



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 95 (February-March 2012) 'FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY'

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Captain Speaking

Our newest crew member, **Graham Lloyd**, did a sterling job in leading the carols at the Carol Concert. Actually in view of the state of Europe perhaps that should be Aussie dollar. **Tully Henchel** was on keyboard and not only played the carols, but also provided music to barbeque by, whilst Graham provided a bravura performance singing, exhorting and conducting, sometimes simultaneously and the carols went well too.

The Community Centre is close to completion with the concrete surrounds laid last week. Internally there is the kitchen to be fitted out and final painting to be completed.

The plan is to get the certificate of occupancy as soon as possible, so that the Centre can be used again before starting on the surrounds and play ground. So roll on 2012.

Mike Watkins

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

SCTC Open Day: About 45 avid tennis fans ignored the heat and came out to the Open Day on Sunday (29 January). The snags were devoured with gusto – thanks to **Gail Waghorne** for getting them for our Bunnings and Open days. The kids enjoyed whacking the 'Hot Shots' equipment – kid-sized racquets, nets, and squishy-balls – and kept their parents hopping around on the hot court. Thanks to all for the great social day.

Saturday Tennis: Saturday competitions are starting again on February 4th. Come show your support from 1pm on Saturdays. **Our top team needs recruits for next season (Apr-Sep). Contact Alby if you'd like to join in!**

Social Tennis: Whether a hot or cool evening, come enjoy the friendly tennis on Monday and Thursday nights.

Web site: www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/

Ed Bartosh Secretary

Clamberers

Clamberers provides a series of monthly walks from March to November each year, in nearby and regional locations. The walks provide an opportunity to explore or revisit some of our beautiful bushland and other areas in good company. A good family day out!

Walks are being planned for this year from the end of March. Information will be circulated to registered email addresses before then.

If you would like to receive information about these walks but have not been doing so, please register your details by emailing (or telephoning) Robyn Allan at drallan@wideband.net.au, telephones 5988 7073 and 0409 139 371.

SC4 Film Club

Hopefully with the completion of the Community Centre extensions, Movie Night should recommence in March 2012.

Watch for further details in [The Grape Vine](#)

Garden Club Report

The Garden Club 2012 opening will be a gathering at Maggie Lloyd-Smith's, 27a Forest St, Yarra Glen at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14 February. BYO everything, including chairs and a small table, plus a salad or sweet to share. All welcome. Further information **Deb Edwards 9730 1479**

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 Fifth **Chris Mullen** award for literary excellence.

A Steels Creek Reverie – Why We Live Here

Sitting on the veranda, enjoying the mild sunshine on an early summer's day, a vivid blue-green flashes to my right a little distance away. I look over and up, and spy a kingfisher. Spontaneously, I feel an incredible joy well up inside me. The kingfisher is back!

He represents the resurrection of all that was destroyed by the 2009 bushfires, which ripped through our property as thoroughly as through our Steels Creek neighbours' and caused such upheaval but also, ultimately, opportunities for renewal and connection.

The next day, while working on the weeds, I saw the kingfisher again, perched on the stump of a fallen tree. He had a little friend with him – double joy! I've heard the peep-peep-peep of my little friends nearly every day over the last several weeks. It never fails to remind me of the progress we, and nature, have made in the last three years, and I smile with renewed hope that our dream of an idyllic, simple life in the country, in our dream home, is getting closer, slowly but surely.

It frequently strikes me as ironic and quite surprising, my inexplicable connection with the many birds on our property. I'm a city girl. I've enjoyed, indeed been awed by, nature in my time, but my passion has largely been focused on the man-made of Melbourne. If I had my druthers, I'd have loved to live within the Art Nouveau beauty of the Majorca building, amongst the lives of the many converging in the laneways below.

My eldest brother has been a bird man for many years. I could never understand the fascination and used his hobby as further evidence of his geekhood. It was definitely not something I'd aspired to. Nevertheless, from the earliest explorations of our property, I found myself delighting in the ducks, the blue wrens, the red robins, rosellas and numerous other birds too quick and elusive for me to put a name to. I've even bought binoculars and a field guide, so that I may get to know what they are (though I'm yet unskilled with using either effectively). I am getting a glimpse now of what my brother saw many years ago.

This also signals to me how far I have come in my transition to life in the country. It hasn't been easy – the distance of essential shops and services, the isolation of living on a large property at the end of a dead-end road, a husband working long hours and me home alone with my first baby. But I now feel more grateful than resentful, in large part due to the connections we've made with neighbours and other locals, some forged in fire; but also due to my growing understanding and acceptance and enjoyment of the country around me – of which the tiny and beautiful kingfisher is just one part. There are also the wildflowers and daffodils, the lizards and frogs, the butterflies and dragonflies, the wallabies, wombats and kangaroos; not so much the spiders and snakes!

So, although I'm relatively new to the area, in country terms, I've come to feel like a Screekian. I love the beauty, serenity and stillness of the place (when the wind's not blowing a gale). I love that our little corner of the world is bathed in sunshine while Yarra Glen and beyond is drowned in fog or rain. I love watching the sun set over the hills. I love watching my vegetables grow and collecting eggs from my chooks. I love seeing our home taking shape. And I look forward to the unfolding of the years here, with my family and friends.

Eva Matthews, Harvey Rd.

Progress report: Black Saturday at Steels Creek

Almost three years after Black Saturday you may be wondering what's happened to the book about the fires that National Museum of Australia historian Peter Stanley has been researching and writing.

Peter is pleased to report that he has just distributed copies of the draft manuscript to about 50 people (most of them people he interviewed in writing the book). He is eager to gather comments and corrections from Steels Creek residents in order to make sure that he gets the story straight and eliminates as many errors as possible.

The book is entitled **Black Saturday at Steels Creek: Fire and an Australian Community**. It begins with a picture of Steels Creek before the fire, traces how the fire came to the valley and looks at the way it affected its people in the weeks, months and years since. The book describes the experiences of people all over the valley, those who stayed and fought, those who 'went' and those who died. It draws on Royal Commission records (such as the testimonies submitted by several Steels Creek people) media reports, CFA documents and, most of all, interviews with residents. The resultant book, which Peter hopes will be published early in 2013 (in time for the fourth anniversary if we are lucky), will be illustrated with photographs and maps.

Even if you were not interviewed you are very welcome to comment on the manuscript. Peter has sent five copies to the Community Centre where he hopes people will borrow them, read and make comments, to be returned to him by 29 February, so he can consider the criticisms in revising the manuscript to send to the publisher early in April. In the mean time, until the centre is open phone **5965 2372**.

Landcare

Favorable rainfall allowed a third tree planting to be held in Steels Creek in November, this time at the property of **Ray and Sandra Turnley**. In total, about 1500 plants were planted across 4 Steels Creek properties last Spring. Thanks to everybody involved in these events. Stay tuned for more planting days this coming Autumn.

Carolyn Suggate from the Northern Yarra **Blackberry Action Group** (NYBAG) is working with landholders in the northern reaches of Steels Creek to control blackberry. The NYBAG Steering Committee is made up of community members from the fire-affected area as well as reps from the different government agencies. NYBAG is a sub group of the new Northern Yarra Landcare Network, offering the use of spray equipment, rebates on the cost of chemical, safety-wear and contractor spraying, as well as advice with mapping outbreaks and the coordination of blackberry control across property boundaries. So far, 17 properties in the north of Steels Creek have signed on to the voluntary program. Parks Victoria have sprayed some of the boundaries they share with private owners and DSE will be tackling at least one area of Crown land that has been neglected for many years. For more information about the Blackberry Action Group call **Rob Fallon on 9294 6832**.

An **Indian Myna Control Workshop** is planned for Saturday 11th February, 9.30am-12.30pm, at the Dixons Creek Reserve. The first hour will be spent hearing about the behavior and characteristics of this invasive species. Guests will then have the opportunity to make their own traps using the materials provided for \$20. Alternatively, guests can take home a trap already made for \$45. For more information call **Rob Fallon on 9294 6832**.

A **Rabbit Control Workshop** is planned for Saturday 25th February, 9am-12pm, at the Dixons Creek Reserve. You will be able to get expert advice and ask questions about the best techniques for rabbit control. We also plan to discuss ideas for a regional approach to rabbit control in the fire-affected area. For more information call **Rob Fallon on 9294 6832**.

Important Health Advice for Women

Do you have feelings of inadequacy? Do you suffer from shyness? Do you sometimes wish you were more assertive?

If you answered yes to any of these questions ask your doctor or pharmacist about **Sauvignon Blanc**.

Sauvignon Blanc is the safe, natural way to feel better and more confident about yourself and your actions. It can help ease you out of your shyness and let you tell the world that you're ready and willing to do just about anything.

You will notice the benefits of **Sauvignon Blanc** almost immediately and, with a regime of regular doses, you can overcome any obstacles that prevent you from living the life you want to live. Shyness and awkwardness will be things of the past and you will discover many talents you never knew you had. Stop hiding and start living.

Sauvignon Blanc may not be right for everyone. Women who are pregnant or nursing should not use it. However, women who wouldn't mind nursing or becoming pregnant are encouraged to try it.

Side effects may include dizziness, nausea, vomiting, incarceration, erotic lustfulness, loss of motor control, loss of clothing, loss of money, loss of virginity, delusions of grandeur, table dancing, headache, dehydration, dry mouth, and a desire to sing Karaoke and play all-night rounds of Strip Poker, Truth or Dare, and Naked Twister.

WARNINGS: The consumption of **Sauvignon Blanc** may:

- make you think you are whispering when you are not,
- cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them,
- cause you to think that you can sing,
- make you think that you can converse enthusiastically with members of the opposite sex without spitting,
- create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

Please feel free to share this important information with as many women as you feel may benefit.

Now just imagine what you could achieve with a good **Pinot**.

(Contributed by Kristina Olsen in Andrew Pattison's 'Wine and Music' Newsletter from Burke & Wills Winery, Heathcote – probably applies to Yarra Valley offerings too!)

David Allen

CFA Community Meeting

The CFA Community Meeting on 8 December drew only a small group of locals and the two messages that I took away were

- that we must each take responsibility for our own situation and not to expect the great "they" to look after us
- to be clear what was Council and what was CFA responsibility and not to waste time and effort confusing the two

We also heard that a siren is to be trialled at the Tennis Courts. This is currently happening, with audibility distance etc being evaluated. **Jane Calder**

Family

Space
Hills and a big sky
Free kids
Wild birds
Five couples
Three generations
Exploring

Cooking
Eating
Drinking
Talking
Walking
Laughing
Ant bites
Lush new growth
Christmas 2011 at Steels Creek

Rudi Anders

Readers may be interested to know that Digital Radio reception is excellent at least at 601 Steels Creek Road.
Digital radio has more stations and better sound. Also from Rudi Anders

Hi all Men's Shedders,

I just wanted to impart a bit of good news.....

The YG&DMS has received advice from the *Community Advisory Council (CAC)* of the *Victorian Bushfire Relief Fund (VBAF)* that "in principle" agreement has been reached to offer the Men's Shed \$150,000 for the construction of its 200m² extension to the western end of the existing Gary Cooper Pavilion.

The plans and specifications are being submitted to Council 'as we speak' and the completed documentation forwarded to the relevant authority on Monday 30th January.

Further advice has been received that, subject to documentation being in order, CAC approval should be given by late February and 'signing off' by *Regional Development Victoria (RDV)* by end March.

The committee has done the hard yards towards gaining the \$150K Funding Grant. There is now the opportunity for all men espousing their interest in the establishment of the Men's Shed to come to the fore and assist us in return. Let's hear from you, even if only to offer your continuing moral support. Of course, committee would dearly like that your support be of a more tangible nature.

Henry Verhoeven (Secretary - Yarra Glen & District Men's Shed Inc) 0409 140 775 / 5965 2274 henrycv@skymesh.com.au

Rainfall Table- end of January 2012-01-29

Gauge Location	December 2011	January 2012 (to 29 th)	Total for 2011	Total for 2010
'Blackwood Hill' - Pinnacle Lane, Steels Creek	87.2	22.4	1054.4	1091.4
'Highlea' - Dixons Creek	89.0	23.8	1218.6	1165.4
'Kilravock' - Adams Lane, Steels Creek	85.0	18.0	1104.0	1117.0
'Newera' - Brennan Avenue, Steels Creek	Not available*	16.8	Not available*	Not available*
'Wandearah' - Japonica Drive, Yarra Glen	100.0	24.4	1026.5	990.7

*New (Melbourne Water) gauge now installed to replace that lost in Feb 2009

Rainfall from the Dixons Creek Station for the month was 21.2 mm, total for 2011 1041 mm,

2011 Was A Very Wet Year

When I read my rain gauge on Christmas morning, I was 24 mm short of 1000 mm for the year, a milestone that I had not reached before in 34 years of recording rainfall. I was down in the 'burbs for Christmas dinner & was keeping a close watch on the radar when the storms started. Later in the evening, when I checked the Melbourne area observations & found that Viewbank had received 59 mm & Coldstream 45 mm, I was fairly confident that I would have achieved the magic 1000 mm. However, I was not prepared for the damage that I would find when I returned home later.

At 1026.5 mm, 2011 was 36 mm higher than my previous highest total in 2010. The Bureau of Meteorology figures for Yarra Glen, spanning 1890 - 1974, had only exceeded 1000 mm in 1952 & 1960. My 2011 figure was the equal highest, with 1960, of exactly 1026.5 mm.

These two wet years, 2010 and 2011, have come after the dry period leading up to 2009 with 2008 being the lowest total I have recorded.

Some observers closer to the divide at the northern end of the valley, would have recorded above 1000 mm in the past, but you may have noticed that my monthly figures, at the mouth of the S.C. valley, are often lower than those at the northern end.

2011 was high lighted by two significant weather events that were at opposite ends of the year. Firstly there was 5th February when 95 mm of rain fell in 24 hours causing severe flooding in the area. And of course there was the thunderstorm & hail that occurred on Christmas day.

When returning from my Christmas dinner along Steels Creek Rd, north of Hubbard Rd the road was suddenly covered with leaves that had been shredded from the trees. The next morning I discovered that the fiberglass skylight panel in the shed roof had a number of holes of 40 - 60 mm in diameter. A property in Gulf Rd had a large area of polycarbonate roofing destroyed & a car with a smashed windscreen & the body work badly damaged. The large hail must have only been in a fairly narrow strip as Yarra Glen Township was not affected.

Another interesting thing about 2011 was the emergence of the swamp where Stringybark Creek crosses the highway north of McIntyre Lane. The creek has always flooded there, but it would normally drain away within a few days. Last year the ground was so water logged from so much flooding that it just sat there for most of the year & has only recently dried out.

Barry Sheffield

Serial – A Full And Plenty Mystery

Episode Three

"Bill's crook, he's in the hospital" said Fred in reply to my enquiry as to his brother's whereabouts. "He had an accident" Fred and Bill had been hard at work with me in getting the grounds into order, no small task what with the incredible amount of rain and the occasional non arrival of my helpers.

"How did that happen?" I asked. It transpired that Bill, after a few convivals at the pub, had needed a lie down and had found an unlocked car in the car park and got in, unfortunately sleeping in the back seat was rather large and as Bill found out unfriendly dog which quickly realized that Bill was not his owner and had attacked him. Fortunately Bill had had the presence of mind to jump out of the car but had unfortunately jumped in front of a motorcycle leaving the car park and suffered some serious injuries. "He won't be up and about till next month"

I had tidied up the interior and was now living in the house; this move was due to several sudden changes in my circumstances, my publishers had dropped me, sales of my latest book had not come up to expectations and my current partner had got herself a job in Sydney and decided to end our relationship. So I had leased out my flat in Albert Park and moved my few possessions to Steels Creek and was getting used to the solitary life and the night sounds of country living, frogs in particular. I had also been well accepted by the locals attended the odd Movie night, been to the Market Day and had a hit of tennis, in all much more activity than I had had at Albert Park.

A dog had arrived scratching at the back door one afternoon. It was a crossbreed with blue heeler dominance, fairly compact but in good condition and quiet. I asked around at the local market day and in town but nobody seemed to know whose it was and where it came from. It seemed quite at home was quite happy to answer to Sam and was some needed company.

One wet and cold evening I was sitting front of a blazing fire, no lack of fire wood here, reading one of the many books that great Aunt Flo had accumulated, one of Arthur Upfield's Boney mysteries, when I notice a few loose papers at the back. It was a letter not to Flo but to Hector, a rather explicit love letter from his ever loving Clemmie, the address coincidentally was Danks Street Albert Park around the corner from where I had my Flat. It seemed that Hector was having a high old time with Clemmie, dinners, parties and shows aplenty, and showering her with gifts for which she was very grateful. This life style would have cost plenty and I wondered how Hector could have financed it. The letter coupled with my brief conversation some months ago with Clarrie Reed had heightened my curiosity. Had he found Gold? As I was to find out I was not the only one whose curiosity was aroused.

Food Writers Report

The food Writer has been on holiday, a busmans holiday and due to the amount of restaurants she dined at is now taking a break from fine dining this month but will be recharged and back for the next issue

Arty/Crafty Things (New Activity)

On the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 10am - 12.30pm, starting 9 March.

At the "Stable Studio", 11 Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen Cover cost \$2 includes tea/coffee.

This is a chance for sketchers, stitchers and other creative people to share a congenial space for friendship, skills and ideas, while working on projects or plans, Contact: **Margaret Brewster, 97301298**

Relocation Notice

Whilst the renovations to the Community Centre are nearly at an end 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

Please Note that the Market Day is now at the Steels Creek Tennis Club

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Malcolm Calder c/o the Steels Creek Community Centre, P.O.Box 291 Yarra Glen, 3775
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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

Email Addresses - New and Updated

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** andrewchapman44@bigpond.com

FEBRUARY 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Art Social Tennis	3	4 Tennis Comp
5	6 Women's Group Social Tennis	7 Stitchers	8	9 Art Singing Social Tennis CFA Meeting	10	11 Market Tennis Comp <i>Landcare Myna w'shop</i>
12 YG&DHS	13 Recycle Social Tennis	14 Stitchers Garden Club	15 YG&D Township Group	16 Art Social Tennis	17	18 FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp
19	20 Social Tennis	21 Stitchers	22	23 SMB Art Singing Social Tennis	24	25 Market Tennis Comp <i>Landcare Rabbit control</i>
26	27 Recycle Growing Group Social Tennis	28 Stitchers Garden Outing Book Group	29 SC Book comments due see page 2			

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

ARTY/CRAFTY THINGS

2nd & 4th Fridays 10 am to 12.30 pm at Stable Studio 11 Armstrong Grove Yarra Glen

Margaret Brewster 9730 1298

BOOK GROUP

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

Beverly Shearsby 0414 517927

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 2

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://yarrafatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

GARDEN

Newsletter, outings 2nd Tuesdays, 60 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 9.30 am at SC3 – all welcome.

Deb Edwards 97301479

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.websyite.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

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

MARCH 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Art Social Tennis	2	3 Tennis Comp
4	5 Women's Group Social Tennis	6 Stitchers	7	8 Art Singing Social Tennis	9 Arty Crafty	10 Market
11 Labour Day	12 Recycle Social Tennis	13 Stitchers <i>Garden Club</i>	14	15 Art Social Tennis	16	17 FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp
18 YG&DHS	19 Social Tennis	20 Stitchers	21 YG Township Group	22 Art Singing Social Tennis	23 Arty Crafty	24 Market Tennis Comp
25 <i>Clamberers</i>	26 Recycle Growing Group Social Tennis	27 Stitchers Book Group	28	29 SMB Art Social Tennis	30	31 Tennis Comp

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

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

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 Yarra Glen 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 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, 50 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. Thursdays 7.30 PM*, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM regular competitions. *Night tennis under the lights.

Alby 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 the third Wednesday of the Month 7 to 9pm –at the Yarra Glen Memorial hall, see our web site for more information. (<http://www.yarraglen.com/townshipgroup/>) All are welcome.

Jeanette Tucker 9730 2600

Cross Creek 48

Across

1. Jiminy's game? (7)
4. ET was one (5)
7. "If Ah itches, Ahes" (7)
8. Consumed upper-class school food (5)
9. Sadly, much land is in this state (6)
12. Dig again and lay off (8)
15. A gem of a skill (8)
17. Are they the best days of a life? (6)
18. Large scale US farm (5)
21. Sad solace for some (7)
22. Handy on a dark night (5)
23. Sugar from brewing (6)

Down

1. Young chook at point of crow (8)
2. 17yrs underground then lots of noise (6)
3. Carry this to lay a bet? (4)
4. In the head or in the heart? (4)
5. Coffee in a moment (7)
6. Day's midpoint (4)
10. Awful anticipation (5)
11. What kept great-granny in shape (5)
13. Notorious Pass on Burma Railway (8)
14. Money burns a hole in his pocket (7)
16. Most likely to be sore in winter (6)
18. Vital part of 99.99% of plants (4)
19. A muddled brown crosshatch? (4)
20. Spotting one needs vigilance (4)

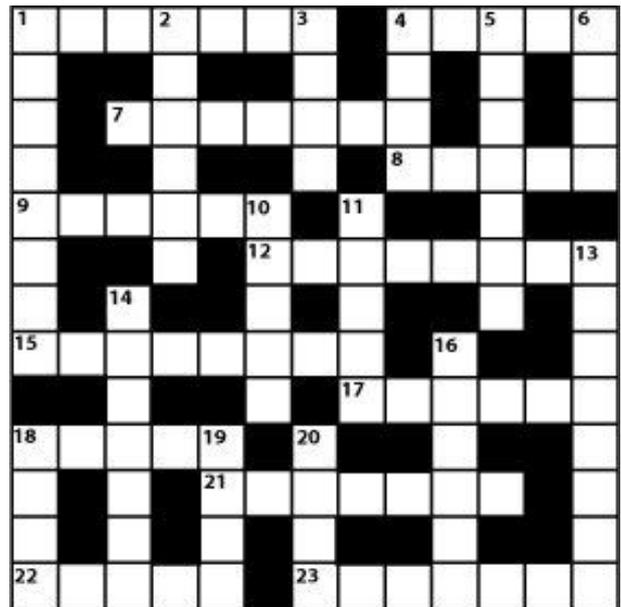
Cross Creek 47 Answers

Across

1. Blacks 5. Iran 7. Train 8. Siam 9. Aped
10. Ogled 11. Unborn 13. Ajax 14. Thumbs
18. Needed 21. Tang 22. In-laws 24. Emend
25. Stun 26. Coda 27. Tiara 28. Myra 29. Lumbar

Down

1. Biscuit 2. Cameo 3. Scion 4. Balloon
5. In a daze 6. Average 12. Rob 15. Healthy
16. Magenta 17. Several 19. Ern 20. Despair
22. Ideal 23. Locum



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HOOGIES

O F Y A R R A G L E N



No worries!

9730-1611

DEADLINE for the next Jolly Thing is
28 March 2012.