

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 81 (October-November 2009) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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President's Prattle

As I write this it is pouring with rain and lots of green shoots are appearing to show that nature is pretty tough and self-healing. All along the valley fences, sheds and gardens are slowly being rebuilt. But best of all there are at least two new homes being constructed something that I, and others I am sure, find uplifting. Let's hope others are now inspired to start theirs and we can welcome back our former neighbours.

While on the subject of rebuilding the Community Centre received a very welcome \$200,000 grant from the Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance to assist with the repairs and rebuilding of the Centre. The funding is not quite enough to cover all of the necessary works but it is a great start and the Committee is confident that other assistance will come from the Shire and that "in kind" help from our local community will bridge the gap.

The first stage will be to gather input from regular user groups as to their needs and then incorporate these into a design brief. Then a formal design will be prepared for comment and from there on we can start planning the building programme. The target for completion is mid 2010.

Here are a couple of dates to put in your diary.

- November 27 a special Film night to raise funds for our local CFA units.
- December 12 - Christmas carols at the Centre

Keith Montell

The Annual Steels Creek Croquet Tournament

is to be held on **Sunday 18 October** from 12 noon at Kilravock (enter via Adams Lane off Hargreaves Rd, Steels Creek. Yes the lawn has recovered, thanks to the tender care of Bill, Peter Rainbow (Lawn Mower Extraordinaire to the Gentry and others) and the generous donation of equipment, all is ready to go. Cost \$10 per competitor, \$5 for non-competitors, this includes a delicious afternoon tea. BYO lunch and beverage tea & coffee will be provided. Proceeds to go to the Steels Creek Community Centre.

Steels Creek Garden Club

Our October meeting is a visit to Christine & Chris Mullens new home in Alphington to see their garden and that of one of their neighbours. We will leave McKenzies Reserve at 9.30 and will buy lunch at a cafe down that way but please BYO morning tea.

Please mark your diary for the **Flower Show** on Saturday November 7; it may not be quite as large as previous years but still a great chance for the community to have a get-together with Devonshire Teas, a sausage sizzle and lots of lovely plants for sale as well as our beautiful display of roses. Does anyone have any natives that we could have? We require large bunches of Banksias, grevilleas etc for Jenny Tetlow to arrange and unfortunately most of our members who had native gardens lost them in the fires.

If you can help please let me know on **5797 8266** or **Maggie 9730 2521**.

Gillian Poulton

DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTS THIS SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER - PUT YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

SC3 Film Club

Super meal and jolly good company at 6pm. Films starts 7.30pm.

More nights of fun; suspense and drama are on offer (might just fill the gap left by the end of footy season).

Note: No Movies for October, this is not due to the senior projector operator taking a month off to celebrate Geelong's Lucky Victory, but due to a Travellers Tale on 7 October and a Guest Speaker on 21 October - enough excitement.

Screening on Friday 13 November:

British Comedy Night

Well you have been asking for it so here it is. We will screen a couple of wacky British Comedies –old favourites that are timeless in their humour. Maybe they should be served with a shepherds pie; rice pudding and Spotted Dick!

Screening on Friday 27 November:

CFA Fundraiser Night

We have a special night planned for 27 November in support of the Yarra Glen and Dixon's Creek CFA units. We will have fine food; run some fundraisers; draw the raffle; and show a movie. All proceeds of the night will go to the CFA. Last year we raised over \$800 and this year we can top that!

Tickets will be \$20 and places will be limited. We will be taking bookings at the beginning of November. More details will be on the "Grapevine"

Keith Montell

Travellers' Tales Are Back

We are again resuming our popular occasional '**Travellers' Tales**' series of travel talks.

Our next talk will be on **Wednesday 7 October**, when **Malcolm Calder** will give an illustrated talk on his **travels in South America** last year. An interesting and informative evening is assured!

Eats and drinks will commence at 6.00 pm and Malcolm's talk will commence around 7.00 pm

Please note that this date (Wednesday 7 October) differs from the date originally announced (Friday 9 October).

David Allan, 5964 6026, or 0413 396 296.

What Is The Weather Up To?

Record temperatures, record droughts, record low rainfalls, record dust - you name it, it all seems a bit odd! **Want to find out more about what is really going on (or not)? Here is your chance to do so!**

We have been fortunate to arrange for **Dr Blair Trewin** from the Bureau of Meteorology to speak **at Steels Creek Community Centre at 7.30 PM on Wednesday 21 October 2009.**

Blair Trewin will be speaking on climate change, both in the central Victorian region and more broadly. He will discuss changes in the climate over the historic record, as well as projected changes in the future, with a particular focus on those changes that are occurring (and those which are not) in extreme events such as heatwaves, and just how exceptional events such as the heatwaves of early 2009 are. There will be discussion of which changes have been outside the range that could reasonably be explained by natural variability, and those that are not.

Blair is a climate scientist with the Bureau of Meteorology. His major research interests are the analysis of long-term historical climate change and the development of data sets used in those analyses, as well as the analysis and assessment of extreme events in a climate change context. He is a member of the World Meteorological Organization's Expert Team on Climate Change Detection and Indices, and is the editor of the Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Journal. You can see reference to some of Blair's work through Google.

For all of us who are keen observers of the weather (and who in a rural area isn't!), **this should be a not-to-be-missed evening.** If you require any further information, contact **David Allan**, telephone 5964 6026, or 0413 396 296, or email to drallan@wideband.net.au.

Landcare

Landcare is in temporary suspension while so many of our active members are so badly affected by the bushfires. We want to keep the structure in place and reactivate in the near future. Meanwhile we continue to care for our land as best we can. The first stage is to wait and see what will regenerate, the second stage will be to replant appropriate varieties and the third stage will be to control the mass of weeds that are naturally the first thing to regenerate. Before the fires we were planning some rabbit control programs and if my observations are anything to go by this will probably be one of the first programs to re-start. I think this spring will be very busy for me, and all in the valley, but I hope to get back to more normal operations soon. If there is anyone out there who would like to assist with Landcare activities please give me a call.

Ivan Filsell Landcare coordinator 5965 2248

Community Recovery Plan

The Community Recovery Plan captures what's important to your recovery and reconstruction over the coming months and years. This is critical to the effective re-building of communities.

The Communities of the Yarra Ranges have undertaken the work of identifying priorities for your Community Recovery Plan that has been submitted to the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority and to Local Council.

The Authority identifies elements within Community Recovery Plans that may be funded by the *first* phase of the State-wide Plan – funding could be sourced from State Government, Federal Government, Vic Bushfire Appeal Fund money or through corporate and other donors.

The Authority is aiming to focus on projects that are absolutely key to the social and economic recovery of our community. *Given the number and scale of projects from bushfire-affected communities (some 800 have been identified so far), it simply won't be possible to fund every single one of them.*

After the Statewide plan is released, the next bit of work involves how to consider the remaining project(s). Where Community Recovery Plan projects have Local, State or Federal Government responsibility, VBRRA will be talking to the relevant Government body on how some of those will be tackled.

For any other projects that still require funding, VBRRA will present the details of community projects to groups such as the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund, identified donors (Corporate & Philanthropic), and other key organisations. During this process the Communities of the Shire of Yarra Ranges may be asked to help with additional information to support their proposed community projects.

Identified Priorities From Monday 7 September – Yarra Glen, Steels Creek & Dixons Creek Workshop

- One central database for information
- Cycling/Walking trail
- Stories – collection
- Development of Railway Precinct
- Tourist Information Centre
- Local Hub/Info centre – Community Hub
- Primary Health Care eg GP
- Vegetation Management
- Memorial/Remembrance anniversary – by community location
- Yarra Glen 'heart'
- Young People – spaces/activities

Maria Romanin Community Engagement Coordinator Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority
Department of Premier & Cabinet mob: 0410 569 333

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

Saturday Competitions: Alby, Peter, Rob and Graeme had a fantastic season, but were just outplayed on the last match of the season to finish Runners-up in the Grand Final. Just the incentive for next season ask St Kilda – which starts on October 10th.

Open Day: We'll have an open day BBQ on Sunday, 4th October – starting about 12:30. All locals and members are welcome to come and have a sausage and a hit.

Social Tennis: The cold weather has knocked back the attendance, but we are still going strong on Monday and Thursday nights. Thanks to a generous donation from the Hoppers Crossing Sporting Clubs, we will not be collecting any lights fees for the night tennis –at least through January. Come and enjoy the tennis and friendship. There are a few ladies meeting on Tuesday mornings for a social hit, and new players are always welcome.



Ed Bartosh, Secretary, SCTC

Rainfall Report - to 30 September 2009 - and there is plenty to report this month!

Station	August 2009 (mm)	September 2009 (mm)	2009 Year to Date	Total to date in 2008 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane	70.8	126.2	432.6	441.2
'Kilvarock' Adams Lane	61	103	374	497
'Highlea' Dixons Creek	71.2	~115*	-464.8*	507
'Penclae' Steels Creek Road	75.6	106.7	395.7	426.9

*Approximate late figures from 25/9 to 30/9 for 'Highlea' included

Rainfall from the Mt St Leonard Station for the month was **246.80 mm**, year to date 697.60 mm, last year to date 819 mm.

Clamberers

Clamberers provide a series of monthly walks from March to November each year in nearby and regional locations. The walks provide an opportunity to gently explore or re-visit some of our beautiful bushland and other areas in good company. Our September walk at Jumping Creek Reserve saw 10 hardy souls brave the cold and rain(!) to complete the southern circuit before lunch. Despite the threat of more rain, we were rewarded with views of the Yarra River higher than it has been for quite a while, and carpets of several types of moss under the trees, luxuriant in the damp conditions. As more rain was again threatening after lunch, we decided to leave the second part of the walk for another occasion, and headed home.



Our **October** walk has been planned for the Rob Roy area north of Christmas Hills. The walk is **scheduled for Sunday 25th**

October. More details will be announced when they have been finalised. Contact **Jane & Malcolm Calder**(Ph. 5965 2372) for further information.

(The adjoining photo from an earlier walk looks like the walkers were not actually walking, but being carried by rail though I am assured this was not the case. Editor)

Our **November** 'walk' is being planned as an end-of-year picnic and 'farm walk' at David and Robyn's (temporary) farm property at Woori Yallock. The farm provides some interesting rural landscapes and open bushland too - on a recent walk, six species of orchids were identified. The day will also provide an opportunity to plan next year's walks and allocate them in a similar manner to this year.

The end-of-year picnic is planned for **Sunday November 29**. Contact **Robyn Allan** (Ph. 5964 6026) for further information.

Full details of meeting locations, times and other relevant information will be provided prior to walk dates to everyone who is a regular or registered Clamberer. **If you would like to receive this information but have not been doing so, please provide your details to Robyn Allan 5964 6026, email to drallan@wideband.net.au.**

Weedy And Other Matters

Nearly 8 months on and change is all around us, some slower than we'd like, like recovery of self and of the environment, others like the growth of weeds especially capeweed, way too quick. But take heart, by the end of the year there's likely to be little sign of our South African invader — this massive spread of capeweed will have flowered and died, and whilst there will probably be a huge seed set, much of it won't get a look in next year, as grasses and other groundcovers reassert themselves. In the meantime, capeweed will have supplied valuable resources of nectar and pollen for hungry bees that like so much else are doing it tough these days. Capeweed is a pioneer plant, a plant of bare/disturbed ground and it can't easily compete in more established pastures. Perhaps if every single person sprayed every single plant before it set seed, then we could control it, but given that that will never happen and new seed will always blow in, then spraying is of little effect, rather it adds to the pesticide load in the environment. The plants around the actual garden aren't too hard to uproot, then flip them over, cover with mulch or something to keep the light out and to stop the flowers setting viable seed and they make brilliant compost.

Hopefully other people are having the same pleasant surprises that we get now and then when a plant that we were sure was dead is showing signs of life from shoots, branches or even roots a little distance out from the main trunk. If the plant is small enough to try and wobble in the ground and it still feels firm, then just maybe....

One unexpected pleasure to me has been the large numbers of native birds around our property over the last few weeks, some like Black-fronted Dotterels we've never seen here before, others like White-winged Trillers and Dusky Woodswallows are more abundant than before as is our friend from our earliest days here, the Rufous Songlark, the small bird that flies from one vantage point to another shouting "twitchy twee" at the top of its voice as it does so. When we were first here our land was all but bare of trees and "twitchy twees" were common, then as we planted trees they moved out, as they no doubt will again. Whilst we are delighting in the extra birds, I fear that they are desperately looking for nesting sites in the little cover that remains. So, if you have a rubbish pile you still mean to burn, just check it for small birds first, and if it would be safe to leave it, then consider that option. Nothing is ever simple is it?

Jane Calder

I Want to Ride My Bicycle I Want To Ride My Bike

And I would love to do it (before I get too old and fall off) on a trail along the Steels Creek Road. One of the priorities from the workshop meeting was a trail along the verge of Steels Creek Road and there are many good reasons for one, safety, exercise and tidying up the road verge are some. Should you be interested enough to be involved in a steering committee please let me know.

Andrew Chapman

Shire of Yarra Valley Events

Meditation for the Soul

Venue: Yarra Glen Living and Learning Centre 12—14 Anzac Ave, Yarra Glen

When: Fortnightly starting Wednesday 14 October 2009 and continuing every other Wednesday until 23 December

Time: 7.20pm (for a 7.30 start) Concludes 9.00pm (followed by supper and a chat)

Attendance at these meditation sessions is free and supported through the Shire of Yarra Ranges

Community Bushfire Recovery Program.

Places are restricted. For enquiries or to reserve a place please call **Leanne Manfre on 1300 368 333**

Community Safety Expo

What you need to know to stay safe this summer.

On Saturday 7 November from 10am to 3pm at Lilydale Lake.

Campfire Get Together

Sing along with Brent Parlane and Frank Jones

At the Dixons Creek Recreation Reserve on Saturday 24 October and at Chum Creek Primary Friday 30 October from 6.30pm til 9pm. BYO food, drink, rug & chairs RSVP **Leanne Manfre on 1300 368 333**

Steels Creek Stories, update.

Gathering the bush-fire stories and the recovery experiences of people and families in our area is an important part of the Steels Creek Community Recovery Plan. We have received widespread support from the community and from the official organizations managing the recovery process. Of course, not everyone will feel they want to take part in the project, but many have responded very positively to the messages included in previous issues of *the Jolly Thing* and at this stage we have already recorded over eleven interviews, and several have sent in written accounts of their experiences and reactions. There are several more interviews currently being organised and Dr Peter Stanley of the National Museum will be back in Steels Creek in early December. (**Peter Stanley's contact is c/o National Museum of Australia, GPO Box 1901, Canberra, ACT, 2601.** or email: pstanley@nma.gov.au).

For local contact to arrange a time to talk or to develop or record your story, ring Malcolm on 5965 2372 or Hannah on 5965 2211. For most people these stories and experiences are very personal and often difficult to tell, but they are important in the development of an understanding of what we have been through and are a way of developing strategies for community safety and recovery from traumatic events in the future. In a way we owe it to those who lost their lives and the many who lost their homes. We should do everything to ensure that it doesn't happen again. You might prefer to provide an anonymous written response and send it directly to Peter Stanley, rather than have the story recorded. The opportunity is there to make your experience known and included in the Steels Creek story. Watch this space, **Malcolm Calder**

More Travellers tales

After traveling nearly 7,500 km, we have arrived in Kununurra (W.A) some 900 km west of Darwin. For all the Screekians the weather is beautiful but hot (36 degrees!!!) We hope that the remaining 12,500 km gives us as pleasant weather as what we are currently 'enduring'.

We leave tomorrow for Wyndham, Derby and arriving in Broome in 7 to 10 days. We have/ will be traveling for a while with some fellow 'Grey Nomads' from Gympie in who will be on the road for 2 years. Some fellow travelers have been on the road for 4 years and 5 months!!!!

Once one caravan stops, a number of others do the same ending up with as many as 8 campers. At one stop near Alice Springs, a fellow camper had been to the Steels Creek Community Centre as a craft teacher only 8 days earlier! This is but a quick outline of our trip so far (you will have to wait with bated breath for Pam's 2,000 photos to date!)

Pam & Henry Verhoeven

The Open Studios Weekend.

All of the people viewing, who I spoke to over the weekend, were very animated and enthusiastic about this new concept in our valley and thought it was very well organised. The booklet was professionally designed and seemed to provide all the necessary details, with enough information to draw attention to each artist.

Sticks Winery was a good venue to start from, showing one example of each participant's work. They had gone to great lengths to illuminate each art piece, and also provided a great venue for the launch, where they and other sponsors in the food industry provided superior platters for all to enjoy. **Lindy Burns** was our ambassador, officially launching the program, and giving us coverage on her afternoon drive show on 774. There is no doubt that wide advertising is an essential element, as visitors came from far and wide.

Where there was a great concentration of artists, as in Healesville, I heard that 300 - 500 people had visited some of the studios, as it was an easy drive-or walk- to the next venue. At a 'debriefing' get-together with some of the artists afterwards, everyone I spoke to was very positive about the concept and response, and very enthusiastic about its success. We are all keen to repeat this process next year, and I'm sure there will be many other artists who didn't participate who will try to join this group in the future.

In my case, where I was a little out on a limb, I was thrilled to have about 170 people visit my studio. Knowing how depressed the economic climate is at present, I hadn't anticipated selling anything, so was quite overwhelmed by the response to my work. Many thanks to the 'locals' who came to visit my studio, I greatly appreciated this, and was delighted to make new acquaintances in the valley as well.

This was a great incentive for me to tidy my studio and to find out exactly what I had! **Margaret McLoughlin**

Food Writers Report

A very special dinner. Saturday night Degustation at **BelleVerdere** is such an event; you should treat yourself once every few months. Gary Cooper's cooking ability has been praised by far greater scribes than I, but let me say this dinner just hit all the high points. Start with a delicate pastry tartlet filled with blue cheese and pear add a dab of double cream and frizole. Next came a morsel of spanner crab risotto in saffron with a stinging nettle crepe – I could have eaten a bucket! Gratin of mussels and spinach just left me dreaming of Greece and the slice of whole roasted baby goat that followed with fetta, garlic, spinach on a crouton just affirmed the imagery. By the time the exquisite quinces in vanilla custard with "clouds of snow " (meringue) and toffee arrived I had to admit defeat.

All of this for \$80 - an absolute bargain. Tim poured appropriate wines for each course, a bit extra in \$s but well worth it. **Judith Augustine**

Every one has a story

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 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

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

OCTOBER 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Art Social Tennis	2	3
4 SCTC Open Day <i>Daylight Saving Starts</i>	5 Women's Group Social Tennis	6 Social Tennis Stitchers	7 Travellers Tales	8 Art Social Tennis Singing	9	10 Market Tennis Comp
11 YG&DHS	12 Recycle Social Tennis	13 Garden Outing Social Tennis Stitchers	14 Meditation	15 Art Social Tennis	16	17 Tennis Comp FYFB Working Bee
18 Croquet Day	19 Social Tennis	20 Social Tennis Stitchers	21 Weather Talk	22 Art Social Tennis Singing	23	24 Market Tennis Comp <i>Campfire sing along Dixons creek</i>
25 Clamberers	26 Recycle Growing Group Social Tennis	27 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	28 Meditation	29 SMB Art YG Township Group Social Tennis	30 Campfire sing along Chum Creek	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

4thTuesday - 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.yarraglenhistorical.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 Filsell Ph 5965 2248 or David Allan 0413 396 296

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

NOVEMBER 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Art Social Tennis	6	7 Tennis Comp Flower Show Community Safety Expo
8 YG&DHS	9 Recycle Social Tennis Women's Group	10 Social Tennis Garden Outing Stitchers	11	12 Art Social Tennis Singing	13 Movies	14 Market Tennis Comp
15	16 Social Tennis	17 Social Tennis Stitchers	18	19 Art Social Tennis	20	21 Tennis Comp FYFB Working Bee
22	23 Recycle Social Tennis Growing Group	24 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	25	26 SMB Art Social Tennis YG Township Group Singing	27 Movies CFA fund raiser	28 Market Tennis Comp
29 Clamberers End of year picnic	30 Social Tennis					

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE

To arrange hire of the revamped Hall and/or any equipment please contact Christine Tomlin 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, Annette Conrad 5962 5995

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

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

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 35

Across

1. Over for another year, thank goodness! (6)
5. OK but only just (2,2)
7. and shout (5)
8. Most dams are now close to this (4)
9. Flower of the rainbow (4)
10. West African country and river (5)
11. Insect commoner in gardens than in ears (6)
13. Unmannerly (4)
14. A sibling's female children (6)
18. All of a ----- (6) 21. Wandering tramp (4)
22. In the plural they're aweigh (6)
24. Used to extract juice from fruit (5)
25. A floppy gait? (4)
26. He makes BIG footsteps in the snow (4)
27. They'd not like a 21 across in their midst (5)
28. Would he heat-seal his steak? (4)
29. Near endearment for a nuisance person (6)

Down

1. A rugby side (7)
2. Permission to let? (5)
3. Skilful deception in the tail? (5)
4. Australian soldiers colloq. (7)
5. "Muddied" the waters (7)
6. Fraudulent scheme (7)
12. Water in its densest form (3)
15. To hold in great veneration (7)
16. Does Mark Read fly one? (7)
17. No shortage of 12. down here (7)
19. Heats water or inspires a poet (3)
20. An honoured and honourable profession (7)
22. Star-shaped flower (5)
23. Underground vault (5)

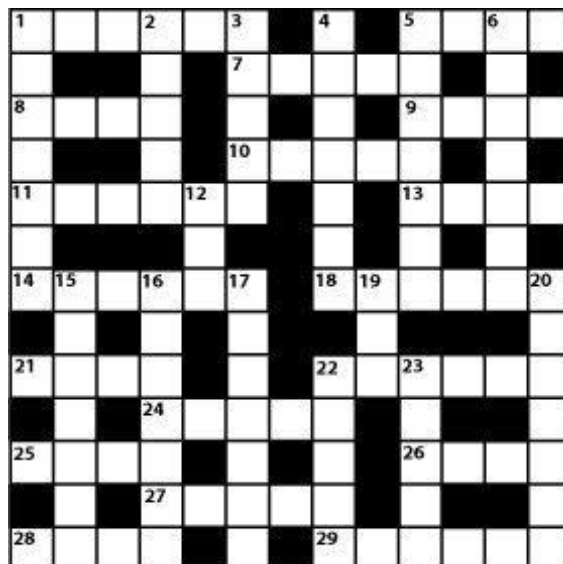
Cross Creek 34 Answers

Across

1. Foot 3. Printer 8 Kojonup 9. Inner
10. Natal 11. Lagoon 13. Inferentially
16. Irving 18. Dipel 21. Evita 22. Angelic
23. Dogtooth 24. Aril

Down

1. Faking it 2. objet 3. Pipeline grant
4. Icing 5. Tung oil
6. Rare 7. Antler 12. Cyclical
14. Farming 15. Indigo
17. Imago
19. Paler
20. Feed/need



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