



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 110 (August-September 2014) 'FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY'

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## Annual General Meeting Season and the Community Centre

August already, and it's Annual General Meeting Season! Many of the clubs and organisations in and around Steels Creek will be holding their AGM's around this time.

Looking back through the archive of The Jolly Thing, one sees a record of AGM's that now stretches back many years. Over that time, many people have contributed in their own ways, and it is in our collective interest that others will continue to contribute, now and in the future. All our clubs and organisations need people who are willing to contribute their own ideas and talents, big or small. It's how community organisations work, and it's how our lives as Community members are enriched as a result.

Steels Creek Community Centre, Incorporated is no different. It is but one of our local community 'groups'. However, its purpose is, in general, "to manage the Community Centre for the use and benefit of local clubs, and to encourage community activities". The Community Centre is home to a number of the local special-interest clubs and groups that regularly meet here, and has hosted many community events over the years. To achieve its purpose, it has a Management Committee, and the Community Centre's AGM to elect that Committee will be held on 13th August.

It is always good to see new faces joining the Committee. Will **YOU** nominate yourself to help? Your contribution could really help! For further information about what is involved (and it's really not too daunting!), please contact Christine Tomlins, Secretary, on 5965 2080, me (see below) or other current Committee members.

David Allan, President, telephones 5965 2556, 0413 396 296.

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## AGM Season

The Steels Creek Landcare, Inc AGM will be held on Friday, 8 August 2014, 8:30pm at the Centre.

The Steels Creek Community Centre, Inc will have its AGM on Wednesday, 13 August 2014, 8:00pm at the Centre.

The Steels Creek Association, Inc AGM will be held on Wednesday 3 September at 7.00pm at the Centre.

The Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club, Inc will have its AGM on Sunday, 5 October 2014, 11:30am at the Clubrooms.

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## Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club Happenings

**Mid-winter Social Dinner:** What a fine time was had by all. Thanks to Hillards Roasts for a superb dinner, and to all the friends who make it worthwhile getting together for a night of companionship. Thanks to the Rothwells, Tomlins and Leckies; Jean Lowe and Bunnings Croydon for raffle prizes. Thanks too to Norm and Vicki for helping set up for the big night.

**Membership:** The SCTC membership year runs from July through June, meaning that membership renewals are now due. We appreciate your support. Membership forms were e-mailed last week and are available in the Clubroom. Payment can be in person, mail or EFT. Thank you for your continued participation in the Club.



**Social Tennis:** Monday evening tennis will be cancelled until late Spring. Thursday social tennis will be held on the first Tuesday (figure that one out) and the subsequent Thursdays from 7:30pm. Pennant level play is not required (in fact, it would be very out of place). Stay afterwards for a chat and drink (BYO please). Very enjoyable and low key.

**SCTC Annual General Meeting:** The Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club, Inc. will have its AGM on Sunday, 5 October 2014, starting at 11:30am at the clubrooms, 817 Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek. All members are invited to attend for inspiring officer reports, the election of officers and committee and the review of the membership fees for 2014-2015

(currently the only business items on the agenda). Persons wishing to replace the worn-out committee members and inject fresh blood into your community resource are invited to attend and put your hand up (or someone else's hand up). Following the AGM, we'll have a free sausage sizzle lunch and open day on the courts. Non-members are also welcome to participate in all three events.

Web site: [steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club/](http://steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club/)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SteelsCreekTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/SteelsCreekTennisClub)

Ed Bartosh, Secretary

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## Steels Creek Art Group

Thursday afternoon painting is very relaxing and a great way to spend a little time with friends. We draw, we paint, we chat, we have a cup of tea, and we provide the most expert advice to others in the room. Some of us are brave enough to put some paintings in local art shows. For the next month, Jenny has paintings in Mont de Lancy, and I have paintings in the Sherbrooke Gallery as part of the Australian Wildlife Exhibition. Our main aim, however, is just to enjoy ourselves and share our hobby. Thursday afternoons from 1.30 – 4.30.

Now and then we have visitors to see what we are up to and anyone is welcome to come and try their hand.

Monday afternoon art classes (mainly watercolour) will start again on Monday, 8 September, provided we have at least 5 people enrolled. Cost is \$10 per session, which includes the \$2 contribution to the Community Centre. Please let me know by the end of August if you want to join the group



*Crab Apples* (Ink and colour wash)  
by Malcolm Calder

Contact details: Malcolm Calder: 5965 2372 or [acacias@bigpond.net.au](mailto:acacias@bigpond.net.au)

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## S4Reel Film Club

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

**Steels Creek July Film Night - You should've been there!!** "A lovely crowd gathered around one of the long tables in the Community Centre, all happy to partake in the great food and lively conversation. On this occasion we had a visitor from Europe – the niece of Nerilli and Roger Merridew, Wendy Quinlan, a well-known orchestral player, soloist and teacher of the flute. Wendy had been persuaded to bring her flute along and gave those present an impromptu solo performance. It was magical! Her rendition of the *Great Train Race* transported us back to the age of steam! It was a relaxed and contented group that then enjoyed "*The Intouchables*" – a very special evening. Honestly, you should've been there!!"  
Lindy

- **Screening On Friday 22nd August: THE KING'S SPEECH (2010)**  
Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush are brilliant in this remarkable story of how then King George VI learned to overcome his speech impediment with the help of an Australian therapist. It is a wonderful story and a fascinating piece of history that not many people were aware of at the time. (more at <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1504320/>)
- **Screening On Friday 19th September STAND OFF (2011)**  
A somewhat over the top story, set in Ireland, about the incompetent efforts of a young man to commit a robbery of a fish market. Unfortunately for him it is owned by a local mobster. There are so many threads in this wacky film that you will really enjoy and of course there are some delightful Irish characters. (more at <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1545328/>)

**DINNER FROM 6pm – FILM STARTS 7.30pm**

**Thank you:** We have received a wonderful donation from Cr Fiona McAllister to enable the completion of the audio visual set-up. The funds will be used to purchase a remote microphone facility that will be of great benefit to the users of the Community Centre and will enhance future activities that we run. We are really grateful to the Shire for its ongoing support.

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## Steels Creek Garden Club

Our next outing, Tuesday 12 August, is to Chris & Christine Mullins' in Ivanhoe, and then to the Bulleen Nursery. Meet at McKenzie Reserve in Yarra Glen at 9:30. BYO morning tea and lunch.

We now have electricity installed in the shade house making it much more comfortable for flora and fauna alike.

The workshop on gift giving for the Flower Show went well. Thanks to all.

Jenny Tetlow

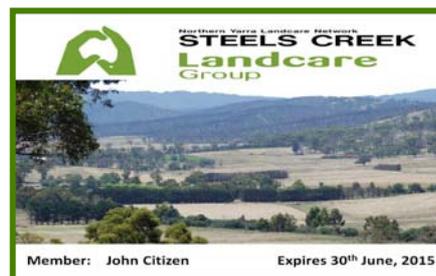
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## Steels Creek Landcare Group

### Steels Creek Landcare Group Membership drive is now on!!

A growing range of benefits are only available to members.

1. NYBAG (Northern Yarra Blackberry action group) provided subsidies for the eradication of blackberries. To continue to be part of the NYBAG program or any future subsidised programs, you must be a member of the SC Landcare group.
2. Borrowing Landcare equipment - Spray equipment, small gardening tools, a Honda -powered wood splitter (this will be popular), a warren smoker, a petrol-driven post driver and other fencing tools, to name a few.
3. We have a list of local suppliers who give generous discounts upon presentation of our membership cards. We welcome any businesses who would like to give a special offer to members.
4. Information and training events on topics of interest.
5. Celebrate being a member of SCLG by having a SCLG sign on your fence or gate - pay \$20 with your membership.



New members and current members can pay for their membership of \$20 and gate sign cost of \$20 by -

- Cheque made out to SCLG and sent to PO Box 562, Yarra Glen 3775
- Direct deposit to Steels Creek Landcare Group, Bendigo bank BSB 633-000 account number 124262114. Please include your name as a reference.

Please renew your details by -

mail to PO box 562, Yarra Glen 3775 or by email to [steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com](mailto:steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com)



### Steels Creek Landcare Group Annual Dinner 8th August @7pm

Colin Carter, from Trufficulture, will be giving a talk on Growing Truffles at the Steels Creek Community Centre. This event is only open to SCLG members. There will be a charge of \$15 to cover the meal. Bookings and pre-payment are essential, and may be made by contacting Angie Lloyd 9730 2023 or Sandra Turnley at [steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com](mailto:steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com)



### Steels Creek Landcare Group AGM 8th August @ 8.30pm

SCLG Annual General Meeting will be held at the Steels Creek Community Centre. All members are encouraged to attend the AGM. Please consider nominating for the Committee of YOUR Landcare Group. Nomination forms available from Sandra Turnley, Secretary 9730 1550 or [steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com](mailto:steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com)

### Secrets to a healthy, happy property (For long-time and new property owners)

Learn tips to improve the land, appreciate its natural values and dynamic systems and enhance your assets. Develop a plan to look after your property, whether bushland, grazing or lifestyle.

Presenter David Stewart brings 40 years of practical experience in farm management, training and developing Farm and Property Management Plans.

### Saturday 9 August - Hurstbridge - venue yet to be confirmed

The workshop commences at 10am and concludes at 4pm. Morning tea & lunch provided. An aerial image of your property with a contour overlay will be organised for you by SCLG if you are attending this event.

Bookings: Call 9433 3316 or e-mail: [Environmental.events@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:Environmental.events@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

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## Stitchers

At present we are busy converting a bag of donated scraps into a "Quilt for Valour" which will ultimately be given to a returned serviceman or -woman. We are always delighted to receive pieces of dress weight cotton fabric to make into quilts. Fabric that is not suitable for quilts can be passed on to a group who make dog beds stuffed with "rags".

Jane Calder

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## 'LIVE IT UP' event (SOYR)

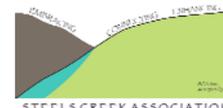
The guest presenter on the subject of 'Climate Change' will be Professor David Karoly, Melbourne University. He is renowned for his active research on climate variability and climate change, including greenhouse climate change, ozone and inter-annual climate variations due to El Niño. Recently, he has been studying the impacts of climate change on weather extremes and their impacts on humans and the environment. Free and everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 27th August 7.00pm, Mooroolbark Community Centre, Brice Avenue. More info: 9294 6215

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## SCA UPDATE

### FORTHCOMING FREE EVENTS FOR THE STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY



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#### SCA AGM:

The Steels Creek Association, Inc. AGM will be held on Wednesday, 3 September at 7.00pm in the Steels Creek Community Centre. More information will be sent in the "Grapevine" next week.

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#### WELLBEING CLASSES:

FREE WELLBEING CLASSES AT STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE – STARTED AGAIN FROM 14 JULY to 19 SEPTEMBER!

We are now taking enrolments for Term 3 classes at the Steels Creek Community Centre. Commencing the week of 14 July for a ten week term, the following classes will continue:

MONDAYS:	Pilates with Studio Glo, 10.00 – 10.45 am
MONDAYS:	Group Fitness with Amy, 7.30 – 8.30 pm
TUESDAYS:	Yoga with Wendy, 7 – 8.30 pm
WEDNESDAYS:	Group Personal Training with Studio Glo, 9.30 – 10.30 am
FRIDAYS:	Pilates with Allison, 9.30 – 10.15 am

Please contact Kenneil Martin (see below) for more information and to register.

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#### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR FIRE PUMP TRAINING:

If anyone is interested in training in this area, please contact please contact Kenneil Martin.

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#### FINAL CALL FOR FREE ONLINE DEFIBRILLATION TRAINING:

Training by St John's Ambulance

The training provides participants with basic knowledge and understanding to enable use of an automated electronic defibrillator, such as the one available at the Steels Creek Community Centre. Participants who successfully complete this course will be issued with a St John's certificate of completion.

When: To be determined - The Class is dependent on enrolling a maximum of 10 participants. For those of you who applied for this training previously and did not complete it, please renew your expression of interest.

If you would like enrol, please contact Kenneil Martin

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#### CHAINSAW TRAINING:

Are you new at chainsawing? Are you interested in learning how to safely operate your chainsaw? Then enrol for SCA's two-day accredited chainsaw class.

The class will appeal to both men and women and is dependent on enrolling a maximum of 10 participants. If you would like to attend, please contact Kenneil Martin.

These classes are brought to you by Steels Creek Association, Inc., with the assistance of the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund.

Kenneil Martin: [projectassist.sca3775@gmail.com](mailto:projectassist.sca3775@gmail.com) or leave a message on 0435 997 714

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## HEWI – It's for Steels Creek too!

At the recent Steels Creek market, Healesville Environment Watch Inc. (HEWI) gave a short presentation on their activities. Screekians were unaware that HEWI covered all areas which made up the old Shire of Healesville, and a request for some further information was made.

So for the benefit of readers: HEWI was originally formed back in 1989 to represent and advocate on environmental issues on behalf of the communities of Badger Creek, Chum Creek, Dixons Creek, Healesville, Steels Creek, Tarrawarra, Toolangi and Yarra Glen. HEWI has continued its advocacy, educational activities and revegetation work since then and works collaboratively with Melbourne Water, the Shire and Landcare groups within the catchment. It has a highly successful partnership of 15 years with Healesville Primary School, during which time the young students have planted 15,000 seedlings! This was quite amazing and inspiring contribution to waterways restoration along two degraded creeks and the Watts River. The production staff from Cummins Filtration, Kilsyth have come on board over the last few years and act as encouraging buddies to the young Year 3 students, which is fabulous.

Our main advocacy focus is Climate Action, supporting renewable energy campaigns and the creation of a Great Forest National Park that would protect old growth forest, the essential habitat for our highly threatened Leadbeaters's Possum. HEWI is also involved in the preparation of submissions on a wide range of environmental issues to all levels of government. We have a strong membership base and are always welcoming new members. For more info please contact Maureen 5962 1224  
Jeanette McRae

### Walk, Watch and Wonder

A FREE event with Healesville Environment Watch - Celebrating 150 years of Healesville's Waterways

When: Sun 12th October at 10.30 am – 3pm

Where: Maroondah Dam to Donnelly's Weir, Yarra Ranges National Park

Walk with local naturalist Jane Calder and botanist Malcolm Calder to Watch and Wonder along the track between Maroondah Dam and Donnelly's Weir, Yarra Ranges National Park.



On arrival at Maroondah Dam, you will be welcomed with morning tea and a brief introduction by Jim Viggers, lead author of 'Melbourne's Water Catchments.' Along the track, Jane and Malcolm will illustrate changes to the vegetation and habitats of these waterways over the past 150 years, and the protection of our natural environment within national parks.

This is an easy one-way walk, suitable for families, mostly downhill, with two small rises nearer the weir. Lunch will be served at Donnelly's Weir, and a bus, kindly provided by the Rotary Club of Healesville, will return us to Maroondah Dam. (Toilets are available at Maroondah Dam and Donnelly's Weir).

Bookings for this free "Live it Up" event are essential: 9294 6215 or at Events: [www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au)

For any other details, please contact Maureen: 5962 1224

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## Articles Submitted by Community Members -

### From The Hammock

Well, not really, what with this cold and wet weather the hammock has been put away. Bill, our Head and only gardener, and I, are inside sitting in front of a nice warm fire.

He cannot do much gardening at the moment, not that there is that much to do, except leaf raking, pruning and some lawn mowing, only when weather permits.

I am happy to sit by the fire and read, but Bill likes to keep active so I suggested that he do some carpentry, and make something we need. Bill's eyes light up and the next morning I hear sounds coming from the shed. Plenty of tools there (I love going into Hoogies – usually come out with something I did not go in there for) and timber, ready for recycling. I didn't see Bill for a couple of days but still hear noises from the shed: sawing, hammering and the electric drill.

I had to go to town for a few days and on my return as usual I stopped to check if there was any mail.



To my surprise we had a new letter box. So that's what Bill had been busy making in the shed. It is bigger than the original one so it can hold the Diggers Club Magazine, Bill's favourite piece of mail.

Still, a bit more cold wet weather to come. I wonder what else he will make.

Andrew Chapman

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## GOING GREEN. EPISODE FOUR

As soon as her head hit the pillow Josie usually had no trouble sleeping. But not this night.

There was a definitely a strange odour in the house, and no, it wasn't her partner (this time). The next day Josie looked everywhere trying to find out what was causing the smell, but the search proved futile. Each day the smell got stronger until it dawned on Josie what it was. Dead animal!

It wasn't until Saturday when Josie was changing the sheets that she discovered a small dead skink that had somehow managed to crawl into her pillow slip, and like a reptile in a previous chapter, got well and truly flattened.

Over the years Josie had many unexpected animal encounters usually thanks to the cat bringing in live presents. (And yes, she knows it was completely politically incorrect to have a cat and try and be environmentally concerned as well).

At least they didn't all end up flattened, with one exception, but Josie couldn't be blamed for this one. The credit for that particular incident went to a visitor, who, to this day hasn't been told what they had been sitting on. Josie only discovered it when she lifted the lounge cushions to vacuum, and there, wedged behind the back of the seat cushion, usually a coin and crumb depository, was a tail.

As no one else was at home, Josie reluctantly equipped herself with two pairs of work gloves so she couldn't feel what she was dragging from the recesses of the couch. Paper towel, disinfectant and hot water at the ready, Josie set about easing a small, very flat mouse body from its deadly prison whilst holding back muffled "eeeeewww" sounds.

Give her a Goanna rescue any day!

After the lizard incident Josie had to get a new pillow, but they still have the same couch.

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## VISITORS TO THE STEELS CREEK WALKING TRACK

On Wednesday the 16th of July, 32 members of the Maroondah Bushwalking Club walked from Gulf Road to the Steels Creek Community Centre and back again. The day was cold and threatened to rain but remained dry, and we got a bit of sun toward the end of the walk.

How did I know this track existed? Last year I was recovering from illness and unable to walk very far or up hills, so a friend who lives at Castella suggested we meet in Yarra Glen and walk on the 'new' track. We did this on several occasions, doing different sections of the track, until we had completed it. I was pleased to get out in the fresh air and enjoy the views when I had been spending more time than usual indoors.



My fitness has now returned and I wanted to share this lovely track with other members of the Bushwalking Club. I advertised it as a "New Track with great views over farms and vineyards – 10km and easy with a few ups and downs". There was a response from 31 members. We met at Lilydale, carpooled to Yarra Glen so we could have a toilet stop, then on to Gulf Road. The wind was brisk to begin with, but we were soon in more sheltered areas. After an hour and a quarter and 5 km, we arrived at the Community Centre for a morning tea break. We appreciated having enough picnic tables to accommodate everyone. Walking back the views are different. I had many comments on how much the participants enjoyed the walk. We were all glad to have a winter walk without mud or leeches and in beautiful surroundings! We drove back to Yarra Glen Park to have our lunch before returning to Lilydale.

Maroondah Bushwalking Club, based in Ringwood, is the largest Club in Australia, having over 600 members. We are able to offer a variety of walks ranging from Gentle Easy to Hard. There are usually 6 or more walks on Wednesdays and several on Saturdays and Sundays. As well as day walks and bike rides, we have overnight walks, regular Base Camps and interstate and overseas trips. Anyone interested can get more information from the club at our website [www.mbw.org.au](http://www.mbw.org.au).  
Jennie Hollis

## More For General Interest...

### THE ANIMAL CONDITION

Michael Dahlstrom's (ex-Steels Creek resident) THE ANIMAL CONDITION is screening in the Melbourne International Film Festival, 2nd & 4th August. For further information regarding the film and details of screening times and locations, visit <http://miff.com.au/program/film/the-animal-condition> or contact Bronwyn Dahlstrom at [brondahl@gmail.com](mailto:brondahl@gmail.com).

### Yoga Puzzle

The funny things we get up to at Yoga - Do you recognise any of your friends?  
Join this amazing group of locals on Tuesdays, 7pm at SCCC



### Expressions of Interest for Yolanda Tomlins Punch Art Classes

Yolanda Tomlins is offering to run punch art classes at the Community Centre. What is Punch art? - Yolanda advises it is an addictive craft where you use different punches of various shapes and sizes to form cute characters that can be used on cards, scrapbook pages, gift bags and more. Yolanda would like to offer two class alternatives:

- (1) Two hour create a Teddy bear family card set (4 cards) at a cost of \$25.00; and
- (2) An all day (9am-4pm) create a Teddy bear 8"x8" album at a cost of \$110.00.

Cost includes all the background papers pre-cut and the characters pre-punched along with easy step by step instructions. For further information and to register your interest contact Christine Tomlins at 5965 2080 or [cooindae@bigpond.com](mailto:cooindae@bigpond.com).

### Dixons Creek History Gathering

The Yarra Glen & District Historical Society is hosting a meeting at Dixons Creek to share and gather information about the community's involvement in war, particularly World War I and their servicemen and women.

- Where: Dixons Creek Recreation Centre, Melba Highway
- When: Sunday 10 August at 1:30pm

You do not have to be a member of the YG&DHS to attend. Members of the Dixons Creek community, past and present, are particularly welcome. Tea & coffee provided - Please bring plate of afternoon tea to share.

RSVP - Secretary: Helen Mann - 9730 1875 email: [yarraglenhistorical@live.com.au](mailto:yarraglenhistorical@live.com.au)

Jessie McHardy White (nee Williamson) (pictured on the right)  
(1870-1957)

Daughter of John & Mary Williamson of Dixons Creek

Jessie was Matron of her own hospital, 'Crathie House', in East Melbourne at the outbreak of WWI. She enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service. She served overseas for nearly 2 years with the British Hospital and was awarded the Royal Red Cross (first class). She was President of the Salonika Sisters' Group for 25 years.



### Yarra Valley Vietnam Veterans Day Observance

The Yarra Valley RSLs are holding a service to commemorate the anniversary of Long Tan Day at the Mt Evelyn Memorial Garden, Birmingham Road on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2014. The service will start at 11:00am with a march to the Mt Evelyn RSL, followed by a reception. All are invited to join in to remember the sacrifice of our citizen soldiers who served in this conflict. For more information see <http://www.yarravalleyvv.com/> or contact Ed Bartosh, Secretary, Yarra Glen RSL at 9739 1879 or [ed@yarraglen.com](mailto:ed@yarraglen.com).



### Any Interest in Knitting and the Like?

Are you interested in joining a group on Tuesdays at SCCC to have a go at felting, spinning, knitting, or crochet? This would be started in coordination with SC Stitchers between 10am and 4pm. Contact Pam Verhoeven at 5965 2274 or at [henrycv1@bigpond.com](mailto:henrycv1@bigpond.com).

## Rainfall – to end of July 2014

Station	June 2014(mm)	to 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2014 (mm)	Total to 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2014 (mm)	Total to end of July 2013 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' (Pinnacle Lane)	67.7	64.3	364	327
'Highlea' Dixons Creek	86.6	72.4	422.4	408
'Wandearah' Japonica Drive	65.8	51	344.7	326.9

June rainfall was 5 mm above average with July 12 mm below, we are now 50 mm below average for the year so far. There have been high river events of 3.2 m on 27th June, 3.6 m on 2nd July, 3.8 m on 14th July & 3.6 m on 20th July. June had very mild temperatures with Melbourne's mean maximum 1.7° above average & the overnight mean minimum 2.9° above average. By contrast 22nd July was the lowest maximum temperature ever recorded for July at Coldstream of only 6.6°

Barry Sheffield

Lyn Taylor also reports, for general interest, Financial year '14 : 888.8 mm and Financial year '13: 729.6mm at Highlea' in Dixons Creek

**Dixons Creek Primary School  
Community Fair**

Yarra Glen Racecourse

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014**  
**11am to 4pm**

- Variety of Rides
- Market Stalls
- Showbags

- Trash N Treasure
- Battle of the Bands

- Community Displays
- Pony Rides

- Live Music
- Yummy Food
- Classic Cars

**Fun for all ages!**  
*Entry: Adults gold coin donation, kids free.*

Unlimited ride wristbands available for pre-purchase until end of September at reduced cost of \$25.00 or \$35.00 if purchased on the day. Individual ride tickets purchased on the day \$5.00 per ride.  
Email: [dcpstickets@gmail.com](mailto:dcpstickets@gmail.com) to obtain your wristbands now!

*All Welcome*  
**Come along and join in the fun!**

For more information ph: Renae on 0417 330 072 or Cassie on 0417 533 077

## Everyone 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 sixth Chris Mullen Award for Literary Excellence.*

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## PASTURE RENOVATION FIELD DAY

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014

9am – 12noon (followed by BBQ lunch)



### With David Stewart from Small Farm Services Victoria

Small property management has its own specific requirements. This field day offers all landowners the chance to discuss pasture management and get independent answers, especially those new to farming or anyone thinking their paddocks might need some attention.

David Stewart is the former manager of the Small Landholder Information Service at DPI and he understands what is required to manage small acreage successfully. Join our host, Bruce Youl, President of the Dixons Creek Landcare Group, as they demonstrate and discuss: -

- **Making the decision to renovate a paddock**  
When is it necessary? What does it cost & how is it done?
- **Planning what's right for your property**  
Basic concepts in soil testing, seed selection & land classification
- **Doing it the right way**  
Different techniques available and how to time actions for best results
- **Looking at a recently sown paddock**  
See the "before and after" results of a paddock that was sown down in May this year
- **Ongoing property management**  
Understanding all the impacts on the success of your investment, including things like grazing, weed control, fencing & water management

When: Saturday 23rd August 2014 9.00am-12noon

Where: 1459 Melba Highway, Dixons Creek

Cost: Landcare members \$15.00 (non-members \$20.00)

Cost includes morning tea, BBQ lunch and an A3 aerial map for all Yarra Ranges participants

RSVP: by email [dixonscreeklandcare@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dixonscreeklandcare@yahoo.com.au) or call Bruce Youl on 0407 317 831

## Steels Creek Calendar

AUGUST 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Pilates	2 Tennis Comp
3	4 Pilates Group Fitness Women's Group	5 Stitchers Yoga Social Tennis	6 Group Personal Training	7 Tai Chi Art	8 Pilates  <b>SCLG AGM</b>	9 Market (including HEWI) Tennis Comp
10 YG&DHS (Yarra Glen) <i>History Lecture Dixons Creek</i>	11 R Pilates Group Fitness	12 Stitchers Yoga Garden Club Outing	13 Group Personal Training  <b>SCCC AGM</b>	14 Tai Chi Art Social Tennis	15 Pilates	16 FYFB Working. Bee Tennis Comp
17  Yarra Valley Vietnam Veterans Day	18 Pilates Group Fitness	19 Stitchers Yoga	20 Group Personal Training	21 Tai Chi Art Social Tennis	22 Pilates SC4Reel Movie <i>(The King's Speech)</i>	23 Market Tennis Comp Dixons Creek Landcare Seminar
24	25 R Pilates Growing Group Group Fitness	26 Stitchers Yoga Book Group	27 Group Personal Training <i>Climate Change Lecture</i>	28 SMB Tai Chi Art Social Tennis	29 Pilates	30 Tennis Comp
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### ART

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

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

### BOOK GROUP

4<sup>th</sup>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](mailto:eda@wideband.net.au)

### FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS

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

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 [kevinheeley@bigpond.com](mailto:kevinheeley@bigpond.com)  
<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.friends.melbournewater.com.au/>

### GARDEN CLUB at SCCC

Newsletter, outings 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:hewisec@bigpond.com).

### HISTORY

The Yarra Glen & District Historical Society meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 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

SEPTEMBER 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Pilates Group Fitness Women's Group	2 Stitchers Yoga Social Tennis	3 Group Personal Training  <b>SCA AGM</b>	4 Art Tai Chi	5 Pilates	6 Tennis Comp Semi-final
7	8 Pilates Artistry of Plants Group Fitness	9 Stitchers Yoga Garden Club Outing	10 Group Personal Training	11 Art Social Tennis.	12 Pilates	13 Market Tennis Comp Grand final
14 YG&DHS (Yarra Glen).	15 R Pilates Artistry of Plants Group Fitness	16 Stitchers Yoga	17 Group Personal Training	18 Tai Chi Art Social Tennis.	19 Pilates SC4Reel Movie (Stand Off)	20 FYFB Working Bee
21	22 Growing Group Artistry of Plants	23 Stitchers Book Group	24	25 SMB Art Social Tennis	26	27 Market
28	29 R Artistry of Plants	30 Stitchers				

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#### MARKET

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

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

#### MOVIES

2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. ; First Tuesday and remaining Thursdays 7.30 PM\* - Social tennis; Saturdays 1 to 5 PM regular competitions. \*Night tennis under the lights. Website: [steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club](http://steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club).

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

#### WOMEN'S GROUP - Evening Friendship Group

1<sup>st</sup> 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 63

Across

1. We all look forward to these (8)
5. Consider this Scottish island carefully (4)
7. Jean Shrimpton's caused quite a flutter (4)
8. A charm of great expectations (8)
9. Chewing the fat (6)
12. We Stitchers love these (7)
15. This laurel is a NSW weed (7)
19. A deeply scarred generation (6)
21. Floodprone State capital (8)
22. Pleasant alternative for tea or coffee (4)
23. Thin incline (4)
24. Market day at Steels Creek (8)

Down

1. Some pigeons are this (6)
2. " it is a tale told by an ....." (5)
3. The star shaped flower (5)
4. Attractive source of nectar, often in winter (6)
5. Singular of Messrs (6)
6. Ships or planes for passenger transport (6)
12. With 'get', 'give' or 'go' there's a new meaning (3)
13. Abbreviated "English"man (4)
14. Is this figurehead lazy? (4)
15. Its role is to go clang (6)
16. Grammar speaks of 1st, 2nd or 3rd ..... (6)
17. "Don't take them to heaven ....."(6)
18. "As ..... As apple pie (5)
19. Take place (5)
20. Something of real existence(6)

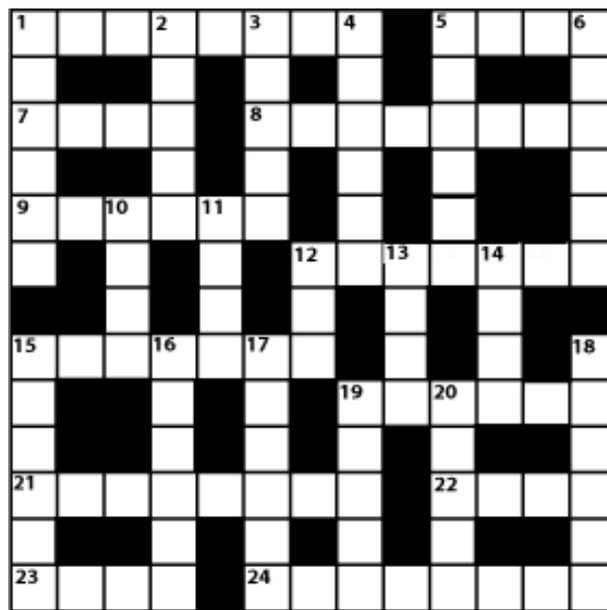
## Cross Creek 62 - Answers

Across

1. Marmalade 8. Ellen 9. Ampol 10. Answer 11. Etna
13. Heel 15. Studio 18. River 19. Amble 20. Promotion

Down

2. Atlas 3. Monkey 4. Leap 5. Depot 6. Semaphore 7. Alfa Romeo 12. Strait 14. Elver 16. Dubbo 17. Pram



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