



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 98 (August-September 2012) 'FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY'

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Captain Speaking

Just a quick message from the flight deck. If you look out of your window as you pass the Community Centre you will see that work has started on the playground. This is great news for our younger travellers. Earlier this month the pre flight entertainment the children's' Matinee was enjoyed by young and old alike. Although there were some empty seats we were able to donate \$100 to the CFA.

The next exciting entertainment is the dinner dance on the 8 September, details inside, so come along for what promises to be a great evening.

Mike Watkins.

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

Winter Social Dinner: What a great time was had last month when 60 neighbors and friends met for a social dinner at the Tennis Club. **Jill Hess** prepared a fine meal, and thanks for the number of people who provided prizes for the raffle. **Christine Tomlins** provided a beautiful quilt for the event.

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 is 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.

Saturday Comps: Your teams are in the hunt for a championship flag. Come support the teams on Saturday afternoons from 1pm. Semi-finals are on September 1, if we make it, with the Grand Final on the following Saturday.

Physical Improvements: You'll note there is a new shelter in front of the building to provide refuge from the rain and hot sun (come on sunshine). **Scott Leeden** rebuilt the storage shed in the back of the building (thanks Scott).

Web site: www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/

Ed Bartosh Secretary



Yarra Glen & District Township Group AGM

The Township Group will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall at 7:00pm on Wednesday evening, September 19th. Our key aims are:

- To enhance the well being of the Yarra Glen and District community (Christmas Hills, Dixons Creek, Steels Creek, Tarrawarra, Yarra Glen and Yering) in accordance with its Values and Vision.
- To represent impartially the interests of the community of Yarra Glen and District.
- To provide concise feedback to relevant decision-making bodies regarding options that affect Yarra Glen and District.

We need interested residents to join us to provide their opinions and ideas for improvements to the business, recreation and community areas we live in. We provide input to the Council and other groups based on your ideas. Please come and join us. See www.yarraglen.com/townshipgroup/ for more on our programs.



Yarra Valley Vietnam Veterans Day

Combined Commemorative Service 2012

Yarra Glen Cenotaph

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 12 NOON
ALL WELCOME**

Veterans please assemble at 11.15am at
Yarra Glen Police Station, King St.

Following the Service, Luncheon (\$7 pp) & Fellowship
will be held at Yarra Glen RSL (Memorial Hall).

Enquiries: Ed Bartosh 0438 508 235 Dennis Reeves 5966 2667

www.yarravalleyvvv.au.com

An initiative of the Vietnam Veterans Community, OEMVVAA.
Healesville, Lilydale, Mt Evelyn, Upper Yarra, Warburton & Yarra Glen
RSL Sub-branches & the National Servicemans Association.

SC4 Film Club

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

Here is an Idea. If you just wish to have a delicious 3 course meal with good company and don't want to stay for the film, no problem, at \$7 a head you canna get better value than that

- Screening on Friday 10th August: Waking Ned Devine (1998).

When word reaches Jackie O'Shea ([Ian Bannen](#)) and Michael O'Sullivan ([David Kelly](#)), two elderly best friends, that someone in their tiny Irish village of 52 people in Tullymore has won the Irish Lottery, they, along with Jackie's wife Annie ([Fionnula Flanagan](#)), go to great lengths to find the winner so they can share the wealth. After a chicken-dinner plot to narrow down their list of suspects, they pay a midnight visit to the only absentee: the reclusive Ned Devine (Jimmy Keogh). They find Ned in his home, still holding the ticket in his hand, a smile on his face and dead of shock. And then the fun begins.....

- Screening On Friday 14th September: My Brilliant Career (1979)

Directed by Gillian Armstrong and based on the novel by Miles Franklin.

Sybylla ([Judy Davis](#)), a headstrong, free spirited girl growing up in late 19th century Australia, has the opportunity of marriage to a young man, Harry ([Sam Neill](#)), a wealthy suitor and childhood friend, but rejects it in order to maintain her independence, instead being forced to take a job as governess/housekeeper to the family of an illiterate neighbour to whom her father owes money. After returning home, she again rejects another proposal by Harry so she can write her novel, My Brilliant Career.

Keith Montell

Gillian's *Rainbow Bridge*

To assist disadvantaged children & abused animals to heal & support each other in gaining the inner strength to become both confident & capable, achieving reverence for all life.

Our First Family Fund Raising Event in Gill's Honor

Live Band-"Shearer's Tally" Music-Dancing- Delicious Food- Refreshments

Saturday 15th September At Yarra Glen Memorial Hall- Cnr. Bell St. & Anzac Ave. Starts 7.00pm.

Tickets \$65/\$35 per Person/Child aged 5 & 15 Please Buy Your Tickets Early

Contact Annette- 5962 5995 or Kate-0402 852 801

Also A Mystery Auction

If you would like to support our event in other ways please contact Annette or Kate

Steels Creek Landcare Group

Erosion follow-up:

Following up on the problems discussed at our recent Erosion info night and to assist with planning the next stage, we met with Kerry, an erosion expert from DPI and visited 3 properties in Steels Creek and Chum Creek. Dam wall stability, management of water through a dam, tunnel/rill erosion and slumping were looked at and possible solutions discussed. Often the problem has occurred as a result of changes to the landscape by use of machinery, poor construction techniques or the amount of surface and underground water moving across the land. Some improvements can be simple to achieve whilst others involve a greater degree of works and money.

We are now planning for some more sessions to look at examples of common erosion people noted and seeing what expertise we can arrange to demonstrate positive measures/works for you to then try on your land. We will keep you informed on developments and when we will hold on-site activities.

Landcare gate signs:

You often see signs for Land for Wildlife and other environmental groups on properties.

We now have the opportunity for members to have a **Steels Creek Landcare Group sign** to place on your gate or fence.

Information about how to get one for your property will be emailed out to members shortly.

Tree planting

Thank you to all the members who came along to the Train Trak vineyard tree planting. After a few hours work by a large group of adults and children, 1000 plants were planted. A great turnout, considering the weather forecast for the day.



Sandra Turnley

Get Your Glad Rags On!

Steels Creeks first ever Spring Dinner Dance

Saturday 8th September 7pm at the **Glamorous Steels Creek Community Centre**

Tiara or Tuxedo, get dressed up and join your friends for a night of great food, good company and (if you are game) a bit of a Barn dance or Rumba. Cost is \$25 per person

Bookings to Angie Lloyd.- Payment to be made to confirm booking.

97302023 mob 0412343242, email grimesangie@yahoo.com.au

Dinner is a 3 course meal (with alternating choices) followed by a cheese board. Drinks are BYO special dietary needs can be catered if advised with the booking

A Bit Rusty? Need a brush up on the old technique!

Don't worry help is at hand. Bonus dance practice sessions Sunday 26th August 2pm to 3pm and Friday 7th September 7pm to 8pm (\$2 community centre fee only)

Contact the Dancing Queen **Angie Lloyd** grimesangie@yahoo.com.au ph 9730 2023 or 0412 343 242

We Call Steels Creek Home

April is the month Jane and I came to live in Pinnacle Lane, but what is really surprising is that we have been living here for 26 years!!; longer than we have ever lived in any one house or as long as our growing up in New Zealand. Now that is really scary.

At first we lived the life of commuters to work in central Melbourne. We knew the daily grind of leaving home before 7am to catch the 7.20 train from Lilydale and getting home sometime between 7 and 9 pm. From April to September we never saw our garden or the valley from Sunday evening to Saturday morning. An evening appointment in town meant driving in on the Eastern Freeway with the Punt Road bottleneck backing up to Chandler Highway or even further, resulting in several late arrivals. This lasted for Malcolm for 5 years and for Jane around 8 years. But then retirement released us and we really started life in Steels Creek.

In 1992, the Steels Creek Primary School was closed, as a result of the falling number of young people in the valley. The prolonged process of having the school building transferred to the Shire and, through the Shire to the community, is told in the last issue by Rex Bean, the first President of the newly created Steels Creek Community Centre. In many ways the Centre has enabled the development of the Steels Creek community, it is our "home".

Like many others, we have been regular and enthusiastic participants in the activities of the Community Centre since its creation. In many ways the Centre has enabled the development of the community. Without any sort of grand plan or mission, people who live in the valley have taken initiatives which have been made more simple simply because the Centre is there. First there were evening talks and a Saturday "Barter and Buy" market; the Steels Creek Garden Club soon followed with its talks, regular outings and the annual flower show. The Stitchers grew out of the Garden Club after members decided to embroider name-tags.. From time to time children's play-groups were organised, and there was a fitness class for some months. The art group started meeting every Thursday afternoon and about the same time a group of three artists initiated what later became the Yarra Glen Easter Art Show. Then came the film nights, the Book Club and Landcare. Of course, the Centre is also used for a range of meetings and workshops run for general audiences.

Early on it was realised that the various activities of the Centre needed to be publicised in a more orderly way and we saw the emergence of "The Jolly Thing" as the newsletter of the Steels Creek Community. Of course, not everyone wanted to participate and many couldn't because of different time constraints and priorities. However, all were welcome and the current usage indicates that many locals do take part in activities and there are people from Yarra Glen, Healesville, Kinglake, Christmas Hills, Lilydale and Coldstream who are members of one or more groups.

One of the characteristics of the Community Centre is that there are no official members, anyone who wants to participate can do so or propose a new activity. The Centre is run by a committee of around 10 volunteers, elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting and from the Council's point of view, this is a statutory "Committee Of Management" under the Lands Act. In effect the Committee, which is incorporated, has the legal responsibility to look after the Centre and manage its affairs. In addition to the elected members of the Committee, there is a representative of the Tennis Club and the Garden Club.

As we have suggested above, the Centre building has played a very important role in allowing and encouraging the development of community activities and while the actual school building survived the Black Saturday fires – largely as a result of the quick action of Ivan Filsell, his son and grandson – all the outside sheds, toilets, water tanks and shade house were destroyed. In a very real sense we lost our "home".

And now, after three years, we have our "home" back again, bigger, brighter and better. The opening, held on Sunday, 1 April, was recorded in the last issue of The Jolly Thing. As users we personally want to say just how pleased we are with the new Centre. It provides the perfect location for the diversity of groups who use it. Plans are in hand for further facilities like a children's play area. So now the Community Centre has been rebuilt and we have the opportunity to further rebuild the community.

Special thanks should go to the committed team of volunteers who worked so hard and creatively to see the job through. Keith Montell, as project manager, has done a herculean job in leading the team through the maze of Shire departments and building contractors concerned. Lyn Mathews prepared the architectural drawings and both he and Keith were assisted and supported by Mike Watkins. At the same time these people were deeply involved in their own recoveries and they have gone well beyond the call of duty. And not to forget the ongoing efforts of our Jolly Thing Editor and founder of the on-line Grape Vine, Andrew Chapman, who maintained a fantastic schedule of communication over the whole period while he rebuilt his house, property and life. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to you all. **Jane and Malcolm Calder**

Take me to Essenza

Have your coffee, or your tea with a wonderful selection of 'baked on the spot' muffins, paninis, pastries and local Yarra Valley produce.

David and Gianpaolo, the owners, have brought to Healesville an intimate, atmospheric dining experience in a warm European style, beautifully complemented with enthusiastic, smiling staff.

They serve a full breakfast and lunch is available all day. On the last Wednesday of every month they offer a 5-course Regional Italian dinner for which bookings are essential.

Essenza is at 191B Maroondah Highway, Healesville (the Western end).

7.30am to 5.30pm daily. Tel: 0427 739 505. www.essenzayarravalley.com.au

Margaret & John Houston

Cake & Coffee at Acme

Belinda & Clinton Toth make delightful cakes and superb coffee on the weekend at Acme Gallery Yarra Glen. View the art displayed it is always interesting.

Joe Gets his Socks Off

For good reason, his hand knitted socks from Croatia had holes in them, Patricia was a bit out of practise at darning, and so who does he turn to? The **Stitchers** group of course, they spent a happy time darning Joe's socks and now his tootsies are toasty warm, a nice way to be this cold winter.

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 available on request.

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.

In **August** we are planning a **weekend away**, with walks on both **Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 August**, on the **southern Mornington Peninsula** (weather permitting!). If you would like to join us for the weekend, or even for just a day, please contact David or Robyn on the numbers shown below for further information about the walks and possible accommodation opportunities.

If you would like to be kept up to date about our walks in general, full details are emailed to registered Clamberers each month. If you are not on our email list but would like to receive details of walks, please send your email contact address to David and Robyn Allan at drallan@wideband.net.au.

David & Robyn Allan Ph 0413 396 296, 0409 139 371.

Mine Shafts, Hill Climbs And Compasses

The Clamberer's June walk was in One Tree Hill Reserve in Christmas Hills. Along with the natural delights of this reserve, is it's rich gold mining history with evidence of this clearly visible throughout the reserve. The first mine that we saw is the One Tree Hill mine which has operated on and off since about 1858, and most recently from 1994 to 2010, when it was operated by Yarra Glen locals. It is a tunnel of just over 300 metres and has an external trestle bridge that is used to load the ore into trucks. Like other walks that have been led by Peta Whitford, this included a section of orienteering using maps and compasses which brought us to the top of the Rob Roy Hill Climb, where we had a view of Melbourne's tall buildings. The second mine we came across is also a tunnel but it did not have any evidence of recent workings.



Barry Sheffield



Yarra Valley Open Studios

View some of our local Artists, Ted, Secome and Margaret Mcloughlin to name two there are some 40 in all. Saturday September 8 & 9 and 15 & 16. Further details info@yvopenstudios.net.au

How to be informed and keep in touch with Steels Creek happenings

- Come to a Market Day
- Come to a film night
- Come to a SMB (Secret Mens Business) Meeting

It is as easy as that

The Steels Creek Community Centre committee election are on in October, why not become involved, the date will be sent out in The Grape Vine.

The Steels Creek Recovery Group

Well the applications are in thanks to great work by Eva Matthews and others fighting for a better share of the funds for Steels Creek. The results should be known by the end of August.

For more details or to get involved contact Alen Giffard aggiff@ozemail.com.au

Moomba Fanfare

It was the Opening Ceremony of Moomba sometime in the early 90s – in March, I recall. The 'gig' was to have a combined Defence Force Fanfare Team perform the opening Moomba Fanfare on a barge floating just off the banks of the Yarra River. The 30-second fanfare was to be performed at 1900 hours (big hand on 12 and the little one on seven...in the evening). The conductor of the group was the Music Director of the Army Band at the time, Major Ian Milne.

As with all gigs of this nature, the 30-second fanfare took up many hours of preparation. Firstly, the requests from the Moomba admin personnel through to the Defence Force admin personnel. From them, to the Band Directors of the Army, Navy and Air Force bands for their concurrence. From the bands, the request went to their 'Approving Authorities' (usually the band boss's boss) then back through the exact same channels to the Moomba admin personnel with a big tick. This all happened in the previous months.

The three Band Directors had to provide six Fanfare Trumpeters each – three Fanfare Trumpeters and three Fanfare Trombonists – a total fanfare team of 18. At the time, I was the Director of Music of the RAAF.

The three groups left their units on the afternoon of the gig. Navy had most travel time with a near-on two-hour drive up from HMAS Cerberus whereas, for us, RAAF Base Laverton was only half an hour away from the Army Band room which, in turn, was walking distance from the Yarra and the 'barge' on which the fanfare was to be performed.

Playing a fanfare trumpet/trombone (see picture) requires a certain amount of 'character' on behalf of the individual. A 'rough and tumble' sort of approach to life if you will is always a good start (a 'give it your all and hang the consequences' sort of attitude). There is always a boyish naughtiness in many of these players who take great delight in being able to blow their instrument louder and higher (or lower) than anyone else in the world. Add to this the competition between the players from the three different bands and Services and you have an amazing recipe for a very different form of 'mine's bigger than yours' mentality. For me, the Army team had one huge advantage in the form of David Newdick who could play a trumpet louder, higher, and faster than almost anyone else I know. I have no doubt that he could shatter 30 inches of reinforced concrete with a single fortissimo 'super C'. Even though all the other players knew this, it still didn't stop the inter-Service pride and competition from brewing...quite the opposite...was this the time to see if any of them could outdo Dave?

By the time we all got together for the rehearsal at the Army Bandroom, about an hour before the gig was scheduled, you could feel the testosterone in the air.

The rehearsal all went to plan. The fact that it was an evening gig on a weekday (taking everyone away from family – yet again) probably didn't help the atmosphere. They were clearly going to make this fun for themselves.

The Conductor of the Army band, an Australian who has studied in the UK and who had brought back a few personal 'Pommy' traits with him, including adjusting the Australian uniform in a few subtle ways to match the Pommy Army uniforms, was going to be the target of this 'all Australian' fanfare team, no doubt even more fired up due to the Aussie/Pommy rivalry that had recently occurred due to the Ashes Test series and 'one-dayers' and the fact the conductor was actually an Aussie.

I digress.

With the 30-second fanfare all rehearsed (which took two run throughs) we were off on foot to the barge. I went along as an observer. We all arrived at the predetermined point on the bank of the Yarra opposite the barge about 15 mins before 1900 o'clock. The barge was only about four by four meters with a very narrow and rickety walkway on and off. There

was not much room on the actual barge given there were 19 people that had to be positioned...and in just a few seconds.

Two minutes before zero hour and the 'word' was given to form up on the barge. In typical Military fashion, the team marched on in single file and formed a very tight and neat semi-circle. Major Milne then precariously walked across the walkway and eased himself around one side of the semi-circle and positioned himself in front of the players. I could see the smiles on the faces of the players. I wasn't sure what was going to happen but I was soon to find out.

10 seconds before zero hour the producer gave the thumbs up. Ian 'brought up' the players - which means the trumpets are gracefully moved up to the 'playing position', trumpets held perfectly horizontal, with the mouthpiece gently resting on the lips, the banners hanging down off the elongated bells and swaying gently in the slight breeze from the South. Everyone in the Team was so close that all the trumpet bells were virtually touching...a veritable wall of brass bells. I instantly saw what was going to happen.

The one thing about a fanfare is that it's supposed to grab everyone's attention within earshot. Because of this, they generally start loud, REALLY LOUD. They generally only last for about 30 seconds due to the physicality of both playing the instruments and actually holding them in the playing position for any length of time—particularly when you add the weight of a gold trimmed banner hanging off each of the bells.

Ian lifted his baton with his right hand, clenched his left-hand fist and gave a 'vicious' look (indicating to the players to 'give it everything'). The huge breath the 18 players took in almost caused a vacuum in the surrounding cubic kilometre of Yarra River and its banks. You could sense it in the way they took that breath that every player was going to try to outdo Dave Newdick...you could even see it in their faces. Adding to this was the knowledge that their bells were almost touching in a perfect semicircle of brass, and the 'Pommy influenced' conductor was only a meter away with a row of brass bells surrounding his head from his left ear around to his right. His white Helmet was balanced on his head in the usual Army Musician fashion. Ian dropped his right hand with a determined 'down-beat' forcefulness one would expect.

The blast of sound I heard from over 20 meters away would have made an F-18 Hornet taking off sound like a kid's wind up lawn mower. As the sound of the very first note hit Ian, he took an involuntary step backwards, his helmet took a decidedly 45 degree lean...the whites of his eyes were clearly seen in the evening sunset...along with the shock and awe that was burnt into his pupils—which I could also clearly see from where I was standing. The sound reflecting off the waters of the Yarra was magnificent and everyone within 1,000 metres turned their heads. I think the Princess Bridge developed a two-metre crack as the shock wave hit it.

All too quickly the fanfare was over and a shaken Ian Milne 'lowered' the team and they made their way quickly off the barge. Their giggling was uncontrollable.

I waited a few moments for Ian who was standing on the barge for much longer than I thought he should have. I walked across the walkway and reached him as he began to stagger. His eyes were rolling, he was grasping for his helmet and his balance was shot. All he could mutter was, "My God, I'm f%\$#ing deaf!"

Graham Lloyd

Serial – A Full And Plenty Mystery

Episode Five – The Mystery is revealed

He thinks Hector found gold at Steels Creek. Ha, little does he know, Well what do we do now? I can't do much, the Cops will be onto me, thanks to you running off, best to let things lie for the moment.

The banging on the door had been my near neighbours who had heard the shouting, Sam barking and came to see what was happening. Together we took Wilfred down to the Yarra Glen Police station and left him there we then went back to the house and greeted the dawn with a hearty break fast.

The next few months passed uneventually, the fine Autumn weather gradually grew colder, the colours of the deciduous trees along Steels Creek road changed marking the season moving to winter. One wet day I arrived home just as my mobile rang and for once I was able to answer it with out having to go to the back yard Kel, one of my closest friends, was ringing to say that a friend had unfortunately been involved in an accident whilst riding his Motor bike and had been killed, the funeral was on Friday. Winston Caruthers was his name, was a friend from childhood but not one I had latterly seen much of. Our paths had drifted apart years ago. He had got into a bikie gang and developed some strange habits, grown long hair and saw little need to wash. We had been close friends when young and his parents, both still alive, had helped me through several bad patches so I felt that I should attend the funeral (I do prefer the phrase Celebration of a life to funeral though in this case there may not be a lot to celebrate).

The Service was in a rather dimly lit little church in South Melbourne with only 30 or so in attendance a minimum of fuss and the only one who spoke about Winston was Kel. The afters were at Winston's parents place not far away. After I had commiserated with his parents, I had a few drinks with Kel in the back yard under the Hills Hoist we used to swing on when we were kids. As I was leaving Winston's mother came and asked if I could give Norrie Burke, one of their old friends a lift home, "He lives in Danks St not far away but the walk is a bit much for him now". I vaguely remembered

Norrie, he had been a wharfie a big bloke one to avoid especially after he had had a few beers. He had played footy for the Swans in their glory days, an enforcer a roll that has gone by the board now. Time had mellowed Norrie, both in nature and body; physically he was a mere shadow of his former self and spoke in quite a high pitched voice. "Been a bit crook young Laughlin" he told me as we drove to his house which coincidentally was opposite the house that Clemmie had lived in. Norrie had offered me drink for helping him home, as I said he had mellowed and as I sat down I raised her name "She lived across the road with that Bank robber, not that he was ever charged or convicted", said Norrie with a raspy laugh "But I knowed he did it" "Did what" I queried, my beer untouched. "Robbed the old ES&A Bank in Mortimer St, he did, he and another bloke who used to work with me on the wharfs. Cecil Larkins was his name; he told me all about it" Between burst of coughing and plied by more beer Norrie told me more, a lot more

As I drove back to Steels Creek the next day I reflected on Norries revelation, it explained where Hectors fortune had come from, a Bank Job. Norrie did not hear much more from his Mate on the Wharves, he disappeared and Norrie assumed he had gone interstate he had some family up in Cairns apparently. Well I reflected as I turned into the car park at the Yarra Glen Pub there's no gold mine in Steels Creek.

It Was Sam that proved me wrong, Sam and the heavy rain that fell later that month. We were walking along the Full and Plenty Creek track not far from the house when Sam took off and started barking I followed and found Sam digging and sniffing the exposed roots of a large Gum that had fallen over n last nights storm. Her scratching had revealed a bar of gold, Hectors Gold!

"Well that solves several mysteries" said the police sergeant from Yarra Glen as he downed a beer after loading his four wheel drive with some dozen or so gold bars, "Where the Gold went and where Cecil Larkins end up, under a bloody gum tree". For we had also discovered a scull and some bones under the last of the gold bars.

I did get a reward, some what modest in light of the worth of the Gold but enough for me to start writing a book, no guesses what about but if you want to find out how they robbed the bank and did not get caught, why they fell out and how Cecil's life ended well you will just have to buy the Book.

Rainfall Report – end of July 2012

Gauge Location	June 2012 (mm)	July 2012 (mm) (to 29 th July)	Year to Date (to 29 th July 2012)	Year to Date (to end July 2011)
'Blackwood Hill' -Pinnacle Lane, Steels Creek	70.3	79.0	453.4	614.6
'Highlea' - Dixons Creek	101.0	97.6	529.4	663.6
'Killravock' – Adams Lane, Steels Creek	88.0	92.0	493.0	606.0
'Newera' – Brennan Avenue, Steels Creek	Not available	81.2	433.3	Not available
'Wandearah' – Japonica Drive, Yarra Glen	60.9	70.3	449.3	589.8

Rainfall from the Dixons Creek Station for the month was 76.8mm, year to date 441.4mm, this time last year 600.6mm.

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 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 291 Yarra Glen, 3775

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

Thanks from Scott Harmon for the Support of the Community

Scott wrote this note through his Aunt, Vicki Stewart...

Hello everybody from Steels Creek,

I would like to thank everybody for the support you gave me to make it possible for me to attend the National Disability Bowling Championships in Hobart. I played very well and got silver in the Victorian team. The other Championship games that I played in I was pleased with my performance but did not place. I also made a lot of new friends from around Australia. We also had an opportunity to visit Port Arthur which was very interesting and cold. We also went to Mt Wellington which had snow on it. It was the first time that I have seen and touched snow, very wet and cold.

Thank you all again for your friendship and support, and I hope we can keep in contact after my return to Hervey Bay.

It was an experience that I will never forget.

Scott

Birds Of The Yarra Valley

Come along to The Yarra Glen Living and Learning Centre on Saturday 25 September at 2pm meet and hear from the Author **Peter Max**

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.

The Grape Vine

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

AUGUST 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Tennis Comp
5	6 Women's Group	7 Stitchers	8	9 Art Social Tennis	10 SC4Movie	11 Market Tennis Comp
12 YG&DHS	13 Recycle	14 Stitchers Garden Outing	15	16 Art Social Tennis	17	18 FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp
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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

4th 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

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen.
Working Bees third Saturday of every second month starting at 12 noon

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com
<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

GARDEN

Newsletter, outings 2nd Tuesdays, 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.

HISTORY

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

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801

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

MARKET

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

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

SEPTEMBER 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Tennis Comp Semi-final
2	3 Women's Group	4 Stitchers	5	6 Art Social Tennis	7	8 Market Dinner Dance Tennis Comp Grand Final
9 YG&DHS	10 Recycle	11 Garden Club Stitchers	12	13 Art Social Tennis	14 SC4 Movie	15 FYFB Working Bee <i>Gillian's Rainbow Bridge</i>
16	17 Growing Group	18 Stitchers Book Group	19 YG Township Group AGM	20 Art Social Tennis	21	22 Market
23	24 Recycle	25 Stitchers	26	27 SMB Art Social Tennis	28	29
30 Clamberers						

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! '

Sandra Turnley 9730 1550

MOVIES

2nd or 3rd Friday each month – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic movies at SCCC. March through November.

Keith Montell 5965 2202

SMB (really just a coffee and a chat, football and opera and all in between)

Last Thursday 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM. Men's morning tea at Anita's Yarra Glen. The August meeting is at Point Pleasant

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.

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.

Dean Putting 9730 1975

Cross Creek 51

Across

- 1. Worth staying up for? (8)
- 5. French boyfriend? (4)
- 7. Red-blooded metal (4)
- 8. Well-spoken with something to say (8)
- 9. A step further than 5. Across (7)
- 15. Men in white may form these numbers (7)
- 19. Age may cause our muscles to do this (6)
- 21. Pirates' "trademark" (8)
- 22. Some refuse to draw this (4)
- 23. Fortunately, it wasn't a severe epidemic (4)
- 24. Firm edge of woven fabric (8)

Down

- 1. Kalamata or Manzanillo? (6)
- 2. Obsession (5)
- 3. Many goodnights were sung to her (5)
- 4. Useful for leaning on? (6)
- 5. Aesop's bears (6)
- 6. Such laces can trip you up (6)
- 10. ---- *with the Wind* (4)
- 11. ----, set and match (4)
- 12. In short, a monthly business obligation (3)
- 13. Seamen are supposedly this (4)
- 14. To travel Dutch? (4)
- 15. They are supposedly our betters (6)
- 16. vs (6)
- 17. These days they're often grey (6)
- 18. Noisy, convulsive, spasmodic outbreak (6)
- 19. Fortune's one keeps spinning around (5)
- 20. Puzzle-solvers are seldom ----pated (5)
- 1.

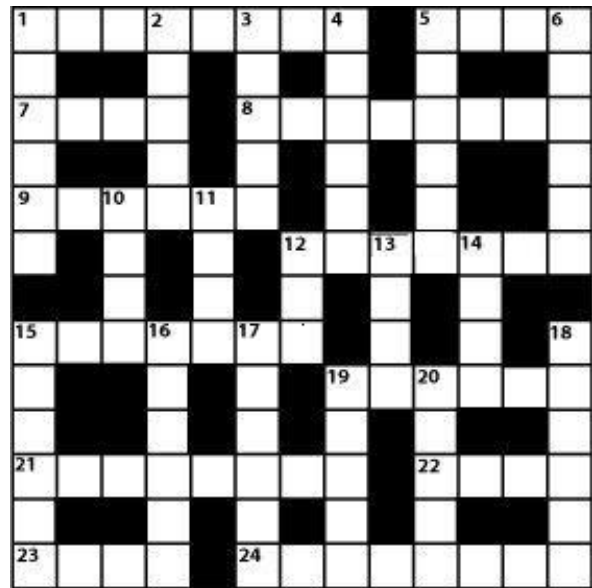
Cross Creek 50

Across

- 5. Superannuation 7. Corn 8. Mortgage 9. Statues
- 11. Jeans 13. Awake 14. Jellied 16. Imitated
- 17. Chip 18. Name-calling

Down

- 1. Open 2. Trumpet 3. Fairies 4. Sing well 5. Sportswoman 6. Engineering 10. Take time
- 12. Readily 15. Makes good soup (sorry, I gave the wrong clue JJC) 17. Coir



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