



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 57 (October-November 2005) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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### Steels Creek Community Centre Annual General Meeting Report



The Annual General Meeting of the SC Community Centre was held at 7:30PM on 10 August. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. It is available on the web site noted above. Geoff Keets reported on the state of the Centre and its sponsored groups. He thanked the Leckies and Lowes for their support of the market, Chris and David for the *Jolly Thing*, John Houston and others for maintaining the Centre and grounds, the *Tennis Club* for its social calendar, Jill Hess, Gill Poulton, and Sonia

Keets for the *Garden Club*, Chris and Christine for the *Movie nights*, and the other groups for their contributions to the local community.

The Community Centre Management Committee election results were: **Geoff Keets**, President; **Alby Leckie**, Vice-president; **Keith Montell**, Treasurer; **Ed Bartosh**, Secretary, with **Greg Leonard**, **Vicky Stewart**, and **David Allan** elected as committee members.

The *Tennis Club* reported good participation in events, with all 4 winter league teams heading into the finals. The new *LandCare Group* reported 23 members and that they were now affiliated with Victorian Farmers Federation. An \$800 grant from the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority was used in organizing the Group and initiating a tree planting project on Gulf Road. The *Film Club* reported \$293 was given to the Centre in user fees and that attendance is quite satisfactory – averaging 28. *The Stitches* raised \$1500 for the Cancer Council from their Afternoon Tea. Other business was discussed, including a progress report on getting a new Centre building, using the Centre for a new Mum's playtime and movie preview, and plans to develop a community resource guide.

### Shock, Injury Management, Casualty Management, and Prevention = 1<sup>st</sup> AID

Steels Creek Landcare Group has organised with **St John's Ambulance** to provide **Senior First Aid (Level 2)** training program at Steels Creek Community Centre.

There are a limited number of places still available. This is a great opportunity to obtain or update your first aid skills – so important in our rural community. The program will also provide the First Aid Qualification commonly required for a workplace.

Training will be conducted on four consecutive **Wednesday evenings**, on 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November, and 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 6.30 PM to 10.00 PM. Cost is expected to be \$149 per person. To obtain further details of the course content, or to secure your place on the program, contact **David Allan – 5965 2556**.

## Do you love the smell of garlic in the morning?

It's that time of year again when our roadsides are all hushed and white with...onion weed from the Mediterranean? Each year, the dreaded stuff is appearing in more and more places, but there is a way to hold it back.

- For small patches, removal of bulbs by hand or with a garden fork is easy in wet soil.
- For larger patches, one simple approach is to mow or slash the flowers before the plant seeds. Over a few years this method is very effective. In impossible situations, spraying with glyphosate will do the job but using it near drainage lines or near native vegetation can cause problems elsewhere, so spraying on a dry windless day is important.

Timing is everything. Unfortunately the schedule for Shire slashing of our roadsides tends to favour angled onion after it has seeded, so getting it while still in flower is vital. See more on page 3 – *Weedbuster Week*.

**Rob Fallon**



## The Adventures of Titty Club

A call for stimulation and inspiration led to the formation of Titty Club! A Wednesday get together of adventures to galleries, wineries, walks, and explorations close and far. A regular 16mm Movie on the Second Wednesday and a Creative Day on the Fourth Wednesday at the Steels Creek Community Centre.

All Adventures and the Creatives start at 11am and the movie at 1pm. If you'd like to be part please e-mail

Morgan at [m-calder@bigpond.net.au](mailto:m-calder@bigpond.net.au) or phone 5965 2481

### Vera Adams

Vera Landrigan arrived in Dixons Creek at the beginning of 1946 as a young teacher. She soon met and married one of the 'locals' in the neighbouring community of Steels Creek. In this close knit rural valley Vera and Ron Adams raised their family. Vera transferred to the Steels Creek School and was sole teacher there from 1955 to 1973.

Vera's lively story of life in Steels Creek complements that of Ivy Arney (recently published as *Yarra Glen & District Historical Society Publication Series no. 2*). Both cover approximately the same time period (1946-1995 for Vera and 1951-1989 for Ivy) but different people and different events are portrayed.

Vera provides an overview of the properties and their occupants in Steels Creek from the indistinct boundary with Yarra Glen to the Old Kinglake Road in the late 1940s. There are also anecdotes of the various characters who chose to live in the bush according to their own rules. Vera found very early on that she had to switch her allegiance from her own family's sport of horse racing to that of her husband's family's passion for cricket. The Steels Creek cricket team was resurrected when the men returned from the war, the Adams family comprising at least a third of the team.

As well as a first hand account of the small bush school Vera writes of other community institutions including the School's Mothers Club and the Progress Association. The latter two undertook fundraising activities as did the Cricket Club. The story of the 'one and eight penny queen' provides a great example of the resourcefulness, rivalry and community spirit that flourishes in rural communities.

Photographs from the Yarra Glen & District Historical Society and the Adams family have been well chosen.

Publication Series no. 3

Cost \$ 9

Contact Eric Tetlow 9730 1445

## Weedbuster Week – *think globally, act locally!*

This year, Weedbuster Week is on from 8-16 October. Weedbuster Week represents nine days where Australia's attention is focused on weed related issues. In Victoria, Weedbuster activities are actively promoted in the media.

At the recent Steels Creek Landcare meeting, the continuing spread of Angled Onion/ Onion Weed was identified as a worthy target for some local weed busting action at this time in our local area. We won't get rid of this prolific invasive weed in one fell swoop, but we can take some action now and over the next couple of weeks to slow it down.

It was decided not to arrange one single weed busting event, but to encourage those who can to have a go at the outbreaks along Steels Creek Road, particularly over the next couple of weeks. The task is quite simple – *simply knock the flowers off!* This will prevent the plants forming new seed and thus removes one method by which it spreads.

If you have access to a line trimmer or brush cutter, and can spend an hour or two (or more!) over the next couple of weeks, have a chat with **Rob Fallon** 5965 2535 about where would be the best spot to target. You may also see Rob and others, often on a Sunday morning around ten AM onwards, doing their bit to keep the invaders at bay.

***Can YOU help them?***

### **Goats, Pigs, Rabbits, Deer, Cats, Dogs, Foxes, Feral Bikies, Shooters and Two Legged Weeds all in a day's work – Kinglake Park Ranger tells all**

David Farrar, Principal Ranger at Kinglake National Park, has been asked to talk on Kinglake National Park in general, but with emphasis on issues that may impact the Steels Creek Community. These might include, access issues, controlled burning, feral animals etc, and management issues in general. Community Talk at the Steels Creek Community Centre on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2005 commencing at 7.45 PM. *Please make a note of this opportunity to meet with David and to help build the relationship between our community and our largest neighbour. As well as hearing David's talk, this evening will also be an opportunity to raise any issues that may be of concern. If you would like to do so, you are asked to let me have an outline of the details in advance, so that I may pass them on to David so that he may be able to respond effectively.*

**David Allan 5965 2556**

## Tennis Everyone!

COACHING for beginners starts 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9 am – be refreshed!

**Monday** night tennis will be restarting on Oct.10th, being for beginners and social tennis.

**Tuesday** morning ladies social tennis from 9 a.m. sharp until 10 a.m. (longer when team not playing at home) - all welcome including mothers with children.

**Thursday** nights will continue for more serious players.

New season **Saturday** competition begins on Oct.8th. We have 3 teams competing at different levels.

Annual raffle during Oct/Nov - lots of lovely prizes including food and drink.

October 2005						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Recycle. Women's Group.	4 Ladies Tennis Stitchers	5	6 Art. Social Tennis.	7	8 YG BONG BEE  Market
9 Weedbusters Week 8-16	10 Ladies Lunch Social Tennis	11 Ladies Tennis Garden Outing	12 1:00 Titty Club <i>Murder My Sweet</i>	13 Art. Social Tennis.	14 Movie. <i>Murder My Sweet</i>	15  Tennis Comp.
16	17 Recycle. Social Tennis	18 Ladies Tennis Stitchers. Book Group	19 Tennis Comm Mtg 7:45 K Lake Ranger Talk SC4	20 Art. Social Tennis.	21	22 Market Tennis Comp.
23 Nillumbik Open Cellars	24 Growing Group Social Tennis	25 Ladies Tennis	26 11:00 Titty Club	27 SMB. Art. Social Tennis. NIGHTWALK	28 Movie. <i>Strictly Ballroom</i>	29  .
30 Clamberers. Daylight Savings Time starts	31 Recycle. Social Tennis					

**Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling bin**

### ART

Thursdays - 1:30 PM – 4.30 PM SC4 Bring your paints, discuss your art and share skills. **Light More Light!**

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

### BOOK GROUP

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 8.00 PM 15 members – limited by CAE resources. Lively discussions in members' homes.

Les Tomlins 5965 2080

### CLAMBERERS

Last Sunday (April to October). Since 1993, the walking group has hiked over local tracks to explore the flora and fauna of the Valley and surrounding areas. Walks are announced at the SC4 Market beforehand, or ring David and Robyn.

David and Robyn Allen 5965 2556

### Friends of Yarra Flats Billabongs

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen. <http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>  
Revegetation day for 2000 plants 8 October, 9-noon BYO Gloves, mallet, morning tea provided .

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 [kevinheeley@bigpond.com](mailto:kevinheeley@bigpond.com)

### GARDEN

Newsletter, Outings, November Show since 1992, 63 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 9.AM at SC4 – all welcome. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Outings. **Garden Show 5<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 – 3PM see flyer**

Jill Hess 9730 1960, Gillian Poulton 5797 8266

### HEWI (Healesville Environment Watch Inc)

Environmental issues presented periodically Healesville Living and Learning Centre 1 Badger Creek Road. Listings page 9.

Maureen Bond 5962 1224 [maub@virtual.net.au](mailto:maub@virtual.net.au)

### HISTORY

The Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 2 pm YG Living & Learning Centre.

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1891 Eric Tetlow 9730 1445

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### MARKET

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at SC4, 10.00 AM Sharp! Community Announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods. The Creek's best home made scones, coffee and tea at every market!

Jean Lowe 5965 2294

**26 November massive Community Spring Clean out – reserve your space :**  
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Greg Leonard 0428 329 127 or Chris Mullen 5965 2094

November 2005						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Ladies Tennis Stitchers. <b>Melbourne Cup</b>	2	3 Art. Social Tennis.	4	5 <b>FLOWER SHOW</b> Tennis Comp.
6	7 Women's Group	8 Ladies Tennis	9 1:00 Titty Club <i>Major Barbara</i>	10 Art. Social Tennis.	11 Movie. <i>Major Barbara</i>	12 Market Tennis Comp.
13 <b>HEWI SPRING SAFARI</b>	14 <b>Recycle.</b> Ladies Lunch Social Tennis.	15 Ladies Tennis Stitchers. Book Group.	16 <b>1st Aid Course</b>	17 Art. Social Tennis.	18	19 Tennis Comp.
20	21 Growing Group. Social Tennis.	22 Ladies Tennis	23 11:00 Titty Club  <b>1st Aid Course</b>	24 SMB. Art. Social Tennis.	25 Movie. <i>Duck Soup</i>	26 <b>Spring Clean Event 8-12</b> SC4 Market Tennis Comp.
27 Clamberers <b>JT Deadline</b>	28 <b>Recycle.</b> Growing Group. Social Tennis.	29 Ladies Tennis	30 <b>1st Aid Course</b>	<b>Final 1st Aid Course 7 December</b>		

#### LAND CARE GROUP

John O'Neill 6965 2224 or David Allan 5965 2556

Bi-Monthly meetings and on going projects. This is a start up group; a great chance to influence the outcomes and direction of land care issues for years to come. **1<sup>ST</sup> Aid Course see page 1.**

#### MOVIES

Jean Lowe 5965 2294, Chris Mullen 5965 2094, [chris@fullandplenty.com](mailto:chris@fullandplenty.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic 16mm films at SC4. \$5.00 food / donation for film. See page 7 for what's showing in October and November.

#### SMB

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

Last Thursday 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM. Men's morning tea at Anita's Fudge Shoppe, Yarra Glen

#### STITCHERS

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 1.30 PM - 4.00 PM at SC4. Since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Bring own work – knit, patch, embroider; currently working on a panel to commemorate the 2002 Long Yarra Walk.

#### TENNIS

Albie Leckie 5965 2354, Lindy Montell 5965 2202

Since 1911. Newsletter, Competitions, 80 active and social members. Mondays, 7.00 PM, Social tennis (starting in October again). Tuesdays 10.00 AM, Mid-week ladies competition. Thursdays 7.00 PM, Social tennis. Saturdays 1PM to 6PM, Regular competitions. Ladies Lunch 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday; bring a plate to share.

#### TITTY CLUB

Morgan Calder 5965 2481 [m-calder@bigpond.net.au](mailto:m-calder@bigpond.net.au)

Mothers group adventures 2<sup>nd</sup> W 1pm films; 4<sup>th</sup> W 11am creative; bring the tots and dads too! Story page 2.

Films at 1PM 12 October ( Murder My Sweet) and 9 November ( Major Barbara) see listings for detail.

#### WOMEN'S Evening Activities and Friendship Group

Pam Verhoven 5965 2274

1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7.00 at JJ's in Yarra Glen. Come for company, crafts and coffee. You'll be made most welcome for a pleasant evening of food and chat. 90 Days to Christmas!

**Wombat Be Gone! Simply install a 25 watt electric light in the affected area and no more digging or scratching ....**

"Council commits 'an extra' \$100,000 to fight weeds" – obtain your draft Weed Management Strategy today! Contact Shire Environment Department on 1300 368 333

## Clamberers

Literally Dozens of virtual photos from the Donnelly's Weir and Mt. Jerusalem walks may be seen at:

<http://www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/clamberers/>

"For the September Clamberers walk, six intrepid walkers pioneered a previously unexplored route to the summit of Mt Jerusalem, but way of the un-tracked South Ridge. This included following a compass course due north from Girraween through untracked scrub and across Dry Creek, then a steep climb for a couple of hundred metres through bracken and light scrub. For the following hour, the ridge continued to climb northward, but less steeply and with open tree vegetation. Lunch was taken just south of the summit of Mt Jerusalem, with good views to the south-east as far as Tokar and Oakridge wineries in Gruyere, and beyond. Returning along the Mt Jerusalem fire trail, many grass trees, native orchids and other wild flowers were observed. "

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am

#### **Walk along Richards Tramway at Big Pats Creek.**

Meet at the bridge on Big Pats Creek Rd 3 km from Melways 291 D12 (200m past the end of the bitumen)

Discover the significance of Fiery Curve and how Richards solved the riddle of how to get timber from his Starvation Creek mill to the broad gauge railhead at La La (Warburton), via a steep and narrow strip of land at Big Pats Creek.



*Owen Gooding's sketch of Fiery Curve*

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am

TRAMWAYS, TUNNELS, TRESTLE BRIDGES, STEAM WINCHES, MILL SITES, BOILERS & OTHER HISTORIC RELICS

Walk from **Starlings Gap along tramways of the Ada River** valley through Myrtle Beech gullies & giant Mountain Ash. The history tour will start at "The Bump" at the intersection of Big Creek Rd and Yarra Junction – Noojee Rd 6 klm east of Powelltown. Melways 512 or 612 T4. Discover the link between this tiny steam locomotive and one of the historic sites that we will be visiting.



*on Richards Tramway*

For more information, contact [barrysheff@iprimus.com.au](mailto:barrysheff@iprimus.com.au)

Looking ahead to 2006, Clamberers are always on the lookout for new walks, or reminders about past walks we have not visited for a while, to include on the Clamberers program for the coming year. If you have any suggestions, please contact **David or Robyn Allan 5965 2556**

## **Andrew Ross Museum – Kangaroo Ground**

The Andrew Ross Museum was established in 1993 in the old schoolhouse (built circa 1878) in Kangaroo Ground, Victoria. The Museum is dedicated to interpreting the life and times of Andrew Ross and the history of Kangaroo Ground from indigenous to early white settlement. They maintain collections that include the old schoolhouse building itself, artefacts of local significance, a photographic collection and an extensive archive of documents relating to the district and host changing exhibitions. Their latest publication is on the Thomas Young diaries, hidden in one of his descendant's drawers for 140 years. Thomas' job was to cart ore from the mines around St. Andrews to crushers in Panton Hill. ... One of the interesting items to see in the area around Steels Creek.

**MOVIES** – 6PM at SC4 for a Light Gourmet Dinner followed by films.

*14 October (12<sup>th</sup> October 1pm Titty Club Matinee)*

**Murder My Sweet** 1944; Dick Powell, Claire Trevor, Anne Shirley:

This second screen version of Raymond Chandler's detective thriller (the first was *The Falcon Takes Over*) is also the first screen characterisation of Philip Marlowe. Chandler considered Powell's portrayal closest to his own concept of Marlowe and the first person narration preserves Chandler's prose style. The blend of the hard-boiled tradition and 'a kind of muted expressionism' was the archetype for many films that followed. ([web link](#) for more info)

*28 October*

**Strictly Ballroom** 1992; Paul Mecurio, Tara Morice, Bill Hunter, Pat Thomson, Gia Carides, Peter Whitford, Barry Otto:

Luhrmann's energetic high-camp tribute to American dance movies of the 1940s concerns a young, competitive ballroom dancer who outrages his mother and the ballroom dancing establishment by insisting on dancing his own provocative steps. After his regular dance partner refuses to dance with him he is forced to take on an inexperienced partner. Under his tutelage she develops into a professional dancer, while his own dancing is also enriched by his contact with her Spanish relatives who teach him how to dance flamenco. ([web link](#) for more info)

*11 November (9<sup>th</sup> November 1pm Titty Club Matinee)*

**Major Barbara** 1941: Wendy Hiller, Rex Harrison, Robert Morley, Robert Newton, Marie Lohr, Deborah Kerr. :

After the success of 'Pygmalion' (1938), Pascal and Shaw collaborated again on this film version of Shaw's 1905 comic social satire about wealth and poverty. Wendy Hiller plays Major Barbara Undershaft, a major in the Salvation Army who is also a socialist and a strident critic of capitalists. She is romanced by a young Greek professor, but due to her spending all her time on mission work his love goes ignored. After the Salvation Army accepts financial aid from her father, a munitions factory owner and rich distiller, she becomes disillusioned with her soul-saving. ([web link](#) for more info)

*25 November*

**Duck Soup** 1933; The Marx Brothers (Groucho, Harpo, Chico, Zeppo), Margaret Dumont, Louis Calhern:

The most unremittingly anarchic of the Marx Brothers films is a burlesque of twentieth century politics and a parody of operetta. Groucho is Rufus T. Firefly who becomes the absolute ruler of Freedonia at the behest of Mrs. Teasdale. Her wealth is keeping Freedonia from economic collapse. ([web link](#) for more info)

Let the sunshine in ... security shutters at SC4 have been serviced so they may be wound up and down; please let in the light and air and close up when finished
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### **Direct Seeding of Trees** - for revegetating on a larger scale

Greening Australia has the ability to conduct direct seeding of large areas and are putting on a demonstration day to show how it is carried out. They are able to give quotes on individual projects. "Wine for Life" is just one programme supported by Greening Australia, Melbourne Water, and National Landcare which makes large and small projects possible at a minimal cost. While the MW Stream Frontage Management Programme focuses on the watercourse; other assistance is available for other projects. If you are interested in details of the demonstration day, or would like to contact Greening Australia, or MWSFM to discuss any project that you might be considering.

Please contact: **David Allan** 5965 2556

## Wot's Happening at "the bongos"? ~ 2000 Trees That's Wot!

Yarra Flats Billabongs (Mel 275 A2) has added new information to the website including a great aerial photo taken in January when the bongos were full of water. There are pages on Henry Gisborne's report on the Battle of Yering & a couple of wonderfully written paragraphs from Friends Group member Kristin Otto's book on the Yarra River, describing the formation & function of billabongs.

**Bring gloves, mallet, hat and sunscreen on 8<sup>th</sup> October 9-Noon for planting bee.**

NEW: Friends of Yarra Flats Billabongs AGM 12 November at 11am after working Bee  
<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704

"Please keep your dogs confined so they don't go off hassling stock and wildlife, as has been known to be happening in the district lately". All breeds offend equally!

### Kinglake National Park News October 2005

With spring weather upon us it's a great time of the year when you have the opportunity to venture into the park or reserves system. Flowering plants giving a beautiful changing view of the park while on patrol.

My recent field work in the park has had me surveying for signs of pest animals, mainly feral pigs and feral goats at this time. I have had new reports of 3 – pigs seen on Bundy walking track which were observed by 2 – walkers last month and more recently last week, a report of 14 – pigs seen along Gordon's bridge road on a private property not far from the park boundary. Feral pigs and goat sightings in the Kinglake National Park go back to the early eighties and sightings have been mapped on Parks Victoria's Environmental Information System (EIS). This system helps ranger staff keep track of pest animals and weeds as well as important flora and fauna sightings in the park.

It would be of great help to us at the park to keep the pest animal and pest plant sightings coming into us while you might be on a walk in the national park. It's also worth letting us know of pest animals like roaming feral pigs you might see outside the park that could cause ongoing problems on private land and make their way into park or state forest areas. Feral pigs occur in a range of habitats and utilise different food resources and can cause economic loss on agricultural land and have impacts on biodiversity within a parks system. I'm currently reviewing control options for feral pig control, including trapping over the next few months.

Recent weed control work has commenced on Spanish Heath along the Melba Highway. Angled Onion, Tutsan and Forget – Menote has been treated at Steels creek. Black berry will also be targeted soon. Stuart Judd a ranger at Kinglake National Park implements the weed control strategy for the whole park and Stuart has 37 priority listed weed species to control during the most appropriate seasons.

Illegal activities: Recently two men who were illegally shooting in the Kinglake National Park were apprehended by Police on the St Andrews road just past the Ninks rd turn off. The two men were shooting up trees with high calibre firearms. This was destructive to the trees and the two men will be charged under the provisions of the Firearms Act. The last two illegal deer shooters apprehended in the park 8 - months ago were charged under the National Parks Act and both fined \$6,000 each and forfeited their firearms to the crown and had their shooters licence cancelled.

On a happier note! I will be talking to the Steels Creek Community at the Steels Creek Community Centre on the 19 October at 7:45 pm and I look forward to this opportunity. I will deliver a presentation on the national park and other protected area management the staff at Kinglake National Park are involved with.

**David Farrar** Parks Victoria Ranger Kinglake National Park (03 5786 5351) [dfarrar@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:dfarrar@parks.vic.gov.au)

## Birthday Bash

Many friends gathered on Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> to wish Eric Tetlow, our historian and webmaster, a happy 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. However, you can still get in on it. His real day is October 9<sup>th</sup>. Keep on going Eric!

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## HEWI CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 8am -1pm*

HEWI Weedbusters stall at Healesville Market

*Tuesday 4 10am – 3pm*

HEWI display in Memorial Hall

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12 noon*

WORLD HABITAT DAY - REVEGETATION IN QUEENS PARK

HEWI members and Year 4 students from Healesville Primary School will be planting along the Don Road Creek on Thursday, October 6, from 10am to 12noon. Please join us to celebrate this international day!

*Saturday 8 9am – 12noon*

Friends of Yarra Flats Billabongs – revegetation day for 2000 plants

*Thursday 27 from 6pm-9:30pm*

Night Walk at Badger Weir with **Karen Garth**

Bring your picnic tea, walking shoes and torches meet in the lower car park at Badger Weir by

Cost: \$15.00 or \$7.50 con. Bookings by Sue:5962 5982

### NOVEMBER

*Wednesday 9, 10.30am – 12noon*

Eco-aware Women's Chat Group –new HL&LC Course with **Sera Blair**

Sunday 13, 10.00am – 3.00pm

Spring Safari in Pauls Range with **Jane and Malcolm Calder**

A full day walk through public and private land to enjoy the spring flora and observe the regeneration of indigenous plants along protected stream sides. Bring your lunch and walking shoes.

(HEWI Contact details in Calendar Pages)

## Spring Cleaning – Community Clearance SC3

Help clean out the SC4 Community Centre and do your household a favour too by bringing your treasured trash to the Extended Market 26<sup>th</sup> November from 8am to 12 Noon. The First Annual SC3 Event will become a lead in to Christmas and all those summer projects ahead!

The 200 + households in the Steels Creek Area can bring their unrequired **tools, fishing gear, fashion statements, sporting goods, furniture, antiques, books, treasures and tradeables** early on the normal market Saturday. Claim your spot on the basketball court and sell, trade, barter and buy. A share of the proceeds to SC4 and the Cancer Council of Australia.

The committee has authorized extensive advertising to ensure the success of this event and the usual tea and scones will be available at 10 with a bbq at 12. All finished all in. And you still have the afternoon to enjoy your new purchases and newfound extra space in the shed, attic, back room, garage, boat or caravan!

To ensure your space - contact:

**Greg Leonard 0428 329 127 or Chris Mullen 5965 2094**

PS: One whole household of furniture has been pledged at press time!

Rainfall Report (Dave's Drops?)

Gauge Site	August 2005 (mm)	September 2005 (mm)	2005 - Year to date (mm)	Previous Year to same date (mm)
Brennan Avenue	112.1	85.9	547.5	518.2

Clean sweep at the SC4 – a professional cleaner is on duty fortnightly; if you have any recommendations or pet peeves contact: **Greg Leonard**

### DVD Exchange

So many households have DVD players and materials, how about an exchange? Could we share materials at the market? Does anyone have a bright idea on this one? Contact **Chris Mullen**

23 October Open Cellars of Nillumbik 13 cellar doors to the west: Kangaroo Ground – St Andrews

**The Big Issue:** [www.bigissue.org.au](http://www.bigissue.org.au) excellent writing and hard hitting issues to help the homeless subscribe and you will never feel hassled again on the streets of Melbourne!

**Ivy Arney passed away 30 September 2005 she will be missed by many and her store of local knowledge, charm and wit are gone forever. Condolences to family and friends.**

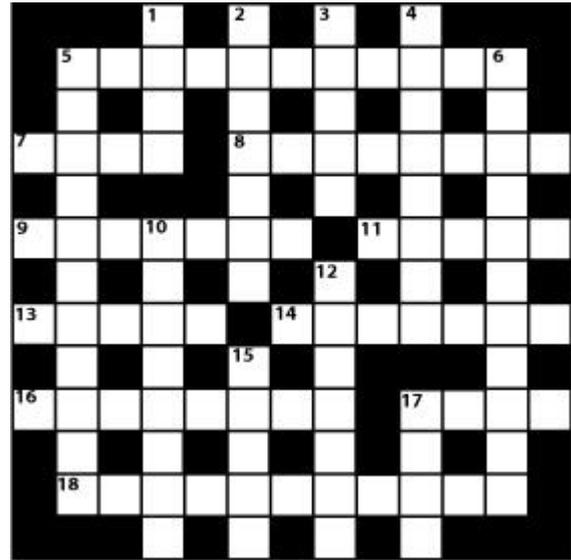
CROSS CREEK 11 © J&J Wordsmiths

Across

- 5. Sustains the Yarra Valley (11)
- 7. Smashed cars may cause one (4)
- 8. Absolutely yummy (8)
- 9. Beware almond odours (7)
- 11. End of an army? (5)
- 13. Ways of using (5)
- 14. Cosy cloak (7)
- 16. Filtered liquid (8)
- 17. Top ranking (4)
- 18. Sticky bandage (11)

Down

- 1. Mix up discord (4)
- 2. Stop up (7)
- 3. Stuffy (4)
- 4. Japanese dish (8)
- 5. Cold, leaky potatoes (11)
- 6. Evenly spaced (11)
- 10. Good on nippy nights. (8)
- 12. Old-fashioned recipe (7)
- 15. Can political allegiance be fun? (5)
- 17. Severe white frost (4)



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CROSS CREEK 10 Answers

Across

- 1. Meadow 5. Film 7. Anger 8. Dumb 9. Not hard 10. Chime 11. Switch 13. Drop 14. Yankee 18. Timber 21. Polo 22. Alcove 24. Caged 25. Bank 26. Omit 27. Boredom 28. Poor 28. Tidier

Down

- 1. Modesty 2. Debit 3. Watch 4. Against 5. Freedom 6. Lissome 12. Cue 15. Avocado 16. Knocker 17. Elegant 19. Ill 20. Reenter 22. Admit 23. Chord



DEADLINE for the next *Jolly Thing* Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2005

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# F L O W E R   S H O W

**Named Roses - Bonsai Display - Quilt Display**

***Saturday November 5th 2005 9.30AM TO 3PM***

**STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE  
699 Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek**

**No Admittance Before 9.30am**

***For Sale***

***Roses – Various prices***

***Potted Plants - Unusual Perennials***

***Devonshire Teas/ Sausage Sizzle***

***Locally made Pottery - Christmas Gifts***

***Gate Prize – Raffle***

The Steels Creek Garden Club's Flower Show is a great chance to come along and meet up with all the locals, buy some unusual plants for your garden, have a cuppa and scones or a sausage for lunch. This year as well as our usual display of roses and quilts from the Stitchers group we have an exhibit of Native Bonsai plants and R. McCann will be giving a demonstration on how to bonsai Australian natives and the best ones to use. For more information please ring **Gillian on 5797 8266.**