

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 77 (February-March 2009) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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### ***President's Prattle***

Greetings and best wishes from the Committee for 2009. We hope that everyone has a successful; healthy; and **WET** year.

Most of our regular activities are back in full swing and the film/dinner nights are starting at the end of February.

We have been delighted to receive a donation of \$500 from **Cr Jeanette McRae** and a similar amount from the Garden Club towards the costs of installing the air conditioning. It is that kind of support that keeps us going. Our thanks to both.

Over the next month or so we will be developing a proposal to, amongst other things, upgrade the toilet facilities and parking at the Centre. We will be applying for a share of the Pipeline community benefit funds to achieve this. If we are successful we will have a busy time ahead of us during the year.

It has been agreed that to formally recognise **Vera Adams** (a former resident and Head Teacher of the Steels Creek Primary School) that the annual book prize we donate to Yarra Glen Primary School will be named in her honour. In addition the Centre will be named "The Vera Adams Memorial Hall" with appropriate signage to reflect this.

**Keith Montell**

### ***Advance Care Planning and You (take two!)***

As many will have known, Robyn's previously scheduled Advance Care Planning information session (26<sup>th</sup> November) had to be postponed. **It is now re-scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**

If you have a change in your health, or an accident leaves you unable to make decisions about your health care (either temporarily or permanently)

- Do you know **who** will or can make those decisions for you?

Will the person making the decisions about your health care and medical interventions know what **you** want?

- What are the **ethical and legal rights** for decision making about the healthcare that we receive?

**If you want to be in control of your future health care, and ensure that decisions for medical interventions and care are the right ones for you, and if you want to know how to go about planning for this, then.....**

**Robyn Allan** (recently working as Advance Care Planning Project Officer for Eastern Ranges GP Association) will present an **information session on Advance Care Planning**, at the **Steels Creek Community Centre** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009, at 7.30 PM.**

**Robyn Allan 5965 2556**

### ***What, Not Another SC4 Working Bee***

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March After the regular 10.00am market. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

Please bring one, some or all of the following Whipper-snipper, Chainsaw, Ear-muffs, Wheelbarrow, Trailer (especially if you want the fire wood), Shovel, Rake, Pruning tools

Let's make it as successful as the last one!

**Henry (Simon Legree) Verhoeven 5965 2274**

## ***The Jolly Thing delivery***

Since June 1996 a team of loyal distributors has visited an increasing number of letter boxes every second month to deliver the 76 editions of *The Jolly Thing*. Currently we print 220 copies of each edition, and these are privately distributed by eleven volunteers. In addition, over one hundred households receive *T.J.T.* by e-mail or post. I'm sure you can see that this is now a major organizational task of increasing costs (financial and environmental) to the volunteers who so reliably get the news to you.

The general feedback from the community is that people enjoy reading *T.J.T.* even if they play little or no part in the many activities available through the Steels Creek Community Centre. It is widely recognized as a major contributor to the success of the Steels Creek Community Centre; so there is every reason to continue its publication and distribution. But we do need to keep up with the times and recognize the dramatic changes in communication technology that have occurred in the nearly 12 years since the paper first appeared. We also need to be aware of the environmental impacts and costs of printing and hand delivery.

The next issue (April/May, 2009) of *T.J.T.* will be the last one that will be hand delivered to your letterbox or polypipe. From June 2009 you will be able to get *T.J.T.* in one of the following ways:-

1. By e-mail. If you do not already subscribe to this service, please forward your e-mail and I will make sure it is included in the e-mail distribution list. The address is: [achapman@woodards.com.au](mailto:achapman@woodards.com.au)
2. Pick up a free copy at the Yarra Glen Post Office or the Yarra Glen Newsagent in the first week in the month of publication, (February; April; June; August; October; December.) or at the Steels Creek Community Centre.
3. By Post. For an annual subscription of \$6 we will post to you a copy in the week of publication. For this option please forward a \$6 cheque and your full postal address to the following address:-  
Malcolm Calder C/o the Steels Creek Community Centre, P.O.Box 213 Yarra Glen, 3775  
We can then print out sticky address labels.
4. By the World Wide Web. You can download *T.J.T.* from the web soon after the start of the month of publication. All editions are available from August 2003.  
The address is [www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/JT/](http://www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/JT/)

Thank you for your support of "*The Jolly Thing*" and the Steels Creek Community. We look forward to your continuing involvement.  
**Malcolm Calder**

## ***Yarra Glen Easter Art Show***

**Yve Hart** has everything well in hand for our **Grand Easter Exhibition 2009**. This is the 8th year of the **Yarra Glen Art Show** and once again our venue is the picturesque setting of **Balgownie Estate**. The show wouldn't be possible without the wonderful support of our local volunteers and we look forward again to the participation of the Steels Creek Community in 2009. The committee also hopes for the same generous support of sponsors from the local business community. The show will be open daily from Good Friday 10th April, to Easter Monday 13th April, 2009.

Those seeking more information, entry forms or to volunteer their time, please contact Yve Hart, 9730 1115 or check the [www: http://www.virtual.net.au/~yarraglenartshow/](http://www.virtual.net.au/~yarraglenartshow/)

## ***Mamma Mia, We Are The Dancing Queens!***

I HAVE A DREAM, TAKE A CHANCE ON ME, VOULEZ VOUS, GIMME, GIMME, GIMME, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY? Super Troupers aged from 5 to 80, we dressed up, danced and sang our hearts out. Then we ate jelly and sausages, vegemite and crackles, cake and cucumber. It was a riot!

Huge thanks to everyone for getting into the spirit of the film and raising £120\* for SC4.

**Anne Watkins**

\*I think she means \$120; it must be that English Computer Editor

## ***Notes from your SCCC Committee***

**Keys** to the Community Centre: if anyone has a key and has not been contacted by **Christine Tomlins** would they let her know.

**Chairs and Tables:** if anyone has not returned chairs or tables to the Centre could they do so.

The Committee is next due to meet on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm all members of the community are welcome to attend, though the exchanges are nowhere nearly as fiery as a local council meeting.

## ***Fire in Steels Creek.***

On Sunday, 25 January, a small grass fire started late in the afternoon in grass on private property in Pinnacle Lane. Temperatures were in the low 30's and a light southerly wind was blowing. With a spectacularly short response time, the CFA were at the scene with 5 or 6 units by which time the fire had crossed Pinnacle Lane and threatened farmland to the north. The fire was declared safe after 20 minutes or so much to the relief of all.

The Steels Creek community, once again, thanks the dedicated men and women of the CFA for their skills and commitment in providing such an excellent service for the safety of all of us who live in this magnificent area.

**THANKS GUYS, YOU DID A GREAT JOB.** In return, our responsibility is to make sure that all our vehicles, including recreation vehicles such as dirt bikes, are fire-safe.

## ***Road Names***

Whilst I am not sure when it was, I believe I saw some discussion of the proper names of the roads from Steels Creek to Kinglake. With the advent of the fire season, it might be worthwhile for some clarification. There are three roads or tracks connecting Steels creek and Kinglake:

1. "**The Old Kinglake/Glenburn Road**" is now closed to traffic shortly after the **Brennan Avenue** junction, it is available for fire traffic.

2, "**Mt Slide Road**" runs from the **Steels Creek Road, Greenwood Lane** intersection and up to the **Healesville-Kinglake Road**. This is generally called the Steels Creek Road, by people in Kinglake and conversely the Kinglake road by people this end. Both are less than helpful! It is also sometimes referred to as the "**old**" **Mt. Slide road**. This is also confusing as there is no "new" Mt Slide road. The hill on the Melba Highway that runs up to the **Healesville-Kinglake Road** is known as "**The Slide**", but best called the **Melba Highway**. So when using the name Mt Slide Road, always give the nearest intersection as "**Steels Creek Road / Greenwood Lane**" or, at its upper end, "**The Healesville-Kinglake Road**. There was a serious Motor Vehicle accident on this Road on Friday 16th January, and the pager message to CFA members from Vicfire correctly identified the location.

3. The **Brock Spur Track** which rejoins the **Melba Highway** and is also closed to traffic.

It is the second, **Mt Slide Road**, which is most frequently used as it is the only one open to local traffic. This name is in the Vicfire mapping system.

Are your fire-plans in place, up-to-date, and have you practiced? Is your property fire ready? Do you have the personal protection clothing you need in the event of fire, and can you find it in a hurry? Are your financial and personal records safe from fire? Have you made appropriate plans for pets and livestock?

Have a great summer!

**Peter Petherbridge, Dixons Creek Fire Brigade**

## ***Community Christmas Carols Night***

Was held **in** the Steels Creek Community Centre as it was raining and cool (the last serious rain we had) but did not dampen the quality of the singing of the 40 or so who gathered to enjoy the carols, food, biscuits and port. Congratulations to the organizers for a great night which finished with a resounding rendition of Handel's Halleluiah Chorus led by **Ed Bartosh, Jean Lowe** and others. Auditions are being held for this year's Carols night contact Ed.

**Chris Mullin literary award presentation** Showing skills that should have led him to high position in the Diplomatic Corps **Chris Mullin** detailed, in a lengthy paper, his reasonings, in which he was able to mention almost every contributor to the Jolly Thing and saw merit in all, to the detriment of none. **Keith Montell** had to take over the reading of the paper due to the absence of Chris (afloat on Caribbean seas) and the editor's front teeth also away (a thank you to those kind people who suggested that the song *All I want For Christmas is my two front Teeth* would have been an timely inclusion in the song list). Keith did not take kindly to the suggestion that his gerund needed to be removed. As Chris could not separate all who contributed, he did not and awarded all. We thank him and have accepted the 6 bottles of Full & Plenty Pinot for the community to enjoy at a later date.

## ***Grape Grazing***

With the Grape grazing festival almost upon us, 14 & 15 February, these words of wisdom Contributed by Erin O'Neil seem to fit the occasion

*Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame.*

*Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams... if I didn't drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered.*

*Then I say to myself: "It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true rather than be selfish and worry about my liver." Jack Handy*

## **S4Reel Film Club**

The 2009 season kicks off in late February with a classic from the Hood collection of Hitchcock films. All movies will be preceded by an Episode of "**Buck Rogers**". Set in 2500AD Buck and his mate Buddy are brought back from suspended animation to battle Killer Kane and his gangsters. We can only hope that it is as bad as "Flash Gordon".

. Keith Montell

**Super Meal and company at 6pm. Films starts 7.30pm. All in Air-conditioned comfort**

**Screening on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February:**

### **The 39 Steps (1935) B&W**

Annabella is running away from secret agents- she meets Richard- she ends up deceased and Richard is on the run trying to prove his innocence but everything is going wrong. Starring Robert Donat (Mr Chips) surely it couldn't have been him! For more see <http://www.allmovie.com/cg/avg.dll?p=avg&sql=1:73696>

**Screening on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:**

### **Love is a Many Splendored Thing (1955)**

Starring William Holden, as an American war correspondent covering the Korean War, and Jennifer Jones as a beautiful Eurasian Doctor. A classic story of love that is denied as he has a wife at home and her family and friends disapprove of their growing love. The film score won an Oscar and the title song – best song. For more see <http://www.allmovie.com/cg/avg.dll?p=avg&sql=1:30350>

**Screening on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:**

### **The Pink Panther (1964)**

Pliss read zis in ze most excruciating franch you can!

Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau and David Niven as Sir Charles aka "the Phantom" star in this delightful comedy. Co starring Robert Wagner as a seductive playboy and Capucine as the duplicitous wife of Sir Charles and Claudia Cardinale as Princess Dala this movie sees Sellers at his comic best.

The Phantom is trying to outwit our heroic inspector and nab the famous gem "The Pink Panther" but can the French police be so easily fooled! Alors! Eh Bien! and Merci etc. For more see

<http://www.allmovie.com/cg/avg.dll?p=avg&sql=1:38169>

*The proof readers take no responsibility for the previous preview!*

## **Environmental weed information forum**

Friday 6 February 2009 6.30pm Lions Park, Marysville

Dr David Cheal Principle Scientist and Project Leader (Fire, Forests, Reserves) Arthur Rylah Institute for Environment

Dr Cheal will be in Marysville to conduct a river walk and environmental weed forum. This is an opportunity to hear an unbiased scientific assessment of the impact of environmental weeds on our natural environment, and to ask any questions you may have and a chance to see this impact for yourself. Sponsored by Department of Sustainability and Environment

**Marilyn Connor 0439 827054**

## **Food Writers Report**

Due to the food writer holidaying in the delightful borough of Queenscliffe there is no report this issue however refreshed and energized she will return with gusto in the next edition.

Meanwhile some thing to be going on with:-

An **Apple Cake** recipe by Laney Russell

2 cups **Self Raising Flour**,

**Cinnamon**,

1 cup **Sugar**,

1 cup **Milk**,

1 **Egg**, 30 grams

4 chopped **Apples** (Granny Smith),

**Butter** (in chunks),

Sift flour, cinnamon & sugar, Add butter in chunk, apples, milk, egg **Mix well, it will look chunky & thick**. Turn into an 8 inch (200mm) tin, sprinkle with cinnamon and a little extra sugar. Cook at 180 degrees **centigrade**

**This recipe was requested by many people attending the 18<sup>th</sup> January BBQ.**

## **Steels Creek Garden Club**

Steels Creek Garden will start the New Year with a BBQ on Tuesday 10th February at Maggie & Bob Lloyd-Smith's home – 27A Forest Street, Yarra Glen. All Garden Club members and their families are welcome, starts from 6.30pm please BYO meat and drink and a plate of salad or sweet to share. Hope to see you all there.

Our meeting on Tuesday 10th March will be a return visit to the Blue Lotus Water lily and Lotus Farm at 2628 Warburton Highway, Yarra Junction, 3797 Melway map 288 H8. Meet at McKenzie's Reserve at 10.00am, we don't want to get there too early as the water lilies won't have fully opened. There is a Café at the farm for those who want to buy morning tea or a light lunch.

**Gillian Poulton - 5797 8266**

## ***Sweet Dreams are Made of Cheese***

My London correspondent has recently advised that the age old myth that cheese gives you **nightmares** has finally been laid to rest recently following the release of a **new study carried out by the British Cheese Board**. The in-depth **Cheese & Dreams study**, a first of its kind, reveals that eating cheese before bed will not only aid a good night's sleep but **different cheeses will in fact cause different types of dreams**. The study notes that a lot of people still believe the old wives tale that cheese gives you nightmares but this study endorses more **scientific facts**. *"One of the amino acids in cheese – tryptophan – has been shown to reduce stress and induce sleep so cheese may actually help you have a good night's sleep,"* says Dr Judith Bryans, Nutrition Scientist at The Dairy Council. It seems that selecting the type of cheese you eat before bedtime may help determine the very nature of often colourful and vivid cheese induced dreams, The study found that 85% of females who ate Stilton had some of the most unusual dreams of the whole study. 65% of people eating Cheddar dreamt about celebrities, over 65% of participants eating Red Leicester revisited their schooldays, all female participants who ate British Brie had nice relaxing dreams whereas male participants had cryptic dreams, two thirds of all those who ate Lancashire had a dream about work and over half of Cheshire eaters had a dreamless sleep. So if you would like to **improve the quality of your sleep**, and perhaps even **tailor your type of dreams**, you may be able to **do so with the aid of British Cheese!!** Ask your nearest purveyor of fine comestibles for assistance, but in the meantime, you can read the full details at [http://www.britishcheese.com/news.cfm?page\\_id=240](http://www.britishcheese.com/news.cfm?page_id=240) .

Also, for readers interested in learning more about the many fine qualities of cheese, one can also encounter **Random Cheese Facts** at <http://www.cheeseontour.com/> . These 'facts' include many interesting if unlikely *bon mots* such as,

- *"Before the discovery of penicillin, mouldy cheese was used as a cure-all. It was the "miracle drug" of pre-penicillin days, and would cure almost anything except for mouldy cheese poisoning, which was usually fatal".*
- *"NASA has been able to prove Neil Armstrong, on setting foot on the moon, did say "this is one small step on cheese, but one giant leap for mankind!" Only now do NASA believe we should know the moon really is made of cheese.",* and
- *"Elephant milk makes pungent dumbo and bagpuss. Cheese like no other fromage vintage",*

**David (the Cheese Monster\*) Allan(\*according to his grand-daughter)**

## ***Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings***

**Evening Social Tennis:** Monday and Thursday night social tennis is going well – come have a hit and enjoy the evenings and the **softer impact** courts! If the weather is right, we'll have the BBQ lit – come and bring your food and enjoy the social atmosphere.

**Tuesday Morning Social Tennis:** Trying something new – Come and enjoy a leisurely morning hit from about 9am for some tennis and social interaction.

**Open Day:** We had an Open Day/BBQ on Sunday, January 18. There was plenty to eat, and two dozen friends came for the afternoon.

**Annual Raffle:** We had some great prizes in the annual Carols night raffle. **Balgownie Estate** has donated a Spa stay, along with dining experiences from the **Berry Café** and the **Lilydale International** and wine packages from **DeBortoli, Coinda, and Yarradene**. Thanks to all who donated and all who had a go.

**Ed Bartosh, Secretary, SCTC– 9739 1879 [www.yarraqlen.com/SCTC/](http://www.yarraqlen.com/SCTC/)**

## ***Clean Up Australia Day – 1 March 2009***

As advised in the last Jolly Thing, Steels Creek Community and the Yarra Glen Tree Group have in recent years joined forces to participate in Clean Up Australia Day. We have focussed on our own 'front yard' by doing a clean-up along Steels Creek Road, generally from Eltham –Yarra Glen Road to the end of the bitumen at Steels Creek. We have also covered some other nearby roads when participant numbers have permitted and have also been successful in getting the Shire to take on a clean-up that was beyond the scope of our own resources.

This year, **we have again registered to participate in Clean Up Australia Day in 2009**. The date will be **1 March** (a Sunday morning) and we will again focus primarily on Steels Creek Road. If we get enough people on the day, I'm sure that there are some other locations we can also tackle!

**Starting time and sign in is at 9.30 AM, at Steels Creek Community Centre** (the Yarra Glen Tree Group will be starting further south) on 1 March 2009. **Bring gloves and wear strong shoes or gumboots** (no sandals or flip-flops please!).

So **please keep this date in mind** – the more the merrier, and the quicker we get the job done.

We will conclude the clean-up with a cuppa and a chat at the Steels Creek Community Centre, to share war-stories about how it went.

**David Allan, telephone 5965 2556**

## ***The Changing Face Of Yarra Glen.***

Yarra Glen is rather like a teenager going through a major growth period. Let's hope it comes out of this phase with the look of a welcoming country town. The most obvious change is the new shopping complex with its "butterfly wing" roof over a much-enlarged supermarket; a large parking area; and the landscaped wetland area replacing a neglected open space on the Yarra floodplain.

This development, controversial when it was first proposed, has, over a period of two or three years, changed in small ways to meet some of the concerns of the community and the Shire- we can now take a more objective view of what is almost completed.

I personally was opposed to the large scale of the development, and I had reservations about the impact on the smaller traders in Yarra Glen, and the lack of connectedness of the building to the existing shopping complex and to the rest of the town. Many people expressed concern about effects on adjacent residential properties and the appropriateness in a country town of the roof-top car park.

Clearly Ritchies IGA Supermarket has taken supermarket shopping in Yarra Glen to a new level. We had become used to the friendly, family- run IGA of the McBrides. A visit to the old supermarket was like paying a visit to friends and **we all appreciate the hard work and willing service given by the McBrides and their staff. Thanks to you all.** A plus of the new market is that so many of the former staff are still employed by IGA. The new supermarket has a much wider range of products and the staff are efficient and friendly. An added advantage is the Community Benefits Programme which is a Ritchies IGA policy. On balance, the new supermarket is an improvement for Yarra Glen.

The new landscape on the floodplain is developing well. Australian plants are a feature with an emphasis on local indigenous species. Adjacent to, and within the car park, and closer to the building, other natives more appropriate to the function of the area are chosen and there are young trees which hopefully will be providing shade and shelter not too far down the track. While it is hard to see just how this landscape will finally look, the framework and much of the planting is complete. The development of the wetlands is another significant improvement to the appeal of Yarra Glen; certainly the water birds have given it their stamp of approval!

My concerns about the lack of connectedness with the rest of the Yarra Glen shops are still very real and for many shoppers Yarra Glen is now a two stop shopping town. We really do need better pedestrian access from the Point Pleasant car park ; and would a Post Box in the IGA be a way to help those with letters to post? Would traffic lights or a small roundabout at the Bell Street exit from the IGA car park make it easier to drive out onto Bell Street? No doubt there will be opportunities for improvements as we learn our way through the new facilities.

The whole project is not yet fully functional and should not be prejudged. However, I still find the roof-line over the main floor inappropriate in a rural setting and, sadly, the wonderful view of the mountains which appeared so appealingly in the glossy brochure published during the lengthy approval process, cannot be seen from Bell Street as was implied. I understand that some neighbours have had problems with the night security lighting from the upper car park.

Chris O'Connor of Yarra Valley Land Developments has been very involved in the day-to-day management of the project and has been responsive to some minor changes suggested by the community, the Shire and the Planning Panel. Hopefully, the final outcome will be to the lasting benefit of Yarra Glen and District. **Malcolm Calder**

## ***Why Droughts Happen***

The following little beauty appeared in the 1 October 2008 edition of the Albury-Wodonga '**Border Mail**'. It is reproduced here verbatim to explain where droughts come from, in case you have been wondering lately...

### ***Drought Trigger Clear as Day***

*WHEN I was a kid we never had drought after drought.*

*Then we started with daylight saving. We started with a little bit, but now have six months of the year daylight saving. It has just become too much for the environment to cope with.*

*It is so logical, for six months of the year we have an extra hour each day of that hot afternoon sun.*

*I read somewhere that scientific studies had shown there is a lot less moisture in the atmosphere which means we get less rain. I believe this one hour extra sun is slowly evaporating all the moisture out of everything. Why can't the Government get the CSIRO to do studies on this, or better still, get rid of daylight savings.*

*They have to do something before it is too late.*

*C.H. – Albury' (Actual name suppressed to protect the logically incompetent)*

Well folks, there you have it. I always knew that all that extra daylight made the curtains fade more quickly, but this looks serious!

**David (it-must-be-true; I-read-it-in-the-paper) Allan**

## Rainfall Report – to end of January 2009

Gauge Location	December 2008	January 2009 (to 30/01)	Total for 2008	(Total for 2007)
'Yarradene Farm', Yarra Ridge	58.5	2.5	648.0	605.0
'Blackwood Hill', Pinnacle Lane	57.5	4.9	606.0	618.2
'Newera', Brennan Avenue	54.8	3.6	624.8	616.7
'Kilravock', Greenwood Lane	59.5	1.5	672.5	606.0

The 23 year average rainfall at *Blackwood Hill* for January and February is 53.3 and 42.5 mm respectively. January 2009 has been the third driest January recording at that location. The average annual rainfall over the past eight years at *Yarradene Farm* has been 713 mm

Rainfall at the *Mt St Leonard* Weather station for January 14.4mm, last January 145mm and the year 1,180mm

### Clamberers

Clamberers will commence their monthly walking activities for 2009 on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March** with a **picnic/planning get-together** to be held at the **Sugarloaf Reservoir Park Saddle Dam Picnic Area (Melways 273 D/E7/8)**, followed by a short walk. The picnic will commence **from mid-day** onwards.

The intention of the planning activity will be to **plan the walks for the year** so that details will be available well in advance. **Clamberers regulars and anyone else who may have suggestions for suitable walks are invited to bring the details to this get-together.**

**Robyn Allen 5965 2556.**

### Need Some Filling?

Free to good home a small quantity of clean fill. Please come and help yourselves. **Anne and Mike - 9730 2685**

### A Thank You

Bill, the grounds man for the Croquet Lawn, has asked me to report that he now has a mower, thanks to **David Crowley** passing on a family heirloom. It is a *Qualcast Royal Blade deluxe*. Now would any one have an operating manual?

**Andrew Chapman**

### Every one has a story – get it ready for 2009

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 second Chris Mullen award for literary excellence.

### Email Addresses - New and Updated

Want to receive the Jolly Thing by email? Let me know your email address and it will arrive as if by magic.

Changed your email? Let me know your new one.

#### Also

Do you want to be kept up on Local Steels Creek happenings, events and offerings? Let me know and I will put you on *The Grape Vine* so you don't miss out.

**Andrew Chapman** [achapman@woodards.com.au](mailto:achapman@woodards.com.au)

FEBRUARY 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Recycle</b> Women's Group Social Tennis	3 Social Tennis Stitchers	4	5 Art Social Tennis	6	7 Tennis Comp
8 YG&DHS	9 Social Tennis	10 Social Tennis Garden BBQ SSS	11 Advanced Care Planning forum	12 Art Social Tennis Singing	13	14 Market Tennis Comp Grape Grazing St.Valentine's Day
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*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. New Members welcome

Robyn Allan 5965 2556

**CLAMBERERS**

Last Sunday (March to November). Since 1993, the walking group has walked over local tracks & explored the flora and fauna of the Valley and surrounding areas. Walks are announced at the SCCC Market beforehand.

David and Robyn Allan 5965 2556 [eda@wideband.net.au](mailto:eda@wideband.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, 53 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 9.30 am at SC3 – all welcome.

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 Memorial Hall:

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

**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

**LANDCARE GROUP**

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

Ivan Fillsell Ph 9235 2248 or David Allan 5965 2556

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

**HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE**

To arrange hire of the revamped Hall and/or any equipment please contact Christine Tomlins 5965 2080



MARCH 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Clean Up Australia Day	<b>2</b> <b>Recycle</b> Women's Group Social Tennis	<b>3</b> Social Tennis Stitchers	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Art Social Tennis	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Tennis Comp
<b>8</b> YG&DHS	<b>9</b> Social Tennis	<b>10</b> Social Tennis Garden Outing SSS	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Art Social Tennis Singing	<b>13</b> Movies	<b>14</b> Market SCCC <i>working bee</i> Tennis Comp Semi-Final
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Recycle</b> Social Tennis	<b>17</b> Social Tennis Stitchers  <i>St Patrick's day</i>	<b>18</b> SCCC Committee Meeting	<b>19</b> Art Social Tennis	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Tennis Comp Final  <i>FYFB Working Bee</i>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Growing Group Social Tennis	<b>24</b> Social Tennis SSS Book Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> SMB YG Township Group Social Tennis Singing	<b>27</b> Movies	<b>28</b> Market
<b>29</b> Clamberers	<b>30</b> <b>Recycle</b> Social Tennis	<b>31</b> Social Tennis SSS				

**MOVIES**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic movies at SCCC. March through November.

Keith Montell 5965 2202

**SINGING**

Is now a Ukulele group meeting at Hargreaves Hill in Bell St on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

Angie Macmillan 97301998

**SMB**

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

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

**STITCHERS**

Every Tuesday, 1.30 PM - 4.00 PM at SCCC. Since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Work shops plus, 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, 70 active and social members. Mondays, 7.00 PM, (Social tennis). Tuesdays 10.00 AM - **NEW** – Social Tennis. Thursdays 7.00 PM, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM, Regular competitions. <http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/>

Albie Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

**WOMEN'S GROUP** Evening Friendship Group

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

Pam Verhoven 5965 2274

**GROWING GROUP**

Next meeting 23 February 2009

Jane Calder 5965 2372

**YARRA GLEN TOWNSHIP GROUP**

Meets last Thursday of the Month 6 to 8pm. All welcome

Melinda Koth 9730 2600

## Cross Creek 31

### Across

5. Common name for sternums (11)
7. At your earliest convenience (4)
8. We hope no hole in this lifesaver (8)
9. Windy confusion for the tongue? (7)
11. Warburton is the end of the Yarra one (5)
13. Aunty Dot Peters is a respected local one (5)
14. The studious one (7)
16. 78% of our atmosphere is this (8)
17. Local earthmover (4)
18. Good for making men and houses? (11)

### Down

1. Army vehicle (4)
2. Collection of psalms (7)
3. Back (nautical) (5)
4. Beyond red (8)
5. Now's not the best season for this (11)
6. The creamy, not the chewy, chocolates (11)
10. Some committees need one of these wheels? (8)
12. Hoping for a cheap, last-minute flight (7)
15. Let's ----- to differ (5)
17. It comes as sugar, silver or red (4)

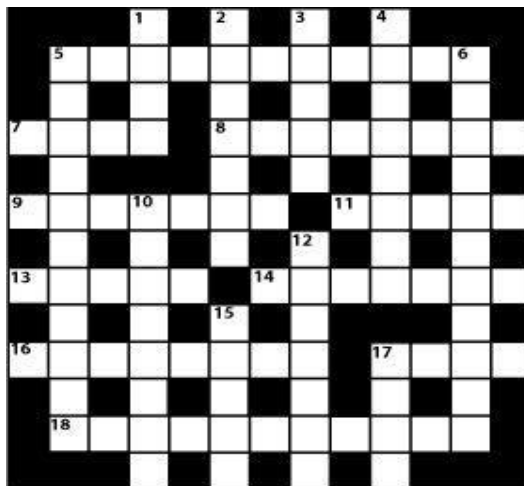
## Cross Creek 30 Answers

### Across

1. Kitten 5. Oast 7. Opals 8. Erne 9. Thin 10. Drier
11. Cathay 13. Imps 14. Police 18. Cohort 21. Just
22. Adagio 24. Elvis 25. Lear 26. Inst 27. Nitre
28. Utes 29. Rosier

### Down

1. Kneecap 2. Teeth 3. Noddy 4. Satiric 5. Ostrich
6. Slipper 12. Arc 15. Opulent 16. Interns
17. Elevate 19. Odd 20. Trotter 22. Aster 23. Adios



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