



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 62 (August-September 2006) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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Fellow Travellers ...

For all Arm Chair Travellers who would like to hear about recent travels by community members, we have organised a small series of Show and Tell Travel Nights at the Community Centre during August. Come along to hear their stories and see pictures, and be transported to Far Away Lands in the comfort(!?) of the arm-chairs at Steels Creek Community Centre, followed by discussion and a cuppa.

Wednesday, 2nd August: *Around the World in (nearly) 80 Days*, with David and Robyn Allan – touching down in Singapore, England, Ireland, Vienna and Canada/Alaska.

Wednesday 16th August: *The Mysterious East, Ancient China Revealed*, by Frank Hoogenraad, together with Chris and Christine Mullen.

Wednesday 30th August: A Tour of Russia and Mongolia with Di Moore.

Starting time for each talk will be **7.30 PM** and each expected to last for about an hour or so. For any questions, please contact David Allan, 5965 2556.

Steels Creek Community Centre Annual General Meeting *Shaping Our Future – Your Vote Counts HERE*

The Steels Creek Community Centre, Inc. announces its 2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Wednesday evening, the 23rd of August at 7:30 PM. The AGM will be held in the Community Centre building at 699 Steels Creek Road. All members of the local community are invited to attend. Business to be conducted will include: officer and committee reports, election of officers and Committee of Management members for the coming year, and other general business of the community. A draft agenda will be posted in the Centre as well as on Steels Creek Centre web site. A final agenda will be available by 9 August. Nominations for the positions on the Committee must be received by the Secretary by 16 August, or at the meeting if there are not enough in advance to fill the open positions. Nomination forms and proxy forms are available on the web site as well. **Contact the Secretary, Ed Bartosh for assistance. 9730 2858**

WORKING BEE outdoor around the grounds of SC4, Saturday 16th September 10 am to Noon; many hands required. To register please call **Greg Leonard 0428 329 127**

Be a *do bee* not a *don't bee* ... your community centre needs you!

CLAMBERERS " It was *clamberation* ... I know ..." (to the tune of 'Fascination?')

Kinglake National Park walk on Sunday 27th August

The Kinglake national Park walk will be from the car park at the western 'end' of Old Kinglake Road to Mt Beggary, then returning via Mt Everard and the Bundy Track.

Bird Observing walk on Sunday 24th September.

Details are still being finalised, but we are planning a walk to One Tree Hill, north of Christmas Hills township. Please watch for further details (at the Market or from us) as there is limited car-parking at the walk start - we may need to take a reduced number of cars to the start.

David & Robyn Allan 5965 2556

Rainfall Report – Rainfall in the Steels Creek area up to 31 July 2006

Gauge Location	June 2006 (mm)	July 2006 (mm) (to 28/7)	YTD (mm) 2006 (to 28/7)	YTD(mm) 2005 (to end of month)
'Newera', Brennan Avenue	N/A (O/S)	Approx 54.9 (?)	286.6	349.5
'Blackwood Hill', Pinnacle Lane	24.0	45.5	370.9	349.3
'Yarradene Farm', Yarra Ridge	22.5	48.5	362.5	367.0

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER....

It has been quite hot in England and Europe recently (well, in the 30's), but the following piece was seen in a UK newspaper last May, apparently as the Poms were still coming out of winter hibernation. (Emphasis has been added by this correspondent!!)

"Feeling the Heat..." From '*The Guardian*' – Friday 5 May 2006, by Sam Jones

Yesterday's sunny weather brought some Britons out to bask, and sent others scurrying to the supermarkets for cold drinks and barbeque food. As the **mini-heatwave** pushed temperatures into the **mid-20's**, making it the **hottest day of the year**, Tesco said it sold more than half a million disposable barbeques, 2m bottles or cans of beer and more than 1m bottles of wine in four hours.

Now, THAT sort of heatwave I can handle anytime!

FERAL GOAT CONTROL PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Scheduled some weekends between 9am and 4pm, the second of the programmed Feral Goat Control Programs for 2006, may interrupt use of various tracks.

Inquiries to David Farrar of Kinglake National Park 5786 5351.

STEELS CREEK TENNIS CLUB A.G.M.

Sunday, Aug. 13th, 12 noon B.Y.O. barby lunch

We will be having a hit afterwards, so come and be entertained or join in.

Thank you to all those people who helped with our mid-year Xmas Dinner. This was a great success thanks to the generosity of the community.

(Pics in the internet - <http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/winter2006.htm>)

Mid-week ladies started their season last Tuesday. Monday night social tennis will be restarting in spring, and Thursday nights are still going strong. We are entering three Saturday p.m. teams for the summer season.

Anyone interested in any of the above can ring Alby on 59652354 or Lindy on 59652202

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.
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MOVIES – Zorro continues to be trapped and stranded as the serial continues

11 August

The Major and the Minor 100m, 1942, This farcical comedy was Wilder's directorial debut after years as a scriptwriter. Ginger Rogers plays a working-class girl living in New York who wants to leave the big city and return home to the Midwest. Unable to pay the full train fare she dress up as a 12 year-old and manages to get away with paying half fare. Caught smoking on board, she takes refuge with a major en route to a military academy. The major and his cadets are unable to explain their attraction for such a young girl. The script is full of rapid-fire one liners and risque dialogue (including the memorable line 'Why don't you step out of that wet coat and into a dry martini?'). Director, Billy Wilder; Cast: Ginger Rogers, Ray Milland, Rita Johnson, Robert Benchley, Diana Lynn, Lela Rogers. More details from www.allmovie.com

25 August

Million Dollar Mermaid 110 m, 1952. Highly fictionalised aquatic biopic with Esther Williams portraying turn-of-the-century Australian swimming champion **Annette Kellerman**. An antecedent of Williams, Kellerman launched her career as a silent film actor and vaudeville star by staging publicity stunts, the most famous of which was her public appearance in a one-piece bathing suit in 1907 which created a public scandal and resulted in her arrest. Kellerman was also an early pioneer of synchronized swimming performing a 'water ballet' in a glass tank at the New York Hippodrome in 1907. Featuring lavish water ballet sequences employing smoke, fire and mirrors choreographed by Busby Berkeley, the film marks the Hollywood studio systems' response to the advent of television and subsequent decline of cinema audiences. Choreography, Busby Berkeley, Audrene Brier. Cast: Esther Williams, Victor Mature, Walter Pidgeon, David Brian, Donna Corcoran, Jesse White. More details from www.allmovie.com

8 September

Rio Bravo; 141 m, 1959 A beleaguered sheriff shuns offers of help in this conscious rejoinder to 'High Noon'. The apparent seriousness of purpose in 'High Noon' contrasts with the deceptively simple revivication of traditional Western elements (especially of characterisation) in 'Rio Bravo' through the integration of character and action. Against the confines of a static, almost abstract background, there is a complex working out of interrelationships in a matrix of nearly simultaneous events. Director, producer, Howard Hawks ; John Wayne, Dean Martin, Ricky Nelson, Angie Dickinson, Walter Brennan, Ward Bond. More details from www.allmovie.com

22 September

My Darling Clementine 97 m, 1946 rating This is Ford's most consciously poetic western heavily overlaid with the weight of myth: the pitting of dark against light, wilderness against garden, paradise lost and then regained. A revenge plot culminating in the gunfight at the OK Corral is set against the leisurely and romantic portrayal of a period epitomised by the ritual celebration of community in the square dance. Fonda as Wyatt Earp, the wanderer planning to settle, the mover between worlds, brought a new conceptual complexity to the Fordian hero. And Hawks No. 1. Prod. Co. Prod Director, John Ford Henry Fonda, Linda Darnell, Victor Mature. More details from www.allmovie.com

SAFEWAY PROPOSAL ON VIEW from 27 July

Amendment and draft permit are available on line and will be at the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall 9am-12 noon Saturday 12 August and 19 August. Submissions close 28 August.

August 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Stitchers	2 Travel Talk Around the World	3 Art Social Tennis.	4	5 Tennis Comp
6	7 Recycle Women's Group	8 Ladies Tennis Garden Outing SSS** SINGING	9	10 Art Social Tennis.	11 Movie Major and the Minor	12 Market Tennis Comp
13 History SCTC AGM	14 Ladies Lunch	15 Ladies Tennis Book Group Stitchers SINGING	16 Travel Talk China	17 Art Social Tennis	18	19 Tennis Comp
20	21 Recycle	22 Ladies Tennis SSS** SINGING	23 SCCC AGM	24 Art Social Tennis	25 Movie Million Dollar Mermaid	26 Market Tennis Comp (Semi Final)
27 Clamberers	28 Garden Club Growing Group	29 Ladies Tennis SSS** SINGING	30 Travel Talk Mongolia & Russia	31 SMB* Art Social Tennis		

Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling bin

ART

Thursdays - 1:30 PM – 4.30 PM SCCC Bring your paints, discuss your art and share skills.

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesday - 8.00 PM 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC.

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.

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

GARDEN

Newsletter, Outings 2nd Tuesdays, 63 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 930 am at SC4 – all welcome.
8th August Outing: Nursery Crawl: Humphries and Karanga; 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.

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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@aphalink.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

September 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Tennis Comp (Grand-Final)
3	4 Recycle Women's Group	5 Ladies Tennis Stitchers SINGING	6	7 Art Social Tennis	8 Movie Rio Bravo	9 Market
10 History	11 Ladies Lunch	12 Garden Outing Ladies Tennis SSS** SINGING	13	14 Art Social Tennis	15	16
17	18 Recycle	19 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Book Group SINGING	20	21 Art Social Tennis	22 Movie My Darling Clementine	23 Market
24 Clamberers	25 Garden Club Growing Group Social Tennis	26 Ladies Tennis SSS** SINGING	27	28 Art Social Tennis SMB	29	30

SCCC = Steels Creek Community Centre, 699 Steels Creek Road

LAND CARE GROUP

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.

John O'Neill 6965 2224 or David Allan 5965 2556

MOVIES

2nd and 4th Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic 16mm films at SC4.

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

SINGING

TUESDAY EVENINGS 7.30PM 25 WALLACE ROAD, CHRISTMAS HILLS

Angie Macmillan 97301998

*SMB

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

* Please note that Anita's may be closed for renovations on the last Thursday in August. If that is the case, the meeting will be at Yarra Glen Café and Store. The following month it will revert to Anita's as usual.

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

STITCHERS

Every Tuesday, 1.30 PM - 4.00 PM at SC4. Since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Bring own work – knit, patch, embroider; **SSS – Informal "Stitchers Sit & Sew" alternate Tuesdays.

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 100 active and social members. Mondays, 7.00 PM, Social tennis (starting in 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.

Albie Leckie 5965 2354, Lindy Montell 5965 2202

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Activities and Friendship Group

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.**

Pam Verhoven 5965 2274

STEELS CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

An interested group of Steels Creek residents attended the recent landcare meeting at the community centre to discuss planned landcare projects along Steels Creek road with the other stakeholders. These were represented by Cr Jeannette McRae and Marty White from the council, John Sutton and his team from the Yarra Glen fire brigade and Tony Fitzgerald Kinglake Parks Ranger.

Ivan Filsell outlined our proposed weed clearing, sucker removal and replanting plans and our Enviro grant application status which is waiting, waiting, waiting. This was followed by in principle support from the council representatives and a view that council would give some support even without the grant money. John Sutton gave a clear picture of the fire brigade's support for good fire breaks to be included in the plan and general tips on a fire safe approach. The fire brigade was keen to emphasize that Steels Creek is very much on their fire protection map and any residents requiring specific fire protection advice are most welcome to approach the fire brigade.

Tony Fitzgerald gave a positive report on the State of Kinglake National Park after the recent fires and showed that in spite of much worry at the time, the long term effect of the fires is positive. This was reinforced by the recent Lyrebird survey that showed good numbers even in the burnt areas. Tony was also able to outline future control burn plans including more around Brock Spur and Mt Everard but only, he assures us, if conditions are right.

ART OPENING

Noel Nicolson "Paintings from the Flinders Ranges" Opening 3rd August 6:30 PM in the Long Gallery at Montsalvat along with 9 other artists to 2 September

STITCHERS QUILT FLOATS DOWN STREAM– *Gets Religious?*

Connect to the Yarra, an exhibition of photographs a century apart and three local area textiles representing life on the Yarra River, moves from Montsalvat to St Heliers Abbotsford Convent from 3 to 31 August (free entry) after that, in October admission is \$6 at Science works. The Stitchers quilt is prominent among the fine works on display.

FEE INCREASE: 1101 Ways to Utilize the SC4

SCCC Management Committee has raised the user fee to \$ 2.00 per person per event from the longstanding \$ 1.00. This applies to all events save Market and Garden Club potting days. Also please continue to use the sign in register to keep track of use of the facilities. Studies have shown average usage varies from 23.08 to 3.52 persons per event with ten groups using the facilities regularly; more than 1101 signatures are in the book !

STREAM FRONT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 10 YEARS OLD AND 1500+ PARTICIPANTS!
Melbourne Water has assisted rural landowners with catchment management for better property and environmental health. Apply NOW for the first round of grants in 2006-7.
Eligible works include: fencing, off stream stock watering, weed control, revegetation, maintenance of existing project sites and educational opportunities.

Contact Rob Dabal 9235 1546

HEWI members are honoured that **Kevin Mason** will present his personal "Observations and Anecdotes – **50 years from the diary of a local naturalist**" at the next community meeting of Healesville Environment Watch Inc. on Thursday, August 10 at 7.15pm. Kevin has been a keen observer of local wildlife since childhood and was later involved in many processes to preserve our natural environment. This meeting is open to all who are interested in the natural history of our region and the impact of change. We invite you to join us at the Healesville Living and Learning Centre, 1 Badger Creek Road. **Contact Maureen on 5962 1224.**

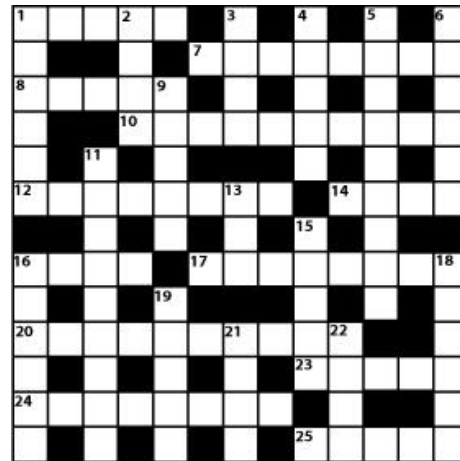
CROSS CREEK 16 © J&J Wordsmiths

Firstly, my apologies for the pickle-up with the last TJT crossword. It turned that the grid we used had a faulty top line, right hand side (yes, I know a poor workman blames his, or rather her, tools!) but there was no excuse for me leaving out the clue to 24 Across. It should have read "Uncle Remus' brother?" My anagramic partner had no part in these mistakes, it was all my own doing. Jane.

CROSS CREEK 16

Across

1. Stuck behind this ball (5)
7. A Panama is a pliant one (8)
8. Censure (5)
10. Science of human mind/soul. (10)
12. Cooking pot (8)
14. Where the owl and the pussycat danced. (4)
16. Gold-plated young sow? (4)
17. Contagious skin disease (8)
20. Richard Branson or maybe Dick Smith? (10)
23. It annoys an oyster when noisy (5)
24. John Le Carre's was constant (8)
25. Custer made a last one (6)



Down

1. Campfires should leave none (6)
2. One for the dromedary (4)
3. Of the ear (4)
4. Ferdinand von Mueller was one (5)
5. Richly coloured (9)
6. Didn't leave (6)
9. Rhineland industrial city (5)
11. Solar worshippers (9)
13. Tennis Club has one on 13 August (3)
15. Every brother needed a bride (5)
16. Hardy's best (6)
18. Dover to (6)
19. Mine creak, do yours?
21. Things aint what they to be (4)
22. The link between money and evil? (4)

CROSS CREEK 15 Answers

Across

1. Also 8. Pianist 9. Ideas 10. Aspic 11. Resume 13. Encephalogram 16. Intern 18. Laura 21. Wring 22. Gingham 23. Rigidity 24. Brer

Down

1. Alphabet 2. Stamp 3. Saturday night 4. Crias 5. Dreamer 6. Dust 7. Hiccup 12. mbalmer 14. Cunning 15. Oblong 17. Edged 19. Usher 20. Ewer

NEW!!! Sudoku (an easy one to start)
Each 3x3 box, as well as each column and row, must contain all the numbers 1 to 9.
Should this be a regular item?

3	6	9	4			8
		3		4	5	2
4		5		9		
8	7		4		3	
		8	1	7		
	1	6		5	7	
	2		5			4
6	4	1		3		
5			2	8	6	1

(answer next issue)

For more, see <http://www.websudoku.com/>

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HOOGIES
OF YARRA GLEN



No worries!

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

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

Steels Creek: a state of mind !

AGM for SCCC will be held on 23rd August at 7:30 pm

AGM for the SCTC will be held on 13th August at 12 noon