



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 129 (Oct-Nov 2017)

'FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY'

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IN THIS EDITION: a short but sweet edition

2017 Presidents Report

The Steels Creek Community Centre continues to provide a valuable and much-loved central meeting place for community groups, families and individuals. From providing amenities for short term loan such as gardening tools, tables, chairs, a media library, to hosting the sale of local produce, being the location for major community events, even providing some local employment, to being a place for learning and where local art is both created and displayed. In the last year, the centre grounds were significantly upgraded with new rockeries, new railings and new plantings. We're lucky enough to have the support of the Yarra Ranges Shire council but it's also the support of local businesses and individuals who keep the centre going on a day-to-day basis.

"Secret" helpers have been weed spraying, grass trimming, mowing, painting, and performing all kinds of maintenance and repairs throughout the year. These people do it all without reward or expectation. Especially Keith Montell, John Houston, Malcolm Calder and Henry Verhoeven seem to quietly and effectively fix and rectify all manner of things so that all the Community Groups can meet in a pleasant safe environment.

2017 also saw the winding up of the Steels Creek Association who managed many community events, following the 2009 bushfires. The Association went to great efforts to make sure the funds were used to rebuild the community and its strength of spirit. In winding up, the SCA bequeathed a modest amount of remaining funds to the community centre which have been earmarked to pay for upcoming community events. Stay tuned!

Whilst we've raised the per person usage fee from \$2 to \$3 to cover energy and maintenance costs, the centre remains in stable financial health thanks to the committee and particularly the Treasurer. This year again Council has reoffered the lease on the community centre building and grounds, so we look forward to being able to continue the fine tradition set by some of our very foresighted community members from years gone by.

There have been some new people; families, animals move into Steels Creek this year. Welcome! We'd love to see a few new faces on the Committee :-). Change is inevitable. We bid farewell to some SCreekians leaving here as well. Best wishes in where you go next. The Grapevine email list and the Jolly Thing continues to connect former residents, some living elsewhere for many years now. Our little community maintaining these long distance connections show what a special place this is to be: for a short or long time!

After two years I'm signing off as President of Steels Creek Community Centre and handing over to the eminently capable Maree Rothwell. I'd like to thank all the committee members for their efforts and commitment to the task of managing the centre on behalf of the community. Personally, I'd like to sincerely thank Secretary, Christine Tomlins, for keeping me in-check and on-task.

It has been a great privilege to be associated with the running of the Centre, and I thank everyone for their patience, co-operation and support. The Steels Creek Community Centre is a unique building (it's our ONLY building!) and its presence is not only a convenience, but an important reminder of the long and very interesting history of our area.

Garden club



YOU MAY GET SOME MONEY BACK FROM THE GOVAMINT!

If you are not on mains gas, and buy your gas as LPG, and you hold a Centrelink Concession Card you may be eligible for a substantial Government rebate. The rebate covers all purchases in a calendar year i.e.2017. Applications close on 30th June 2018.

There also some concessions for Heating Oil; Generator fuel & Firewood.

You can look up "Non-Main Energy Concession 2017" and download the quite helpful information sheets and the application forms may be filled on line and printed for sending.

SMB

SMB or Men's Morning Tea

Come on all local blokes we know you are not dead yet so why not join us at 10.30 on the last Thursday of the month at Anita's café. It is just a chat and a cuppa, usually with something tasty, and a pleasant way of spending an hour.

And ladies this could be your chance, get rid of him while you do something without his wisdom and guidance, and retrieve him later.

Steels Creek Art Group

YARRA VALLEY OPEN STUDIOS

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE- SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 14 & 15 OCTOBER.

At long last the Open Studios is upon us and we have a group of eleven artists who will be at the Community Centre, SC3, over the weekend of 14, 15 October. Altogether on that weekend, there will be a total of 13 studios in the - Glen - Melba Highway group with open invitations to the public to visit. This includes ourselves as well as Margaret McLoughlin in Scott Road. Pick up an Open Studios Map and programme at shops etc around Yarra Glen, or visit the Yarra Arts website at WWW.yarravalleyarts.org.au for further information. There will be an opening/group exhibition of the 13 Yarra Glen - Melba Highway studios, including all our 11 artists, at Coombe on Friday, 13 October from 6 - 8 pm. Here you will see works by all the participating artists and this will help you to work out where you'd like to visit. This exhibition at Coombe (closed on Mondays) will be open until 29 October.



On the 14&15 October SC3 will be converted into 11 mini studios with works, displays and demonstrations. While there will be works for sale, the primary objective is to invite you to see what we do, what motivates us and keeps us turning up on a Thursday afternoon. Some of us have been painting for a few years while others are new to the game. We work in watercolour, acrylic and pastel, linocut printing, scratch board and graphite pencils. We are all looking forward to welcoming you and sharing our different interests.



Come and see the great range of talent and fascinating work, come and talk to your artist friends, share your thoughts and comments and perhaps take home a memento of your visit. The Steels Creek Community Centre is a place where many of us have started our art, others continue to develop their skills with a group of friends.



Anthea Forbes, Carolyn Kalmar, Glenda

Tjepkema, Helen Mann, Ivan Filsell, Jenny Tetlow, Judy Spear, Karen McNamara, Len Arden, Malcolm Calder and Rosalind Holz, will all be there from 10 am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday to welcome you.



P.S. Open studios (Yarra Valley) will continue in November with the Warburton Highway group on 11 and 12 November and a group exhibition at the Warburton Waterwheel from 26 October to 14 November

Visitors to the Valley



We discovered recently there are feathered visitors to our property of which we have been completely unaware. Our kitchen window provides an excellent view of our back garden and we have always delighted in watching the great variety of small birds that flit among the flowering shrubs. At the moment Firetail Finches, Silver Eyes, Blue Wrens, Scarlet Robins and Eastern Spinebills make up the majority. Very occasionally one will fly into the window and this is evidently what happened to this little bird that we found huddled forlornly on the windowsill. Fortunately he soon recovered and continued on his merry way but not before we had made the most of the opportunity to study

him closely from the other side of the glass. This photograph was taken to record the sighting. We believe our little visitor to be a Scarlet Honeyeater and wonder if there have been any other sightings hereabouts.

S4Reel Film Club

We look forward to you joining us for guaranteed laughs; suspense; and drama together with fine food; good company and a movie in our Gold Class venue.

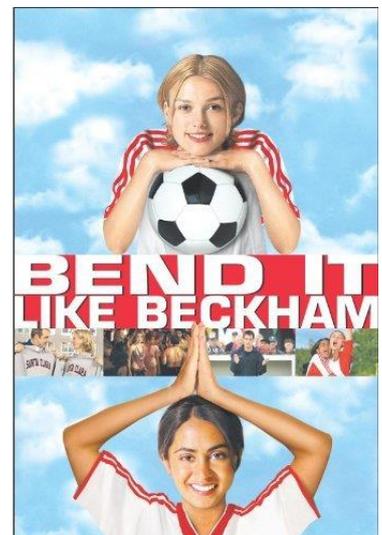
This is the last screening for 2017 so be there!

- **Screening on Friday 20th October: Bend It Like Beckham (2004).**

Wonderful film about a young talented Indian girl who dreams of playing soccer but family tradition is a major hurdle she has to try to overcome to follow this dream.

Puts the feeling into "feel good". An excellent family film and would especially be relevant to young teens

Cost is \$10 per person including \$3 for the Centre. For those able to provide food it's just \$3 donation for the Centre. Please let me know if you are able to supply a main course, salad or dessert. (Lindy - 5965 2202)



DINNER FROM 6pm – FILM STARTS 7.30pm

WEATHER REPORT

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Rainfall for August was 5 mm above average but September was 18 mm below average with our year to date figure at 93 mm below average. We had a high river event which peaked on the 18th September at 3.8 m, which filled the billabongs.

Mean maximum temperatures for August were generally below average for the Melbourne area with Coldstream 0.8° below.

For the winter period temperatures were slightly above average with Coldstream spot on average.

September temperature records were broken with the hot day on 23rd with Coldstream 29.7° (previously 28.3° on 19-9-2006)

& Melbourne 30.6° (previously 28° on 28-9-2014) with a number of bush fires reported in NSW & East Gippsland.

It was extremely hot around that date in northern NSW with records being broken on consecutive days.

Barry Sheffield

RAINFALL – August - September

Station	August 2017 (mm)	September 2017 (mm)	Total to the end of September 2017 (mm)	Total to the end of September 2016 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek	74.9	55.9	468.6	621.4
'Highlea' Dixons Creek	97.4	70.6	532.8	687
Melbourne Water Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek	81.6	55.2	465.2	547.4
'Wandearah' Japonica Drive Yarra Glen	78	55.2	467.2	565.8

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HOOGIES

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No worries!

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New Addition to the JT “Classifieds”

Feel free to send in items for sale or “free to a good home” (editor’s discretion as to suitable inclusions – you can’t sell or give away husbands or kids)

Note from the editor

The Jolly thing is a newsletter and as such is full of articles of interest to our community of people.

Entertaining stories are always welcomed whether true or fictional as are **photos** of the area (preferably, together with a story) or to be used if they happen to suit the articles submitted.

Promotion material will be considered for local businesses if there is value to the community, local groups’ submissions are very welcome. **Personal stories** must be submitted by the person involved and all items must be emailed to scjollything@gmail.com

Thank you

Steels Creek Community Centre Bookings now On-line

Ever thought about using our Community Centre for a function or event, but were not sure about checking availability, fees, booking process. It is now easy as the Steels Creek Community web-site now has an automated on-line process for that purpose.

Simply:

- Open the Steels Creek Community web-site (go to www.steelscreek.vic.au).
- Select the **SCCC** tab.
- Scroll down the page to find, ‘Do you want to book the Centre for a function/event?’
- Click on, ‘Check availability and make an on-line booking enquiry here.’
- Follow prompts for information, charges and to make a booking request.

You will receive an acknowledgement of your request and further confirmation when the booking is confirmed. If you have queries, the contact person for bookings is Christine Tomlins, telephone 5965 2080

The Jolly Thing Delivery

1. **Free e-mail subscription.** If you do not already subscribe, please visit steelscreek.vic.au to register your details, or use the link at the bottom of the email and it will be included on the e-mail distribution list.
2. **Pick up a free copy** in the first week of the month of publication - (February; April; June; August; October; December). Available in Yarra Glen - Post Office, IGA, News Agent, selected cafes and elsewhere - also at Steels Creek Community Centre.
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 72, Yarra Glen, VIC 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 from August 2003 are available.

The Steels Creek Grapevine

Want to be kept up to date on Local Steels Creek events and offerings?

‘[The Steels Creek Grape Vine](http://steelscreek.vic.au/publications/the-steels-creek-grapevine/)’ so you don’t miss out.

Go to <http://steelscreek.vic.au/publications/the-steels-creek-grapevine/> .

October 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 R Women's group	3 Stitchers	4 Ladies social tennis	5 <i>Art group</i>	6	7
8 <i>Historical Society</i>	9 Art class	10 Garden club Stitchers	11 Ladies social tennis	12 <i>Art group</i>	13	14 Market 10-11am <i>Art Open studio at SCCC</i>
15 <i>Art Open studio at SCCC</i>	16R	17 Book Group Stitchers	18 Ladies social tennis	19 <i>Art group</i>	20 <i>Movie night</i>	21
22	23 Growing group Art Class	24 Stitchers	25 Ladies social tennis	26 <i>Art group SMB</i>	27	28 Market 10-11am
29	30 R	31 Stitchers				

ART

Thursdays 1:30 PM – 4.30 PM SCCC - Bring your paints; discuss your art and share skills.

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesday – 7.30 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC. New Members welcome.

Julie Riddell 0422 424 694.

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen.

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com

GARDEN CLUB at SCCC

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

Jill Hess 9730 1960

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 Yarra Glen & District Historical Society meets 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm Yarra Glen Memorial Hall:

Helen Mann 9730 1875 <http://www.yarraglenhistorical.websyte.com.au>

LANDCARE GROUP

Ongoing projects and a great opportunity to obtain information and advice about tackling Landcare issues of significance to YOU! ‘

Angie Lloyd 0412 343 242, steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE

To arrange hire of the SCCC and/or any equipment please contact

Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Ladies social tennis	2 Art. Social Tennis Tai chi	3	4
5	6 Women's Group Art Class	7 Stitchers.	8 Ladies social tennis	9 Art. Social Tennis. Tai chi	10	11 Market 10-11am
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R – put out your recycle bin

MARKET

2nd and 4th Saturdays at SCCC, 10.00 AM Sharp! Community announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods.

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

MOVIES

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

Keith Montell 5965 2202

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

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 SCCC, since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Workshops plus, bring own work – knit, patch, embroider.

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Nola Matthews 0412 199 129

TAI CHI

Every Thursday in School Term time at SCCC.

Hannah Sky 5965 2211

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 60 active and social members. Wednesday 9am, ladies social tennis; Thursdays 7.30 PM* - Social tennis; Friday Locals Tennis - for adults and kids - 5pm last Friday of the month (Unless noted in calendar); Saturdays 1 to 5 PM regular competitions.

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

*Night tennis under the lights. Website: steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club

WOMEN'S GROUP - Evening Friendship Group

1st Monday, 7.00 PM. Come for company, conversation, food and coffee. You'll be made most welcome for a pleasant evening of food and chat. Note: For current venue location, contact Lindy (5965 2202), or Christine (5965 2080).

Lindy Montell 5965 2202

DEADLINE for the next *Jolly Thing* is
27th Nov 2017