



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 80 (August-September 2009) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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President's Prattle

It was great to see so many people at the Family Day, over 140 adults and children, all talking; talking; eating; talking; dancing; and talking. The band was much appreciated and they along with "Elvis" (Joe Portelli) gave their time freely to help us enjoy ourselves. The children made great use of the bouncy castle and, my spies inform me, so did one or two grown ups who obviously haven't. (Anne Watkins take note!)

Our thanks go to **Chaplaincy Australia** (Drew and his crew); the **Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance**; and the **Shire of Yarra Ranges** for their financial and physical support. Also many thanks to the "small" wineries (**Yileena Park, Steels Creek Estate, Yarra Track** and **Millers Wines**) for their kind supply of very welcome refreshments.

All of our local activity groups/clubs are now back in action and many of them are doing lots of good things behind the scenes to help our friends and neighbours.

Your Committee has made a terrific contribution to the life of the Valley over the past year and in particular since February, and I am full of admiration for all of its members.

All have suffered losses, and several lost their homes, but still continued giving service and support to help with the recovery process for everyone else in the area.

Recently we lost a long serving committee stalwart – **Eric Tetlow**- and he will be sorely missed.

He was a great source of knowledge on local history and was happy to lend a hand at any time with anything that needed doing. Usually he would wander up and say "you know that broken thingymajig- well I've fixed it!" That was Eric!

So why not come to the AGM on the 12th and get involved with the committee. Honestly its not really hard work; doesn't take up much time; and can be a lot of fun.

Keith Montell



Food Writers Report

Oakridge Estate - Coldstream

On a cold & blustery Saturday we decided to have lunch at **Oakridge Estate**. What a surprise this Restaurant was, very cosy with fantastic views over the Vineyard and beyond.

The Menu offered a choice of 5 Entrees & 4 Mains and a separate Dessert Menu.

The Twice baked Cheese Soufflé was delicate with loads of flavour and the Salt Cod Potato Croquettes are well worth trying. The Baked Mushroom was full of flavour or try the Asian spiced Duck Broth or Tasting Plate for two.

For mains try the House made Potato Gnocchi. This dish was delicious with the Gnocchi very light and the Gorgonzola cream sauce with Broccolini, chives & toasted almonds a true taste sensation. Other mains included a Seafood Cassoulet, Roast Leg of Lamb or Slow braised beef cheek, stout & mushroom pie.

The staff were very attentive and professional. What a great way to spend a few hours

Bob Barbutto

Annual General Meetings Scheduled!

Steels Creek Community Centre, Inc. AGM - Wednesday 12 August 7.30pm at the Steels Creek Community Centre All Committee positions finish and nominations sought and taken on the night at the meeting.

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club, Inc. AGM Sunday, 9 August 2009 12.30pm at the Club rooms

Steels Creek Garden Club AGM Thursday 6 August 2009 9.30am at the Steels Creek Community Centre

Bushfire Stories From Steels Creek.

One of the great ideas that came out of the family gathering at the Community Centre two weeks after THE FIRE was that we should collect people's stories to help us all come to terms with what happened.

For most of us telling the story is an important part of the recovery process; we feel less burdened and alone.

Not only would these stories become a really important part of our recovery, but they would also help us to understand this disaster better. The stories would, when gathered together, provide a real understanding of the impact of the fire on us all and be an important resource for planning for the future. We would have a record of our story.

The work of gathering these stories has now started. We are lucky to have the active and professional support of historians from The National University and the National Museum to help us and they have agreed to catalogue and archive all the stories we gather. Stories are being gathered by **Hannah Sky**, who lost her house in Old Kinglake Road, and **Peter Stanley** from the National Museum. Peter was in Steels Creek for several days last week interviewing some of those who had contacted him, and Hannah has started to talk to people as well. If you want to be part of this story telling project please get in touch with Hannah on 5965 2211 or Malcolm on 5965 2372 and we can arrange to meet you. (See the article by Peter Stanley in this issue of TJT) **Malcolm Calder**

Yarra Valley Open Studios Weekend

The inaugural **Yarra Valley Open Studios** weekend will be officially launched on **September 5 at Sticks Winery at 7.30pm**. Lindy Burns from 774 is our ambassador and will be there to launch the scheme at a special exhibition which will showcase one example of each participant's work, ranging from painting, pastel work, printmaking, sculpture, photography, pottery, glass-blowing, jewellery, textiles and other work relating to these fields.

The weekend of the **18, 19 and 20 September** will be the actual open days, where the public is invited to visit these studios in our Yarra Valley.

There will be advertising nearer the time with details of the times of opening.

Of course I am involved in this event, so am hoping that there will be general interest in this initiative and that some of you will visit my studio at Scott Road too, over that weekend!

In the past, I have enjoyed visiting studios in the Eltham area under a similar scheme, which added greatly to my appreciation of the various artists' works.

This program was originally planned for April, earlier this year, but the bush fires intervened. In fact, the delay has enabled this to be even better than originally conceived and it is hoped that there will be enthusiasm from the wider community to visit our valley. **Margaret McLoughlin**

SC3 Film Club

Winter nights are best enjoyed with a bowl of hot soup; dinner and dessert; and good company. This is all provided at the film nights so why not turn off the "idiot box" and come along and enjoy some movie classics. **Keith Montell**

Screening on Friday 14 August:

What's Up Doc?

Another classic screwball comedy.

Starring Barbra Streisand at her dippy best and matched perfectly with Ryan O'Neal as a romantic duo involved in a madcap affair. Directed by Peter Bogdanovich this film has one of the funniest chase sequences ever filmed. A good way to ward off the winter blues. For more see <http://www.allmovie.com/dvd/whats-up-doc-36915>

Screening on Friday 28 August:

The Picture Show Man (1977)

This film is a warm and witty comedy set in Australia in the Twenties. It tells the story of Maurice Pym (John Meillon), a flamboyant showman unreeling silent films to country townsfolk.

Follow Pym and his hapless son (Harold Hopkins) and amorous pianist (John Ewart) as they clash with loud mouthed, supercool American rival (Rod Taylor) and brave hardships and misadventures on the road. This is a do not miss film! . For more see <http://www.allmovie.com/work/the-picture-show-man-106074>

Screening on Friday 11 September:

The Little Shop of Horrors (1986)

You will never feel the same again in a florist after you have seen this!

Business blooms at Mushnik's Flower shop when an exotic potted plant called Audrey 11 arrives. It turns out to be a carnivorous little cutie and -----well you will just have to come and see.

This is an adaptation of a smash 1980 off -Broadway musical and stars Rick Moranis and Ellen Greene with cameos by Steve Martin; Bill Murray; James Belushi; and John Candy. We expect a full house from the members of the Garden Club. . For more see <http://www.allmovie.com/work/little-shop-of-horrors-29673>

Coming Up in October: British Comedy Night

Black Saturday at Steels Creek book – first field research trip

I've just finished my first field research trip, visiting Steels Creek to begin to gather material on which I'll base my book, *Black Saturday at Steels Creek*, to be published by the National Museum of Australia in 2011. Since the group of historians and film-makers first visited Steels Creek in May in response to an invitation of a group of residents, our various projects have begun to take shape. For example, film-maker Moira Fahy has started to film interviews looking at how people are coping in the aftermath of the fire. I've contacted various official bodies (the Shire and CFA, for example) seeking their support, and most importantly have started to contact individuals and families to record their descriptions of how they experienced the fire.

On this visit, as well as making productive contact with the Shire and the CFA, I've interviewed ten people and gathered various documents and photographs or films, all of which will help me to understand what happened, when, where and to whom. I've been impressed and often moved with the way people have welcomed a complete stranger into their homes to talk about a recent and very stressful event, and with the vivid, moving, careful (and often surprisingly funny) descriptions of how the fire affected them. Everyone's story is important, and each will contribute to our understanding of the vast, complex and terrifying catastrophe that overwhelmed Steels Creek (and other places of course) on 7 February, and which has been such a part of your lives ever since.

Like you, I need to understand what happened. One of the starting points for this project involves trying to establish what happened and especially when. The more pieces of evidence I collect about when and from where the fire hit your place the better chance we'll have of making sense of the big picture. Over the next few months, then, I'll be distributing a brief survey sheet, each accompanied by a detailed aerial photograph of Steels Creek, asking you to describe briefly how the fire affected your place. I'll also be asking if you'd be prepared to tell me what happened to you and your family, in as much detail as you're prepared to offer, and whether you might have photographs that help to tell the story.

As you may know, **Hannah Sky**, of Old Kinglake Road, is helping by interviewing people, and between us we hope to speak to enough people to enable us to discover the story in detail. I should stress that just as this project arose from the invitation of members of the community, I'm committed to circulating drafts of the manuscript (probably in about a year's time) so that the people who've contributed can comment on it before it is published.

If you'd like to become a part of the research for this book, I invite you to contact me directly by writing c/o the National Museum of Australia (GPO Box 1901, Canberra, ACT 2601; pstanley@nma.gov.au). I'm planning to return to Steels Creek half a dozen or more times over the next year or so, and am hoping to be able to speak to as many people as I can.

Thank you for the friendly co-operation many Steels Creek folk have shown in recent days. I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming months.

Peter Stanley

Evening Lights And Inspiration

As I leave the caravan (don't forget to turn off the gas and electricity) I look around and see the lights on the Hills coming on in the growing dusk. With so many of the trees gone more lights ever than before are apparent. Looking east I see the Montell's house shining down from Steels Creek Heights, south of them is Steve Hunts and the Steels Creek Winery below them the revamped school room of our closest remaining neighbours Dave Gormly and Sally Ferras. Looking to the North down in the valley is Echo Vale, just visible through the tree trunks, mid way up the broad lights of Pat & Joe Morovic are now clearly seen since our line of cypress trees are gone. Above them at the top of the Hill is Stuart and Janice Cuthbert's outdoor light twinkling like the evening star.

But it is just not the lights coming on that signify the very gradual return to normal there are other signs. We stopped by our across the road neighbours, **Chris and Libby Sharp**, and were truly impressed by their conversion of their shed into a unique home, if you ever needed inspiration to rebuild then this is it.

Andrew Chapman

Will there be a Yarra Glen Easter Art Show in 2010?

This Year's Yarra Glen Art Show was held in the shadow of Black Saturday. The inspiration and hard work of **Yve Hart** who led a small, rather traumatised committee, saw it through and it was acclaimed as yet another great success. Yve needs some time out for a while and so we need to regroup if there is to be an art show next year.

Luckily, a couple of people have volunteered to take on the leadership role, but they will need help and support from a new committee. It has been suggested that we call a meeting to discuss next year's show and form a committee to run it. We need people and ideas to keep the show on the road, so come along to the meeting on **Wednesday 19 August** at the **Steels Creek Community Centre at 6pm** and share your ideas over pizza and coffee.

Malcolm Calder

NBN - National Broadband Network or No Broadband Near?

Telstra is about to trench the front of our property to 'upgrade services'. In the course of discussions it became clear that the services are being minimally upgraded to the upper Steels Creek area. Whereas Telstra previously could not supply us with any broadband services at all, an Adelaide firm, Internode was able to deliver us ADSL 1 services soon after we moved into the area in April 2008. Up until that time we were told that we had no other option but to use satellite for internet access (expensive and slow!). Since then the Telstra infrastructure has been damaged by the fires and they are now taking the opportunity to enhance them. In classic Telstra spin, they have advised that without the upgrades they cannot provide even basic ADSL services to residents of upper Steels Creek. My objections to the work being performed were not so much about the trenching itself as the lack of foresight in the upgrade (though I must say I still do have significant cause for concern with the trenching being done so close to the vineyard!). My work as an independent IT industry analyst is primarily advising major corporate and government organisations with their technology strategies and IT spending. In all the discussions with the Telstra staff to date about the proposed works, it does appear that Steels Creek residents will not benefit from the kinds of services being proposed in the discussions regarding the national broadband network that we hear so much about in the media. With the changes now being made, residents of upper Steels Creek will inevitably be able to gain access to basic ADSL services but will be unlikely to ever have access to fast internet, especially if reliant on existing and currently planned Telstra infrastructure. Our ADSL 1 services were already being delivered from the Dixon Creek exchange – some 10+ KM's in cable distance from the exchange. Even with two of us relying on fast broadband for our jobs, and the use of VoIP (telephone over the internet) we were able to get adequate services supplied by Internode. Not so from Telstra. Telstra claim that even with fibre optics installed to the Steels Creek tennis courts, some 500m from our residence; we are unlikely to be able to gain access to any reliable services above ADSL 1. This we already had through another provider - well before these upgrades were even apparently being considered. Residents of upper Steels Creek are similarly also unlikely to ever be able to gain access to fast internet services - at least those being delivered by Telstra. So, is Telstra really that sceptical about their own technology capabilities or is there something else going on? Well, it appears that the cabling architecture may be the problem for residents of Steels Creek upper. As in certain metropolitan areas, the use of pair gain lines (essentially shared party lines) limits the ability to deploy fast ADSL technology regardless of how close houses are to the exchange. That is, it is the focus on the cost of trenching cable that seems to determine whether residents can get access to high speed broadband services or not. In the metro area however, consumers also have the choice of whether to adopt wireless broadband services or not. Not so in Steels Creek. Residents will no doubt be aware of the lack of mobile phone coverage in the area – something that proved to be a significant issue on Feb 7, 2009. Despite being only an hour out of the city centre of Melbourne, and presumably within the advertised "98%+ coverage of the Australian population" (which they have now dropped in their advertising campaigns as a matter of interest), Telstra is unable to provide high speed broadband to residents of upper Steels Creek. This is even despite the trenching work being done now to 'upgrade' services. As an industry analyst, I sometimes have the reputation of being cynical. I can only assume that in this case, Telstra's view of their own worth is that it is in the fixed line phone network – which should be protected at all costs - including the cost of providing residents of Steels Creek with comparable services that are found in other parts of the world. It is worth noting that some countries have better broadband services than ours, even in more remote and unforgiving terrain/locations. I would therefore recommend residents raise any concerns and/or objections with both Telstra and the local member. I am also happy to discuss any issues with residents and look forward to ensuring that Steels Creek has access to appropriate communications services well into the future.

John Brand

Playground To Go Ahead

The proposed Children's' Playground, to be installed at the Community Centre, is now a certainty to proceed. We earlier this year received a \$2,600 donation from the Gembrook Community Market and recently a wonderful \$5,000 donation from the staff of Blue Circle group. The awarding now of a \$6,000 Cultural Development Program Grant from the Shire of Yarra Ranges is really good news and means that we can afford to install a modern and safe junior playground. We will have to hold off for a little while, until the centre site is cleared and designs are finished for the post bushfire development of the Centre, but the new playground will be a welcome addition to our facilities. **Rob Fallon** will be coordinating this project.

Shortest Day Lunch

Thank you – yes the Shortest Lunch was very successful for us and all the participants. Nearly 5,000 meals, 9,000 winery visitations and it is looking like a \$5,000 donation to the CFA. A good result all round. Thanks again for your support.

Simon Pearce - Steels Creek Estate

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

AGM. The SCTC AGM is scheduled for Sunday, 9 August 2009 – starting at 12 noon at the clubroom. A BBQ and hit will follow from 1PM. Volunteers to nominate for offices or committee member positions are open and welcome.

Lighting Project and Night Tennis. Our new lights are operative - come and have a hit on Monday and/or Thursday nights and see the difference... **Watch For Upcoming News Of The Formal Opening Ceremony For The New Lights.** Thanks to the Shire staff for managing that project and the Shire and State governments for paying for it.

Christmas in July. Our annual dinner was held on 11 July at Cuttagee Estate on Willow Bend Drive. We were limited to 50 people by the size of the venue, but we wanted to keep the event local. And the **Victorian Bushfire Appeal** and the **Shire of Yarra Ranges** underwrote the dinner within their program to help bushfire affected communities get out and rekindle community spirit through the winter weather. A great thanks to them! And to **Reon Vuglar** for providing wine for the tables and the drawings. Others donating to the night were Bob and Dianne of **Yileena Park**, Simon and Joanne of **Steels Creek Estate**, Steve and Elayne, Ed and Betty, and Jean Lowe.



Also, the new **Over the Net** is out and on the web site at www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/ **Ed Bartosh, Secretary, SCTC**

The Jolly Thing's Miraculous Survival

We knew something was amiss when our mobiles rang hot on Sunday morning, 8 Feb whilst waiting to board a flight back to Melbourne from Adelaide. We'd attended a wedding of a work colleague the night before and were due back in Melbourne later that morning. Ordinarily, we'd be at our farm in Steels Creek as was the norm every weekend.

On arrival in Melbourne, it was clear that there were horrific fires in the Kinglake and Marysville region but little was said about the Yarra Valley and in particular, Steels Creek. We tried in vain to contact our neighbours and even our own farm number without any ring tone. At lunchtime, our neighbours finally returned our call with the words, "Steels Creek is gone, we managed to save ourselves."

In a state of shock, we headed to the Valley from our Melbourne base to check on our beloved farm. After passing through endless police road blocks with tears in our eyes and the expectation of devastation, imagine our surprise when we arrived at our front fence, still standing, with paper sticking out of the letter box in the fence pillar. The agapanthus immediately under the letter box had burnt away and the bin standing behind the fence pillar had disintegrated to just ash and the axle. I eagerly tugged at the paper, miraculously unsinged or burnt in any way but reeking of smoke. Blow me away - it was the Jolly Thing, February/ March edition 2009 that had survived the worst firestorm in the history of our land!!

To add to the irony of The Jolly Thing's survival, I turned to page 3 a few days later and there was the story about a fire in Steels Creek on 25 January- it was at our property! Obviously the powers that be wanted us to be reminded about that earlier fire. We certainly won't forget about it now!

Postscript- Our house survived, infrastructure suffered terribly but from it all, we have forged much stronger relationships with our neighbours. Although we are weekenders, we feel we belong to a very special community and are looking forward to the rebuilding of our beautiful hamlet, Steels Creek. **Silvana Marasco**

Trees

With Spring just around the corner we anxiously await the signs of new growth from our fire ravaged trees and hope that our patience in not cutting them down is to be rewarded with bright new growth. Haven't we missed the wattles this year, that lovely splash of yellow that catches the winter sun, thankfully the daffodils have flowered unaffected by the fires.

Rainfall Report – to end of July 2009

Station	June 2009 (mm)	July 2009 (to 28th) (mm)	2009 Year to Date (mm to 28th July)	Total to date in 2008 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane	51.8	64.2	225.3	338.1
'Kilvarock' Adams Lane	43	56.5	200	384
'Highlea' Dixons Creek	47	78.8	278.6	387.2
'Pencloe' Steels Creek Road	48.3	84.1	240.5	331.3

Rainfall from the Mt St Leonard Station for the year to date 408.8 mm, last year to date 626.4.mm.

Croquet Update

The lawn has re-grown thanks to the ministrations of Bill and **Peter Rainbow**; the replacement lawn mower has been put to good use. All will be in readiness for the 2009 **Steels Creek Croquet tournament** scheduled for **Sunday 18 October**.

Email Addresses - New and Up dated

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

Changed your email? Send me your new one.

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

The Jolly Thing Delivery

As delivery to local letter boxes has now ceased you are now able to get the **Jolly Thing** in one of the following ways:-

1. By e-mail. If you do not already subscribe to this service, please forward your e-mail address to achapman@woodards.com.au and it will be included in the e-mail distribution list.
2. Pick up a free copy at the Yarra Glen Post Office, the Yarra Glen IGA or the Yarra Glen News agent in the first week in the month of publication. (February; April; June; August; October; December.)
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
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/

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

Malcolm Calder

AUGUST 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Tennis Comp
2	3 Recycle Women's Group Social Tennis	4 Social Tennis Stitchers	5	6 Art Social Tennis	7	8 Market Tennis Comp
9 SCTC AGM YG&DHS	10 Social Tennis	11 Garden Club AGM Social Tennis Stitchers	12 SCCC AGM	13 Art Social Tennis Singing	14 Movies	15 Tennis Comp <i>FYFB Working Bee</i>
16	17 Recycle Social Tennis	18 Social Tennis Stitchers	19 Art Show Meeting	20 Art YG Township Group Social Tennis	21	22 Market Tennis Comp
23	24 Growing Group Social Tennis	25 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	26	27 SMB Art YG Township Group Social Tennis Singing	28 Movies	29 Tennis Comp
30 Clamberers	31 Recycle Social Tennis					

Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling bin

ART

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

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

BOOK GROUP

4th Tuesday - 8.00 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC. New Members welcome

Robyn Allan 0409 139 371

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.

Robyn Allan 0409 139371 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
<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

GARDEN

Newsletter, Outings 2nd 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.

HISTORY

The Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm Memorial Hall:

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801

<http://www.yarraqlenhistorical.websyte.com.au>

MARKET

2nd and 4th Saturdays at SCCC, 10.00 AM Sharp! Community announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods. The Creek's best home made scones, coffee and tea at every market!

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 5965 2248 or David Allan 0413 396 296

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

SEPTEMBER 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Art Social Tennis	4	5 Tennis Comp <i>Semi-Final</i>
6	7 Social Tennis Women's Group	8 Social Tennis Garden Outing Stitchers	9	10 Art Social Tennis Singing	11 Movies	12 Market Tennis Comp <i>Grand Final</i>
13 YG&DHS	14 Recycle Social Tennis	15 Social Tennis Stitchers	16	17 Art Social Tennis	18	19
20	21 Social Tennis	22 Social Tennis Stitchers	23	24 SMB Art Social Tennis YG Township Group Singing	25	26 Market
27 Clamberers	28 Recycle Social Tennis Growing Group	29 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	30			

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

MOVIES

2nd & 4th 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 2nd & 4th 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..

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 70 active and social members. Mondays, 7.30 PM*, (Social tennis). Tuesdays 10.00 AM - Social Tennis. Thursdays 7.30 PM*, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM regular competitions. *Night tennis running strong under the new lights.

Albie Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

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

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Friendship Group

1st 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.

Lindy Montell 5965 2202

YARRA GLEN TOWNSHIP GROUP

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

Melinda Koth 9730 2600

Cross Creek 34

Across

1. It shouldn't be in your mouth (4)
3. One who reproduces words &/or pictures (7)
8. WA town NW of Albany (7)
9. This sole may comfort your 1. across (5)
10. Date of Birth of a part of South Africa? (5)
11. "A sleepy, A tropical moon" (7)
13. Long-winded way of saying "By inference (13)
16. A Berlin who composed (6)
18. Used to control caterpillars in the garden (6)
21. She didn't want Argentina to cry (5)
22. These hosts are into proclaiming (7)
23. Alias a canine tooth (3,5)
24. Oily body attached to some seeds (4)

Down

1. Pretending (colloq.) (6,2)
2. Would the French object to this art piece? (5)
3. Will your group score one from the \$5m? (8,5)
4. Especially good with passionfruit in it (5)
5. Great finish for wood (4,4)
6. Cassowaries are seen as ".... & endangered" (4)
7. Does a deer carry this luggage on its head? (6)
12. Occurring in regular cycles (8)
14. These times are becoming tougher (7)
15. Popular organic blue dye (6)
17. Final, mature stage of a developing insect (5)
19. is there a "..... shade of white" ? (5)
20. "Will you still ... me, when I'm 64?" (4)

Cross Creek 33 Answers

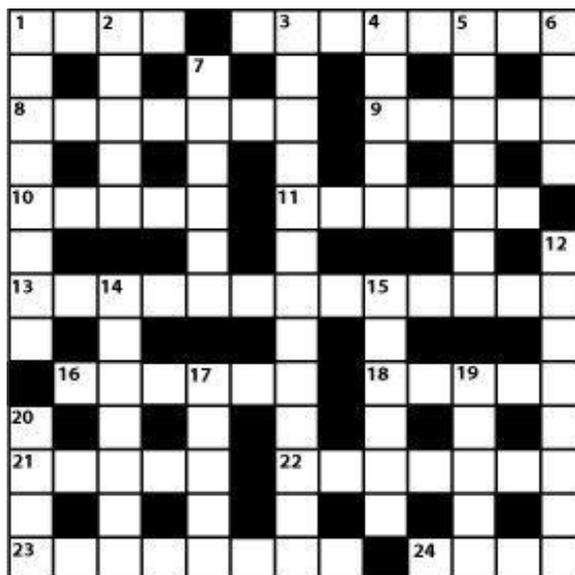
Across

1. Beetroot 5. Comb 7. Posy 8. Remember
9. Steamed 15. Wonders 19. Beaker 21. Greivous
22. Ruth. 23. Down 24. Needless

Down

1. Bypass 2. Tryst 3. Orris 4. Tumult 5. Camera
6. Barred 10. Anon 11. Eire* 12. SOS
13. Eyre 14. Milk 15. Winged 16. Driven
17. Renown 18. Arches 19. Basle 20. April

*My apologies over this one, the clue should have read "Once known as the Irish Free State" JJC



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