



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 72 (April-May 2008) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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ANZAC Day March and Service in Yarra Glen

The Yarra Glen RSL is again planning for a parade from the Yarra Glen Police Station and continuing to the Memorial Hall at the corner of ANZAC Avenue and Bell Street on ANZAC Day, 25th April 2008. This year, those who wish to join the parade at the top of the hill may do so at the alley beside Rosier Realty. There will be a remembrance ceremony at the Memorial, to be followed by a reception in the Memorial Hall. Featured speakers will be Councillor Jeanette McRae and students from the Yarra Glen and Dixons Creek Primary Schools. Members of the public who wish to place a wreath to commemorate the sacrifices of deceased veterans are welcome to participate, and they should contact the Secretary, Ed Bartosh, in advance of the day to make arrangements. The parade will start at 10:15 a.m., and the service will commence at approximately 10:30 a.m. (<http://www.yarraqlen.com/RSL/>)

Ed Bartosh – 9739 1879

Who stole the Wall?

The wall between the kitchen and the classroom has gone, the kitchen is updated and we are completely Open Plan at the Steels Creek Community Centre. If you have not seen it you should. How fortunate we are to have such a facility that others would give their eye teeth for. Thanks must go to the spirited band of volunteers that made this happen, ably led by El Presidento, **Keith Montell**, who led from the front, back and all places between, well done. Thanks too to our councillor **Jeanette McRae** and the Shire for their assistance and commitment to the project **Jeanette** will be at the community market on Saturday 12th April to officially “open” the renovated building, so come along and join in!

FUND RAISER

To help the finances along there is to be a casserole night at the community centre on 3rd May at 7pm \$20 per head byo drinks. For further details contact **Heather Smith 5965 2368**

Yarra Glen Easter Art Show

Fabulous artist participation this year; more volunteers than ever before.
The overall sales are \$ 35,000 of which \$ 28,000 is returned to artists.

In the seven years of the show we have sold \$168,375 worth of art.

The pleasant weather over Easter weekend made for outstanding visitor numbers. 591 entries, up 100 from last year! Thanks to all committed volunteers and sponsors who made the show a success. **Christine Mullen**

New Blood Needed! Capable Organizer(s) required for Next Years Art Show.
Interested? Then Contact Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

Biggest Afternoon Tea

This year the Steels Creek Stitches will be holding their Biggest Afternoon Tea, all proceeds to the Cancer Council, on Tuesday 27 May at the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall from 1.30pm to 4pm. Delicious homemade afternoon tea, quilt display and raffle.

Jane Calder 5965 2372

Pipe Line, Pipe Line, Going Nowhere

Construction of the north-south pipeline has been delayed until at least the middle of the year because of environmental assessments. Work was supposed to start in April. The controversial project will bring water from the Goulburn River to Melbourne's Sugarloaf Dam. Melbourne Water's Project Director, Rod Clifford, says they now have to wait for an independent panel to comment on the pipeline's environmental impact. He says the Victorian and Federal Governments both have to give the go-ahead before the project can proceed.

"They'll forward their report to both the federal minister and also to the state minister we'll be waiting for advice from both the federal minister and the state minister as to what conditions they'll place on the project."

Stephen V Shortis B.Bus FCPA

Community Fireguard Information Night

The Yarra Valley Community Fireguard Network is having a *Community Information Night* at the Steels Creek Community Centre at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th April, 2008. The CFA Fireguard Network facilitator will be in attendance together with 2 representatives of the DSE. General topics will include:

CFA plans for our area / Controlled Burning program / Concerns about Road Clearing.

Details of current local Fireguard Network Groups for **new** and **existing** property owners.

For further details, please contact

Janice on 5965 2254 or Henry on 5965 2274

Melba Music Festival.

We managed to attend a few of the fantastic events provided during the Melba Festival. Friday evening saw us at Balgownie enjoying Silvie Boissel, a French cabaret performer who entertained around 60 guests enormously, singing in her delightful native tongue. The three course meal and limitless wine was great value and very well prepared. Balgownie has had hiccups with their chefs in the past but that seems to be over now.

Sunday morning, at 9:30, off to the Healesville Hotel to hear the wonderful **Beth Williams** in disguise singing Venetian songs from the 17th Century, through to modern day. While chomping on smoked salmon and blinis, swilling champagne we listened to the most fantastic performance with a backing group headed by the VCA director, who gave a comprehensive snapshot of Venetian history, his brother from the New York Philharmonic, and his son, from the Sydney Orchestra on violin. To have such an international group on Sunday morning in the Healesville Hotel was truly amazing. Sadly only 50 people were in attendance.

Lack of publicity... absolutely appalling for the entire Melba Music Festival.

Sunday lunch saw our group at Stones Winery sitting in the chapel listening to the most fantastic group.

Three girls forming the Freshwater Trio, a violinist, a pianist and a cellist. The amount of glorious music they managed to generate in the chapel really transported one. Everyone commented after the performance that it felt like we'd been listening to a whole orchestra. A set lunch provided by Stones rounded off the afternoon nicely.

There were an enormous number of events proposed for the Melba Music Festival, sadly several had to be cancelled due to lack of bookings. I can only reinforce my thoughts that publicity, publicity, publicity!! is required if this event is to succeed next year as it surely deserves. No doubt **Dame Nellie Melba** would agree.

Judith Augustine

"The 2008 Melba Festival has received a \$13,500 funding boost from the State Government Minister for Tourism and Major Events" Tim Holding. Obviously not spent on promotion. Editor

Neighbours, every one should have good neighbours

Erin-Marie O'Neill and **John Brand** are the new proprietors at Full & Plenty aka: "The Mullen's Place". They hail from St. Kilda and are keen to carry on the vineyard and garden works begun by Chris and Christine. They will be needing all the help our little community can provide so be generous and considerate as you have been for the previous tenants. We pass this way quickly and are but custodians ... **"The only way to have is to give; the only way to keep is to share."**

Christine and Chris salute all the Creekians; especially those we have not met after nine years of fossicking, discovering and learning. There is so much to learn and so little time! Thanks to all and sundry who have made it so wonderful to live in the valley. Carry on!

Chris & Christine Mullen

We look forward to welcoming the new occupants and hope that their stay is as fruitful and interesting as that of the previous occupants of 916 Steels Creek Road

SC4Reel Film Club

First showing for the year was a successful evening with the usual delicious food plus barbecued wings. The New DVD projector did its job despite the operator forgetting the instructions. Very warm though- should have had a moonlight cinema! (What about a reverse cycle air con Keith?)

April and May are set as follows and after that the democratic process will be followed (you may select from a range of films that I like?). We do have a wide selection to pick from as Chris & Christine donated over 30 DVD's to the club. See you at the movies.

Volunteers required we do need a small committee/group to be the actual club and to run the nights and organize the food, If you would like to do your bit Contact **Keith Montell**. 5965 2202

Screening on Friday 11th April:

Dinner at 6pm films at 7pm

A short feature/cartoon first followed by:

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES at the Whistle Stop Cafe (1992)

A strange title but a movie that we think will hold you under its spell.

In the tradition of the "Old Southern Storyteller" this film is a tale of family and friendship in rural Alabama. It is at times a humorous; uplifting and joyful story. Also there is drama, suspense and sadness. It ends with a deep understanding of the importance of friendships built through the power of words as well as deeds.

Starring Kathy Bates; Jessica Tandy; Mary Louise Parker; and Mary Stuart Masterton.

Screening on Friday 25th April:

Dinner at 6pm films at 7pm

A short feature/cartoon first followed by

THE AFRICAN QUEEN

What better than a war movie for Anzac day! Set in Africa during the First World War. Starring Kathleen Hepburn as a prim and proper Missionary spinster and Humphrey Bogart as a scruffy; hardbitten; worldweary; and cantankerous (typical Steels Creek male) riverboat skipper. An all time classic and not to be missed.

Screening on Friday 9th May:

Dinner at 6pm films at 7pm

A short feature/cartoon first followed by

NOTHING SACRED

Classic 1937 screwball romantic comedy starring Carole Lombard and Fredric March.

Small town girl thinks she is dying of radium poisoning and comes to town for one last fling (this is funny?). She is not really but falls in L----- etc etc

TRAVELLERS' TALES: Friday 23rd May

The first presentation will be by **David Allan** who learned of these stories while passing through Alaska with Robyn on their '*Around the World in (nearly) 80 Days*' trip in 2006. David proposes to use narrative, and multimedia slides & video to touch on the Klondike gold rush, the 'Stampede of '98' with its amazing tales from Skagway, the Chilcoot and White Pass Trails, the Yukon River Paddle boats and the White Pass and Yukon Route Railway – one of the engineering wonders of the world. It's quite a story!

Other themes are currently being researched and further announcements will be made in due course – watch this space and listen for announcements! If you would like to discuss presenting your own Traveller's Tales, please contact **David Allan (Ph 5965 2556)** for further information or assistance (before he approaches YOU!)

Tax on Tank Water

A meter to measure water collected in rain water tanks may be introduced. A spokesman for Melbourne Water said the funds raised would go toward future infrastructure works in the Yarra Valley. Get ready to have your tanks capacity registered!

Clean Up Australia Day – 2008

Thanks to all those who participated in Clean-up Australia Day 2008 on 2nd of March along Steels Creek Road. We had some 15 young and not so young helpers this year from the Steels Creek Community and the Yarra Glen Tree Group. The amount of rubbish collected was less than in previous years, and we managed to get the whole job done quite efficiently before meeting back at SC4 for a cuppa and biscuits. Even though there was less rubbish overall, there were some interesting items collected, including a toilet seat, a large mound of old baler twine and a very decrepit steel cattle race, presumably all things that had ‘fallen off the trailer’, unintentionally and unobserved of course! During the collections, several other ‘rubbishings’ along the road were noted, that were beyond the capacity of our collectors to deal with. A letter has been sent to the Shire with the details and a request for help.

Looking at the wider Clean Up Australia project this year, early indications are that more than 800,000 volunteers took to their streets, parks, beaches and waterways, removing more than 7000 tonnes of rubbish from 6,000 sites across the country. Our community’s effort along Steels Creek Road has helped make this possible – a truly practical and valuable contribution to our local environment and community.

Thanks again to everyone who was able to help.

David Allan – Coordinator

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

Progressive Dinner. On 5th April we will be having a “progressive” dinner – starting at the Smith’s, 300 Hunts Lane at 7:00 pm for appetizers and sherry, 7:30 at Ashmore’s for soups and bread, after that to Tomlins’ for mains and salads, and finally back to the Smith’s for dessert, tea and coffee. We’ll car pool between venues. BYO glasses and drinks. Cost is \$20. Ring Heather for bookings at 5965 2368 – space will be limited.

Coaching to improve skills. Athel Smith has coordinated for six weeks of coaching by Andre Merrett on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If there is sufficient interest, it may be repeated. The current lessons are fully subscribed. Well done, Athel!

Social Tennis. Monday and Thursday night social tennis is going well – come have a hit and enjoy the evenings and the softer impact courts! We’ll be lighting the Barbee (the BBQ not the Doll) about 6:30 pm on Thursdays if you want to come and make an outing of it.

Ed Bartosh, Secretary, SCTC

Clamberers

Clamberers undertake walks in local and surrounding areas on the last Sunday of each month from March until November each year. Our aim is to collectively enjoy the bush, the views, the birds, the animals and the company in our wonderful area.

Our **April** walk is planned for from the **summit of Mt Donna Buang to Cement Creek Turntable car park, via Mt Boobyalla. Meet at the Rainforest Gallery at Cement Creek Turntable car park (about 7.2 km beyond Melways 290 J1) at 10.45 for an 11.00 AM start, on Sunday 27th April**, and car-shuttle to the top of Mt Donna Buang. After climbing the tower we will head out to Mt Boobyalla for lunch. We will return via the Cement Creek track which has some steepish downhill sections. Those wanting to avoid the steep sections could return to the cars at the Donna Buang summit. This walk will not proceed if snow is forecast to low levels, but that is fairly unlikely in April. Bring everything - toilets and water available at Cement Creek.

Our **May** walk is planned for **Kinglake National Park along Chalmers Track from the ‘end of the bitumen’ on Steels Creek Road to the vicinity of Lamon Farm near Mt Slide** (or viceversa). It will again involve a car-shuttle and whether we decide to walk up the track or down can be decided on the day! **Meet near the entrance to 916 Steels Creek Road (the end of the bitumen) at 10.45 for an 11.00 AM start, on Sunday 25th May.** Bring everything! Further information from **Robyn or David Allan, phone 5965 2556.**

Exploration Lease in the Steels Creek Area

Last November as part of a study for Christine and Chris Mullen, I reviewed the available information about the exploration lease which has been granted over part of the Steels Creek area. We thought that the information I uncovered might be of more general interest within the community. ***Please note however that the following information is provided for information in good faith but I am not a geologist, mining engineer or stock analyst so readers must not rely on what follows for any important decisions or actions – in that case you must do the research yourselves or hire someone properly qualified to carry it out.***

There was widespread mining for alluvial gold in the Steels Creek area in the mid to late 1800s. Much of this was carried out by lone prospectors or small groups of men who left little in the way of official records. Residents can locate old shafts whose existence is unknown to the relevant State Government Departments. In more recent times from roughly 1972 to 1999 a number of exploration licences were issued in the area. The areas covered varied greatly and moreover changed with time as parts were relinquished. The rocks of the area are marine

sediments of very great age (in excess of 400 million years) though along the valley floor are much younger river sediments (10,000 years) In a few areas around Yarra Glen and extending north past Kinglake there are a number of igneous intrusions and most exploration interest has centred on these. Of particular interest to the Steels Creek area is the one which forms the hill on the eastern side of Steels Creek Road, a little to the north of Valley Road. An antimony mine operated here for many years.

Exploration licences which include the Steels Creek area were held consecutively by Bulleen Investments (who did nothing), BHP, Ausminde Pty Ltd and Ausminde Holdings Pty Ltd. Quite voluminous reports from the last four are available from the Victorian Department of Primary Industry. Both BHP and Ausminde had a great deal of difficulty in obtaining access to the land for exploration work and and, as far as I could tell, had given up trying. However a company called Alpha Minerals NL, which purchased the old antimony mine in about late 1960s early '70s, carried out some diamond drilling. Ausminde Holdings Pty Ltd located the cores from this drilling and analysed them. Together with access to work by Alpha Minerals, they concluded that Alpha Minerals had located a small deposit of 7,000 tonnes of 4% antimony. A general comment by BHP in their exploration reports stated that, *"altogether the area was considered prospective for a large disseminated gold deposit to be associated with one of these plugs."* They were not referring specifically to the Steels Creek intrusion (plug) but to a much wider area and a number of intrusions.

On 26 October 2007 an Exploration Licence (EL5072) was issued in Victoria to Beadell Resources Ltd, Level 2, 16 Ord Street, West Perth, WA 6005. The exploration licence is due to expire on 25/10/2010 unless extended or surrendered earlier. Beadell Resources is a new public company which commenced trading on the Australian Stock Exchange on 26 September 2007 when it raised \$15 million to use on exploration. It describes itself as a *"gold focussed exploration company with a portfolio of advanced and greenfield assets in Australia and Brazil."* The well known mining company Oxiana is a major shareholder. An article in the *Australian Financial Review* on 8 August 2007 stated that Oxiana formed Beadell Resources based on the assets and management team of Agincourt Resources which it bought in 2007. Oxiana *"agreed to vend a host of domestic gold and uranium assets"* to Beadell Resources in return for \$3.2 million scrip. Beadell Resources have referred in their publications to previous exploration work by Ausminde Pty Ltd and Ausminde Holdings Pty Ltd. Exploration licence EL3129 owned by Ausminde Holdings Pty Ltd (but surrendered on 4/8/99) covered several large areas from Reedy Creek in the north through Clonbinane, Mt Robertson, Captains Creek, Kinglake and as far south as Steels Creek. As Beadell Resources seem to be building on prior exploration by Ausminde Holdings Pty Ltd it is perhaps natural that they would wish to secure an exploration licence over the Steels Creek intrusion area in addition to separate licences over the Reedy Creek – Clonbinane areas..

The extent of the current, relevant exploration tenement (EL5072) is shown in the map (taken from the Department of Primary Industry website). It is located around the Steels Creek Intrusion.



Beadell Resources' public notices tend to imply that Steels Creek is a relatively longer term priority as it has other prospects (including Reedy Creek in Victoria) which are much more *"drill ready."* Other properties in Australia include Lake Torrens, Lake Mackay, West Musgrave and Tropicana East. Its Brazilian property is at Tartaruga.

On the subject of Steels Creek Beadell Resources says ¹

“The Steele's Creek area hosts gold and antimony mineralisation associated with a felsic intrusive stock of Siluro-Devonian age. Three diamond holes were drilled by Alpha Minerals NL in the late 1960's recording broad zones of gold and antimony mineralisation within a quartz porphyry intrusive interpreted to be 1,000m long by 700m wide”.

Note the reliance on those three diamond drill holes put down by Alpha Minerals so long ago. I guess we'll have to watch Beadell's public announcements to see what their intentions are with respect to Steels Creek.

Gordon Brown

¹Extract from Beadell Resources IPO Presentation, September 2007, accessed from their website www.beadellresources.com.au

Wild Life - To provide water or not - the case for

Last summer an item appeared in the J.T. about whether you should put feed or water out for wildlife. Whilst I totally agree with the argument put in that item that you should not put feed out for wildlife, I do not agree that water should not be provided. Ringtail possums can perish, due to heat stress, when the temperature rises above 35 degrees, if they do not have easy access to water for a drink. The purists view that wildlife should adapt to the natural conditions, no longer applies due to the large number of farm dams and stock troughs that



have been constructed in the area. The possums drink every night from the bowl of water that we have at the base of a tree and we have old baths that are kept full of water. It is wonderful to see and hear the Gang Gangs and Rainbow Lorikeets drinking and bathing in them, but there are a couple things that you must do to protect the visitors to your property. Firstly you must responsibly manage your domestic pets, especially cats and secondly if you have baths or stock troughs with vertical or steep sides you must include a fallen branch from a tree, to ensure that birds do not drown. It needs to be about 50mm diameter and longer than the trough or bath so that one end sits in the bottom corner at one end of the trough and sits on top of the trough at the other end. This allows the birds to waddle down to the water level to drink and those that flop straight into the water can scramble onto the branch to escape from the water.

Barry Sheffield

Rainfall Report – to end of March 2008

Gauge Location	February 2008	March 2008	To date for 2008	To date for 2007
'Yarradene Farm', Yarra Ridge	17.5	38.5	125.5	135.0
'Blackwood Hill', Pinnacle Lane	30.8	33.4	132.5	126.2
'Newera', Brennan Avenue	38.1	33.0	130.7	136.9
'Kilravock' Greenwoods Lane	15.0	36.0	147.0	117

Note: The average annual rainfall since 2001 at Yarradene Farm is understood to be 750 mm.

Friends of the Yarra Flats and Billabongs

Don't forget the working bees on April 19th & 17th May, 9am to 12 noon, bring your boots and gloves, morning tea provided.

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704

Landcare Dinner and Promotion

This will be a social night for people with common interests in local rural and Landcare issues to get together and informally discuss problems and solutions, or to just enjoy. There will be special guests on hand to help with expert information, options and solutions.

To be held at Roundstone Winery on Friday 18th April. 6.30 to 10.00 pm. Cost:\$20 per person - Two Course Dinner (Including Wine on tables) Your \$20.00 meal ticket will also be your joining fee and ongoing membership of Steels Creek Landcare Group.

Reserve your place now and for further information

David Allan 5965 2556 or Ivan Filsell 5965 2248

Trees of the fruiting variety

After 15 years of growing fruit trees in Steels Creek Upper I have learnt a few valuable lessons.

1. Forget Apricots, they freckle; spot, get fungus and even the cockatoos don't like them.
2. Cherries do very well and are sought after by birds big and small
3. Apples and pears, particularly the latter do very well, It does not seem to matter what you do to a pear tree or how little water it gets, they just keep producing, one Williams pear this dry season weighed in at 500gm, (1lb as we used to say). Apples, like wise, though they a little more sensitive to the lack of water. And don't the cockies love them both.
4. Avocadoes, never been able to get one established to find out if the cockies like them, too much frost in SCU.
5. Plums do well, particularly if they are purple, the cockies are not keen on them.
- 6 With figs it is a race as to whether they will ripen before the weather turns cold, usually they lose.
7. Hazel nuts and chestnuts are much loved by cockatoos and with 40 or so hazel nut bushes I am lucky to get a bowl full, not enough to turn into a glass of Franjelica. I do better on the chestnuts as they are now big trees and the cockies cannot eat them all.

A friend commenting on how pretty the flock of cockatoos looked; startling white against the deep green gloss of the chestnut tree, was some what put out by the vehemence of my reply which I cannot print here.

But for you who live here this all old news and as we and the cockatoos know we just grow the fruit for them and hopefully they leave a little for us.

Andrew Chapman

"Who Do You Think You Are"?

Why not call into the Yarra Glen & District Historical Society one Wednesday afternoon and talk to our resident Genealogist? Maybe we can help you. Our success rate is very good.

Eric Tetlow

Steels Creek culture spreads to Healesville

A new gallery, **Three Stories** formerly known as Tuscany Gallery quenches regions creative thirst. It is located at 505 Maroondah Highway, Healesville. The first exhibition opens to the public on Sunday 13th April. Three local artists who have influenced the owners, **Richard Granville-Smith**, **Christine Mullen** and **Jenny Reddin** will exhibit their recent works. Opening hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday - 11am to 4pm.

Contact: Ali Griffin 0411 722 737 or Morgan Calder 0416 059 645 Ph: 03) 5962 5688. www.threestories.com.au

Daylight saving ends

On the **6th April** don't forget to "fall back" (a true Americanism – thanks Ed) your clocks by an hour at 2am, for those that do not wish to wake up during the night, why not do it before you go to bed.

Lost Book

There was a book by Max Charlesworth called "Religious Worlds" mistakenly left at the centre that possibly found its way onto the library shelf. If anyone has this book Judith Ellerton whose name is on the fly would really appreciate having it back.

A Reminder - Stories sought

Be it sad, serious or humorous: local or not. Jot it down and send it to the editor (email: achapman@chapmansfn.com.au). You could be the winner of the inaugural Chris & Christine Mullen award for literary excellence. The winner will be announced at the Community Carols 2008. Contributions for the next edition close on 28th May.

Email Addresses - New and Up dated

Want receive the Jolly Thing by email? Let me know your email address and it will arrive as by magic.

Changed your email (I have received at least 10 returns in two mail outs)? Let me know your new one.

Also

Do you want to be kept up on Local Steels Creek happenings, events and offerings? An Email for fire wood available from a tree blown down at **Henry Verhoeven's** place was so successful that he had to chop 2 more trees down to cope with the demand!

Andrew Chapman achapman@chapmansfn.com.au

APRIL 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Singing	2	3 Social Tennis	4	5 SCTC Dinner
6 Day light saving ends	7 Women's Group Social Tennis.	8 Fire Info Night Garden Outing Ladies Tennis SSS Singing	9	10 Art Social Tennis	11 Movie (<i>Fried Green Tomatoes</i>)	12 Market Community Centre Opening
13 YG&DHS Gallery opening	14 Recycle Ladies Lunch Social Tennis	15 Ladies Tennis Stichers Singing	16	17 Art Social Tennis	18 <i>Land Care Dinner</i>	19 Tennis Comp <i>FYFB Working Bee</i>
20	21 Social Tennis	22 Ladies Tennis SSS Singing Book Group	23	24 SMB Art Social Tennis.	25 Movie (<i>The African Queen</i>) ANZAC DAY	26 Market
27 Clamberers	28 Recycle Social Tennis Growing Group	29 Ladies Tennis SSS** Singing	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

BOOK GROUP

4thTuesday - 8.00 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC.

Robyn Allan 5965 2556

CLAMBERERS

Last Sunday (March to October). Since 1993, the walking group has hiked over local tracks to explore the flora and fauna of the Valley and surrounding areas. Walks are announced at the SCCC Market beforehand.

David and Robyn Allan 5965 2556 eda@wideband.net.au

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS

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

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

GARDEN

Newsletter, Outings 2nd Tuesdays, 53 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 930 am at SC4 – all welcome.

Chris Lumsden 9730 1136, Gillian Poulton 5797 8266

HEWI (Healesville Environment Watch Inc)

Environmental issues at Healesville Living and Learning Centre 1 Badger Creek Road.

Maureen Bond 5962 1224 hewisec@bigpond.com

HISTORY

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

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801 Eric Tetlow 9730 1445 etetlow@aphalink.com.au
<http://www.yarraqlenhistorical.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

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

April 5th – SCTC Progressive Dinner –see SCTC news in this Jolly Thing

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

MAY 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Art Social Tennis	2	3 Tennis Comp Casserole Dinner
4	5 Women's Group Social Tennis.	6 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Singing	7	8 Art Social Tennis	9 Movie	10 Tennis Comp Market
11 YG&DHS	12 Recycle Ladies Lunch Social Tennis	13 Garden Outing Ladies Tennis SSS** Singing	14	15 Art Social Tennis	16	17 Tennis Comp <i>FYFB Working Bee</i> <i>CFA work Shop</i>
18	19 Social Tennis	20 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Singing	21	22 Art Social Tennis.	23 Travellers Tales	24 Tennis Comp Market
25 Clamberers	26 Recycle Social Tennis Growing Group	27 Ladies Tennis SSS** Book Group Singing	28	29 SMB Art Social Tennis	30	31 Tennis Comp

LAND CARE GROUP

Ongoing projects and a great opportunity to obtain information, advice and possibly funding about tackling Landcare issues of significance to YOU! ' John O'Neill 6965 2224 or David Allan 5965 2556

MOVIES

2nd & 4th Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic movies at SCCC. March through November. Keith Montell 5965 2202

SINGING

A-Capella men and women folk songs Tuesday evenings 7.30pm 25 Wallace road, off Skyline Drive Angie Macmillan 97301998

SMB

Last Thursday 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM. Men's morning tea at Anita's Delicious Fudge Shoppe 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;**SSS – Informal "Stitchers Sit & Sew" alternate Tuesdays. Jane Calder 5965 2372, Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 100 active and social members. Mondays, 7.00 PM, (Social tennis). Tuesdays 10.00 AM, Mid-week ladies competition. Thursdays 7.00 PM, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 6 PM, Regular competitions. Ladies Lunch 2nd Monday; bring a plate to share; just a chat and a feed at the tennis club 11:00 am – 1:30 all welcome! <http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/> Albie Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Friendship Group

1st Monday, 7.00 at JJ's in Yarra Glen. Come for company, conversation and coffee. You'll be made most welcome for a pleasant evening of food and chat. **Kitchen will be open.** Pam Verhoven 5965 2274

Cross Creek 26

Across

1. This puzzle needs them (7)
4. Specialised light beam (5)
7. Smallest mother? (7)
8. May drain to overseas (5)
9. Pinnacle Lane's one is missing (6)
12. Local area (8)
15. He rode up on a thoroughbred (8)
17. Mother or father (6)
18. No longer needed at film nights (5)
21. Helps to pass the time of day (7)
22. Stalwart at Eureka & in Parliament (5)
23. How to wrap a baby (7)

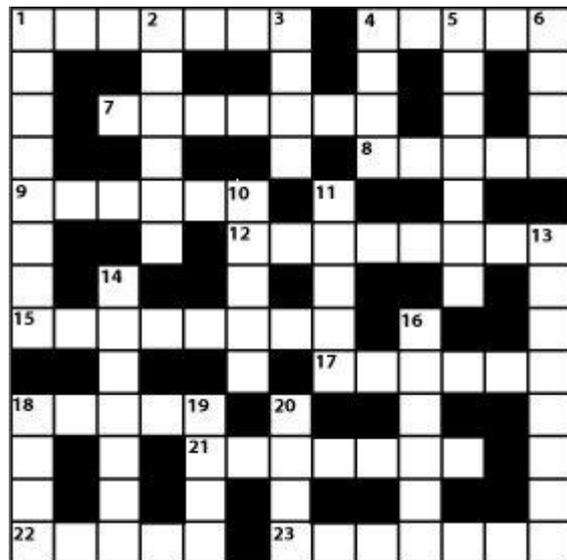
Down

1. Popular exercise regime (8)
2. Odd bod (6)
3. Source of waste oil (4)
4. Easter meat? (4)
5. Salomon Rushdie's verses (7)
6. Bring it on (4)
10. Andrew does this to this (5)
11. To take over wrongfully (5)
13. A source of some modern babies (8)
14. Numeral (7)
16. Set up for the Art Show? (6)
18. Local "mountain" restaurant (4)
19. Urge up the ridge (4)
20. Universal goddess (4)

CROSS CREEK 25 ANSWERS

Across 1. Rally 7. Reindeer 8. Stamp
10. Australian 12. Tropical 14. Rely
16. Pipe 17. Strident 20. Philatelic
23. Cable 24. Twenties 25. Stand

Down 1. Resist 2. Lama 3. Best 4. Inlay
5. Perimeter 6. Brandy (sorry, I left out the
clue JJ) 9. Pupil 11. Porpoises 13. ACT
15. Mimic 16. Pupate 18. Thread
19. Party 21. Eyes 22. Cant



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