



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 123 (October-November 2016) 'FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY'

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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 they might be used if they happen to suit the articles submitted.

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

Thank you

Not such a Jolly Thing

Not the Customary Jolly Thing

This jolly thing hit me late in June. It paralysed my legs and began to breakdown the major systems of the body. Thanks to Peta I made it to Intensive Care at Box Hill Hospital just in time.

That's when the nightmares began. Incredibly strong drugs created unimaginable hallucinogenic images that would have made even Salvador Dali wince. The mind seemed to be blown open recalling long forgotten childhood images and creating fanciful dreams. There were tubes galore coming out of my mouth and upper body.

The family were all there in support and Peta held my hand during the darkest days. I gradually became aware of, and took heart from, all the encouragement from the local community and my friends. Lindy's fruit slices gave me some sustenance when I couldn't stomach anything else. Malcolm's offer of drawing materials was much appreciated.

After 23 days in intensive care (which is considerably longer than the usual), rehabilitation began. At that stage I couldn't even hold a pencil let alone make it work. The body was just an inert mass, completely devoid of strength and movement.

It was most comforting to have the support of friends. And to know that Peta was being looked after by the local community as she maintained her considerable work commitments. Firewood was replenished and pre-cooked meals were provided as she selflessly devoted herself to my recovery.

After numerous tests the origin of the infection remains a mystery. I have renewed admiration for the dedication and skill of our doctors and hospital staff.

And I am most grateful for the concern and encouragement of the local community.

Ian Whitford

Steels Creek Landcare Group

Who Can I Call for THAT?

The Steels Creek Landcare Group Committee has welcomed a fantastic member suggestion of collating a Local Skills Index.

"What on Earth is a Local Skills Index?" I hear someone ask. *"Is there a test at the end?"* whispers one. *"Sounds like a tax!"* shrieks another.

Well, it's simple really. We are aiming to create a go-to list of a few specific Landcare skills, such as fencing, vermin control (rabbits/foxes etc.) and small-scale hay-baling. We want the list to be a helpful reference for SCLG members to more easily identify & contact other members of our community who may be equipped to help.

So how can YOU help?

- Do you have a Landcare related skill that you would be happy to offer other members (either free or paid)
- What are some professional skills relevant to Landcare issues that you think would benefit a number of our members?

Primarily it would be great if households could offer up their own skills & knowledge, but this needn't be limited to SCLG members. We just figure that maybe we all know someone, who knows someone else, who might be able to help with the Landcare related tasks which we all find ourselves in need of from time-to-time.

So perhaps you are a professional fence-builder keen to provide competitive quotes to other members? Or maybe you keep a beehive and would be happy to help other members who may just need a spare set of hands with harvesting their honey? So if you have a chainsaw and are good at cutting wood or you understand about fixing, repairing, wrangling anything this is possibly for you to promote your skills.

For example one of our committee members will do small scale hay baling, so if you need a couple of acres baled this year there is someone who can do this.

Whatever your area of expertise, or what skills do you have trouble resourcing please email us with your skills and ideas at: steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com

Landcare and Local Community Working Together.



On Monday 12th. September 15 students and 2 teachers from Billanook Secondary College came out to Steels Creek Community Centre to do some volunteer work. The tasks were to plant out the embankment, plant down two boundary sides and weed. (A few weeks prior to the visit Angie Lloyd sprayed as many weeds as she could get to).

Prior to the visit Chris Fletcher came out to see what planting was required...then she went away to plan and organise the most suitable plants for the task. When we arrived on Monday morning Chris had already placed all the plants where they needed to be planted. A big "Thank You" to you Chris.

Despite the weather being wet and cold the students set about completing the tasks set...not once did I hear anyone complain

about the weather or suggest we stop. As usual I found all the students to be so friendly, well-mannered and anxious to please....an absolute pleasure to have around. I also was aware of the wonderful rapport between teacher and student ...so friendly and respectful toward each other. I think the students did a fantastic job and I hope you all agree.

I would like to thank Steels Creek Gardening Club, Steels Creek Landcare Group and Steels Creek Community Centre for their generous donations which allowed me to purchase 300 plants. I would also like to thank Angie Lloyd and Jane Calder for the plant guards, stakes and weed mats to protect our new plants.

All in all I think it was a wonderful example of people in our Steels Creek Community working together.

Jennifer Duncan.

Stay tuned for our Christmas social lunch, date to be confirmed

Bunnings Sausage sizzle Friday 16th December – help appreciated ph Angie 0412 343 242

Coming in Jan/Feb 2017 a visit and talk on keeping a dairy goat herd

Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club Happenings

Notice of SCTC Annual General Meeting: The Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club, Inc. will have it's AGM on **Sunday, 2nd October 2016**, starting at **12:00 noon** 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 2016-2017 (currently the only business items on the agenda). **Preceding the AGM we will have a working bee to clean the courts and clubrooms. Any assistance you could provide is much appreciated. Following the AGM, we'll have a free sausage sizzle lunch and open day on the courts.** All local residents and interested individuals are also welcome to participate in all these events.

Competition Tennis: Saturday afternoon tennis competition is starting again in early October. We have two teams of differing ability playing. All games start by 1:15pm. If you are interested, contact Rob Fallon (0417 471 009) for the higher section or Alby (5965 2354) for a medium standard.

Friday Locals Tennis: Was a great success early in the year. With the weather warming up we are looking to start these evenings again, with the next event scheduled for Friday October 21st. Please contact Mark at 0411 111 839 or mark@independentplumbinginspections.com.au if you are interested in coming along.

Social Tennis: Thursday 7:30pm social tennis has been on hold for the colder weather. We'll start up again regularly in September and hope to see you there.

Ladies Social Tennis: Lindy and Joanne have been playing on Monday mornings at 9am. Contact Lindy if you'd like to join in for a bit of light fun (5965 2202).

Kylie Schabel

Social Tennis: Thursday social tennis is back on at 7.30pm. If you are keen for a game, contact Alby (5965 2354) See you then.

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AGM: The STCT AGM is to be on Sunday, 2 October, so mark your calendar. We can always use new ideas on the committee. Plan for the AGM at 12 noon - with an Open Day to follow on the courts with a free sausage sizzle as well. Please come and support your community tennis club..

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SteelsCreekTennisClub

Ed Bartosh

Annual Tetlow Talk

The Yarra Glen and District Historical Society's Annual Tetlow Talk is being held on Sunday 9th October.

The Guest speaker is Les Hutchinson, long term President of the Croydon Historical Society.

He will be talking about documenting family history as he has done through his family's letters and writings during their travel to Australia and onward through the development of Melbourne and Lilydale.

For catering purposes please RSVP to (yarraglenhistorical@live.com.au) or telephone Jill Sheffield 9730 1587.

The Tetlow Talk will be preceded by a brief YGDHS Meeting commencing at 1.30pm – the Tetlow Talk will commence at 2.30pm.

SC4 Reel club

Our fabulous (and mildly famous) film and Dinner will not be held during October so stay tuned for the final night for the year to be on Friday 18th November.

Dinner from 6pm with the film starting at 7.30 BYO drinks

Scintillating company, delicious gourmet food and a movie all thrown in for the bargain price of \$10. Contact Keith or Lindy Montell on 5965 2202 to enquire, book a seat or offer to make something to share. Always a great night and a lovely way to meet and get to know your neighbours



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The event we have all been working towards, namely the Steels Creek Flower and Plant Show is fast approaching. Gates open at 9.00 am on Saturday, November 5th at the Steels Creek Community Centre. Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers led by the wonderful Jane Calder, the shade house is almost full and there is bound to be something that appeals.

The Garden Club now has its own Facebook account <https://www.facebook.com/SteelsCreekGardenClub> so if you are into social media, please like the page so that we can advertise the show to a wider audience



*Gardening simply does not allow one
to be mentally old, because too many hopes
and dreams are yet to be realized.*

— Allan Armitage

Stitchers

Although a small group, it was winter after all, we continued to meet weekly at SC3 and to enjoy each other's company. We also had couple of outings, one to the wonderful exhibition on the Making of the Australian Quilt, including the iconic and very moving Rajah quilt worked by convict women during their 1841 voyage to Australia.

The other outing was to Ballarat to marvel at the knitted landscape orchestrated and largely worked by the local CWA in response to their concerns about climate change. The native flowers were absolutely recognisable in form and colour; and the tree bark a very skilful blending of shapes and colour.

There was much to learn as well as to enjoy on both occasions.



Hargreaves Hill

Hargreaves Hill is continuing its Foodie series on *the first Monday of every month*, we have a wine tasting, from fabulous local, interstate or international producers, then dinner with a matched wine for \$30.

Every 3rd Monday, we now have an acoustic session, everyone is welcome to bring a voice, poem, instrument and give a song. Music starts at 7pm, and you will need to have your name on the chalkboard by then if you'd like to play.

03 97302905.

Beth

Art News



The poster for the Toolangi Sculpture Trail 2016 features a large, dark, abstract sculpture in a forest setting. The text on the poster includes the event title, dates, a celebratory message for the 20th anniversary, a list of activities, contact information, and logos of sponsors.

Toolangi Sculpture Trail 2016
6-20 November

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Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the International Sculpture Event in 1996, 15 Victorian artists will create sculptures on the existing Toolangi Sculpture Trail.

Activities include:

- workshops
- artist talks
- forest & trail tours
- see artists working
- community sculpture
- closing festival

1687 Healesville-Kinglake Rd, Toolangi 3777

www.toolangisculpture.com
To contribute or volunteer please contact:
info@toolangisculpture.com
0400 949 745, 0418 851 819

Logos: Australian Government, FRRR, Parks, Murrindindi Shire Council, Kinglake Ranges Foundation.

Steels Creek Association AGM

The SCA AGM will be held at SCCC on Tuesday 15th November 8pm
All members and Steels Creek Residents are invited to attend.
Any queries to SCA Secretary
Maree Rothwell
Phone 0414 278649
maree@rothwells.com.au

3rd Annual Living with Bushfire Community Conference

The 3rd Annual Living with Bushfire Community Conference is being held on 7 & 8 October in Lilydale. This is a statewide conference for community members, agency staff and people interested bushfire risk. I have attached the conference program for you to view.

Yarra Ranges Council Emergency Management team, would like to support and sponsor community representatives from Yarra Ranges. We have a number of tickets available, that we can offer free of charge for you or your community network to access.

If you or anyone you know are interested in taking up this offer, please contact Kristy Davies, k.davies@yarraranges.vic.gov.au with your name and email address.

Kind regards,
Lisa

YOU TAUGHT ME

Capitalism
You didn't teach me
How to be at peace
Be slow, take care.
To sacrifice for friends
Not profit
Work for community
Not cash
People
Not pounds.

School you didn't
Teach me the joy
Of moments thought-free
And how to be
Agenda-less.

Hollywood you didn't
Teach me the freedom
In letting go of dreams,
Of surrender, responsiveness
On this unpredictable path.

British conservatism
You didn't teach me
How to be sick
How to die
Or how to say goodbye.

Raw humanity
Refined humanity
People on the ground
You people around
You taught me

You taught me care
Peace and quitting
When to stop
When to go
How to be slow
How to let go
How to be here
How to know now

The power of proximity
And the choices we make
Our impact on others
For granted don't take.

P.S.
Centrelink
I owe you for persistence
Telstra and Optus
for patience.
Holle Torrens

Craving a night out without the kids

Need a playmate for your three year old during the work week or some school holiday help?
Holle Torrens cares for children of all ages, has special needs experience, and she's local! So you can stay out as late as you like! 0432 272 054

WEATHER REPORT

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Rainfall for August was spot on average & September was 15 mm above average, which leaves us 20 mm below average for the year so far.

There was a high river event on 4th August when it reached 3.5m & filled up the billabongs, followed by 2.8m on 24th. Mean maximum temperatures for August for the Melbourne area were up to 0.9° above average with Coldstream being 0.4° above.

You may see on TV weather reports temperatures given for Yarra Glen. These are actually the temperatures for Coldstream as there isn't a Bureau station here, but you can check unofficial temperatures & rainfall for Yarra Glen, as there is a Davis WeatherLink station at Yarra Glen CFA, which you can access via this web address -

<http://www.weatherlink.com/user/yarraglen/cfa/>

Barry Sheffield

RAINFALL – to 27th September

Station	August 2016 (mm)	September 2016 (mm)	Total to end of September 2016 (mm)	Total to end of September 2015 (mm)
<i>'Blackwood Hill'</i> Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek	79.7	99.6	584.7	461.4
<i>'Highlea'</i> Dixons Creek	84.6	103.4	644	559.8
<i>Melbourne Water</i> Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek	77	84	525	427.8
<i>'Wandearah'</i> Japonica Drive Yarra Glen	73.7	89.9	540.2	444.7



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

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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? Let me know and I will put you on '[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/> .

Steels Creek Calendar

OCTOBER 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		.		.		1 Tennis Comp.
2 <i>Tennis club AGM Daylight savings starts – put your clocks forward</i>	3 R Art Class. Women's Group	4 Stitchers. .	5	6 Art. Social Tennis.	7 Bushfire community conference	8 Market Tennis Comp. Bushfire community conference
9 <i>Tetlow talk</i>	10 Art Class.	11 Stitchers. Garden Club.	12	13 Art. Social Tennis.	14	15 Tennis Comp.
16	17 R Art Class.	18 Stitchers. Book Group	19	20 Art. Social Tennis.	21	22 Market Tennis Comp.
23	24 Art Class	25 Growing group Stitchers.	26	27 Art. Social Tennis SMB.	28	29 Tennis Comp.
30	31 R Art Class	.				

'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

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

Ivan Filsell 5965 2248

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 Tuesday 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 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Melbourne Cup	2	3 Art Social Tennis	4	5 Tennis Comp
6	7 Women's Group Art Class	8 Stitchers Garden Club	9	10 Art Social Tennis	11	12 Market Tennis comp
13 YG&DHS (Yarra Glen)	14 R Art Class	15 Stitchers SCA AGM Book Group	16	17 Art Social Tennis	18 SC4 film night 6pm	19 Tennis comp
20	21 Art Class	22 Stitchers	23	24 Art Social Tennis SMB	25	26 Market Tennis comp
27	28 R Art class	29 Stitchers Growing Group	30			

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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

STEELS CREEK ASSOCIATION

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

Stephanie Giffard 0418 364 318

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. Mondays 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

Cross Creek 76

Across

1. Locally, there's Chateau, Gorge, Primary School, Station etc (6)
5. Without speech (4)
7. Swiss potato "fritter" (5)
8. A glass of 26A could give you this (4)
9. Jason sailed in this to find the Golden Fleece (4)
10. Used as a substitute for chocolate (5)
11. Unmask (6)
13. Australia's own gemstone (4)
14. Border region of NE France on the Rhine (6)
18. Electronic memory joggers (6)
21. Adam's ale, pura (4)
22. Small potato dumplings cooked in tomato mix (6)
24. Could this bee be an eye in the sky? (5)
25. This early monk is said to be Venerable (4)
26. Sparkling white wine from northern Italy (4)
27. This Gaynor starred in South Pacific (4)
28. Great Aussie invention for portable cold drinks (4)
29. Shakespeare's "such stuff as are made of" (6)

Down

1. Donkeys vie with wine as the attraction here (7)
2. A shortened beginning (5)
3. In this context, it's amazing (5)
4. Attribute, credit (7)
5. Toy, a bit like a yo yo, needs skillful manipulation (7)
6. James Packer is such a one (7)
12. Was Victoria's power base (3)
15. Finish to a sumptuous dinner? (7)
16. This institution awards awards (7)
17. Do these cars need to accompany someone (7)
19. When Blue this was once a very popular riesling (3)
20. Whisky, rum and brandy (7)
22. Frozen as in gelati (5)
23. Speak grandly and eloquently (5)

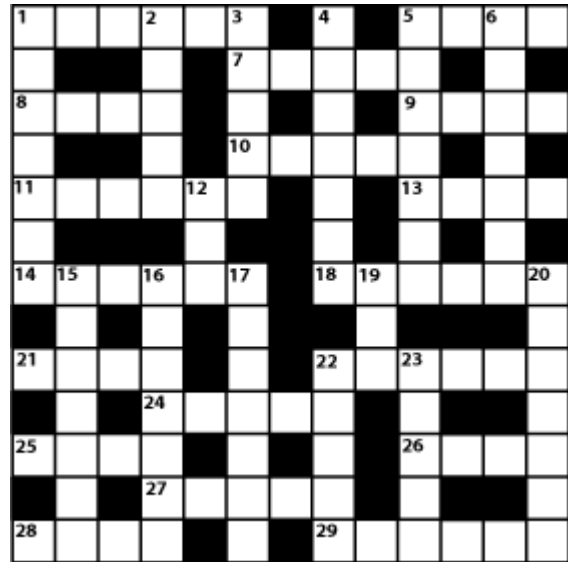
Cross Creek 75 Answers

Across

1. Underdog. 5. Tune. 7. Etch. 8. Galliard. 9. Dances. 12A&18D. Corps de ballet. 15. Matisse. 19. Stanza. 21. Ulterior. 22. Ball. 23. Trot. 24. Title set

Down

1. Upends. 2. Ethic. 3. Degas. 4. Gelato. 5. Trip up. 6. Endure. 10. Neat. 11. Eyes. 12. Cue. 13. Riot. 14. Swan. 15. Minuet. 16. Intent. 17. Sadist. 18. Ballet. 19. Strut. 20. Amble



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HOOGIES

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No worries!

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27th November 2016