

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 69 (October-November 2007) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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### TAKE NOTICE !

We all find little treasures of fruit and vegetables, antiques, bits of cloth; treasures all. Let's keep these sources in business by sharing your discovery among our little community. Simply put your 'find' on a notice card and post it in the SC4 with your details for further information as required.

Example: "The New Butcher, Rod, in Yarra Glen has nice meat!" M.Tilda 5965 2094

**Contact: Pam Verhoven 5965 2274**

### CALL 000 FOR THE NAME GAME!

Old Slide, Old Glenburn, Old Wesburn-Kinglake Road ... depends who you call: Fire, Police, DPI, Vic Roads all have different names for the same place! Good luck with your next 000 call.

### LIVING AND LEARNING CENTRE COURSES FOR ALL !

Many of our local lights are offering interesting courses through the Living and Learning Centre in Yarra Glen; from Patchwork to the WWW to Cooking; there's even a Men's Shed, and Bushfire Preparedness; or try the Historical Society! **Contact Zoe Havers on 9730 2887 or 0418 374 550 BH**

### POTTY GROUP DESPERATE FOR GROWERS !

The Flower Show in Steels Creek is renowned for its plant sale but only 3 to 4 people are doing the work! We need HELP; 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 9:30 – 11:00 please join in this potting activity and grow fond of plants and their little shoots! NO experience required – ignorance is bliss here! **Chris Lumsden 9730 1136**

### SHIRE TANKS INVADE NEIGHBORHOOD !

The SoYR has, in response to fire brigade requests, invested in 60 heavy-duty cement water tanks throughout the shire. Seven new tanks have been installed this year; one in Hunts Lane and one in Hargreaves Road; these 23,000 Litre behemoths come with a water depth gauge in the form of a red ball on a steel rod above. This is not drinking water and is topped up by the CFA.

### THE LAST ART SHOW AT DOMAINE CHANDON !

"Moods of the Valley" Exhibition of paintings by Margaret McLoughlin, Noel Nicolson, Margaret Houston, Cherry Manders, Sharon Rodwell at Domaine Chandon, Mel. 276 D8. Dates: November 2 to December 2, 2007, 10.30 - 4.30 daily. Opening Friday November 9, 6 - 8pm.

**NEXT STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY GENERAL MEETING: 17<sup>TH</sup> October 7:30**

## Steels Creek Tennis Club Happenings



**Club Improvements:** Your Tennis Club has received a grant to upgrade the courts – look for improvement soon. We will be replacing the hard Sympave surface with a synthetic grass and sand surface – this should be considerably easier on some of us with aging joints. We also hope to move with getting the cars off the road edge and in a safer parking area next to or behind the courts.

**Halloween Get-Together:** The Club will host a Halloween Party on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October. We'll start at 7PM at the Smith's (300 Hunts Lane). Wear a costume if you like or come as you are! Cost is \$15 per person and includes nibbles, casserole, dessert slice, and coffee or tea.

**Annual Fund Raiser Raffle:** We have some great prizes – dinners and wine gift boxes. Support your club - tickets are \$2. The drawing will be held at the SCCC Carols Night in December.

**Social Tennis:** Quite a crowd gathering for Monday and Thursday night social tennis – come have a hit and enjoy the evenings as they get finer and finer!

**Memberships:** Please support your club. Social and Junior player memberships are only \$10; Seniors are \$30 and family \$60. Insurance costs of \$25 are added for regular or competition players.

Ed Bartosh, Secretary, SCTC.

## STEELS CREEK GOES TO THE MOVIES – Tom Mix rides on and on and on ....

Last shows of the season ... come on in at 6PM for a fine feed and frivolous fellowship followed by film.

**12 October** **Libelled Lady** bw, 1936, Cast: Jean Harlow, William Powell, Myrna Loy, Spencer Tracey, Walter Connolly. Fast paced, wisecracking newspaper-cum-screwball comedy with Tracey as an editor whose paper is being sued for libel by Loy as the maligned heiress. Tracey hires Powell to put Loy in a compromising position so she'll drop the suit. The plan requires Harlow and Powell to marry for a few weeks.

**16 November** **The Best Years of Our Lives** bw, 1946, 170 minutes; d, William Wyler; Cast: Myrna Loy, Fredric March, Dana Andrews, Teresa Wright, Virginia Mayo, Cathy O'Donnell, Hoagy Carmichael, Gladys George. A drama of three men's collisions with the realities of the post WWII world. The focus is on the tensions, anxieties and expectations of men and women of different ages and backgrounds trying to re-establish their relationships. It was a film which struck a chord with audiences since it seemed to reflect real situations while also conforming to widely held images that many Americans had of themselves.  
**NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM 9 > 16<sup>TH</sup> Nov.**

## Remember Those Who Kept Us Free

On Sunday, 11 November 2007, we will again pause to remember those citizen soldiers who gave their lives to preserve our freedom. The Yarra Glen RSL will hold a Service starting at 10:30 AM at the Yarra Glen Cenotaph, located at the Memorial Hall on the corner of Bell and ANZAC Streets. Following the short service, individuals may place their remembrance poppies at the base of the monument. A reception will follow in the Hall.

Also, the Yarra Glen Sub-Branch will be offering remembrance poppies at the Yarra Glen IGA on Thursday mornings starting 25 October until Remembrance Day for RSL veterans welfare activities. Every cent collected for the tokens goes directly into our Welfare Fund. If you wish more information on the events or membership in the RSL, please contact Ed Bartosh or visit <http://www.yarraglen.com/RSL/>.



Ed Bartosh, Secretary, Yarra Glen RSL.

## Steels Creek Community Centre AGM Report



The Annual General Meeting of the SC Community Centre was held at 7:30PM on 22 August. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. It is available on the [web site](#) noted above. Malcolm Calder reported on the state of the Centre and its sponsored groups. The year 2006/07 has been a busy and fruitful year for the Centre. We worked with the SYR to determine the needs of this facility and formed a working group to evaluate options for the future of the Centre (the minutes of the working group are on the documents page of the web site). The good news is that the Shire has budgeted \$15,000 for maintenance of the Centre building and has also awarded us a \$15,000 grant for health and safety fixes to the inside of the building. Malcolm thanked the active groups and individuals who make up and provide vitality to the Centre.

The Community Centre Management Committee election results were: **Keith Montell**, President; **David Allan**, Vice-president; **Mike Watkins**, Treasurer; **Judith Ellerton**, Secretary, with **Malcolm Calder Ex Officio**, **Ray Dahlstrom**, **John Houston**, and **Eric Tetlow** elected as committee members and club representatives Chris Tomlins for Garden and Heather Smith for Tennis.

**Judith Ellerton, Secretary, SCCC.**

### Rainfall Report – to end of September 2007

Gauge Location	August 2007	September 2007	Year to Date 2007	Year Date 2006
'Yarradene Farm', Yarra Ridge	33.0	42.5	474.0	413.0*
'Blackwood Hill', Pinnacle Lane	31.9	42.7	444.0	476.0
'Newera', Brennan Avenue	34.4	37.7	444.1	490.6

\*Note: 8 year average to end of September for *Yarradene Farm* is 516 mm!! Other longer Term average figures are being developed for comparison purposes – watch this space...!

### A REFLECTION ON - or should I say UNDER - TREES ?

Late last summer as I lay in the hammock looking up at the leafy canopy of our English oak, no better therapy for the relief of stress after a working week, I reflected on the trees we had planted and why. The oak was from an acorn from a tree at my parents house, my Mother called it a Spider Oak and looking up I can see why, it spreads its limbs long and angled like a spiders legs. The Tulip tree to my left was also favourite tree of my Mother, we used to sell the flowers for thruppence to the local florist, though they were not easy to collect as the tree was tall, ours has only produced one flower after being in for a good 7 years, I will lean the axe against it this year to give it a hint. The liquid ambers to my far right were also trees in my parent's garden, the fragrant smell of the leaves I can still sense when we burnt them in autumn, a no no now a days of course. Also to my far right is our hedge, we call it Elizabeth after a friend who helped plan it and whose head of hair grows rampant like the hedge. The cuttings came from the Ashcombe Maze on the Mornington Peninsula. In front of me are the flowering cherries, one planted by a Skyhook, the band member not a crane, both turning into their autumn hue. To my left the strong green conical shape of the silver spruce, one of the few remnants from my nursery days, it has thrived through wind, frost and drought.

At this stage with the soft murmurings of the parrots nibbling the seed of the Chinese elms, I drifted off to sleep, only to be rudely awakened by the hammock ropes giving way and depositing me flat on my back on the ground.

Back to work, therapy over!

**Andrew Chapman**

### **ARM-CHAIR TRAVELLER'S TALES**

The three travel talks held recently (USA, NT, NZ) were well received and well supported. Thank you to all who contributed. Thanks too to Ann Watkins and caterers with the 'themed' food for each country! Due to their popularity, two or three further talks are currently being planned. On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**, Keith and Lindy Montell will talk about their recent trip to **Japan**. One or two further talks are currently under consideration. Details will be announced when further arrangements have been made.

**David Allan**

### **PRESIDENTIAL PRATTLE**

As the newly elected President for the 2007-08 year my first duty is to thank the retiring President, Malcolm Calder, for his leadership and thank also the retiring members of the Committee. I am sure that your new committee will strive to continue, and maybe even expand, the current range of activities run at the Centre. If you are a new resident/reader of the JT, or even an early settler, I suggest that the best way to maximise your enjoyment of the valley and meet fellow locals is to come along to some of the activities that are on offer in the programme. If walking; gardening; stitching; travelling; reading; movies; eating; drinking has not covered your interests then let us know maybe we can start something that does.

We have received a grant from the Shire to assist with the internal refurbishment of the Centre. This grant will be used to create a more useful layout in general; an improved kitchen area; increased storage; and meet the Shire OH&S standards. It is planned that work will commence later this year or early next year. In coming weeks the Shire has scheduled painting of the external walls and the construction of a disabled access ramp into the building. Other works e.g. roof repairs, gutter replacement, etc. will occur during rest of the year.

**KEITH MONTELL 5965 2202** [Montell@hotmail.net.au](mailto:Montell@hotmail.net.au)

### **WEEDBUSTERS INFORMATION STALL - Sunday 7 October Healesville Community Market**

The HEWI Weedbusters are out and about again this spring so join the crew for a variety of hands-on and information-packed suggestions to save our land and waterways from these invasive pests. At our innovative stall you will find: Weed Samples, Assistance with weed identification. Demonstrations of weed control methods, Indigenous plants to replace those weeds, and Shire ONE Trailer.

If you haven't seen it yet our Shire has developed an amazing trailer that brings information about Our Natural Environment directly to our community. The Council has been attempting to have a presence at various markets across our Shire to educate people about weeds; the identification, eradication and indigenous replacements. HEWI will be manning the trailer at the next Healesville market with all the information and demonstrations we love to give in Weedbusters Week.

Come down to the Healesville Market on the first Sunday in October with your weed samples for assistance in identifying and managing those pesky plants. It's interactive, it's informative, it's fun!

**Contact Maureen Bond 5962 1224**

### **STEELS CREEK FLOWER GARDEN CLUB PERENNIAL ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW**

**Saturday 10 November at the Community Centre from 9:30 am to approx 3PM or until the fun stops! The plant sale and rose display are joined by Stitches displays.**

**The tremendous catering support from SC Tennis is a regular feature.**

## **CAN YOU SWITCH OFF?** OCTOBER 6-7 <http://www.thebigswitchoff.com/>

- > Create no greenhouse gas emissions for 24 hours
- > Eliminate your contribution to global warming for just one day.
- > Realise how much you depend on fossil fuels.
- > Take another step toward a sustainable life, for the planet's sake
- > Use the time to embrace candlelight, friends, family, live music.
- > Talk.

## **ONION INVASION**

Did you know that one of the greatest threats to bio-diversity in Australia, second only to land clearing, is invasion by weeds?

The relentless nature of weeds is no more evident than in the steady march of angled onion along Steels Creek's roadsides.

Where physical removal of the whole plant is not possible, the timely removal of angled onion's flowers reduces its spread significantly by stopping the plant from seeding. Over a couple of seasons like this, the plant is visibly weaker. The stretch of roadside just to the south of the community centre shows how effective slashing is, especially when integrated with a spraying program.

Please take some time in coming weeks to remove as many of the flowers as you can in your area, especially at the fringes of any infestation or in small outbreaks. The best time is just as the flower is beginning to wilt. This helps prevent the plant from flowering a second time.

**Rob Fallon**

***Rumour has a new Brew Bar opening in Yarra Glen with backing from a local brewing concern.  
We could go hopping mad!***

## **COLDSTREAM BREWERY – Digester's Reader Returns**

A little place we didn't know we needed, but now it's here, what a ripper!!

Situated on the corner of the Maroondah HWY & Killara Rd, you will find a slightly retro building & if you're lucky you will get to try their own brew. As yet after 3 visits I still have not managed to taste the beer, always sold out!!

The food however, I have sampled & it is a delightful combination of small shared plates, hearty main meals & heavenly pizzas. All very reasonably priced. My favourite shared plates are whitebait with lemon aioli, broad bean fritters & the pork spare ribs.

Andrew really loved the prawns wrapped in vine leaves (\$8.50) followed by the beef & stout pie with a sage & herb shortcrust pastry top (\$18.00).

The variety of wine is reasonable & well priced. Beers various are available. You have a choice of table service or eating in the bar. All round a good casual night.

**Judith Augustine**

## **GRAND EASTER EXHIBITION 2008**

At Balgownie Estate – start your brushes !

OCTOBER 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Recycle	1 Women's Group Social Tennis.	2 Ladies Tennis Stitches Singing	3	4 Art Social Tennis	5	6 Tennis Comp (starts) SWITCH OFF!
7 Weedbusters at H'ville Mkt	8 Ladies Lunch Social Tennis	9 Garden Outing Ladies Tennis SSS** Singing	10	11 Art Social Tennis	12 Movie <i>Libelled Lady</i>	13 Market Tennis Comp
14 History AGM Recycle	15 Social Tennis	16 Ladies Tennis Stitches Singing	17 SC4 Committee 7:30	18 Art Social Tennis.	19	20 Tennis Comp FYFB Working Bee
21	22 Social Tennis.. Growing Group	23 Ladies Tennis SSS** Singing Book Group	24 CFG 7PM Yarra Glen	25 SMB Art Social Tennis	26	27 Market Tennis Comp SCTC Halloween
28 Clamberers Daylight Savings Time Begins	29 Recycle	30 Ladies Tennis SSS** Singing	31			

*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**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 8.00 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC.

Christine 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](mailto:drallan@gotalk.net.au)

**FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS**

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen. Working Bees third Saturday of every second month starting at 12 noon

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 [kevinheeley@bigpond.com](mailto:kevinheeley@bigpond.com)  
<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

**GARDEN**

Newsletter, Outings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 63 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 930 am at SC4 – all welcome. October outing to Burwood garden of Maggie Lloyd Smith. Flower Show 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Chris Lumsden 9730 1136, 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 [hewisec@bigpond.com](mailto:hewisec@bigpond.com).

**HISTORY**

The Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 1:30 pm YG Living & Learning Centre:

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801 Eric Tetlow 9730 1445 [etetlow@aphalink.com.au](mailto:etetlow@aphalink.com.au)  
[www.yarraqlenhistorical.websyte.com.au](http://www.yarraqlenhistorical.websyte.com.au)

**Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Halloween – 27 October from 7 PM**

**SC3 = SC4 =SCCC = Steels Creek Community (and Cultural) Centre, 699 Steels Creek Road**



NOVEMBER 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Recycle				1 Art Social Tennis	2	3
4	5 Women's Group Social Tennis.	6 Ladies Tennis Stitchers <b>Melbourne Cup</b>	7	8 Art Social Tennis	9 <i>Art Opening Chandon</i>	10 <b>Flower Show</b> Tennis Comp
11 History <b>Recycle</b> Remembrance Day	12 Ladies Lunch Social Tennis.	13 <b>Garden Outing</b> Ladies Tennis SSS** SINGING	14	15 Art Social Tennis	16 Movie <i>Best Years of Our Lives</i>	17 Tennis Comp
18 CROQUET	19 Social Tennis.	20 Ladies Tennis Stitchers SINGING	21	22 Art Social Tennis	23	24 Market Tennis Comp
25 Clamberers <b>Recycle</b>	26 Garden Club Growing Group Social Tennis	27 Ladies Tennis SSS** SINGING Book Group	28	29 <b>SMB</b> Art Social Tennis	30	

#### MARKET

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

#### LAND CARE GROUP

Ongoing projects and a great opportunity to obtain information, advice and possibly funding about tackling Landcare issues of significance to YOU!

John O'Neill 6965 2224 or David Allan 5965 2556

#### MOVIES

2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic 16mm films at SCCC. NB: 16 November change. Last show till Feb.

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

#### SINGING

A-Capella men and women folk songs Tuesday evenings 7.30pm 25 Wallace road, off Skyline Drive

Angie Macmillan 97301998

#### SMB

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

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). Tuesdays 10.00 AM, Mid-week ladies competition. Thursdays 7.00 PM, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 6 PM, Regular competitions. Ladies Lunch 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday; bring a plate to share; just a chat and a feed at the tennis club 11:00 am – 1:30 all welcome! .

[www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/](http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/) Albie Leckie 5965 2354, Lindy Montell 5965 2202

#### WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Friendship Group

1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7.00 at JJ's in Yarra Glen. Come for company, conversation and coffee. You'll be made most welcome for a pleasant evening of food and chat. **Kitchen will be open.**

Pam Verhoven 5965 2274

**Remembrance Day Service – 11 November – Yarra Glen Memorial Hall**

## FIRE READY NEIGHBORHOODS – PLAN, PREPARE, RESPOND, RECOVER – HELP!

CFG (Community Fire Guard) looking for Leader in Greenwood Lane and Old Slide Road areas. The Community Fireguard Office needs help in our area.. They are looking for “one Email in every group” in conjunction with the following Leader Forums: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Lilydale or Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November Kinglake; both opportunities are 12pm 3pm and include lunch. What would you do if there was a bushfire? Do you have a bushfire plan? Do you know what the PPRR of bushfire planning is? The Shire of Yarra Ranges along with CFA and your local Neighbourhood or Community House are running FREE interactive workshops in September, October and November to raise awareness about **P**lanning, **P**reparation, **R**esponse and **R**ecovery strategies for bushfire.

At these 3 hour interactive workshops you will find out:

- What you need to consider when developing your bushfire plan
- Planning and preparation for bushfire
- Responding to a bushfire
- Recovering after a bushfire
- Identifying people in your local community who may need assistance with their bushfire planning, preparation and recovery.

Community Fire Guard (CFG) Workshops in the local area:

Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yarra Glenn Memorial Hall	7.00pm	9730 2887
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Healesville Living & Learning Centre	1.00pm	5962 5982
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Woori Yallock Community House	7.00pm	5964 6857

Please contact Helen or Meryl on 8739 1300

## CLAMBERERS

The next walk is planned for the forests north of Maroondah Reservoir near Mt Monda. We will meet at Donnelly's Weir car park, and walk along the Maroondah Aqueduct to Sawpit Weir, and then follow Condon's Track towards the Mt Monda area. Return will be via the same route. **Meet at Donnelly's Weir car park** (Melway 270 G6) at **10.45 for an 11.00 AM start, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. Bring everything -, toilets and water available at Donnelly's Weir.

The **final** walk for the year will be at Sugarloaf Reservoir Park (south side). This is planned to be a leisurely day, **starting with a picnic lunch** followed by a **stroll after lunch** around the southern side of the lake to Mt Graham and return. So even if you don't feel much like walking, please join us for the final Clamberer's event for 2007. **Meet at Saddle Dam Picnic area at Sugarloaf Reservoir** (Melway 273 D/E7) **from 11.00 onwards, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November for the picnic** (bring your own everything). The walk will commence after lunch at about 1.30.

Further information from **Robyn or David Allan 5965 2556**

## BEETLE MOWING DOES SC4

Pat Archibald is looking after the grounds of the Community Centre as a contra in exchange for this mention in the JT. Please consider his services when you need a hand with mowing large and small areas, brush cutting and whipper snipping, spraying weeds, chain sawing, hedge trimming and all garden maintenance.

Call Pat on 0400 880 102 or home phone 9730 1876



### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Yarra Glen and District Historical Society**

The AGM will be held on **Sunday 14 October** at 1:30pm in the Yarra Glen & District Living & Learning Centre. Annual subscriptions will be due on that date. Nominations are called for all positions on the Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee members (3)

Nomination forms will be available from the secretary.

Guest speaker will be Bill Murcott who is giving a talk on the history of the Williamson family of Yarra Glen & Dixons Creek.

Please note new email address for Healesville & District Historical Society:

[hhsociety@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hhsociety@optusnet.com.au)

Website: [www.healesvillehistorical.websyte.com.au](http://www.healesvillehistorical.websyte.com.au)

Eric Tetlow 9730 1445

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### **CROQUET Resumes at Kilravock**

November 18, 11am start, BYO picnic & grog, afternoon tea provided. \$ 8 donation per person to support the Community Centre. Salubrious trophy awarded winners, new categories such as costume, car, cake; all surprises! Three lawns in action, round robin competitions; boules optional. Please book your lawn.

Andrew Chapman 0412 280 773

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### **OH DEER WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE?**

Steels Creek Landcare is applying for funding through the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority (PPWCMA) to embark on a three year integrated pest animal management project to investigate management options for the problem of feral and/or native animals damaging tree plantings and crops. This effort is expected to be an inter-agency effort involving local land holders, together with the Shire of Yarra Ranges, Melbourne Water, the Australian Deer Association, the Kinglake National Park and your local Landcare group.

Initial activities are being planned to determine the extent of the problem and to then develop appropriate responses. Activities are expected to include surveys to determine which properties are affected, a joint information and educational session to raise awareness and a demonstration project to trial options. Participants in Melbourne Water's Stream Frontage Management Program and Greening Australia tree planting programmes as well as landholders experiencing tree and crop damage are invited to come forward to participate. Expressions of interest about receiving further information or participating in this project are now being sought.

Most of us are not up at three in the morning to see the animals but find broken tree limbs and damaged foliage later in the day. Browser or grazer? Deer or marsupial? How to tell? What to do?

To register your interest by contacting David Allan 5965 2556 [drallan@gotalk.net.au](mailto:drallan@gotalk.net.au)

### *Need Christmas Money?*

Hargreaves Hill Brewing requires casual help packing boxes for seasonal shipment.

All ages and schedules considered. Location: Steels Creek

Call Simon: 0412 27 26 25

### Cross Creek 23

Across

1. Unwelcome night visitor (7)
4. Type of mustard (5)
7. Appropriate for trying on clothes? (7)
8. Trains have special yards to do this (5)
9. Gorbliney, liver and -----(6)
12. Neither sunny nor showery (8)
15. We're promised one, sometime! (8)
17. The surface of many country roads (6)
18. Wirra----- Rainforest Walk (5)
21. Division of the CFA (7)
22. One to whom cheque is made out (5)
23. Native pine, no longer just fossilised. (7)

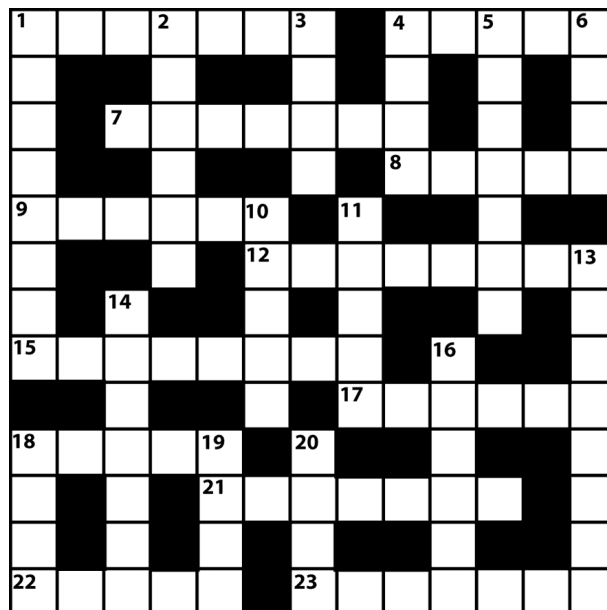
Down

1. Controversial future waterway (8)
2. Avoirdupois (6)
3. We would welcome lots of this (4)
4. Is a football team man's best friends? (4)
5. Main vein in the neck (7)
6. Birds do it, bees don't (4)
10. Boom from on high (5)
11. Supernatural or human? (5)
13. C.J. Dennis woz 'ere. (8)
14. Popular TV genre (7)
16. Summer footwear (6)
18. Unlikely to be 19. Down (4)
19. Ready, willing and ---- (4)
20. A bird's eye has a really good one (4) =

### CROSS CREEK 22 ANSWERS

Across 1. Cheeses 4. Steam 7. Trestle 8. Petty 9. Asking 12. Rainbows 15. Youthful 17. Shadow 18. Valet 21. Officer 22. Extol 23. Roundel

Down 1. Castaway 2. Earwig 3. Site 4. Step 5. Edition 6. Many 10. Graft 11. Hills 13. Snowfall 14. Fullest 16. Tavern 18. Vote 19. Toll 20. Afar



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*No worries!*

DEADLINE 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2007 for the next *Jolly Thing*