



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 70 (December 2007-January 2008) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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Editor Does a Runner- Hard Shoes to Fill

EDITORIAL CHANGE

Andrew Chapman becomes the executive editor of the Jolly Thing as of this issue. After several years of carrying the mantle bequeathed by editor emeritus, Malcolm Calder, Chris Mullen is retiring to other pursuits in the inner city environs of Alphington (from country air and acres to city smog and square metres). Andrew Chapman brings twenty years of experience in Steels Creek, a great sense of humour and community involvement at various levels. He is an excellent wordsmith and frequent contributor to the publication. We look forward to his fresh outlook and the continuation of excellence established by the previous team. We wish Chris well and are ever appreciative of his role in giving **The Jolly Thing** quality, style and his unique brand of humour. No one is irreplaceable but these will be hard shoes to fill indeed.

Land care: Help replant the Valley

Annual General Meeting of Steels Creek Landcare Group will be held on **Thursday 6th December 2007 at the Steels Creek Community Centre, 699 Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek, commencing at 7.30 PM.**

During this year, Steels Creek Landcare has been undertaking the Revegetation Program along Steels Creek Road. This has so far resulted in approximately 1000 trees and shrubs being planted during the autumn and winter period, when rainfall was kind (if not particularly abundant). We have a similar planting target still ahead of us. Our intention had been to recommence planting in the spring, but lack of rainfall during that period and concern about lack of rainfall and high temperatures over summer has resulted in deferral of further planting until Autumn 2008. Assistance from many people with planting so far has been greatly appreciated, and the results are now starting to become evident. We look forward to further community plantings in the autumn – winter period next year. If you would like further information, please contact Ivan Filsell, telephone 5965 2248.

Steels Creek Landcare has also recently applied for funding to facilitate a new project aimed at demonstrating and evaluating different methods of managing damage to vegetation (including stream-side and other revegetation projects, existing vegetation and also vines) that is being caused by deer, in particular sambar. We expect to hear results of our funding application during December. We are currently developing a questionnaire for circulation in the wider Steels Creek area that will be inviting landholders to register with this project and to provide further details about the extent and location of damage being experienced. Watch your mail box – we hope to hear from you! The bigger the response we get, the better will be the result. If you would like further information, please contact David Allan, telephone 5965 2556.

Over the past year or so, we have been slowly building experience in how Landcare projects can be approached in the Steels Creek area. If you have land or vegetation degradation issues that you want to tackle but need some help to undertake, why not discuss it further with Landcare.

Contact John O'Neill (0418 260 227) or David Allan (5965 2556).

Hear Steels Creekian born & Bred Sing

The **Melbourne Welsh Male Choir** (of which **Eddie Williams** and **Henry Verhoeven** are members) are having a *Summer Concert* at **Healesville Memorial Hall** on Sunday 16th December at 2.00 p.m.

This concert will feature as Special Guest Artist our own local lass:- Mezzo Soprano **Beth Williams**. 12 of the 60+ choir members come from the Yarra Ranges.

Tickets are **\$17.50** (under 14's \$10) and are available by phoning **Henry Verhoeven on 5965 2274**

Two Betts and one Bob

A rainy start to the day did not deter some 20 competitors from playing in the 6th Steels Creek Croquet tournament. A leisurely start was then followed by an even more leisurely lunch break which then had the Tournament referee worried that, despite day light saving being on us, we may be playing into the night. However once back on the lawns players made up for lost time. The absence of **Albie Leckie** took none of the competitive edge away and the referee was flat out adjudicating. **Ed Bartosh's** complaint regarding the condition of the North West corner of lawn three was duly given the consideration it deserved.

As the afternoon progressed and the temperature rose, regular refreshment became a necessity and when a call by Judith saying afternoon tea was ready mallets were left standing and the players *en masse* ran to the house. It soon became apparent to the referee that it would be an impossible task to get the players back to the lawn as they were engrossed in conversation and refreshments, so the winners were announced. **Bette**, she with the injured wrist, **and Bob Barbuto** had won beating teams **Houston, Mcloughlin** and **Bartosh**. The best dress was never in doubt when the judges first cast the eye on the white dress and dainty parasol of **Betty Taylor**, a clear winner.

Afternoon tea over, the crowd dispersed and peace descended over the Croquet Lawns. Regular readers will note that there has been no mention of **Bill the groundsman** as he says he is sick of negative comments that are made about him and if any more were made he would resign.

Andrew Chapman

Historical Society has a new Home

The Yarra Glen and District Historical Society is now located in a room off the supper room of the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall, Bell Street, Yarra Glen. A regular opening time has not yet been decided (watch this space) but the intent is to open at least one afternoon per week.

Visitors will be welcome and access is from the car park at the rear of the hall.

The usual monthly meeting held at 1.30 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday every month will now be at the new home.

An official opening is to be held early in the New Year (again watch this space).

And a New Publication

Historical **Recollections of the rail service and stations on the Healesville-Yarra Glen line, Victoria,**
by Bill Lawrence, Dorothy Fothergill and Fred Sadlier

Number 7 in the Society's series of publications contains personal reminiscences about the local railway service by three long term residents of the district. Available from the **Secretary: Eric Tellow 97301445**

Sing! Sing! Sing!

The **Steels Creek Christmas Carols by candle light and BBQ** is on at the Community Centre on Saturday evening of 15th December. The BBQ starts at 6.30 p.m. with the carols commencing at 8.00 p.m. BYO Food & Grog and also, from past experience chairs, picnic table and a **torch in case the candles go out**. Port, coffee, tea, cakes and short bread provided afterwards by the Committee.

The Tennis Club and Stitches raffles will be drawn on that night

More details can be obtained by ringing **Pam Verhoeven** on 5965 2274.

Presents

As Christmas is rapidly approaching, we would greatly appreciate any donation of an **unwrapped child's present** for distribution to those less fortunate than ourselves. Please leave present at Community Centre between now and the Carols Night.

HICCI: (Healesville Interchurch Community Care Inc). Enquiries: Pam Verhoeven 5965 2274

A bad case of Wind

On the 28th October a wind storm such as few locals have experienced before whipped through the Valley up rooting trees, breaking limbs, moving water tanks from their stands and snapping off new vine growth. Is this a result of climate change or just a long term cycle? It's an ill wind, as they say, as there is now an abundance of fire wood for next winter.

Henry & Pam Verhoeven have a windy story to tell as well. Whilst on their recent travels around the Country their caravan and hence their car were literally blown off the road,

Rainfall Report – Rainfall in the Steels Creek area to 28th November 2007

Gauge Location	October 2007 mm	November 2007 mm	YTD (mm) 2007	YTD (mm) 2006
'Newera' Brennan Lane	21	84.2	548.8	531.1
'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane	17.6	79.8	553	507.4
'Yarradene Farm' Yarra rRdge	18	72	530*	519.0*
'Kilravock' Greenwood Lane	21	88	546	572.0

*Note: Yarradene Farm 8 year average for the year to the end of November is 657mm. They had 198 mm in November 2004!

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

Club Improvements. Work to upgrade the courts is scheduled to begin on 3 December to replace our Synpave surface with synthetic grass. The work should take about 3 days – and then it will take a while to settle in. Come by on a social tennis night to see and feel the new surface. It should be better for us "older" members... Next we are going for better lighting – directed at the courts rather than scattering to the streets and our neighbours.



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, 15 December.

Social Tennis. Monday and Thursday night social tennis is taking off – come have a hit and enjoy the evenings! We'll be lighting the Barbee about 6 pm on Thursdays if you want to come and make an outing of it.

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.

New Uniforms. We received a grant to support getting new shirts and hats for team members. Costs are subsidized for competition players, but they are available to all members at cost.

Ed Bartosh, Secretary, SCTC.

Food Writers Report

"The news of my demise is grossly exaggerated" and so it is with "Cru"

Cru is alive and well, Leonard Kusnezow is behind the hot plates and cooking up a storm. The reports in a local newspaper, not The Jolly Thing, were inaccurate to say the least. The team at "Cru" have managed to increase the size of the restaurant to seat 75 and are open lunch and dinner Thursday to Saturday and lunch only on Sunday. Memorable dishes are Mussels to die for, Cassoulet that hasn't left France and the most delicious coffee with desserts that defy description. Most regulars ignore the wonderful scenery but when the tourist at the next table raved about the Umbrian landscape before them - I looked with new eyes.

Still one of the best in the Valley.

For Bookings phone 5962 6966

Judith Augustine

Gulf Station new arrivals

A new farm experience trail nearly finished, new enclosures created and two new highland calves have arrived in good time for the Yarra Valley Australia Day weekend Festival to be held at Gulf Station 26th & 27th January 2008
A great place to take the grand children. <http://www.gulfstation.com.au/>

Movies, talkies, the flics

Will Tom Mix save the lady from the burning wagon? Will the dastardly villain get his comeuppance?

Annual recess to February sees the Steels Creek Movie Club on an economic break even. Monthly programs may have cut momentum but quality remains high. Going ahead a new convener is required to organize ordering of films and catering. C&C Mullen are retiring from centre stage. Opportunities abound for upgrading the projection system to DVD as part of the SC4 renovation. Anyone wishing to discuss details and/or volunteer their services contact **Chris Mullen or David Allan**. Again thanks are due to **Chris & Christine Mullen** for their huge contribution to make this one of Steels Creek's social highs.

Fire, Fire Burning Bright

Some 30 people gathered at the Community Centre to hear the CFA's **Hannah Sky**, she with fire truck red hair, give a talk on bush fire awareness. The crowd was attentive, remembering the fires earlier this year, and many questions were asked of Hanna, who did an excellent job. Some of the points made were:

- Clear around the house, remove over hanging branches, ensure mulch is not placed close to the house.
- Remove fire wood from the verandas along with other flammable objects such as furniture and gas bottles.
- Buy a petrol pump and adequate hose, the Jolly Thing's sponsor Hoogies have an excellent range,
- Wear proper clothes, cotton, and cover up,
- Always carry a woollen blanket and drinking water in the car over summer
- Have a plan and practice it if you are planning on staying, leave early if you are leaving.

The next **BUSHFIRE PLANNING WORKSHOP** is at the Steels Creek community centre Saturday 15th December 2 - 4.30pm where you can make a start on your written plan for pre-season preparation, days of high fire risk, before during and after a fire and find out where you can go for more support

An understanding of bushfire behavior and risk is necessary: workshops are open to those who have attended a Fire Ready Meeting, are members of Community Fireguard Group or have this understanding.

Bookings are essential: **Contact Hannah Sky on 59652211 or Mob. 0409 564 262 or email hannahsky400@hotmail.com**

Pipe Line

Do we need it and can we afford it?

A referral for a decision on the need for an assessment under The Environment Effects for the Sugar loaf Pipeline has been lodged with the minister for Planning. Project Director, Melbourne Water, Rod Clifford said today "The referral follows an intensive program of field work and research and is supported by a range of detailed environmental, geological, social and cultural heritage assessments conducted over recent months" (Press release 21 November 2007)

What was the basis for these assessments? What discussion with the Community and Councils?

With regard to the actual path of the pipe line through our region, Community 3775 Pipeline Group has agreed on several principles to achieve the least damaging route:-

- Construction should only be on public land.
- There should be minimal environmental destruction.
- Rural families and people should benefit
- Farming and rural enterprises must not suffer.
- Existing easements must be used (roads, aqueduct etc).
- Tunnel to avoid private property or environmental destruction.

Applying these principles would lead to an alignment which, from the State Forest, would go along the Melba Highway public land as far as the Maroondah Aqueduct and then follow the Aqueduct to Sugarloaf.

This proposal will have major impacts both short and long term on our community. Private property could be impacted, transport and access restricted, environmental quality destroyed, and much, much more.

For more information contact representatives of *Community 3775 Pipeline Group*:-

Malcolm Calder (Chair, Yarra Glen & District Township Group): 03 5965 2372

<http://www.yarraglen.com/townshipgroup/>

Graeme Miller (resident & landowner) 035965 2396

Jeanette McRae (Ward Councillor) 035962 3847 j.mcrae@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Clamberers

Clamberers undertake walks in the local and surrounding areas on the last Sunday of each month from March until November each year. Our aim is to collectively enjoy the bush, the views, the birds and animals of our wonderful area.

Our last walk/picnic for 2007 was supposed to be at Sugarloaf Reservoir, but we were forced to adopt 'Plan B' upon discovering that the gate to Sugarloaf Reservoir Park was locked with a small note stating that the park was to be renovated and was presently unsafe!!! Plan B was lunch at the start of the One Tree Hill track on Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, followed by a pleasant walk up the track to the old mining dam and back, finding a few orchids, an echidna and several birds along the way.

Early in 2008, we hope to publish a program of walks for the coming year. We have had a few suggestions already, but would welcome further suggestions for inclusion on the program. Please forward those to **David & Robyn Allan**, telephone 5965 2556, email drallan@gotalk.net.au (Note: Our email address is expected to change in December – please telephone to check.)

Presidential Prattle

None this edition as El Presidente, **Keith Montell** is overseas, in South America at that. Should we be concerned? After all he was the Associations past treasurer. Could he be collecting straws to increase his alpaca flock? No doubt he and Lindy are taking plenty of photos for a not too distant Slide night

Yarra Glen Art Show every one could have a painting as well

This will be the 7th year of the Yarra Glen Art Show, and the venue once again is Balgownie Estate. The exhibition will open on **Thursday evening March 20th** and be open from Good Friday until Easter Monday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Why not sign up with **Malcom Calder's** Art Group at the Community Centre on Thursday afternoons and get started on your entry

The committee looks forward to the usual fantastic support and participation from the Steels Creek Community. If you want to request an entry form, please ring **Christine Mullen on 5965 2094**.

Is your community group interested in applying for grants?

The Shire of Yarra Ranges has some **complimentary one-year subscriptions to the Our Community "Easy Grants Information Service"** available. The subscriptions, valued at \$45, include monthly emailed newsletters providing an outline of all grants which your organisation can consider plus access to an online database of available grants. If you would like a subscription for your community group (sorry, individuals are not eligible) please send a **return email** with your organisation's name and contact details. First in best dressed! Complimentary subscriptions are limited, so be quick if you don't want to miss out.

Shire of Yarra Ranges **Community Development Grants** and **Cultural Development Grants** for 2008/2009 will be opening in early March 2008. Information session times and locations will be advertised in February.

The popular **Grant Writing Workshop** program will be presented again in May/June and August 2008. Workshops will be offered in four locations and tailored for beginner and advanced grant writers.

Belinda Gillam Community Grants Officer Shire of Yarra Ranges **T 9294 6363 F 9294 6239** is available to assist any community group which is seeking grant funding from sources other than the Shire of Yarra Ranges and also can be contacted by email b.gillam@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

101 Things to do with a Dead Wombat

Living in Steels Creek is a great experience. The cool misty mornings, the quiet of the bush punctuated by Kookaburra calls across the valleys, the stars in the evening sky away from the city lights. But there is one thing that I've noticed recently that wasn't so good and it really got my mind ticking over.

Over recent months there have been several cases of wombats mistakenly thinking that they are tougher than cars, and ending up rather dead along the road, Steels Creek Road in particular. Made me wonder – surely there must be some Good Uses for a Dead Wombat (or three!). So I thought I'd try to write a list. '101 Uses' seemed like a good stretch target, so I started thinking. First – maybe stuff 'em in the freezer and get them out in summer to absorb the heat of the day, thereby achieving a sort of reverse 'heat-bank' air conditioning effect? Hmmm – probably OK – for a rather limited time. Second – pile 'em up as a road block in case of imminent terrorist attack – they'd stop a whole fleet of explosive-laden trucks if you had enough. Third – Hmmm, starting to run out of ideas here...But wait - there's more!

I've noticed that some other people have had Great Ideas too! One was to leave the wombat for about two weeks, then to cover it in quick-lime (or similar). Great Mooove! Right there by the road side! Helps fertilize the road-side grass and it would have looked (and smelt) a treat for the tourists visiting the nearby B&B!! Then someone else worked out that another Good Idea was to simply drag the dead beastie off the road, down the bank and off into the grass – some 15 metres or so (Wow! – they're HEAVY!). Here the wombat could provide plenty of food for the ants, foxes, thylacines, pterodactyls and the like, while at the same time providing a delightful stench for passing walkers – drives their doggies CRAZY!

So having wracked my brains and run out of further Great Ideas, I came to realise that there really is a much better option. **Just call up the Shire of Yarra Ranges (Telephone 1300 368 333** – it's a free call!), and **mention that you would like to report a dead animal on the road**. They'll ask you for the location and your contact details in case they need to check back. The message will be passed on to someone **who will come and collect the beastie**. Usually, it's a reasonably quick response! I reckon that's a lot better than quick-lime fertilization or pterodactyl food! By the way, I wonder if the Shire stores 'em some where, and whether they have something in mind.....???

David Allan

Thank you – From the Yarra Glen RSL

The President and members of the Yarra Glen RSL would like to thank residents for your support of this Annual Remembrance Poppy Appeal. The donations we received are placed in a Welfare account that may only be used to assist Ex-Service Men and Women and their Dependants who are in need. Money raised assists the RSL in relieving the hardships through a wide range of activities, including:



- Food Vouchers
- Hospital & Home Visiting
- Household Utilities Accounts
- Wheelchairs
- Walking Frames
- Scooters
- Providing Transport
- Pensions & Entitlement Advice
- Home Maintenance
- Aged Care Advice & facilitation

Locally, these monies have been used to help Yarra Glen veterans defray expenses when they enter the hospital for care or to assist in veteran's funerals or those having financial difficulties by assisting with accommodations, food, or direct loans or grants. If you know a veteran in need, or wish more information on the events or membership at our RSL, please contact Ed Bartosh or visit <http://www.yarraglen.com/RSL/>.

Ed Bartosh, Secretary, Yarra Glen RSL 9739-1879.

Rumour was right - Bank to Brewery

The Hargraves Hill Brewery Company has opened a beer and food bar in the Old Bank Building. With the Pub Closed for renovations their timing could not be better. Business is Booming. Our food scribes will review next issue, but why wait, try it now. **For bookings ring 9730 1905**

Every one has a story

(and help the new editor to fill the pages)

Why not share it with the Jolly Thing readers, be it sad, serious or humorous: local or not. Jot it down and send it to the editor. You could be the winner of the inaugural **Chris Mullins** award for literary excellence. Winner announced at the Community Carols 2008. Contributions for the next edition close on January 25th, **start writing now!**

Book Club looking for new book worms

The local Book Club which meets at the community centre on the 4th Tuesday of each month now has two vacancies for two new members. Our books come from Lilydale Library at an annual fee of just \$20. You are guaranteed a lively but never highbrow discussion, some times it's even about the book! Contact **Christine Tomlins on 6965 2080** for more information.

Moods of The valley Art Exhibition- a great success.

If you were not at the last art show at Domaine Chandon you missed a great evening. The excellent display of local talent shown by Mesdames McLoughlin, Nicolson, Houston, Manders & Rodwell was much evident in their many different ways of paying homage to the beauty of the Yarra Valley. The food, wine and service were of Domaine Chandon's usual high standard, what a great place to take valley visitors to.

Beetle Mowing Does SC4

As you will now be aware **Pat Archibald** is looking after the grounds of the Community Centre as a contra in exchange for a mention in the Jolly Thing. Please consider his services when you need a hand with mowing Jobs, large or small, brush cutting and whipper snipping, spraying weeds, chain sawing, hedge trimming and all garden maintenance. Contact **Pat on 0400 880 102** or home no **9730 1876**

DECEMBER 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Tennis Comp
2	3 Women's Group Social Tennis.	4 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Singing	5	6 Art Social Tennis	7	8 Tennis Comp Market
9	10 Recycle Ladies Lunch Social Tennis	11 Garden Outing Ladies Tennis Singing	12	13 Art Social Tennis	14	15 Tennis Comp <i>FYFB Working Bee</i> <i>CFA work Shop</i> <i>Carols at SCCC</i>
16	17 Social Tennis	18 Ladies Tennis Singing	19	20 Art Social Tennis.	21	22 Market
23	24 Recycle Social Tennis.. Growing Group	25 CHRISTMAS	26 BOXING DAY	27 SMB Art Social Tennis	28	29
30	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

4th 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

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

GARDEN

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

HISTORY

The Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm at the back of the Memorial Hall, Yarra Glen www.yarraqlenhistorical.websyte.com.au

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801 Eric Tetlow 9730 1445 etetlow@aphalink.com.au

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

JANUARY 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>New Years Day</i>	2	3 Art Social Tennis	4	5
6	7 Women's Group Social Tennis.	8 Garden Outing Ladies Tennis	9	10 Art Social Tennis	11	12 Market
13 History	14 Recycle . Ladies Lunch Social Tennis.	15 Ladies Tennis SSS** SINGING	16	17 Art Social Tennis	18	19
20	21 Social Tennis.	22 Ladies Tennis Stitchers SINGING	23	24 Art Social Tennis	25	26 Market
27 SCTC Tennis Open Day and BBQ	28 Recycle Garden Club Growing Group Social Tennis	29 Ladies Tennis SSS** SINGING Book Group	30	31 SMB Art Social Tennis		

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!

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

2nd Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic 16mm films at SCCC. February through November.

David Allan 5965 2556

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 2nd Monday; bring a plate to share; just a chat and a feed at the tennis club 11:00 am – 1:30 all welcome!

Albie Leckie 5965 2354, Lindy Montell 5965 2202

. www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Friendship Group

1st 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

Cross Creek 24

Across

1. Behind beyond (4)
3. Willie (7)
8. Diana was one of many (7)
9. ----- decks (5)
10. Fits with boat, electric, petrol etc (5)
11. Come out (5)
13. Not quite awake (13)
16. Longtime enemy of England (6)
18. Shakespeare says life is told by one (5)
21. Children used to do this to chimneys (5)
22. Foodie section in Tuesday's *Age* (7)
23. This alcohol is total (8)
24. Check a flow e.g. of blood (4)

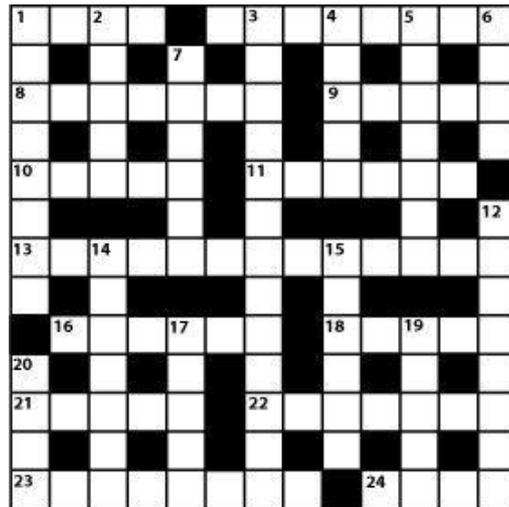
Down

1. He'd deserve his double "trouble & strife" (8)
2. Trainee reporter (5)
3. 1941 home of the "Rats" (7,6)
4. Heart throb hero of "Gone with the Wind" (5)
5. Lively music (7)
6. Green fabric? (4)
7. This system supplanted imperial (6)
12. Line of equal temperatures (8)
14. Ours are 2nd & 4th Saturdays (7)
15. We hope to have a new YG doctor's one (6)
17. This country's anything but 'plane' (5)
19. Preferred name for Eskimo (5)
20. World's largest continent (4)

CROSS CREEK 23 ANSWERS

Across 1. Prowler 4. Dijon 7. Fitting 8. Shunt 9. Lights 12. Overcast 15. Election 17. Gravel 18. Willa 21. Brigade 22. Payee 23. Woolemi

Down 1. Pipeline 2. Weight 3. Rain 4. Dogs 5. Jugular 6. Nest 10. Sonic 11. Being 13. Toolangi 14. Reality 16. Sandal 18. Wimp 19. Able 20. View



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HOOGIES

O F Y A R R A G L E N



No worries!

DEADLINE 29th Jan 2008 for the next *Jolly Thing*