



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 61 (June-July 2006) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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The Steels Creek Stitches Biggest Afternoon Tea, Quilt Display and RAFFLE

Thursday 15th June 1.30 to 4.00pm
At the Uniting Church Hall, Melba Highway, Yarra Glen

The cost will be \$5.00 for the combined entry and delicious afternoon tea.
All the proceeds will go to the Cancer Council of Victoria. Last year \$ 1600 was raised.

The Steels Creek Stitches has 24 members and meets twice monthly, making quilts to benefit our local and the wider community. We look forward to your interest and support.

Raffle tickets available from Jane Calder 5965 2372 and Christine Tomlinson 5965 2080
and at the SC4 Saturday market.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

This year Steels Creek Tennis Club members and friends will be celebrating Christmas in July at the Lowe's home in Lawrence Lane, Steels Creek. Festivities will commence at 6:30 to eat at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st. Cost: \$20.00 per person BYO refreshment. A cosy evening with great company and excellent, traditional fare is guaranteed. A raffle will be held during the evening to raise funds for the Tennis Club and for which donations are sought. Don't miss out on a great night

phone **Jean now on 5965 2294.**

Everyone welcome

Steels Creek Centre Committee Meeting Scheduled for May 31st

The Management Committee of the Steels Creek Community Centre will hold a meeting on Wednesday May 31st at 7:30 pm at the Centre. An update on the proposal for a new Centre building will be made, as well as committee reports from centre-affiliated groups.

The AGM is coming up in August.

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club

Monday evening social play has been postponed until the warmer weather but Thursday evening social tennis is continuing. Contact Alby – 5965 2354. New players always welcome. The **Tennis Club AGM** will take place on Sunday 13th August at 12 p.m. If you would like to nominate for the committee, please contact **Alby Leckie**.

Too Late for the Print version:

Interest has been expressed in starting a Thursday Mid-week Ladies Tennis team. If this appeals to you and you would like further information call Elayne on 0400 686 660.

Tree Time of Year

Eastern Tree Service will be trimming for power line safety and fire prevention. Notices are left in post boxes for property owners and communication is encouraged. If you want to influence outcomes, be in touch!

LANDCARE – STEELS CREEK ROAD PROJECT

Thank you to all those residents who responded with interest in the above project. Our application to the Envirofund met the 28th of April deadline and we now have to wait until about mid July to see if we are successful. The proposal is to remove and poison the stumps of elm suckers on the west side of Steels Creek road mainly between Pinnacle Lane and Old Kinglake Road, and to plant approximately 2000 trees and understorey plants. The new plantings will be concentrated where the elm suckers are removed and where adjoining landholders have expressed interest.

In anticipation of starting work in August we have a meeting planned for:

Wed 26th July 2006 at Steels Creek Community Centre 7.30pm.

When speaking of planting along Steels Creek Road frequently asked questions are:

1. What about the fire danger?
2. What is the council doing?

Included in our expert reference group are John Sutton captain of Yarra Glen Fire Brigade and Simon Denby, Biodiversity Conservation Coordinator Shire of Yarra Ranges who are more than willing to answer the above questions.

The topics the meeting will address are: Landcare - Steels Creek Road Project proposed **STAGE 1**. Yarra Ranges input to Landcare and **Fire Protection**. **Fire protection** built into road reserve management. **Fire protection** for Steels Creek properties in general. How to get **fire protection** advice specific to your property.

This meeting is open to all in Steels Creek and is an ideal opportunity for local residents' input on maintaining the beauty of Steels Creek Road and considering fire control and fire prevention issues without the pressure of fire raining down on us from the Kinglake Ridge.

The meeting is free of charge but voluntary donations will be sought and donated to **Yarra Glen Fire Brigade**.

For further information please ring project coordinator **Ivan Filsell 5965 2248**

Dixons Creek/Steels Creek Inaugural Wine Show Results

The Inaugural Dixons Creek/Steels Creek Wine Show was held over the Easter weekend. 18 wineries entered 47 wines. Lilydale Wine Judge **Matt Aldridge** rated the wines and awarded 24 medals. Abbey Lane Vineyard won 2 gold medals for their entries. 5 other wines were selected by patrons of the show as "People's Choices" – those highest rated by ordinary wine drinkers as best in their classes. As a result of the show, \$643 was raised for the Dixons Creek CFA and was presented to Chief **Graeme Miller** by Show Organizer **Athel Smith**.



MOVIES

RIP Fred and Ginger – no more prancing and dancing; promise! The Zorro 12 part Serial is slated to start with this round of screenings contrary to previous reports.

9 June

MILDRED PIERCE** 1945 113m, Joan Crawford, Eve Arden, Classic Crawford: Dowdy housewife starts a restaurant chain and survives a murder case before true love sets in; "a woman's picture par excellence; the star suffering in luxury on behalf of the most ungrateful daughter of all time."
([web link](#) for more info)

Zorro's Fighting Legion: Golden Gold. ([web link](#) for info)

23 June

MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK*** 1943 99m, d Preston Sturges; Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken, William Demarest; Chaos results when a stuttering hayseed tries to help a girl accidentally pregnant by a soldier she met hazily at a dance. "An indescribable, roaringly funny melee, as unexpected at the time as it was effective; like a kick in the pants to all other film comedies." ([web link](#) for more info)

Zorro: Flaming 'Z'

17 July

TO BE OR NOT TO BE**** 1942 99m, d Ernst Lubitsch, ad Vincent Korda; Jack Benny, Carol Lombard, Robert Stack, Lionel Atwill, Felix Bressart; Warsaw actors get involved in an underground plot and an impersonation of invading Nazis; "The comedy is hilarious even when it is hysterically thrilling." ([web link](#) for more info)

Zorro: Descending Doom

28 July

NINOTCHKA*** 1939 110m, w Billy Wilder, d Ernst Lubitsch; Greta Garbo, Felix Bressart, Bela Lugosi; A Paris playboy falls for a communist emissary sent to sell some crown jewels. Sparkling comedy frequently explored; "This picture takes place in Paris in those wonderful days when a siren was a brunette and not an alarm." ([web link](#) for more info)

Zorro: Ep 4

"KIMBERLEY HIGHLIGHTS" Aerial Safari

13 - 25 AUGUST 2006 led by Neroli Merridew of the Lilydale Airport; this exclusive trip illustrates how one can use light aircraft (8 - seater Navajo) to visit remote and beautiful destinations including: Coober Pedy, Kings Creek Station, Birdwood Downs Station, Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge, Kimberley Coastal Camp and Kununurra. Only three places remain. This expedition is a bargain; the total cost, everything included [x drinks] is \$7,900 pp.

Neroli nerolim@lilydaleairport.com.au

The Yarra Glen and District Township Group

Consisting of Yve Hart, Melinda Koth, Dorothy Barber, Stephen Shortis, Robert Fallon, David Allan, Chris Lamacraft, Leanne Jonson, and Bret Shambrook has already held meetings! Support this project and keep your "Values and Vision" vibrant! See the "Values and Vision" project final report at www.yarraglen.com/future/

Bus Shelter Update ...

After the no smoking sign was installed at great expense (JT # 60 p.11), we have this to report: UMS "Urban Maintenance Systems" stepped in and painted the 'inventory' a ghastly green with no thought to preserving the original artwork contributed by a local resident nor replacing aforementioned notification regarding gaspers. The cart and horse are out of order! Hope the wombats like the changes!

June 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			31 SCCC Management Mtg	1 Art	2	3 Tennis Comp "Thanksgiving"***
4	5 Women's Group	6 Ladies Tennis Stitchers SINGING	7	8 Art Social Tennis.	9 Movie Mildred Pierce	10 Market
11 History	12 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY Ladies Lunch Recycle	13 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Garden Outing To Maranoa SINGING	14	15 Stitchers Tea Art Social Tennis	16	17 Tennis Comp
18	19	20 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Book Group SINGING	21 WINTER SOLSTICE (ALL DAY)	22 Art Social Tennis	23 Movie Miracle of Morgan's Creek	24 Market
25 Clamberers	26 Recycle Garden Club Growing Group	27 Ladies Tennis SINGING	28	29 SMB Art Social Tennis	30	

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.

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesday - 8.00 PM

15 members – limited by CAE resources. Lively discussions in members' homes.

Les Tomlins 5965 2080

CLAMBERERS

Last Sunday (March 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 SCCC Market beforehand.

David and Robyn Allan 5965 2556 drallan@gotalk.net.au

Friends of Yarra Flats Billabongs

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen.

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com

<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

GARDEN

Newsletter, Outings 2nd Tuesdays, 63 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 930 am at SC4 – all welcome. 13 June Outing: Maranoa Native Gardens, Balwyn; meet 9:30 at McKenzie Reserve.

Jill Hess 9730 1960, Gillian Poulton 5797 8266

HEWI (Healesville Environment Watch Inc)

Environmental issues at Healesville Living and Learning Centre 1 Badger Creek Road.

Maureen Bond 5962 1224 maub@virtual.net.au

HISTORY

The Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2nd Sundays at 130 pm YG Living & Learning Centre: www.yarraglenhistorical.websyte.com.au

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1891 Eric Tetlow 9730 1445 etetlow@aplhalink.com.au

MARKET

2nd and 4th Saturdays at SCCC, 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

** June 3rd is "National Day of Thanksgiving".

"The National Day of Thanksgiving is a unique opportunity for Australians to celebrate and give thanks for our heritage as a nation and to demonstrate the values of honour, respect, thankfulness and gratitude towards our fellow man that have made us the great nation we are. It is a day for us to pause as a nation and to consider those many things we often take for granted but which really make our lives worth living. Let us use this day to be a blessing to those who have been a blessing to us during the past year." www.thanksgiving.org.au

July 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Christmas in July Dinner
2	3 Women's Group	4 Ladies Tennis Stitchers SINGING	5	6 Art Social Tennis	7	8 Market Tennis Comp.
9 History	10 Ladies Lunch RECYCLE	11 Garden Outing Ladies Tennis SINGING	12	13 Art Social Tennis	14 Movie To Be or Not to Be	15 Tennis Comp
16	17	18 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Book Group SINGING	19	20 Art Social Tennis	21	22 Market Tennis Comp
23	24 Garden Club Growing Group RECYCLE	25 Ladies Tennis SINGING	26 Landcare Group Meeting SC4	27 Art Social Tennis SMB	28 Movie Ninotchka	29 Tennis Comp
30 Clamberers	31					

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

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.

MOVIES

Jean Lowe 5965 2294, Chris Mullen 5965 2094, chris@fullandplenty.com

2nd and 4th Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic 16mm films at SC4. \$5 food plus a \$4 donation for film.

SINGING

Angie Macmillan 97301998

TUESDAY EVENINGS 7.30PM 25 WALLACE ROAD, CHRISTMAS HILLS NEW **LISTING!!!**

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

1st and 3rd 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 (postponed till warmer weather). Tuesdays 10.00 AM, Mid-week ladies competition. Thursdays 7.00 PM, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 6 PM, Regular competitions. Ladies Lunch 2nd Monday; bring a plate to share. <http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/>

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Activities and Friendship Group

Pam Verhoven 5965 2274

1st 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. **Kitchen will be open.**

AGM for the Steels Creek Community Centre announced for 2nd August

VERA REMEMBERED

Recently a very pleasant afternoon tea was held at the Steels Creek Community Centre to remember Vera Adams and to celebrate her life. It was a most heart-warming occasion to meet so many people, (the little schoolroom was near to bursting) both family and friends, who had known and loved Vera. We had a couple of sessions of reminiscences, which Margaret Houston has recorded for us, during which people recalled the many ways in which Vera had touched their lives. I think we all, especially given the schoolroom setting, particularly enjoyed hearing from former pupils of hers. Her son, Stephen, had allowed the Community to offer a number of Vera's books in exchange for a small donation to a "memorial" fund for Vera. As a result of people's generosity, we now have close on \$500 to spend and are looking for suggestions as to how best to create a lasting reminder of a much loved and respected member of our Steels Creek community.

Suggestions to Jane or Malcolm 5965 2372

TASSIE REPORT FROM THE OLD BEAN

It is bloody cold in Tassy, snow to 500 metres on Tuesday, but warmed by miners being rescued and the great amount of free publicity for the island as a result. Rain is also a welcome relief here since adapting to only 2 inches a month, if that, has taken some time to get used to. If you have any spare, please send it our way. Mind you, we had 3 inches in two days last September and the river flooded and took out nearly a kilometre of my new fence along the river. I was not at all impressed but the newly planted trees lay down and enjoyed it, then stood up very proud and are now growing well.

Rex Bean

A CAPPELLA SINGING "All welcome, no gender bias"

At present we do only have women singers, but we'd love to have some bass and tenor voices, as long as they wouldn't mind being outnumbered at first.

TUESDAY EVENINGS 7.30PM

25 WALLACE ROAD, CHRISTMAS HILLS

YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE A GREAT VOICE

COME ALONG FOR FUN AND SING WITH A GROUP

ALL WELCOME

ANGIE MACMILLAN 97301998

Street names, Suffragettes, and Suffering ...

Yarra Glen & District Historical Society Inc the excellent newsletter number 20 is available from the secretary, Eric Tetlow or the web site at <http://www.yarraglen.com/RSL/Newsletter20.pdf>

"Dripper" Allen's Flow Chart (the author is on leave - apologies to those with better information)

Gauge Location	April 2006 (mm)	May 2006 (mm)	YTD (mm) 2006	YTD(mm) 2005
'Newera', Brennan Avenue	Out of service	OOS	OOS	OOS
'Blackwood Hill', Pinnacle Lane	101.2	68	303.2	233.1
'Yarradene Farm', Yarra Ridge	92.5	59	383	259
'Magnolia Hall', Coldstream	29	56.5	212	NA

"Rain in April fell on 15 days I can't remember a month when half of the days were rainy. May has so far produced 68mm, which is only slightly above our 20-year May average."

ERROR REPORT – JT 60! IS TEN NOT FIVE YEARS OLD AS REPORTED IN # 60

Hearty apologies to those who might be feeling younger or older as a result !

CLAMBERERS

WALK THROUGH THE BURGAN TRACK BUSHFIRE AREA

Sunday 25th June at 11.00 am

Experience the magic of the Australian bush regenerating after a bushfire with the vivid red & green foliage contrasting against the charred, blackened tree trunks.

Meet at the National Park gate across Burgan Track. To get there turn left off Melba Hwy into West Bridge Rd then left into Eucalyptus Rd, right into Captains Creek Rd & Burgan Track is the first on the right (but is not sign posted). Bring a plastic sheet to sit on so you don't get a black bum.

Barry on 9730 1587

TRAMWAYS, TUNNELS, TRESTLE BRIDGES, STEAM WINCHES, MILL SITES, BOILERS & OTHER HISTORIC RELICS - PART 2

Sunday 30th July at 10.30am

Walk into the Ada No. 2 mill site along tramways of the Ada River valley following the "quarter-mile-long" log bridge.

The history tour will start at "The Bump" at the intersection of Big Creek Rd and Yarra Junction – Noojee Rd 6 km east of Powelltown. Melways p512 or p612 T-4. Discover the link between this tiny steam locomotive and one of the historic sites that we will be visiting.



Barry on 9730 1587

CULLING ALL OLD GOATS

Over the next twelve months a control program using firearms will be conducted in the Everard Block of Kinglake National Park. Parks Victoria will have shooters from the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) assisting authorised park staff to implement the program. The control program will operate on weekend days and the relevant section of the park will be closed for the duration of the programme.

If you own goats then please ensure that the animals are confined to your property. Placing some sort of identification such as a collar or an ear tag may assist for identification if your animal escapes from your property. If you have lost goats into the park in the past couple of months and they can be readily identified then please call David Farrar at the Kinglake office on 5786 5351. David can also answer any other enquiries related to the program.

The Yarra Glen Art Show Reports: The BEST RESULTS EVER!

\$ 25, 305 Total Sales: 140 out of 396 Artworks Sold, 39 Framed, 93 Unframed, 6 Sculpture, 2 Ceramics, 586 Cards. \$ 1,400+ gold coins collected and \$ 4,000 to Good Friday Appeal.

Thank you to all those who participated in making this art show such a success. The support of the community and Balgownie Estate has created a significant arts event in the Yarra Valley.

Be sure to check the [www](http://www.virtual.net.au/~yarraglenartshow/) pages for updated information and images.

Balgownie Estate has already committed the venue for 2007

ARTISTS SEEK INSPIRATION IMMEDIATELY!!!

Christine Mullen 5965 2094

CROSS CREEK 15

Across

1. Hemingway's 'Sun Rises' (4)
8. Grappelli (7)
9. Philosophers' "tools" (5)
10. Meaty jelly (5)
11. It's a summary when accented (6)
13. ECG (13)
16. Doctor on P plates (6)
18.Ashley, fabric designer (5)
21. Do this to hands, clothes or chickens' necks (5)
22. Plenty needed on the set of 'Oklahoma' (7)
23. Good for boards, not for personalities (8)

Down

1. The first two Greek letters name this (8)
2. Do angry butterflies really do this? (4)
3. Good time for fever? (8,5)
4. Alpaca babies (5)
5. 'Beautiful wake unto me' (7)
6. Ashes to ashes and to (4)
7. Sudden noisy breathing spasm (6)
12. One who prepares a body (8)
14. Foxy attribute (7)
15. Squashed square (6)
17. Good investments are gilt(5)
19. Black Rod has one (5)
20. Wide-mouthed pitcher (4)

CROSS CREEK 14 Answers

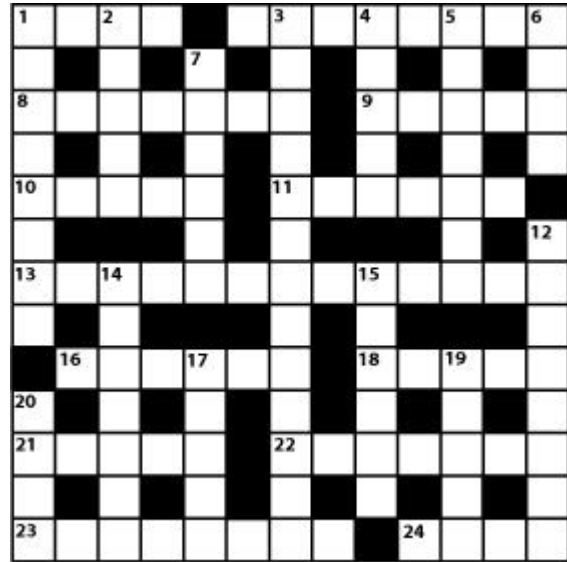
Across

1. Beaver 5. ACDC 7. Inner 8. Peal 9. Roof 10. Aisle 11. Lineal 13. Apex 14. Ripley 18. Listed 21. Noon 22. Pecans 24. Sides 25. Sine 26. Ulna 27. Easel 28. Bend 29. Mother.

Down

1. Bipolar 2. Valve 3. Rival 4. Unusual 5. Arrears 6. Diocese 12. Aye 15. Idolise 16. Linseed 17. Yiddish 19. Ice 20. Despair 22. Psalm 23. Crust

Steels Creek: a state of mind !



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HOOGIES

OF YARRA GLEN



No worries!

DEADLINE 29th July 2006 for the next *Jolly Thing*

For photos and club archives
<http://www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/>