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### **Captain Speaking**

It seems that it is autumn already, what happened to summer? A good hay crop could have been taken from the Community Centre grounds if the rains could have been avoided.

The first film night was held on the 18 March; good food, good company as usual.

The Chair of VBRRA, Ian Dicker, held a well-attended meeting at the Centre, and there will be another, this time in the evening, to follow up on the points raised. Watch the Grape Vine for details.

Congratulations to the Tennis club for finally getting their new clubhouse, which was probably more difficult than their competition success.

**Mike Watkins**

### **The Yarra Glen Art Show**

**A big thank you to all who participated in the 2011 Yarra Glen Art Show.**

It was once again a successful year with 163 artists exhibiting 500 artworks to around 2000 visitors. It was a wonderful ambience and pleasure to be around such a wonderful diversity of work and people.

The addition of the Artisans' Marketplace was well received with great sales and visitor participation for its first year.

The judges this year, Christine Mullen and Dean Putting, selected three winners: Teresa Blazinic *The Dam is Full*, Mathias Scoriot *There was a Bird* and Noel Nicolson *Flood Across the River Flats*.

The peoples' choice was Kristine Herd's *Red Boat*.

Congratulations to those artists!

A few stats of how the Art Show went:

No of Artworks & Sculptures 500

Sold 88 Percentage 17.6%

Value of Artworks \$173,318 Sold \$17,545 Percentage 12.3%

Marketplace items 600 Sold 45 Percentage 7.5%

MP Value \$21,265 Sold \$2,484 Percentage 11.7%

Cards Sales Sold \$438

Total Sales \$20,467



**Morgan Calder**

### **Steels Creek To Be Barrel Drained?**

Adrian Flynn from the Alpine Flows division of Melbourne Water has been preparing a report on a proposal to barrel drain sections of Steels Creek to contain flooding and assist with erosion protection. "This may require some dams and extensive earth works but the final outcome will be well worth it" Adrian has said.

The report should be finalized by April next year.

**Day Light Saving is over put your clocks back an Hour on Sunday at 3am,  
yes you must get up and do it at 3am**

## **Landcare**

The next meeting of the Steels Creek Landcare Group interim committee is coming up.

Anyone thinking about being part of the committee is most welcome to join us.

The meeting will be at **Yileena Park Winery** on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

### **Blackberry control**

For those who missed the workshop, a 96-page control manual is available free. It is an excellent resource, very well laid out, that provides comprehensive information about blackberry control. Landowners can get copies by contacting **Rob Fallon** m 0407 396242 b 9294 6832 or email. [R.Fallon@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:R.Fallon@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)

## **The Shortest Lunch - An Early Notice**

The Yarra Valley Smaller Wineries are hosted the Shortest Lunch™ on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June 2011. A moving feast of entree size meals and tasty morsels, it's the perfect way to meander around the Valley's boutique wineries and savour great food wine and music, without the hustle and bustle.

Brochure available or details on [www.shortestlunch.com.au](http://www.shortestlunch.com.au)

**Why wait!** Get in early and visit our local wineries now, forget Dan Murphys and help the local economy. Who knows? You may get a local's discount. Editor

## **Learning About Local Fungi**

An illustrated talk and field walk by Bruce Fuhrer; expert on Australian fungi and author of the wonderful book "*A Field Guide to Australian Fungi*." The Christmas Hills Landcare Group extends an invitation to residents of Steels Creek to join them on Saturday, 9 April, 2 - 5pm at "Four Winds", the northern end of Skyline Road (the home of David and Joan Laing).

This is a great opportunity to learn something about the fungi of our area. Bruce is a fantastic photographer and knows the local fungi like no one else. He will give an illustrated talk for about an hour, starting at 2pm, and then lead a walk to discover the fungi growing in and around "Four Winds". After the walk we are invited to have afternoon tea and a social chat. Please bring a contribution to afternoon tea.

If you would like to go to this event please RSVP by Thursday 7 April to Doug (ph.: 9730 2626 or email [pjpdoug@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pjpdoug@bigpond.net.au)).

## **The Pipeline Project Consultative Group**

I would like to alert community members to the fact that there is a Sugarloaf Pipeline Consultative Committee which continues to meet to discuss ongoing issues and follow up.

The PCC provides a forum for stakeholders to discuss local concerns and questions arising from the construction of the pipeline and rehabilitation of the land affected by the project. The PCC meets regularly and community members are encouraged to discuss any concerns or questions they may have with the independent chair, Ken McNamara (m) 0419 750 987 or email [kmcnamara@netspace.net.au](mailto:kmcnamara@netspace.net.au)

**Jeanette McRae**

## **Garden Club Report**

As an extension of its programme of helping Club members with their gardens, a small but very effective band from the Club recently helped weed and generally maintain the kitchen garden at Yarra Glen Primary School. From all accounts, the garden is now back in good order.

If you're able to be involved for an hour or two on a Monday morning, once a month, **Maggie**, our Club President would love to hear from you. Phone her on **9730 2521**.

Our next outing on Tuesday 12 April will be to Como Garden, 79 Basin-Olinda Rd. We will be meeting at 9.30am at McKenzie Reserve for a visit of approx 3hrs duration (without travel time). BYO morning tea and picnic lunch. The cost is \$7.50 for this outing, and needs an attendance of approx 25 people. For further information, phone Maggie as above.

The Growing group this month will be on 18 April, not 25 Anzac Day.

## **Food Writers Report**

No report this issue as the writer is very busy getting ready for a most important wedding on the 15 April.

## **SC4 Film Club**

More fun; suspense; and drama together with fine food and good company. BYO Drinks  
Every one enjoyed our first film "The Straight Story" quirky but gentle. We will look for more in a similar vein.  
We have had several offers to host our movie nights when, and if, the Centre renovations make it necessary.  
Thanks to all who offered and we may well take them up.

### **Screening on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April:**

#### **THEY'RE A WEIRD MOB (1966)**

Set in suburban Sydney in 1965 this is the story of Nino Culotta a newly arrived Italian immigrant whose promised job has disappeared and he has to work as a builder's labourer. Nino has to quickly get an education into how to become a fair dinkum Aussie, one of the "weird mob", with their outlandish language and strange ways. Based on the book by John O'Grady this film stars just about every Aussie actor ( Chips Rafferty; John Meillon; Ed Deveraux etc) in support of Walter Chiari as Nino.

### **Screening on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May:**

#### **OVERBOARD (1987)**

Starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell in this hilarious romantic comedy about a spoilt rich girl who gets her come uppance when she falls overboard; loses her memory; and then is convinced she is married to the guy who has rescued her (and he has 4 kids). Sweet and funny revenge follows.  
Maybe we should have a seafood night?

### **Screening on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May:**

#### **BLUE MURDER AT ST TRINIAN'S (1957)**

Starring Terry Thomas; Joyce Grenfell and George Cole the fiends in human form are back and once again causing pandemonium.

The sweet daughters of the aristocracy that attend St Trinian's have heard that a rich Italian Prince is looking for a wife and what better than she should come from their ranks. The girls are determined to get to Rome and, in doing so, naturally set International relations back a long way.

### **Next Screenings: June 10 and 24**

## ***Things to do, things to see, things to buy!***

On Sunday 1 May, Muriel Wiles will be holding a fundraiser for those impacted by the floods, at her place, Cuttagee Estate, Willowbend Drive from 12.30 pm onwards with a concert at 3pm (details to be finalised shortly). Plants from the Garden Club will also be on sale.

Do come along and show your support for others who have suffered, and are still suffering.

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

**Club Open Day:** We will celebrate the Grand Opening of the Club Rooms on Sunday, May 15 – starting around 12 noon. We thank **Sport and Recreation Victoria** for sponsoring the day. Also, we thank **Bunnings Croydon** for their donation of the carpet for the new room.

**Saturday Tennis:** Saturday competitions had both teams in the top 4 of their ladders. Congratulations to Peter Allen, Greame Hamilton, Rob Fallon, Alby Leckie and Rob Crozier for their top finish as premiers for Open section 8. —————>

**Morning Mum's Tennis:** Ready to start up again? Contact **Libby Sharp 596 2175**, if you'd like to join in.

**Social Tennis:** Warm or hot, the tennis is always just right on Monday and Thursday night social tennis. We expect to start charging for lights again soon, but only \$2 per person for night tennis. The bulbs are not cheap, as we have found out. Come and enjoy the tennis and friendship.

Web site: [www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/](http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/)



**Ed Bartosh, Secretary**

## ***Our visit to flood affected Victoria.***

On Tuesday 15 March and Wednesday 16, Joanne Spears and I meandered up to Kerang to connect with families who had been impacted by the recent floods. June Bennett from the Uniting Church had introduced us to a couple who had been flood affected and had been taking a leadership role in helping others through his role at the local Men's Shed.

We had managed to make contact with the local Rotary Club and were able to talk to them, but more of that later.

Joanne had family connections with the area, so we took the opportunity to visit some of the towns along the way. We called into speak to the people at the Cohuna Historical Society, and tried to locate a cup won by her great grandfather for the best wheat in the world - won in England in the 1880s. Although aware of the prize, we were unsuccessful in locating it, but perhaps that gives us an excuse for another trip?

One of our observations as we travelled through many country towns, was how sparsely grazed many of the paddocks were. Although we saw some dairy herds and a few sheep grazing properties, we saw many more without any stock at all.

Like the fires, the floods had been very random in where and how properties were impacted, but this flood had come after twelve years of drought, hence the low stock numbers.

The first couple we visited were back in their home, although they had no floor coverings, and had just that day dismantled their kitchen, which was ruined by the inundation. We are able to share our experiences of dealing with insurance companies. June Bennett was able to fund some much needed plants for them sponsored by the Uniting Church in Yarra Glen. Most of the families we met were grieving their gardens.

They introduced us to another family who lost a prized garden and were coping with a kitchen that was not functioning. He was self-employed and had lost all his tools of an Engineering business. June was able to fund a massage for the lady of the house which was much appreciated. The people all wore the shocked, stunned, enduring looks on their faces - which we recognised.

They in turn introduced us to a family who did not have their home flooded, but whose farm was inundated and were pumping water from their paddocks all these weeks after the flood, with no income because they were full time farmers, and who were paying \$600 a day in fuel just to move the water.

Like many of us in the early days, many were not accessing the grants, or were being given mixed messages and retold stories that because their farms were in drought and they could not prove loss of income, they did not qualify for the grants.

They all struggled with their insurance claims, and many were just too proud to take help. The Rotary club was able to provide a fodder drop to these lovely people who thought someone worse off might need it more.

The Rotary Club was providing hot meals, but were disillusioned by the critics who were questioning why some people were being fed, and they weren't. Sound familiar?

They will be supplying us with some contacts and we hope to make another trip.

It was our experience that what was most helpful was the human contact.

Governments can do so much, but nothing replaces the random acts of kindness that we experienced when the volunteers turned up to help with the clean-up, or just talk.

We are planning a fundraiser so we can keep in touch, and our community can link

with theirs to give moral support. If you would like to help please email Joanne on [hollylane@bigpond.com](mailto:hollylane@bigpond.com)

**Dorothy Barber**

## ***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 first walk for this year was held on 27 March round the Four Winds Loop north of Skyline Road. A program of walks for the rest of 2011 is still being developed and will be circulated by email to Registered Clamberers when available. Ideas for new walks or reference to favourite old ones is always welcome, as well as offers to lead walks.

We do not have walks scheduled during the hotter months of December, January or February. Our next walk will be held on Sunday **17 (not 25 - Easter) April 2011**, and details will be circulated to Registered Clamberers (see below).

**If you would like to receive this information but have not been doing so, please register your details by emailing (or telephoning) Robyn Allan at [drallan@wideband.net.au](mailto:drallan@wideband.net.au), telephones 5988 7073, 0409 139 371.**

## Morning

Early morning with warm porridge from a bowl on the veranda a flash of red and green heading into the English oak abundant with acorns, King parrots feasting. Green, gold and red hues in the Chinese elm, rosellas feeding on the fine seed. Two galas their pink and grey contrasting with the dark green of the weeping cherries, watching on. A swirl of magpies cavorts overhead backed by the Kookaburras chortle.

Down the road now as the Sun touching the treetops dissolves the ground mist. Big grey in the middle of the road defiant, then slowly loping back up to the ridge, a flash of bright brown Reynard heading home.

Too soon the suburbs appear.

**Andrew Chapman**

## Hero

Can he fly!  
Sharp turns  
Straight up  
Hover  
Dive bomb

Can he build!  
A solid nest  
Clay and fibre  
Lined for comfort

We have cheese  
Chopped to beak size  
His shy lady keeps her distance  
Hero marches into the kitchen  
Demanding food  
For both of them

One morning  
Feathers not in place  
No time to preen  
Back and forth he flies  
His beak stuffed full of cheese  
She's caring for the eggs at home

Three eggs hatch  
Three new beaks demand more food  
He barely has the time to feed himself

A shadow moves over the land  
Old foe Goshawk  
Much bigger than hero  
Soars high in the sky

No hesitation  
Up and up the hero climbs  
His beak was for building  
Feeding young  
Now it is a lance in aerial combat  
Goshawk gets the message  
Glides towards the horizon

**Rudi Anders**

Mudlark wins again

Hero teaches his babies  
Lessons to survive  
Avoid the cat  
Find insects  
In the grass  
Cheese  
In our kitchen

Baby one  
Learns to catch  
Never misses  
Hilarious  
Throws cheese up  
And catches it  
Even mum and dad don't do that trick

Baby two  
Cheeky  
Takes after Dad  
Levitates  
Hovers above our heads

Baby three  
Like mum  
Keeps a distance  
Watchful  
Cautious  
Wise

Hero's next job  
Not too soon I hope  
Chase off Catch, Hover and Shy  
They must  
Survive alone  
It's nature's law

Next year  
Hero will teach the next brood  
About cats, insects and cheese

## **More Tales From An Army Life – Did They Do Any Soldiering?**

As a non-smoker, I found myself in an interesting situation soon after I joined the Army in 1972. Within a few months, my classmates and I had learnt all the basic Army things such as drill, weapons handling (at the time we were taught how to handle and fire...and clean...both the SLR – Self Loading Rifle, and the M1 sub-machine gun), how to shave and shower, iron, spit polish boots and clean our brass (our hat badge and the brass buckles on our black belts, bayonet scabbards, etc). Once we had mastered these things to a basic/acceptable level our apprenticeship 'proper' commenced. For me, that was music.

It was around this time (April-ish) our minds finally had space to think of things other than music or military training. Amongst many other things, my mind ticked over and I decided to try starting a business. I noticed that everyone in my hut (14 of us in the one hut!) smoked, except me. I also noticed that the smokers regularly 'bludged' smokes off each other at all times of the day and night and regularly complained about the cost of a packet of cigarettes ("...32 cents, and you're a member, come on and join the Escort Club..." went the ad on TV around that time, featuring Tony Barber). But, given our fortnightly pay was \$10, I suppose 32 cents for a packet of cigarettes could be considered expensive.

Some of the smokers used 'rollies' in an effort to get more smokes for their \$. 'Rollies' saw the smoker making their own smokes using a pack of tobacco and cigarette papers. They were always a pretty rough affair to look at, often screwed up into the weirdest stick- looking things that seemed to attach themselves to the bottom lip and smoulder when lit. The cigarette paper was nearly always licked to the point of being soggy (probably why rollies always smouldered). Those who could afford it, bought what became known as 'Tailor-ies', that is the 'tailor-made' cigarettes you got in commercially produced cigarettes (Escort, Winfield, Benson and Hedges, etc).

My father was a full-on smoker, too, and in an effort to save himself money he also made rollies, but he used a cigarette making 'machine' which was a small aluminium box with two small, metal rollers inside and a small piece of canvas attached to both that looped enough for you to stuff in the tobacco, add a wetted cigarette paper, close the lid and Bingo! The rollers, rolled, the canvas moved and out, through a square hole in the lid, popped a cigarette that looked almost as good as a tailory but at the cost of a rollie.

I saw an opportunity here. I nicked my father's cigarette making machine one weekend and headed back to the Army Apprentices School purchasing a packet of Drum cigarette tobacco and a pack of Tally Ho cigarette papers on the way. I was about to go into business.

Within days I had a monopoly going. I was selling tailory looking smokes at half the price of the big brands and the smokes looked (and apparently smoked) a lot better than the pathetic rollies many of the guys were making and attempting to smoke themselves...and, I was making a reasonable profit. Win-win all round.

Within a few weeks our hut corporal, who was a real bastard (regularly beat us up and committed various bastardisation acts against us) walked/marched up to me and said I'd better 'close up shop' or risk him charging me for profiteering. Bigger. My attempts at early retirement were dashed right there and then. His order came in late April, which was a few weeks before the annual Fire Cracker night which occurred in the late 60s and early 70s during May of each year.

In the Army, at the time I joined, you didn't want to be the sort of person who 'stuck' out in any way because you became fair game to all and sundry (I'm not sure much has changed). So you can imagine, when 300 new apprentices arrived on day one, all between 15 and 17 years of age, and piled out of the buses lining up in three ranks for our first roll call, some of the names that were called out were destined to become a burden to their owner. Guys with surnames such as Condon were 'finished' for the rest of their Military career. Anybody with red hair was called Blue and anyone with an unpronounceable surname was referred to by the first letter of his surname preceded by the word Wheelbarrow. So, Apprentice Sikiaridis, was nearly always called, "Apprentice Wheelbarrow with an S..." Pretty soon, those individuals affected knew simply to answer 'Sir' in a loud clear voice. Then, off the bus came Peter Tugwell. He was a target on so many levels.

Tuggy was an apprentice musician and, as a result, was placed in the 'Muso' hut. Because he was one of 'us', we tried to make his name not such a burden for him by referring to him as Tuggy...that was a lot more respectable a name than most of the others he attracted.

Tuggy was a big smoker and was my best customer. He was as disappointed at me having to close up shop as I was. That weekend I went home (to Ferntree Gully) and visited the local Milk Bar. There, behind the glass counter, were hundreds of various fire crackers from rockets right through to twopenny bungers. I noticed a packet of what were called Tom Thumbs and an idea began to form.

Tom Thumbs were miniature crackers. There were about one centimetre long and about 2-3 millimetres wide. They had a short wick and were filled with gunpowder (tho', not much). When they exploded they made a short, loud crack sound. Thankfully, when they exploded it was not life or limb threatening, in fact, one of the ways you could show how tough you were as a kid was to hold one in the tips of your fingers and let it explode. The expectation of pain was far worse than the actual pain, which was more a slight sting than anything else.

The day finally came when I had to make my last cigarette. My plan was put into action. I carefully made a 'special' cigarette for Tuggy. I stuffed it with twice as much tobacco and carefully placed a Tom Thumb in the middle so it

couldn't be seen through the cigarette paper. I also noted which direction the wick faced. I then let everyone in the hut 'in' on the plan...except Tuggy. There were 10 others in the hut at that time.

I then made a big deal of presenting Tuggy my 'last' cigarette by placing the 'correct' end into his mouth. I let him know it was a free cigarette because he'd been such a great customer. Tuggy was over the moon. The 10 other guys in the hut slowly gathered around Tuggy. "Hey guys," said Tuggy, "Isn't Lloyd a great bloke. Gave me his last tailory for nothin'." I opened the cigarette lighter I had and flicked the wheel a few times until a flame appeared. I leaned forward and Tuggy puffed on the cigarette until the end of it was well alight.

He took a deep drag. 10 sets of eyes moved forward in anticipation. He then removed the cigarette, blew the smoke out of his lungs and started talking. 10 sets of eyes settled back down into their previous position. "Geez Lloyd, that was a really nice thing to do." Shut up I thought. If he was talking when the Tom Thumb went off it wouldn't be half as funny.

Up came the cigarette again, which was placed lovingly between his lips. Another deep drag. 10 sets of eyes moved forward in anticipation. The cigarette was again removed, smoke exhaled and 10 sets of eyes, once again, settled. He then spoke again. "This is the nicest thing that Lloyd's done for me. He's a great bloke," etc, etc. Again, in my mind I was yelling at him to simply shut up and smoke the damn cigarette.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> time the cigarette came up. A 3<sup>rd</sup> time a deep drag. A 3<sup>rd</sup> time 10 sets of eyes moved forward. This time...BANG! The bodies that owned the 10 sets of eyes collapsed onto their backs rolling in hysterical laughter. I joined in. After a few moments we were controlled enough to look at Tuggy. He'd been standing, without moving, or smiling, throughout our belly clenching collective fit of laughter. Out of his mouth stuck the smouldering remnants of the cigarette, all burnt and flaired at the end with wisps of smoke curling upwards. He looked much like the cartoon character, Daffy Duck, in a similar situation. Tuggy had bits of tobacco up his nose, in his eyebrows, hanging off his fringe.

We all looked at him, trying not to burst into laughter again, when he mumbled, without any emotion: "That wasn't very funny." We lost it. Onto our backs again punching each other trying to get each other to stop laughing so hysterically.

I haven't seen Tuggy in years. But I'm expecting to see him again in Nov at a reunion. Does anyone have an old cigarette making machine, a packet of Drum, a Tally Ho cigarette paper and a Tom Thumb I could borrow?

**Graham Lloyd**

### **Rainfall Report – 28 of March 2011**

<b>Gauge Location</b>	<b>February 2011 (mm)</b>	<b>March 2011 (mm) (to 28th March)</b>	<b>Total for 2011 (to 28 March)</b>	<b>Total for 2010 to end of March</b>
<i>'Blackwood Hill'</i> -Pinnacle Lane, Steels Creek	151.5	45.3	292.1	242.1
<i>'Highlea'</i> - Dixons Creek	135.0	47.2	313.2	266.2
<i>'Kilravock'</i> – Adams Lane, Steels Creek	128	47	267	220
<i>'Pencloe'</i> – Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek	174.8	75.5	251.5	239.7
<i>'Wandearah'</i> - Japonica Drive, Yarra Glen	160.0	40.0	289.0	198.0

Rainfall from the Mt St Leonard Station for the month was 124 mm, year to date 421.2 mm, last year to date 310.4 mm.

### **More Record Breaking Rain**

In the five months from October to February the total rain that I recorded was 651 mm where the average for that period is 304 mm. Of those five months, four were above 100 mm with two of those (Oct. & Feb.) above 150 mm (January was ONLY 89 mm).

The total for summer was 364 mm with the average for summer being 159 mm.

The most dramatic rainfall in recent times was in early February when 96 mm fell in about a 30 hour period.

The radar image shows cloud streaming into Victoria that is full of moisture from the remnant of cyclone Yasi in central Australia. It is extraordinary to think that a cyclone that formed off Fiji (hence the name Yasi), crossed the coast between Cairns & Townsville & continued as a cyclone well into central Australia, could close the Melba Hwy at Yarra Glen due to flooding.

The Yarra Flats Billabongs filled during a high river event in August last year. Since the bongs filled, there have been ten other occasions when the river has burst its banks & water has flowed through the billabongs reserve. The bongs could have filled eleven times since August.

It has certainly been a very wet period.

**Barry**

**Sheffield**

## **Relocation Notice**

Whilst the renovations to the Community Centre are in progress a number of the Groups that usually meet there are now meeting elsewhere. If in doubt check with the convenor

**Stitchers:** Yarra Glen Living & Learning Centre Anzac Av Yarra Glen,

**Art Group:** At Margaret Brewsters 11 Armstrong Gr Yarra Glen

**Book Group:** Meeting in Members' homes.

**The Growing Group:** At the Calder's 375 Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek

**But Please Note that the Market Day and the Film Club are still being held at the Community Centre.**

## **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](mailto:achapman@woodards.com.au) and it will be included in the e-mail distribution list.
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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/](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**

## **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 Fourth Chris Mullen award for literary excellence.

## **Email Addresses - New and Up dated**

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

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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 0409 139 371

#### CLAMBERERS

Last Sunday (April 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 before hand or see item on page 6

Robyn Allan 0409 139371 [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, 60 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

<http://www.yarraglenhistorical.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 Filsell Ph 5965 2248

**Check for possible Relocation = SC4 =SCCC = Steels Creek Community (and Cultural) Centre,  
699 Steels Creek Road**

MAY 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Flood Fundraiser check P 3	<b>2</b> Women's Group Social Tennis	<b>3</b> Social Tennis Stitchers	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Art Social Tennis	<b>6</b> Movies (OVERBOARD)	<b>7</b> Plant Exchange Tennis Comp
<b>8</b> YG&DHS	<b>9</b> Recycle Social Tennis	<b>10</b> Social Tennis Stitchers	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Art Social Tennis Singing	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Market
<b>15</b> Tennis Club Opening	<b>16</b> Social Tennis	<b>17</b> Social Tennis Stitchers	<b>18</b> YG Township Group	<b>19</b> Art Social Tennis	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp Semi-final
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Recycle Social Tennis	<b>24</b> Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> SMB Art Singing Social Tennis	<b>27</b> Movies (BLUE MURDER AT ST TRINIAN'S)	<b>28</b> Market Tennis Comp Grand Final
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Growing Group Social Tennis	<b>31</b> Social Tennis Stitchers		<b>27</b>		<b>27</b>

**HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE – DO NOT REMOVE ITEMS WITHOUT CHRISTINE TOMLINS' PERMISSION**

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

**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 Yarra Glen 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 YG L&LC (temp). 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 9.00 AM - Social Tennis (contact 5965 2202). Thursdays 9.30 AM, Mums' tennis (soon). Thursdays 7.30 PM\*, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM regular competitions. \*Night tennis running strong under the lights.

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

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

**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.

Lindy Montell 5965 2202

**YARRA GLEN TOWNSHIP GROUP**

Meets the third Wednesday of the Month 7 to 9pm – Due to construction at the Yarra Glen Memorial hall, see our web site for the location.. All welcome.

Jeanette Tucker 9730 2600

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

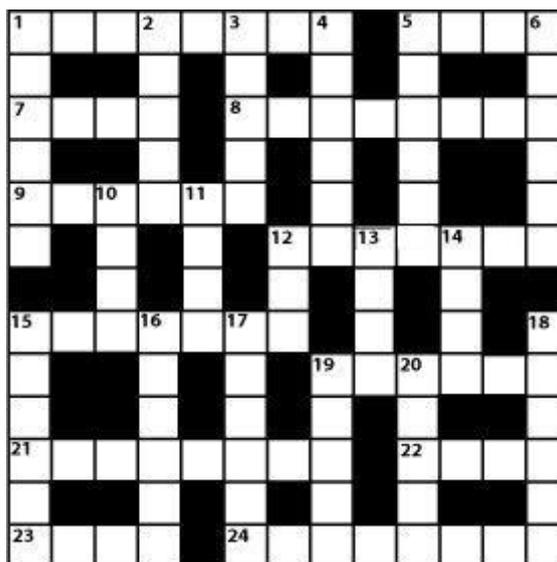
## Cross Creek 44

### Across

1. The Belgrave/Lilydale lines meet here (8)
5. Does he need to be handsome? (4)
7. Numbers etc for crunching? (4)
8. An 'informant' (8)
9. Powerpoint presentations take their place (6)
12. States strongly (7)
15. Were frig magnets this?? (7)
- 19 Many 1970's teenagers did this (6)
21. Does this team like berries? (8)
22. vs as a prefix (4)
23. "the ---- of the greasepaint, the smell .." (4)
24. Hugeness (8)

### Down

1. Crunchy salad veg (6)
2. Yarra Glen's watering hole (5)
3. "Yes" (5)
4. Prevaricates (6)
5. Seldom corked these days (6)
6. A real duck does this to feed (7)
10. Light-bulb moment (4)
11. Testing time for students (4)
12. Blaze ... helped re-fence Steels Creek (3)
13. Buzz off (4)
14. 1 Across had an ice skating one (4)
15. Sagittarius is one (6)
16. Were you on the Art Show one? (6)
17. France, Germany, Spain etc etc (6)
18. A peculiarity (6)
19. Messy pre-date of photocopying (5)
20. A welcome source of post-Fire cash (5)



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## Cross Creek 43 Answers

### Across

1. Wallaby 4. March 7. Inkblot 8. Halve
9. Relics 12. Internal
15. Starship 17. Stanza 18. Cable
21. Entreat 22. Meets 23. Durable

### 2. Down

1. Windrows 2. Lentil 3. Yale 4. Moth 5. Rolling
6. Home 10. Sight 11. Steps 13. Ligature
14. Cabbage 16. Canada 18. Calm
19. Eels 20. Stud

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