macassar, Oecussi District, Timor Leste.

Coordinator : Joao Muni
Project Objectives : 56 Babies/children
Project commencement : 22 February 2004.
Project termination : 24 April 2004
Budget received : US\$ 2.140,-

"It has been a very successful project. I would like to thank you for the effort and energy you put that have made this project successful. Please pass on my highest gratitude to all of those who have been kindly donating the money. This small project is the really example of the development philosophy called 'Small is Beautiful'. Such kinds of projects are very easy to be implemented and controlled. "

Jorge Teme via GEE Committee

JeT = Save Time, Trees, Tears

Recent email from a local subscriber: "Would it be possible to subscribe for an email copy of this newsletter? We do not have a roadside mailbox and I must remember to call into the Post Office to collect the newsletter - memory does not always function as it should and I miss out more often than not."

The ***Jolly electronic Thing (JeT)*** keeps many far flung correspondents informed and in touch. **Yvette Montell** who writes that "HORSE LOVERS ARE STABLE PEOPLE" has been having a bucking good time with equestrians in Texas, Minnesota, Colorado and other parts of the USA says " thanks for getting me news of The Creek before my parents get it !!!" Other friends of SC4 subscribe from UK, Ireland, Florida, New York, Wisconsin, France, NZ, California, Toronto, Chicago, London, Indonesia, Seattle, NSW and Tasmania !!! Many 'local' folks keep in touch electronically and thus save trees and postage as well as time and effort for the crack delivery team consisting of **Alby and Gwen Leckie, Jane and Malcom Calder, Bronwyn Dahlstrom, Eric and Jenny Tetow, Glenn Petherbridge, Margaret and John Houston, Richard Franklin, Judith Ellerton, Sonia Keets, David and Robyn Allan and Phil The Post: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH !**

CLAMBERERS

"These walks are for pleasure and botanical interest, not just fitness !!"

SUNDAY , AUGUST 1st 11.00AM - BYO LUNCH YARRA RIDGE WALK

Meet at foot of Tuan's Track in Uplands Rd. (off Valley Rd.) and organise car shuttle to Steels Creek Picnic Ground.

After climbing Tuan's Track to Skyline Road, follow the Yarra Ridge north, stopping for lunch at a view spot along the way. Continue along the ridge to the National Park exit gate into Brennan Ave., and the Steels Creek Picnic Ground.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH MURRUNDINDI - WILHELMINA FALLS

Malcolm and Jane are organising this. All details at Saturday markets in September.

A WALK THROUGH HISTORY - BIG PATS CREEK

Whether you are a history buff, a keen bushwalker or simply a lover of the bush, you would have had your fill walking recently along the Richards Tramway in the Big Pats Creek area just out of Warburton.

With Barry Sheffield leading, this walk illustrated just how, between 1911 and 1936, Richards solved the riddle of moving timber from his Starvation Creek mill to the broad gauge railhead at Warburton.

After an 11am start up a fairly steep hill for about 15 minutes, the group commenced the 8 km stretch down the gentle grade of the 70 year old remnants of the tram track. Although there is very little left of the original track, there was an overwhelming impression of walking on and in history. The tramway, built to carry giant logs, winds its way through dense bush, at times going through 8 metre high by 50 metre long cuttings and making many sharp turns. Much of the work had to be pick and shovel with probably the only mechanical assistance being horse and scoop. The entire walk supported by Barry's maps and photographs showed just how enterprising and tough the people were in those days.



Our group of very calm walkers at the entrance to the Tarrawarra tunnel just minutes before the panic created by a trolley rumbling through the tunnel while some of the group were still inside - happily everyone survived the experience. **Barry Sheffield**

Main Stream Melbourne "The River Yarra on Film"

A new video production from ScreenSound Australia is an historical presentation including water harvesting from the 1920s, the guest houses and historic towns and the green corridor. For more information contact **Eric Tetlow**.

DOZER IS DEAD – Baby Wombat (JT# 49) killed by motorist June 26

AUGUST 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Clamberers Tennis AGM Noon	2 Women's	3 Stitches Tennis	4	5 Playgroup Art Tennis	6	7 Tennis
8	9 Recycle Lunch	10 Garden Outing Tennis	11 SC4 AGM 8PM	12 Playgroup Art Tennis	13 MOVIE	14 YF Bee Market Tennis
15	16	17 Stitches Tennis Book Club	18	19 Playgroup Art Tennis	20	21 Tennis
22	23 Recycle Lunch Growing	24 Tennis	25	26 Playgroup SMB Art Tennis	27 MOVIE	28 Market Tennis
29	30	31 Tennis				

SM B Men's Morning Tea
Last Thursday 10:30 at Cheese Freaks Café and Store Yarra Glen

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

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; 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 Resumes in September, Tuesday 10am Mid Week Ladies Competition, Thursday 7pm Hard Hitters, Saturday 1-6 Regular Competitions. **AGM 1st August**

CLAMBERERS

Margaret Houston 9730 1957

1st Sunday April – October. 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 UFOs ... **only 151 days until Christmas !!** Come for Company, Crafts, and Coffee .

Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling for the garbos to cart away

NEW PLAYGROUP: Thursdays 11am – 12.30pm SC4 Babes 0-3 and their parents. \$1 Contact **Sonja 5965 2575**

September 2004						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Playgroup Art Tennis	3	4 Tennis
5 Clamberers	6 Recycle Womens	7 Stitches Tennis	8	9 Playgroup Art Tennis	10 MOVIE	11 Market Tennis
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26	27 LLunch Growing Tennis	28 Tennis	29	30 Playgroup SMB Art Tennis		Tennis

ART Malcolm Calder 5965 2372
Thursday 1:30 – 4:30 SC4 Bring your paints, discuss your art and share skills

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 Jill Hess 9730 1960 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 clean used jars and lids for the makers to fill!** ...'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

The community centre is 505 Feet elevation. = 154.025 metres

SC4 = Steels Creek Community and Cultural Centre 699 Steels Creek Road

Tennis Club

Thanks to all those who helped prepare and came to our mid-year Xmas night and the Game night. Both evenings were a lot of fun, and a great success financially. Also thank you to the people who came to the working bees; we now have a fully lined toilet block and both they and the clubrooms have been given a clean, and a fresh coat of paint.

The Monday night tennis has been suspended for the winter. It will start again on Monday, Sept.20th, weather permitting, and will be mainly for beginners and purely social tennis. The Thursday nights are continuing and are for the slightly more serious players. Anyone who is interested in either of these, contact **Alby on 5965 2354**.

Friends of Yarra Flats Billabongs

FYFB reports \$30,000 of National Heritage Funding which will be "used over the next few years" Working Bee 14 August 9-12. Memberships for the next year are due as well. Contact **Kevin Heeley 9730 1704**

Little White Vegetable Van

Friday seems to be the regular day for fresh produce delivery to your door ! If you want home delivery of staple fruits and vegetables contact:
Ron and Margaret Martin 5962 3194

MOVIES

13 August 2004

THE BIRDS ***1963 119m dir Alfred Hitchcock; Rod Taylor, Tippi Hedren ... "Enough to make you kick the next pigeon you come across" The actors are pawns in the master's hand.

27 August

THE BAND WAGON **** 1953 112m, dir Vincente Minnelli; Fred Astaire, Oscar Levant, Cyd Charisse, Nanette Fabray "Maximum of music and song ... "the best musical of the month, the year, the decade, or for all I know of all time" 'That's Entertainment, Dancing in the Dark ...'

10 September

PYGMALION**** 1938 96m, dir Anthony Asquith, Leslie Howard; Leslie Howard, Wilfrid Lawson, Wendy Hiller, Marie Lohr, Jean Cadell: Subsequently turned into the musical My Fair Lady ... "Flawlessly presented and making an obvious appeal to all audiences."

24 September

HARVEY *** 1950 104m, dir Henry Koster; James Stewart, Josephine Hull, Cecil Kellaway, Jesse White ... A middle aged drunk has an imaginary white rabbit as his friend and his sister tries to have him certified. "Myrtle Mae, you have a lot to learn, and I hope you never learn it."

How Green Is Our Valley?

The Steels Creek Community Centre receives mail from the Port Philip and Western Port Catchment Management Authority, from Melbourne Water and from Landcare Australia, assuming that we are a Landcare group. In the past we have been involved with the Rabbit Busters Programme through a grant received in 2000. Since then we have had a meeting of interested people to discuss the formation of a Landcare group within the Centre, we have had talks from staff of Melbourne Water regarding recent changes to the registration of farm dams, and most recently we had a wonderful talk from Sophie Akers of the Shire on "Living with our Bushland". We all care for our land, but we do not have a focus or status on "Landcare".

Many of us have received advice and support for the development and management of our land and there have been some very good results in the overall environment of the valley. But we all do it as individual landholders and, apart from the Rabbit Busters work, there is little attempt to coordinate our efforts across properties which, of course, is the philosophy of Landcare. There is a potential within Landcare for looking at our valley as a whole and working together to make our different livings as well as improving the environment of the valley.

Twice in the last two years we have had people suggest that it would be a wonderful idea to have a walking track along Steels Creek as a recreational resource for the community and as an attraction for visitors. Such a track would need careful planning and design, and the real concerns of farmers along the creek about stock safety, rubbish and loss of privacy would need to be addressed; but wouldn't it be a great feature for the valley?

To make any progress with ideas of Landcare we need to have a group of people willing to pick up the challenge and work with the community to identify appropriate projects. There needs to be a new driving force with energy and a vision. If there is anyone out there ready to seize the opportunity, please contact the Editor of the Jolly Thing. A strong committee has indicated interest; now is the time for leadership and action !

**SAFeway Supermarket Planning Issues Meeting
7:30 Wednesday 4th August Memorial Hall Yarra Glen
Hosted by Chamber of Commerce – Come and be heard !**

CROSS CREEK 3 Answers

ACROSS 7. Apple 8. Another
 9. Laundry 10. Windy 12. TT
 13. Cartwheel 15. Rural Watch
 18. Sheen 19 Codling 21. Captain 22.
 Mungo

DOWN 1, Hailstorms 2. Spout
 3. Heed 4. Sawyer 5. Powwow
 6. Thunder 11. Yellingbo
 13. Calendar 14 Pre-empt 16. arcing
 17. Diane 20 Dams

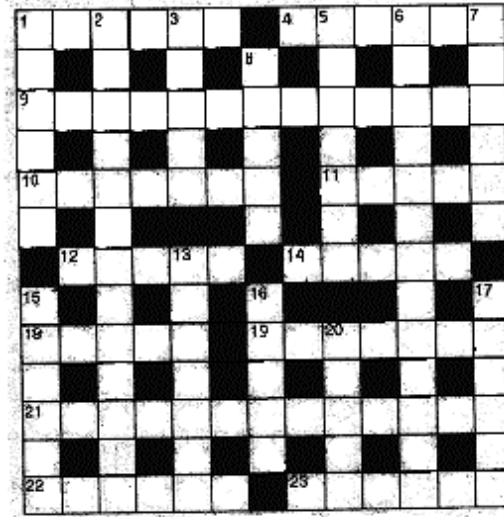
CROSS CREEK 4

ACROSS

01. Mend (6)
 04. Correct (6)
 09. 2nd Tuesday's Group (9,4)
 10. Vials (7)
 11. Feudal master (5)
 12. Ship's accommodation (5)
 14. 1000 dollars (5)
 18. Thrust forward (5)
 19. Soluble form of sugar (7)
 21. Embarrassed (4-9)
 22. Rhododendron (6)
 23. Performed on piano (6)

DOWN

01. Energetic dance style (6)
 02. Bits and pieces (13)
 03. Most suitable (5)
 05. At equal intervals (7)
 06. Study of extinct organisms (13)
 07. Eraser (6)
 08. Wash lightly (5)
 13. Black syrup (7)
 15. Liquid part of blood (6)
 16. Amidst (6)
 17. Become aware of (5)
 20. In the neighbourhood. (5)



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DEADLINE for the next "Jolly Thing" is Thursday 30 September, 2004.

HOOGIES
 OF YARRA GLEN



Ask us...