



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 107 (February-March 2014) 'FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY'

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Helping out – Fire Affected Communities in the Blue Mountains

Many readers will have no doubt felt a sense of déjà vu when news of the fires in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales was hitting the headlines in late Spring last year. The news heralded an unsettling early start to the fire season, albeit in far-away New South Wales.

However, no matter how far away, it was all too evident that communities and individuals were going through experiences that Steels Creek residents are all too familiar with. Homes lost, huge damage to livelihoods, individuals and communities devastated.

Shortly after these fires, the Committee of SCCC decided that it would try to make contact with a similar community in the fire affected area, to offer some financial and emotional support. It was decided that a substantial proportion of the proceeds from the November Fete could be made available for this purpose. Thanks to Vicki Stewart's efforts, we have since made contact with the Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre Inc, which encompasses Winmalee, Hawkesbury Heights and Yellow Rock. We have found that, unlike in the aftermath of the Black Saturday fires in Victoria, **there has been very little support made available to the people and communities in the Blue Mountains.**

SCCC Committee has recently forwarded a cheque to Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre Inc. and is discussing further possible assistance options with them. *Maybe other Steels Creek clubs, groups or individuals might like to consider a similar gesture of support too.* Winmalee and surrounding communities have a very real need that Steels Creek people will surely understand. If you would like more information, please contact Vicki on 5965 2552.

David Allan President.

Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club Happenings

Saturday Tennis: We are still hanging in there for a top-4 spot into the finals. Tennis has started up again after the school break, so your team would appreciate your support. Check the calendar to see when we are playing at home. Note: If it's over 34°, we won't be playing. Winter season starts May 3rd - call Alby or Ed if you'd like to join a team.

Social Tennis: Thursday nights have always been popular. However, by demand, we are again starting up Monday night social tennis for the summer and autumn. Come by from 7:30pm and join in (either or both nights). Pennant level play not required (if fact, would be very out of place). Stay afterwards for a chat and drink (BYO please). Very enjoyable and low ley.

Open Day: We will be holding a Tennis Victoria Open Day on Sunday, February 9th, starting about mid-day. So plan for a day starting with a sausage sizzle, tennis, kids' tennis, give-aways, and more.

A ball for all...
Come along to
our club open day!
Steels Creek Tennis Club



817 STEELS CREEK ROAD, Steels Creek
SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2014

Free sausage sizzle and social tennis
12:30 through 5 PM
Prizes, kids equipment...



Support Sponsor of Tennis Victoria Club Open Day

Club Feedback: We are asking for feedback for the Club on how we can do more for members and the community. Are there programs you'd like to see started, modified or removed from the Club's activities? Hot Shots for the kids? More/less group coaching? Competitive teams in other leagues, such as Tuesday Ladies? **Let us know** on Facebook or by e-mail to ed@yarraglen.com

Web site: steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SteelsCreekTennisClub

Ed Bartosh, Secretary

Steels Creek Clamberers falling off the Cliff??

Steels Creek Clamberers are in abeyance at present. As mentioned previously, the Walks Co-coordinators are not available this year, and the call went out for someone to take over this not too onerous role. To date, there have been no takers, so unfortunately, it seems that the walks will not be on for now. Well, that is unless YOU are willing to do something about it! Why not have a chat to David (see below)?

David Allan, telephones 5965 2556, 0413 396 296, drallan@wideband.net.au

Steels Creek Autumn Festival – Sunday 23rd March – Hold that Date!

On **Sunday 23rd March**, from 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM, Steels Creek Community Centre will be hosting an **Autumn Festival at the Community Centre**. We're planning on the spit roasts (three meats – beef, pork & chicken; jacket spuds and salads), the (soft) drinks, the music and more.

Bring yourself, family and friends to this FREE Community Event! Come to 'celebrate' the approximate climatological end to summer (well, I did say 'approximate'), or whatever! Watch for further announcements with more details.

Contact - **Keith Montell**, 5965 2202.

Garden Club

The Garden Club's first event to start the New Year will be a **get together at Lorna Skate's home at 59 Yarraview Road, Yarra Glen, on Monday 10th February from 6.00 PM**. Please **BYO food and drinks**, and **chairs**, and also a **salad or sweet to share**. For further information, please contact **Deb Edwards**, telephone 9730 1479.

S4Reel Film Club

Guaranteed laughs; suspense; and drama together with fine food and good company.
Dinner and movie in our 'Gold Class' venue!

- **Screening On Friday 14th March: 'Grumpy Old Men' - 1993**

This is a serious social documentary based on the male population of Steels Creek (according to the female side) but set in snowy Minnesota.

Walter Matthau and **Jack Lemmon** star as two constantly feuding neighbourhood curmudgeons whose long-running feud is escalated by the arrival of a new neighbour - an attractive widow (**Daryl Hannah**).

So come along gentlemen, and deny any similarities! And ladies - come to prove your point. Anyway, it's a pretty funny movie.

Future Screening Dates

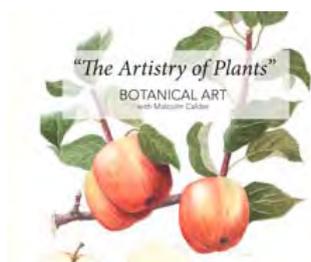
- Friday 11th April
- Friday 16th May

DINNER FROM 6.00pm – FILM STARTS 7.30 pm.

Keith Montell – 5965 2202

Steels Creek Art Group

The Artistry of Plants – new class at SCCC



Starting Monday 10th February, 1.30 – 4.30 pm, and running weekly for eight classes, **Malcolm Calder** invites you to come and try your hand at drawing and painting plants. No experience necessary. Ph 5965 2372 or email to register.

Note: No classes will be held on a declared Total Fire Ban day.

Steels Creek Community Centre Committee

– Vacancy

Following the resignation of Gretha Edwards late last year, **Steels Creek Community Centre Committee** has a casual vacancy for an ordinary Committee member. The Committee may appoint a member of the Steels Creek Community Centre Association to fill the vacancy. If you feel that you would like to join with the Committee in the management of our Community Centre, we would very interested to hear from you. **Please contact David Allan, President** (5965 2556, 0413 396 296, or **Christine Tomlins, Secretary** (5965 2080).

– Constitution Reform Update

Readers will recall that a Special General Meeting of SCCC Inc members was held last November, to consider proposed changes to the SCCC Inc. Constitution. The meeting unanimously endorsed the proposed changes, and details were forwarded to Community Affairs Victoria (CAV) for their formal endorsement. We have recently been advised by CAV that there is apparently quite a backlog of cases to consider. CAV will contact us again 'in due course'. Until CAV endorses the proposed changes, SCCC Inc. is for the time being still governed by the Constitution that existed before November Special Meeting.

David Allan, President.

Scenes from last December's Christmas Carols

Christmas Carols were Carolled and celebrations flowed in December last year at the annual Carols evening at SCCC. *(Names of those pictured are suppressed to protect the guilty....!)*



Steels Creek Landcare

RABBIT CONTROL FOR STEELS CREEK

Steels Creek Landcare Group encourages you to participate in a Rabbit Control Program in the coming 'Rabbit Season'.

Rabbits are one of Australia's most serious pest animals and typically:

- destroy pasture, crops and plant communities, impacting on agriculture and the environment;
- cause soil erosion and associated sedimentation of waterways;
- compete with native fauna for food and habitat; and
- are well suited to Australian conditions and breed prolifically.



HOW CAN WE SUCCESSFULLY REDUCE RABBIT NUMBERS?

1. Work together

Coordinate control work with your neighbours. The best results are achieved where neighbours conduct simultaneous rabbit control rather than just on individual properties.

2. Aim to be rabbit free

Create a detailed rabbit management plan for your property.

3. Conduct monitoring

Identify rabbit feeding and activity areas in and around your property. Map these areas for future reference. Rabbits are often found around waterways, weedy areas, rocky outcrops, buildings, wood heaps & fence lines.

4. Time of year

Rabbit control is most cost effective in late summer and early autumn as rabbit breeding has generally stopped.

5. Use all the tools!

Make your property a rabbit-hostile environment. Use all the available control measures that you need to - baiting, clearing of cover, trapping and warren destruction. Every individual rabbit should be exposed to as many different control measures as possible.

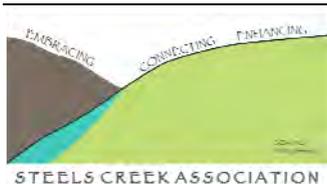
6. Size of the task

Put your best effort into the first year of your rabbit control program.

Remember - It is your responsibility to control rabbits on your property.

After SCLG's Rabbit Control meeting, the survey results will be used to plan practical demonstrations of rabbit control. So please return your survey.

For more info, please contact Ray Turnley, Pres. SCLG 97301550 or steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com



SCA UPDATE

1. **Wellbeing classes re-start from 24th Feb.** Increased numbers will be attending overall. Our first term for 2014 will kick-start with **yoga, fitness and Pilates**. The new timetable is posted on the Steels Creek website ([go to www.steelscreek.vic.au/what'son](http://www.steelscreek.vic.au/what'son)). If you've resolved to improve your health and wellbeing in 2014, this would be a great place to start! If you're a **past participant**, don't forget to **re-register** with Jesse to secure your place.

2. Our FRRR-funded **workshops on Family and Community Resilience will commence in March**. Workshops facilitated by Michael Burge OAM, FAPS, Director of the Australian College of Trauma Treatment, will assist community members recovering from the 2009 bushfires to develop practical, personal, family and community coping skills. These group sessions will allow participants to share their stories in a supportive environment and will provide an opportunity to receive specialist advice and help from an expert with over 30 years' experience. (See also flyer on Page 8 and 9)

The workshops will build on the post-traumatic stress seminars conducted during 2013, and will become increasingly interactive. They will facilitate mutual support and solidarity among participants. One of the greatest powers of recovery from trauma, including resilience building, is in drawing on the strengths of the family and the community. The workshops, will develop interpersonal skills and a respectful space from which to share. These skills include listening skills, awareness training, assertiveness and boundary skills, conflict resolution and stress management.

The workshops will be in two parts: four sessions during March and April, and three later in the year, at the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall, commencing at 7pm. The first sequence will be on 5th and 19th March, and 9th and 30th April. For further information and attendance please contact Joanne Spears on 9730 2389 or email resilience.sca@gmail.com.

3. Last December we ran our second **chainsaw training** program on the theory and practice in chainsaw use and maintenance, and cross-cutting of felled trees. Feedback was again positive. We are looking to run a **third round of training in April or May**, as there are still people keen to participate. Further details will be advised when available.

4. Yarra Ranges Council was in touch with us last December, concerning **mobile phone black-spot funding**. Basically, the Federal Government promised, as part of their election platform, to address mobile black-spots with funding support

for eligible communities working in partnership with key stakeholders. SCA, along with the Hunts Lane Fireguard Group, sent a letter supporting Council's advocacy. Council later invited us to meet with representatives from Telstra, Council, Tony Smith and other community members, to engage in a collaborative advocacy and funding bid to be submitted to the Federal Government by the end of February 2014. **We will keep you posted** on progress.

5. We currently have eight people registered for **online defibrillator awareness training** – **we need two more** before we can go ahead. It's just half an hour of your time, and it could potentially save a life. **Please register your interest with Jesse ASAP.**

6. **Coates Hire in Lilydale have extended their 20% discount offer** until the end of June 2014. So, when you need to tackle that job you don't have the equipment for, remember to use your card and make the job a little easier! (If you didn't receive a discount card last year (for residents in 3775 postcode and Chum Creek) you should be able to pick one up at the Community Centre, otherwise contact us and we'll get one to you.).

To register your interest and request more information on any of the free training programs, please contact Jesse by email at projectassist.sca3775@gmail.com or phone 0408 515 059.

Any enquiries concerning SCA Inc. can be made to **Allan Giffard**, ph 0419 362 283, or by post to PO Box 298 Yarra Glen 3775.

SCA's 2014 Wellbeing Program

The Steels Creek Association has finalised Term 1 of the 2014 Wellbeing Program. **Most classes commence the week beginning February 24 and run to the week ending April 4.** This is a **fully funded program** and therefore **only a donation of \$2** per class is required to attend. Days and times are shown below.

This is your community Wellbeing Program, designed to increase your health and wellbeing over the short and long term. Why not make 2014 the year to try out any number of these great activities?

How to register: Contact **Jesse Odgers** projectassist.sca3775@gmail.com or phone 0408 515 059. We'll send you an email with all the class details including contact details for your class teacher, and list any items you will need to bring such as a yoga mat.

Term 1 2014	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING			Group Personal Training with Studio Glo 9.30 – 10.30am 26 Feb - 2 April		Pilates with Allison 9.30 – 10.15am 28 Feb - 4 April
AFTERNOON			Dru Yoga with Ruth 1 – 2.30pm 2 classes only: 12 March & 2 April		
EVENING	Group Fitness with Amy 7.30 – 8.30pm 3 March - 31 March *Public Holiday 10 March (no class).	Yoga with Wendy 7 – 8.30 pm 25 Feb - 1 April			

Fifth Anniversary of the 2009 Bushfires

A **Community Gathering in Yarra Glen** will be held to mark the fifth anniversary of the 2009 Bushfires. The event will be held at **McKenzie Reserve, Yarra Glen on Friday 7 Feb, 6pm-8pm.** It is being organised by the Bushfire Recovery Network. For further information, please **contact** Jess Adams, Community Development Officer, Yarra Ranges Council, telephone: 9294 6866, mobile 0419 569 490. No activities are planned at Steels Creek Community Centre on this occasion.

Still Looking for a New Year's Resolution??

Readers may recall a recent article by Kath Gannaway in the *Mountain Views Mail*, concerning **St Isaacs Training Centre** for **orphaned children** at **Jinja in Uganda** (see <http://mountainviews.starcommunity.com.au/mail/2013-12-10/land-fund-a-vision-splendid/>). The article highlighted the work of **former Steels Creek resident Alex Johns** on the ground in Uganda, and **Pam Verhoeven in Steels Creek**. Alex has asked for help to raise A\$10,000 that would enable the Training Centre to buy two acres of land it currently rents. Purchase of the land could return enough food and money from sale of excess crops to feed the children and pay the salaries of workers, as well as other projects. Pam has been assisting by working through the lengthy process of establishing an official assistance fund here in Australia.

Alex and Pam are hoping that local people may be moved to **make a donation** to the children of St Isaac's. **Perhaps contributing to the St Isaacs land purchase fund could be one way of making a real difference on the daily lives of the orphans - their health, education potential and their opportunities for the future.** Donations can be made at **any Bendigo Bank branch** to St. Issacs Training Centre, Jinja, BSB 633-000, account number 149 699 357. **Pam may be contacted on 5965 2274.**

Steels Creek Fireguard gets some Action

Following meetings of concerned residents last year, a letter was sent by Steels Creek Fireguard group to the Yarra Ranges Council, pointing out the **dangers of the steep upper parts of Hunt's Lane**. The letter asked if Council could do something to improve the grade and alignment, to improve safety for all users, particularly during emergencies.

Fireguard Group representatives recently met on site with representatives of the Shire, including **Cr. Fiona McAllister** (Mayor) and **Tony McGann** – Manager, Infrastructure Services. The steepness of the hill, the dangerous nature of the road alignment, and the poor existing sightlines that exist were all explained to the Council representatives. While no promises were given, the **Council representatives undertook to consider what had been put to them, and to get back with further comments in the near future.** We await developments, and will let the community know what transpires.

For further information, please contact **Athel Smith** on 5965 2368.

Articles Submitted by Community Members -

Captain JT Wilberforce Thanks You All

Captain JT Wilberforce is beachside enjoying the cooling briny at Point Lonsdale for a few days. His timing has been perfect, thanks to Fergus the water rat, who is never wrong about the weather.

Captain JT would like to thank all those who bought a copy of his book of Adventures on Steels Creek, and due to the demand, he is considering a reprint.

He does have a few more adventures to recount, and will put quill to parchment on his return from the Bay. *[Hoorah! – Ed]*

Andrew Chapman



Health and Safety for Local Lizards

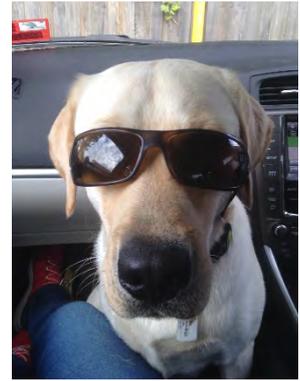
Lizard ladders - Modelled on pool ladders, we found small, square wire off-cuts were just the ticket for helping lizards who had ventured into our water troughs. Hooked over the edge of our plastic water troughs, we hoped the wire off-cuts might provide a way out of the water for thirsty lizards. Do they work? So far so good, as we've not found any more little bodies.

Lindy Montell

My Next Adventure, by Mitchell

Hi there everyone, my name is Mitchell. I am a Seeing Eye Puppy (SEDA). Many of you know me - you might have seen me walking the streets of Yarra Glen or at the Steels Creek Community Centre, or actually really just anywhere my foster Mum, Keryn, goes.

Well, after twelve months, the time has come for me to leave lovely Yarra Glen and start my six months training at the SEDA kennels in Kensington. Lots of people have asked Mum about how I am going with my training (I didn't even know that I was!). Anyway, I must be doing alright as my trainer from SEDA, Mark who comes to visit me every few weeks, has now decided that I am ready for the 'real' stuff.



I have spent the past year living with Keryn who is my carer, and Neil who is my foster Dad. I should also mention my big brother Jarrah. He is a nine year-old Golden Retriever who lets me do anything to him, and my Tonkinese cat, Huddy, who doesn't!

My favourite place in Yarra Glen is the IGA store. I love the people! They always talk to me, but they know that when I have my blue coat on they are not allowed to pat me. My favourite section is the meat department - I like the smells.

I have been to many wonderful places with my Mum & Dad. The park, the playground, the Community Centre, the Melbourne Art Gallery, restaurants, pubs, parties, trains, trams, buses, the City, the chocolaterie, farms, the butcher shop - so many places!

They tell me that I have a very special job to do and I am going to help someone who really needs me to do it. I suppose that is a good thing, but it is hard to say goodbye to all of my friends in Yarra Glen and especially to my Mum and Dad.

Thank you to everyone who has said hello to me since I moved to Yarra Glen last February. Mum will let you know how I get on in the future.

Mitchell.

Going Green – Episode One, *in which Moving to the Bush reveals New Realities and Crocodiles up Trees...*

Green was the only way to describe them. Not the 'save the forest' green, but a completely naive and utterly clueless shade of green. An ad in *The Age* saw them stuck in the back of a large yellow car driven by an estate agent. Josie was unaware that the car was actually a Rolls, and they were being taken for a ride in more ways than one! The land they viewed was totally wrong for their misguided dreams of self-sufficiency (no doubt attributable to a subscription to *Grass Roots* magazine and from watching too many episodes of *The Good Life*). Deep gullies, thick bush, poor soil. Not the type of land where you could graze animals or grow food. Was it perhaps the kookaburra laughing raucously, or maybe Josie's mother-in-law saying, "You wouldn't want to live so far away from *everything?*" Either way, the deal was signed off that day. No haggling over the price, no deliberation, no looking at alternatives. The estate agent must have thought he had struck gold!

Over time, a shed was built and eventually a house. Dreams of self-sufficiency were quickly replaced by harsh reality. Luckily they both had jobs, as they soon learnt that living on the land consumed vast amounts of money! They had only recently moved in when Josie heard her partner outside yelling her name - "Josie! Josie!" She quickly raced towards the shouting, thinking something terrible had happened. Nearing her partner, she could see him on the drive, looking towards the trunk of a large eucalypt. "What?!", she cried. "Josie, Josie, there's a (insert expletive) crocodile up the tree!" "Nah...", she casually replied. "It's a Goanna." And smiling, she walked back to the house. Little did they know that the next encounter with a Goanna would be a lot more up-front and personal....[To be continued...]

Contributed by Josie

From The Hammock

Under the leafy green canopy of our oak tree, I lie in my hammock and reflect on the past week's happenings at *Killravock*.

Like all in the valley, Bill, our Head (and only) Gardener, has been kept busy mowing the grass which had continued to grow at an alarming rate thanks to the spring and early summer rains. That was until the week when the Red Rover mower decided that it had had enough. "You've done a coupla bearings, mate - should have it fixed in three or four weeks, mate - bit of a waiting list in the workshop, mate", says the repair man.

"Not a problem," says Bill, and borrows our across-the-road neighbour John Brand's super-dooopa ride-on. "All's okay!" He whisks around the house and croquet lawns in double-quick time. But then it stops. A phone call to John, and up he comes and fixes the problem. But in fixing it, he creates another - mower won't start. It is now just a few days before Christmas, work-shop closed till 6th of January!

As a last resort Bill gets out the old hand motor mower to finish the last few bits. Just one more push under the wisteria, and **WHOOSH** - a geyser bigger than Old Faithful shoots up (admittedly, Old Faithful was not at its best when I saw it one winter many years ago...). He has cut the water pipe from the tanks to the house! **HELP!!!** Fortunately a near-neighbour, Mark Newell, a plumber, is around and repairs the cut.

Life in the country is never predictable. I go back to contemplating the oak leaves.....

Andrew Chapman



Post-Traumatic Stress

Community/family resilience workshops

'Post-Traumatic Stress: a normal reaction to abnormal circumstances.'



- **Did you experience the Black Saturday fires or their aftermath?**
- **Does this hot, dry weather have you unusually on edge?**
- **Are the current fires bringing back unwanted memories?**
- **You could be experiencing post-traumatic stress and not even know it.**

When: 5 & 19 March, 9 & 30 April 2014

Where: Yarra Glen Memorial Hall

Time: 7 – 9pm, with light supper provided

These seminars are FREE! Bookings are essential.

Over a series of four seminars, backing up the previous successful seminars, Michael Burge will focus on the development of practical, family and community coping skills, building a sense of social connection.

There will be the opportunity to talk and ask questions following Michael's presentation. If all you want to do is come and listen, that's fine too!

Session 1: Wednesday 5 March – Listening skills/awareness training

Session 2: Wednesday 19 March – Boundary setting/assertive training

Session 3: Wednesday 9 April – Conflict/anger management

Session 4: Wednesday 30 April – Stress management / helpful responding and maintaining & developing relationships

Michael Burge, OAM, psychologist and trauma specialist with over 25 years in the field, is the Director of the Australian College of Trauma Treatment (www.actt.com.au).

Please contact Joanne Spears by 28 February: resilience.sca@gmail.com or phone 9730 2389.

Presented by Steels Creek Association Inc., funded by the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) and with assistance from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF)



Rainfall – to end of January 2014, and Weather Report

Station	December 2013 (mm)	January 2014 (mm)	Total to end of December 2013 (mm)	Total to end of December 2012 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' (Pinnacle Lane)	74.6	21.3	764.1	748.7
'Kilvarock' Adams Lane	89.0	23.0	834.0	773.0
'Highlea' Dixons Creek	85.6	24.4	847.4	852.8
'Newera' Brennan Avenue	77.7	n/a	701.3	730.7
'Wandearah' Japonica Drive	79.6	21.6	687.6	720.2

The rainfall for December was 20 mm above average, however overall for 2013 our rainfall was 77 mm below average (Coldstream was 84 mm below). There has also been a dry start to 2014 with only two rain events for January that totalled only 21 mm, which is 27 mm below average. The significant thing about 2013 was that it was Australia's warmest year on record, with the national annual mean temperature 1.2 degrees above average.

Barry Sheffield

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Changed your email? Send me your new one!

Want to be kept up to date on Local Steels Creek events and offerings? Let me know and I will put you on 'The Steels Creek Grape Vine' so you don't miss out. David Allan – Editor; E: eda@wideband.net.au, M: 0413 396 296.

Steels Creek Calendar

FEBRUARY 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	..			.		1 Tennis Comp
2	3 Women's Group. Social Tennis	4 Stitchers.	5 .	6 Tai Chi. Art. Social Tennis.	7	8 Market.
9 YG&DHS (Yarra Glen).	10 R Social Tennis Garden Club opening	11 Stitchers.	12	13 Tai Chi. Art. Social Tennis.	14	15 Tennis Comp FYFB Working Bee.
16	17 Social Tennis	18 Stitchers.	19	20 Tai Chi. Artistry of Plants. Social Tennis	21	22 Market.
23	24 R Growing Group Group Fitness Social Tennis	25 Stitchers. Yoga.	26 Group Personal Training. Dru Yoga.	27 Tai Chi. SMB Artistry of Plants. Social Tennis.	28 Pilates.	

'R' = 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 – 7.30 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC. New Members welcome.

Ivan Filsell 5965 2248

CLAMBERERS

Last Sunday (March to November). Since 1993, the walking group has walked over local tracks and explored the flora and fauna of the Valley and surrounding areas. Details of walks emailed to registered recipients. **Currently in abeyance....**

David Allan 0413 396 296 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.friends.melbournewater.com.au/>

GARDEN

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

Deb Edwards 9730 1479

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:

Mrs Brenda Cawte 9730 1801 <http://www.yarraglenhistorical.websyete.com.au>

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

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE

To arrange hire of the revamped Hall and/or any equipment please contact.

Vicki Stewart 5965 2552

MARCH 2014						
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9 YG&DHS (Yarra Glen).	10 R [Public Holiday] Social Tennis	11 Stitchers. Garden Club Lunch Outing. Yoga.	12 Group Personal Training. Dru Yoga.	13 Tai Chi. Artistry of Plants. Social Tennis.	14 Pilates. SC4Reel Movie (Grumpy Old Men)	15 Tennis Finals FYFB Working Bee.
16	17 Group Fitness Social Tennis	18 Stitchers. Yoga.	19 Group Personal Training. Dru Yoga.	20 Tai Chi. Artistry of Plants. Social Tennis	21 Pilates.	22 Market. Tennis Finals
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30	31 Group Fitness Social Tennis					

'R' = Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling 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 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 anything in between!)

Last Thursday 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM. Men's morning tea at Anita's Yarra Glen.

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

STEELS CREEK ASSOCIATION

Facilitating the safety, wellbeing, sense of connectedness, healing and enhancement of the Steels Creek Community.

Allan Giffard 0419 362 283

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 199129

TAI CHI

Every Thursday in School Term time at SCCC.

Hannah Sky 5965 2211

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 60 active and social members. Tuesdays 3:45 PM - kids lessons; Thursdays 9.30 AM - Mums' tennis; Friday 10 AM - Ladies Coaching, Mondays & Thursdays 7.30 PM* - Social tennis, Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM regular competitions. ***Night tennis under the lights.** Website: steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club.

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

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

Cross Creek 60

Before you begin... We are seeking to understand how many people actually do the Cross Creek crossword. So, if you'd would like The Jolly Thing to keep providing the crossword, please send a message to The Editor to let it be known! If people want it, it can continue. But if we don't hear about that, ?????? [Ed.]

Across

1. Scourge of New Zealand summers (9)
7. Don't nod off during a game of two up! (3)
8. Dorevitch's domain (9)
10. Elegant male's neckwear (6)
11. These red days should be scary (4)
13. Saucy new coins from here? (4)
14. Land-locked northern Indian state (6)
16. Settlement on French Island (9)
18. Part of the Freudian self (3)
19. Where many of us put our first savings (5,4)

Down

2. A 4 down of the English country kitchen (3)
3. Dance for "a quaint old Cornish town" (6)
4. See 2 down (4)
5. Prices may this with inflation (9)
6. Female redback's mate? (9)
8. Many hearts' best friend (9)
9. "Down by the station" (9)
12. Take your pick which YV one to visit and sample (6)
15. as a bug in a rug (4)
17. Bygone Boys/Girls favourite Paper (3)

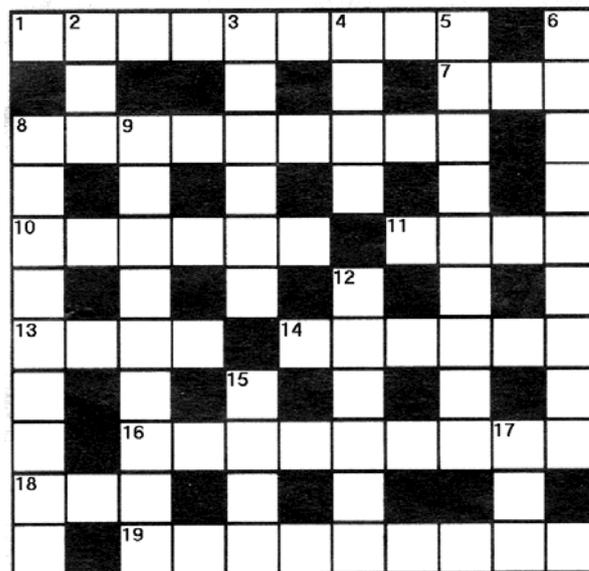
Cross Creek 59 – Answers.

Across

1. Reach 4. Panda 7. Narrow gauge 10. Wind
12. Boot 13. Aerosol 14. Stun 15. Port 17. Sea
19. Twisted Vine 20. Dusty 21. Mater

Down

1. Renew 2. Aeronautics 3. Hoot 4. Page
5. Neurologist 6. Agent 8. Whoopee 11. Den
12. Bop 14. Sated 16. Their 17. Stay 18. Adam



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