



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 97 (June-July 2012) 'FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY'

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### ***Captain Speaking***

Now that we have settled into the initial cruise after finally getting the completed Centre off the ground, I will just point out a few things of interest.

Groups that used the Centre in the past have returned, some in greater numbers such as the Art Club which has doubled in size.

Looking ahead the work to incorporate a playground and associated landscaping should start towards the end of July, cunningly planned for the worst weather.

Also on the radar a film matinee for children of all ages on the afternoon of Saturday 14 July, so make a note in your diary. More details of this are in the SC4 film club report

Finally we have been successful in obtaining VBAF funding for the playground/landscaping and to complete the Centre fit out. This amount includes a separate grant for the Tennis Club **Mike Watkins.**

### ***Yarra Valley Smaller Wineries Shortest Lunch***

Its on again - Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June. Why not rustle up a group of friends to brighten up the Shortest Day and support our local wineries, **Steel Creek Estate, Yieena Park, Allinda Winery and Millers.** Who knows? They may even give you a locals' discount. More details [www.shortestlunch.com.au](http://www.shortestlunch.com.au)

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

**Social Tennis:** Social tennis is a good way to warm up and get some exercise on cold winter evenings. Come enjoy our friendly tennis on Thursday nights. (Monday evening tennis on hold until warmer weather.)

**Coaching:** Coaching is going well for our mums, kids and adults classes. Coach Lee Patrick really puts participants through a workout – with the aim of better control and more skill in our play. Subsidised lessons for senior and junior members.

**Christmas in July:** We'll be having a Christmas in July dinner on Saturday, 21 July. It is planned to be a 'spit roast' dinner. Hold open the date, as places will be limited.

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

**Ed Bartosh Secretary**

### ***There's A Track Winding Back***

No, not to an old fashioned shack, but our newly renovated and extended Community Centre. At long last construction has begun on the Steels Creek track, and, weather permitting, it should be finished in July, just in time to get fit for Spring.

### ***Ian King Exhibition***

**Ian King** is an artist from Dixons Creek renowned for his oil and pastel works. His exhibition is at the Red Earth Gallery in The Mooroolbark Community Centre, 125 Brice Street.

This exhibition explores misty mornings, storms and floods through a vivid examination of light and colour

It runs from **28 May to the 21 June**

**Allen Koochew**

## *Steels Creek Community Needs Project update*

On the morning of Tuesday 29 May, ten of our community volunteers (the FRG, Fire Recovery Group - an interim name for this still-to-be-finalised collection of people) met with two representatives from VBAF - Murray Bruce and Jessica Barrett - as well as Bec Nicholl from the Fire Recovery Unit, and Cathy McGowan, who facilitated the meeting. This was our first opportunity, since conducting our community conversations, to meet face-to-face with VBAF and talk through our initial project ideas, find out what is feasible and possible from VBAF's perspective, and plan our next steps. Overall, it was a positive and productive session. VBAF came to the table sympathetic to our situation and encouraged by our commitment and the work we've done over the last couple of months. They acknowledged that our community has not been assisted to the degree that it could have been (there are a whole bunch of reasons for this, both within and external to our community), but hoped that we would be able to move forward together, with whatever assistance they are now able to provide. In his own words, they "have not come here as gatekeepers; they are here to help, not hinder".

We ran through our six project ideas (Community links program, Land and pest management, SC community vision, Safe roads/roadsides/pathway, Communications and SC Community Foundation), to which Murray Bruce responded candidly, identifying a number of areas which VBAF would definitely be able to consider for funding, as well as where they definitely wouldn't (anything to do with roads and other core government services). He also identified existing groups and funding streams that could help us achieve our goals. As usual, the time we had together (some 2.5 hours) was too short to cross all our t's and dot all our i's, but we did meet all of our agreed objectives to a good degree, and came away with some concrete actions to pursue over the next month.

Four of the volunteers - the first 'task group' - will be meeting with Bec Nicholl on 7 June to start putting together our first proposal, which will be around the Community links program, which may also tie in with the SC community vision and Land/pest management projects. This is largely around appointing a Community Engagement Coordinator, whose role and responsibilities are still unclear but which will hopefully be well articulated by the end of the meeting with Bec Nicholl, who has had the experience of helping other fire-affected communities appoint someone similar as well as being in a similar role herself. The VBAF reps were most positive about the likelihood of such a project getting funding, as it has really good fit with funding criteria and has worked well in other communities to support its members in the recovery process and beyond. Murray Bruce also encouraged us to put together proposals for our other projects - exactly which ones and how they should come together will become clearer once we work out the parameters of the Community links project. We agreed that we would work towards getting at least our first proposal to VBAF within a month.

At this juncture, it might also be worth explaining the proposed structure going forward. The Executive of the SCCC committee have agreed, in principle, to act as an auspice body (because they are already an incorporated organisation and have had the experience of what it means to auspice special projects, namely the refurbishment of the Centre) to the FRG, which will effectively be a sub-committee of the SCCC committee. Any task groups that then choose to be responsible for the development of our community projects, will be sub-sub-committees, reporting to the FRG, which will report to the SCCC committee (I think I've got that right! - it will all become clear and formalised in due course). Effectively, this means that we are able to manage the actual funds that come our way, in a proper fashion.

OK, so the next thing we agreed was that it was important to take all this, and any further progress we make in the next few weeks, back to our community. To this end, we will be inviting all Screekians (including those who live outside our 'official' boundaries but who nevertheless feel themselves to be, and are active in, our community) to an open meeting in about a month's time (date to be advised - stay tuned to The Grapevine and we will put up notices at the Centre). We are hoping we might also have a guest speaker at this meeting - active in the Strathewen community as part of their Community Recovery Association - who will talk to us about his experience of their group and what they've achieved and how, to help us get a sense of ourselves in this regard. We also felt it to be important to use this meeting as a platform to acknowledge that there are possibly/probably people in our community who, simply because they were unable to attend the meeting in April where the project process started rolling, have not had an opportunity to put their hand up and say they would like to be more actively involved in working towards our community recovery. Similarly, there were people at that meeting who have since attended our project meetings, who are not in a position to remain as future committee members. To this end, we invite you to think about whether this is a commitment you'd like to make and, on the night, we will

be asking for expressions of interest to join the FRG and/or task groups (still to be determined). Unfortunately, as these will need to be effective, well-functioning groups of people, numbers will need to be limited. The exact numbers are still unknown, as we haven't had a chance to discuss this yet, and we will be seeking advice on this, most likely from Bec Nicholl. Cathy McGowan will also hopefully attend this meeting, as our guest. We would like to acknowledge her efforts on our community's behalf. She has been unwavering in her focus and her heart has definitely been in the right place. We wouldn't be where we are now without her.

Finally, you're probably wondering: How much will we get? We understand now, following our meeting, that this is a question VBAF is not able to answer - not because they don't want to or are being secretive, but because the remaining funds are in constant flux. For example, some projects are funded and subsequently, for whatever reason, fall through; the funds are returned back to the pool and redistributed to other proposed projects. We do know that it won't be in the order of millions - there is simply not that much of it left. It may be, over time, in the order of some hundreds of thousands. It is unfortunate that we have 'missed the boat' and, believe me, all of us at the meeting felt this fact keenly. However, we are unable to change what's happened in the past and we need to be prepared to let go of our disappointment and focus on what we *are* able to achieve with whatever comes our way from VBAF. We *do* have the potential to do great things for our community, with VBAF and others' help, and this is what we in the FRG will be keeping front of mind as much as we can. We hope you do too.

Eva Matthews, member of the interim FRG.

## ***Food Writers Report***

### **A Grand Deal from The Grand**

Alison and Fred have made many improvements to the Grand Hotel in Yarra Glen and one initiative that has been well received is the \$15 meal deal (including a drink).

Every Wednesday night the place is humming with people, mostly locals and their families, enjoying the atmosphere and meals served by an efficient and friendly staff. If the main bistro area is too noisy you can retreat to a separate dining area.

The nights are themed and include "Fish & Chips; Curries; Roasts; Pasta; and the ubiquitous Parma. The food is always good and is really great value for money.

Keith Montell

## ***Rainfall Report – end of May 2012***

### ***A wet and cold finish to the Merry month of May***

Gauge Location	April 2012 (mm)	May 2012 (mm) (to 28 <sup>th</sup> May)	Year to Date (2012) (to 28 <sup>th</sup> May)	Year to Date (2011)
'Blackwood Hill' -Pinnacle Lane, Steels Creek	59.2	77.5	304	482
'Highlea' - Dixons Creek	61	89.6	330	576
'Kilravock' – Adams Lane, Steels Creek	60	85	312	456
'Newera' – Brennan Avenue, Steels Creek	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
'Wandearah' – Japonica Drive, Yarra Glen	57.2	80	315.9	466.6

Rainfall from the Dixons Creek Station for April was 60.6 mm, May 73.5 year to date 300 mm, this time last year 476.6 mm

## ***Serial – A Full And Plenty Mystery***

Due to writers cramp (that's as good excuse as any) Episode Five *The Final Episode* will appear in the Next Issue of the Jolly Thing. Can't wait.

## **Landcare**

SCLG held a very successful *Erosion Info Night* recently with Dan Borg speaking about how hot bushfires decrease the soil's ability to absorb water. That has been a major cause of erosion in the fire affected area because of the heavy rains experienced immediately after the fires and the following months. Katie Drummond highlighted the improvements to Steels Creek that can be made when involved in a Stream Front program with Melbourne Water. Andrew Grogan discussed possible erosion solutions in response to Q&A. And all in the spacious comfort of the SC Community Centre. We will be arranging to meet with those who volunteered their properties to check out possible erosion sites to highlight in forthcoming field days. We will advertise the dates when arrangements have been completed. Thank you to everyone who came.



*The Reveg/Planting program* on private land will be happening in early Spring. It is wonderful to see the plants growing above the tree guards from last year's planting.. And it is a great way to catch up with friends and neighbours or to make new friends when planting trees together. Dates will be posted closer to the planting season. Any one who has plants and need a hand to get them planted, please contact Sandra on 9730 1550 and we will add your property to the schedule.

*The Northern Yarra Blackberry Action Group* has recently been successful in receiving further funds to continue the wonderful work done this past blackberry season into the future. Thanks to those involved in writing the successful grant

application on our behalf and to those Sreekians who worked hard to remove blackberry infestations from their properties last season.

Sandra Turnley

## **The History Of The Steels Creek Community Centre**

On 23 January 1885, Mr William Hubbard offered land to the government for the establishment of a school which the government accepted on 29 April 1885. It is also reasonable to assume that he donated the ¼ acre to the north of the school site to the Anglican Church at the same time. The school subsequently opened on 25 June 1886.

Fast forward to 20 November 1992, 106 years later, and the Minister for Education announced that the Steels Creek Primary School, amongst other would be closed on 18 December and the site and buildings sold off. The school had been used for many community activities over previous years, including Further Education and remedial reading classes play groups, and local club meeting centre amongst others, and the local residents quickly responded to this announcement in an effort to retain the school as a community centre. A meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November by 30 residents from Steels Creek and Dixons Creek was organized and a petition to retain the site as a community centre was started, a press release was issue to the media, and a public meeting was called for the 3 December.

The meeting on 3 December was attended by 26 residents with a further 15 apologies. In addition apologies from the Shire President and two councillors, together with 3 MPs were also tendered. Our local MP, Mr Andre Haermeyer, attended together with the Deputy Shire Secretary, Rowan Perkins, and a representative from the Education department, Mr John Mc Arthur. A committee comprising Rex Bean (Chairman), Malcolm Calder, Bronwyn Dahlstrom, Fred Lyons and Vera Adams was elected to pursue the retention of the school as a community centre. Tim Todhunter joined the committee at a later date and provided useful contacts within the Victorian Government hierarchy. Support for the endeavours of the community were expressed by the officials present with the Shire Secretary indicating that the land was zoned 'public use' and permits for other uses could be difficult to obtain. The education department also provided advice on the action to be taken to achieve our preferred result.

Two motions were passed unanimously at the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December meeting, and these were;

Proposed by Ron Short and seconded by Gwen Leckie,

**That the interim committee as announced at the commencement of the meeting, be confirmed as the on-going committee to pursue this matter, and that it have the authority to co-opt other community members as necessary.**

And proposed by Vera Adams and seconded by Henry Verhoeven,

**That the management committee take whatever action necessary to retain the Steels Creek School site and buildings as a community centre for the area, with the support and participation of the Shire of Healesville and other interested parties.**

And with that the action started.

A letter to the Minister on the 9 of December outlined the communities concerns and desires and indicated that a detailed proposal on the management, use and financing of the centre was being prepared, and that a detailed proposal and confirmation of Council support, together with other interested parties would be provided

The letter finished with a quote for the Steels Creek School centenary booklet **'When a district loses its school, it loses its identity. With no Post Office at Steels Creek for many years now, the school is the only focal point by which this beautiful valley and the surrounding hills retain their name,'** and the last sentence was **'We wish to keep our name.'** This letter was also sent to all parliamentarians whose electorates covered the valley as well as the Education Department.

A similar letter was sent to the Council thanking them for their support. Subsequently the Shire Secretary, on direction from the council wrote to the Minister on the 18 December outlining the Shire's desire to retain the centre as a community focal point. We also received support from the local paper, Mountain Views, with its continual reporting of events as they happened,

The management plan was forwarded to the Minister on 12 January 1993, and the Minister advised on 9 February that consideration of sale of the site to the Healesville Council would be considered. Council meantime was working with the Directorate of School Education (DSE) to discuss the retention of the school as a community facility. This directorate indicated that they supported the position of the community but on 23 March the DSE absolved themselves of any responsibility by advising that they were required to hand the land back to the crown, in this case the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), but that because they had equity in the building would be seeking payment in due course from the Healesville Shire. On 15 July 1993, the DSE advised the shire that the main building was now available for sale to the Shire for \$8,000. Everything then went very quiet and the handover of the land seemed to get lost in bureaucratic red tape. Letters exchanged with the Shire confirmed this stalemate.

On the 11 February 1994 we sought to have a light, the only street light in Steels Creek installed at the Community Centre, and the Shire indicated that they wished to assume a Committee of management role of the community centre.

A community meeting on 13 July updated all on the progress, or lack thereof, and we continued to use the centre as if we owned it.

On 2 November, 1994 the Shire received advice from the DCNR stating that the site had been valued at \$75,000 plus outgoings and the shire was to consider this offer at a council meeting on 29 November. However the State Government sacked the councils prior to this meeting and appointed commissioners, so we started all over again.

The new regime at Healesville, on January 3 1995, then asked for a copy of all submissions so they could review and prepare a report to the new Commissioners. A letter, dated 30 January 1995, was again sent to the Minister and all relevant local politicians, detailing our belief that the land should be returned to the original Hubbard family or their descendants, or reserved for community use, since it had been donated to the Government for the express purpose of education and that use now no longer applied.

The minister responded on 17 February, acknowledging our statement of facts, and while agreeing with the facts washed his hands of the whole matter, by stating "he was unable to influence the DCNR in its proceedings". On 22 March, after meetings with various ex councillors, a letter was sent to the Minister for DCNR, containing all the past history and correspondence.

On 4 May the new Commissioners were taken on an inspection of the site and discussions were held on the best course of action to follow. The Commissioners expressed their support for the actions taken and offered to try to expedite a meeting with the Minister, while continuing with support through shire services of the site.

On the 22 August, the Minister responded to our letter with a revised valuation of \$50,000 which had also been passed on to the Commissioners of the Shire. The Shire found this price still excessive and with no action occurring for the next 6 months the help of the local member was sought in April 1996.

Still little action occurred, so we invited the Local member to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the School building in its current form, the building having been burnt down in 1943 and rebuilt and opened in September 1946. Meanwhile the Shire was to consider the purchase price for inclusion in its 1996/97 budget estimate.

Because the government required further rate reductions in the shire, the Shire Commissioners could not find the money to fund the project and it was not included in the 1996/97 budget.

We went ahead and planned a 'Back to Steels Creek' day for 6 October 1996 and invited everyone we could think of, the Commissioners declined on the grounds that their attendance might further harm our cause. Our local member

came but wanted no part in the ceremonies; obviously politics was now playing an important part in the process. We had over 250 people attend the day, including descendants of the original Hubbard family who donated the land.

1997 was a year where finally the Commissioners signed an agreement with the State Government to purchase the property over a 3-5 year period. The Commissioners signed the Agreement with the government in the last week of their tenure, and had they not done this, we would have had to start all over again with another new Council. Phew, a close call we were pleased to miss,

We were advised by the new Council that we were required to write a constitution and sign a lease, and pay approximately \$500 per year for the use of the Shire and the building. After numerous discussions the lease and rent were finally put to one side, and not raised again, the constitution written and was then adopted at a meeting of the community on 2 February 1998. The community then continued to manage and use the site, installing a new kitchen and having the Shire assist in the maintenance of the grounds. At the AGM on 15 July 1998, the original committee finally stood down and handed the reins to a new group, their task finally completed.

**After 5 years and 8 months of battling red tape and political intransigence the battle was over and the name Steels Creek was retained.**

This project was a community effort and the fact that the community stood up, front and centre supporting the committee of SC 3, helped immeasurably in the ongoing discussions and debate with the various government bodies.

Rex Bean

### *Hobbit House*

Ed and Amanda Williams wonderful turf roofed house is to be on the Life Style Channel on 7 June at 7.30.

Designed by their architect son, Alvyn, the result is a state of the art green home which enjoys a wide northern aspect over looking a large dam. Tune in and see for yourself.

### *Clamberers*

Clamberers undertake monthly walks in and around the Steels Creek area and elsewhere, from April to November each year. Walks are usually held on the last Sunday of each month during that time. Our program of walks for 2012 is shown below (NOTE: This has been slightly amended from the program published in the last edition of The Jolly Thing).

Walks are generally of a moderate level of physical challenge, and there is usually ample opportunity to stop along the way to examine items of interest that may be found.

Date of Walk	General Location	Walk Leader
25th March	Blue Lotus Water Gardens	Kaye McRae
29th April	Skyline Ridge – Tuans Track to Brennan Avenue	David and Robyn Allan
27th May	Mt Monda / Mt St Leonard Summit areas	Barry Sheffield
24th June	Christmas Hills, Happy Valley area	Peta Whitford
29th July	Dixons Creek – Brock Spur	David & Robyn Allan
24th to 26th August	Southern Mornington Peninsula – weekend of walks away	David & Robyn Allan
30th September	Murrindindi Cascades	Barry Sheffield
28th October	Bundy Track, Old Kinglake Road circuit	Jack Sheehan & Pa (David Allan)
25th November	Maroondah Dam – Donnelly's Weir and return	David & Robyn Allan

If you would like to be kept up to date, full details of the walks will be emailed to registered Clamberers before each walk. If you are not on the email list but would like to receive details of walks, please send your email contact details to David and Robyn Allan at [drallan@wideband.net.au](mailto:drallan@wideband.net.au) . David & Robyn Allan Ph 0413 396 296, 0409 139 371.

## ***Andrew Ross – His Diary***

One of our community members, **Bruce Nixon**, has recently published a new work and has kindly donated a copy to the Community Centre.

### **“Diary of Andrew Ross 1828 -1895 and Reminiscences 1851-1864”**

This book brings together two of the Yarra Valley's most important source documents and details the day-to-day life and activities of the early settlers in the area.

Andrew Ross was a remarkable Australian. He started as a schoolmaster in Melbourne before the gold rush days but decided it was too busy so moved to Kangaroo Ground where he established a school. Beginning as a schoolboy in 1828 he diarised every facet of life around him.

To quote " *I am henceforth enabled to give regular and exact chronological statement of my life, progress, adventures, errors and blessings...*"

Mick Woiwood, the editor, has produced an excellent, readable and informative work that will be an asset to our library history section.

### **Andrew Ross Museum and Kangaroo Ground Fire Tower.**

The above book should be of interest all locals and may spur the reader to visit the Andrew Ross museum in Kangaroo Ground. Its an interesting collection, well worth a visit, and if you want to make it an outing the Kangaroo Ground General Store serves good coffee and food.

I had not been to the nearby Fire Tower for many years but recently stopped there as an opportunity to let a couple of young and energetic overseas visitors burn off some energy.

While there I had a look at the viewing area and was impressed by the various display boards showing the local fauna and flora; history of settlement; and indigenous history, etc. It is well worth a visit.

**Keith Montell**

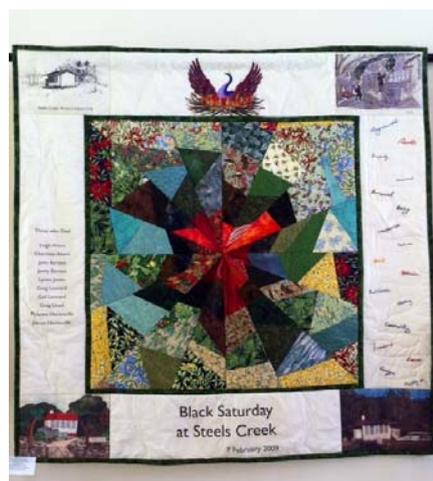
## ***Stitchers***

Stitchers are again meeting regularly in the wonderful new, light, airy, and warm surroundings at SC3, interspersed with outings to exhibitions, most recently tea cosies and samplers. Our own new Phoenix quilt is attracting interest and much admiration and we hope to have it on permanent display at SC3 once hanging rails are installed there.

Our recent Community (aka Biggest) Afternoon Tea was a great success and enjoyed by almost 70 supporters. As usual we passed on the entire proceeds to the Cancer Council, this time just on \$900. No wonder we feel proud of ourselves!

We welcome newcomers at anytime, amateurs and novices especially, 1.30-4pm every Tuesday at SC3, 699 Steels Creek Rd.

**Jane Calder 5965 2372.**



## ***Garden Club Report***

Garden Club outings continue to be well supported and to visit some of the many special gardens in the area. **June's outing** is billed as a "Nursery Crawl with a Difference, BYO morning tea and lunch". If you, too, are intrigued and would like to join us, then be at McKenzie Reserve at 9.30am on Tues 12 June. **July 10** will be very worthwhile in that we are visiting the Ringwood Community Gardens in Wantirna. A chance to see, and hopefully meet, people who don't have the space to garden at their own home. Details from **Deb Edwards, ph 9730 1479**. **August 14** is also super special in that we have a bus outing to the Australian Garden Annex of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne. These Gardens are a world class showcase of our amazing Australian plants which should be at their very best in late winter. Tickets are \$10 ea and selling fast, contact Lorna on 9730 2999 if you'd like to book.

The Growing Group of the Garden Club will be moving to their new facilities at SC3 as and when these are ready, but in the meantime the group will meet at the Calder's, Pinnacle Lane until further notice.

## Clamberers Tackle Magic, Misty, Mt St Leonard

Driving through Dixons Creek I made the comment that we would be in fog at Toolangi even before we started to climb up the mountain. And so it was that five



intrepid adventurers met on Sunday morning, in that foul weather, at the gates below Mt St Leonard summit. After an invigorating walk along the fire break, we started to climb towards the summit. The idea of the walk was to enjoy the view from the lookout tower, while we had lunch, but instead the mountain turned on one of its other magical moods of an almost total white out.



Not what we had planned, but just as impressive, in its own magical way. Looking up at some of those huge Mountain Ash, becoming less distinct as the cloud enveloped them, was awe inspiring.



Barry Sheffield

## To Native or Not.



It is a dark and gloomy day, rain falling, cold wind blowing a harbinger of the winter to come. As I look out the window my spirits are lifted by the autumn colours of the Chinese elm, English oak and weeping cherries, all survivors of the fires. The orange, red and yellows catch what light there is and brighten the day

Much as their colours brighten up a gloomy autumn day they have many other benefits, their leaves are excellent for composting (raking is great exercise), they tend not to burn, they mark the seasons, let sunshine through in winter and provide shade in summer. Our English oaks and Chinese elms, now fully recovered after the fire, have been filled with rosellas, green parrots and king parrots for months eating the seeds and acorns.

We love the bush too and have done some replanting, hardly necessary thanks to the vigorous regrowth, and fenced our length of Steels Creek but we do not want native trees near our rebuilt house.

There is a balance and as the young girl in the Tacos ad says, "Why not have both".

Andrew Chapman

## *Watch out for:*

**Yellow stainer mushrooms.** Whilst not deadly, these mushroom look-alikes can make many people vomit and generally pretty ill. The sides of the caps of these mushrooms are nearly straight unlike the shallow curve of true, edible mushrooms and the yellow-stainer name comes from the diagnostic lemon-yellow colour that shows up immediately a cap is scraped firmly with the back of a knife or some such.

**Queen wasps.** Particularly large wasps are currently hibernating in woodpiles, stacks of plant pots etc. Each one is a queen carrying fertilised eggs which she will lay as the nucleus of a new colony when the weather warms up. So destroy any you come across and you will be reducing next year's wasp nests. Well worth doing! Jane Calder

## **SC4 Film Club**

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

More laughs; suspense; and drama together with fine food and good company.  
Dinner and movie in our newly rebuilt Centre with inside toilets and everything!

**Screening on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Cinema Paradiso (1988).**

A man receives news from his aging mother in a little town that someone he once knew has passed away. A beautiful story unfolds about the man's childhood friendship with an old man who was the projectionist at the local theatre. Their bond was one that contained many highlights and tragedies, and shaped the way for a young boy to grow and move out of his rundown village to pursue a dream.

Don't miss this very moving and heart warming movie. (More on the movie from [IMDB.](#))

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Keeping Mum (2005)**

This Dark comedy stars Maggie Smith, Rowan Atkinson, Kristin Scott Thomas and Patrick Swayze.

Gloria Goodfellow has a normal life in the countryside along with her family. She's the mother of two children, one precocious teenager girl and a timid boy, who's been bullied by a bunch of kids from his school. Occasionally, their peace is disrupted by a neighbour's annoying dog or a meddler neighbour. Gloria's husband, Reverend Walter Goodfellow, is a clumsy but well respected priest, who's preparing to give a speech in a religious convention at Cornwall. One morning a charming, efficient and quite kind lady arrives to work as their housekeeper. The family's life will change forever. (More on the movie from [IMDB.](#))

**FREE Children's Matinee Session**

**1.30pm - 4.00pm Saturday 14 July**

Remember the old days of Saturday arvo pictures –well they're back! With afternoon tea provided – maybe some sweets and who knows what else?

They are prisoners-trapped behind barbed wire, fearing for their very lives and dreaming only of the outside world. Every escape attempt is thwarted, and the ringleader tossed into solitary to do hard time. But this is no ordinary prison...and these are no ordinary jailbirds. They're the inmates at Tweedy's Egg Farm, where any chicken who doesn't put breakfast on the table can wind up as dinner. But Ginger ([Julia Sawalha](#)) and her fellow flock are determined to break out before they meet a "fowl" fate. Time is running out as the greedy

owner of the farm, Mrs. Tweedy ([Miranda Richardson](#)), finds a new way to feather her own nest turning chickens into chicken pies. Now, with the help of Rocky ([Mel Gibson](#)), "the lone free ranger," the chickens hatch their most spectacular plan to fly the coop in our story of poultry in motion. (More on the movie from [IMDB.](#))



## ***Relocation Notice***

**Now the renovations to the Community Centre are at an end the Groups that usually meet there are now able to return to the Centre but check with the convenor.**

## ***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 [andrewchapman44@bigpond.com](mailto:andrewchapman44@bigpond.com) and it will be included in the e-mail distribution list.
2. Pick up a free copy at the Yarra Glen Post Office, the Yarra Glen IGA or the Yarra Glen News agent in the first week in the month of publication. (February; April; June; August; October; December.)
3. By Post. For an annual subscription of \$6 we will post to you a copy in the week of publication. For this option please forward a \$6 cheque and your full postal address to the following address:-  
Malcolm Calder c/o the Steels Creek Community Centre, P.O.Box 291 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 Fifth **Chris Mullen** award for literary excellence.

## ***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](mailto:andrewchapman44@bigpond.com)

JUNE 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Tennis Comp
3	4 <b>Recycle</b> Women's Group	5 Stitchers	6	7 Art Social Tennis	8 Arty Crafty	9 Market
10 YG&DHS	11 <i>Queen's Birthday</i>	12 Stitchers Garden Outing	13	14 Art Ukulele Social Tennis	15	16 FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp
17	18 <b>Recycle</b>	19 Stitchers	20 YG&D Township Group	21 Art Social Tennis	22 Arty Crafty <a href="#">Sc4Movie</a>	23 Market Tennis Comp Shortest Day Lunch
24 Clamberers Shortest Day Lunch	25 Growing Group	26 Stitchers Book Group	27	28 SMB Art Ukulele Social Tennis	29	30

*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

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

Margaret Brewster 9730 1298

#### BOOK GROUP

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

Kerin Comport 0411 265161

#### 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](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 375 Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek – 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](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!

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

JULY 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Recycle</b> Women's Group	3 Stitchers	4	5 Art Social Tennis	6	7
8 YG&DHS	9	10 Stitchers Garden Club	11	12 Art Ukulele Social Tennis	13 Arty Crafty <a href="#">SC4 Movie</a>	14 Market <a href="#">Kids Movie</a>
15	16 <b>Recycle</b>	17 Stitchers	18 YG Township Group	19 Art Social Tennis	20	21 FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp <i>Christmas in July Dinner</i>
22	23 Growing Group	24 Stitchers Book Group	25	26 SMB Art ukulele Social Tennis	27 Arty Crafty	28 Market Tennis Comp
29 Clamberers	30 <b>Recycle</b>	31 Stitchers				

**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**

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 SC4). 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, 60 active and social members. 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.**  
<http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/>

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

**WOMEN'S GROUP** Evening Friendship Group

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

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.

Dean Putting 9730 1975

## Cross Creek 50

### Across

- 5. Super in full (11)
- 7. Better to eat than on a toe (4)
- 8. Helps buy a house (8)
- 9. Cast in stone or bronze (7)
- 11. Popular denims (5)
- 13. Wide ----- (5)
- 14. Eels are good this way (7)
- 16. Copied
- 17. Spud from the old block? (4)
- 18. "Sticks and stones" (4-7)

### Down

- 1. Melbourne hosts this Tennis (4)
- 2. Blow your own (7)
- 3. At the bottom of your garden? (5)
- 4. What the choir hoped to do (4, 4)
- 5. Athletic female (11)
- 6. Modern life needs these skills (11)
- 10. "---- ---- to smell the roses" (4, 4)
- 12. Easily (7)
- 15. Victorian rugby team (5)
- 17. Coconut matting (4)

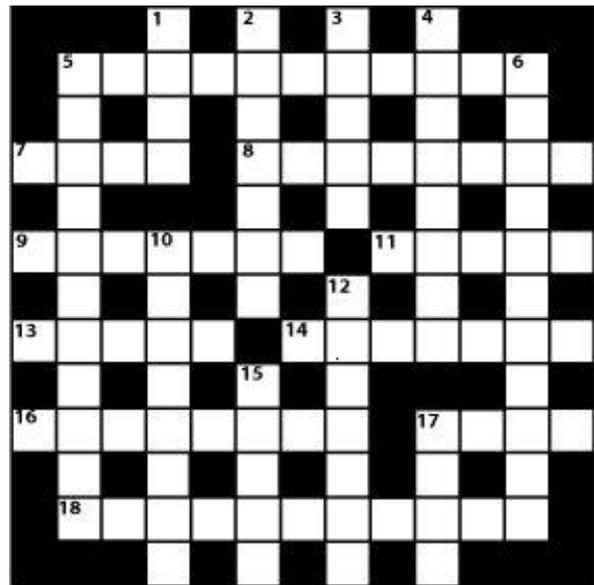
## Cross Creek 49 Answers

### Across

- 1. Arab 3. Article 8. Anaemic 9. Circe 10. Opera
- 11. In time 13. Intracellular 16. Celect 18. Yield
- 21. Uncle 22. Realist 23. Erectile 24. Stir

### Down

- 1. Anabolic 2. Amaze 3. Architectural 4. Tacit
- 5. Caramel 6. Eyes 7. Impala 12. Creditor
- 14. Treacle 15. Layman 17. Event 19. Evict 20 Fuse



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