



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 131 (Feb- March 2018)

'FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY' <http://steelscreek.vic.au/>

In this issue; Editor required, Pizza nights, Movie Nights and look out for fruit fly!

Letter from the editor

In October this year I will have been editing the Jolly Thing for 3 years. I took over from David Allan when he left the valley. The publication has been going for some 22 years with a variety of editors.

I have always had a strong belief that communities and community groups are at their best when there is a renewal of people. Whether it is a committee that gets an influx of new ideas from new members or in this case a newsletter edited by a variety of people.

It has always been my intention to "pass the baton" of editing the JT to another person after a 3 year period. The job itself is not onerous; taking only a couple of hours every 2 months, subscriptions are set up to be automatic and you don't need amazing computer skills (if you can Facebook or send an email you can do this). You don't need to write much (if anything) as the job is simply to edit and choose from what is sent in. So I am therefore giving notice to all readers of the JT, the **August edition of the Jolly Thing will be my last edition.**

If you think you might like to "give it a go" reply to me scjollything@gmail.com. If you just want to enquire you won't be forced to take over.

If you think this is an important part of the Steels creek community then don't assume that "someone else" will do this. Also don't hold back thinking you're not good enough or haven't lived here long enough.

It is a lovely feeling being an integral part of our community and I can honestly say it has been a joy to edit our local publication but this is a newsletter of the Steels Creek community and as such is healthiest when it gets regularly renewed.

It's Time for another Pizza Night

Where: SCCC

When: Saturday 3rd March 5: 30pm

Cost: \$10 per adult. \$5 per child, payable on arrival.

BYO drinks

RSVP: Very necessary for correct catering.

Please call or email Maree Rothwell Friday 23rd Feb

Ph 0414278649, maree@rothwells.com.au

The Steels Creek Community Market

Takes place at the Steels Creek Community Centre at 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. To refer to it as a market is perhaps a misnomer – to me it is a gathering - an opportunity to perhaps buy some free-range eggs (which will depend on whether the local hens are laying) or delicious home produced jam or pickle, rhubarb or a few home-grown veggies but mostly it is an opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours. There is always plenty of chat taking place, plus a short time is set aside to let everyone know what is going on in our beautiful part of the world.

We have news of the tennis club; information about the Garden Club; an update on the ever popular Art Group; Landcare plans and activities; what film will be featured at the next Film Night, plus any other relevant information. Fiona's delicious scones and jam and the excellent coffee is an added bonus. (Where else can you buy coffee and a scone for only \$2.00?) This regular get-together never takes more than an hour after which people continue on their merry way. Everyone from the surrounding area is very welcome to come along whether they live in Steels Creek, Yarra Glen, Dixons Creek or further afield. Why not join us and be a part of this vibrant, friendly community?

WOMEN'S GROUP – an pleasant evening get-together

1st Monday of the month at 6.30 p.m. Come for company, conversation, food and coffee. You'll be made most welcome! For current venue location contact Lindy (5965 2202).

S4Reel Film Club

We look forward to you joining us for guaranteed laughs; suspense; and drama together with fine food; good company and a movie in our Gold Class venue.
First film of the year – a classic comedy.

- **Screening on Friday 16th March: The Lavender Hill Mob (1951).**

A meek bank clerk who oversees the shipment of bullion joins with an eccentric neighbour to steal gold bars and smuggle them out of the country as miniature Eiffel Towers. Typical Ealing absurd comedy starring Alec Guinness; Stanley Holloway; and Sidney James.

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

DINNER FROM 6pm – FILM STARTS 7.30pm

Steels Creek Tennis Club

Tennis Coaching for Kids?

We are trying again to see if there is enough interest in Tennis Coaching one day after school at our lovely Steels Creek Tennis Club. We probably need about 4-6 kids, maybe \$15 a lesson, we'd need to work out details. Please let us know ASAP if you're interested? Contact Mark 0411 111 839 or Erin Marie 0407 353 379

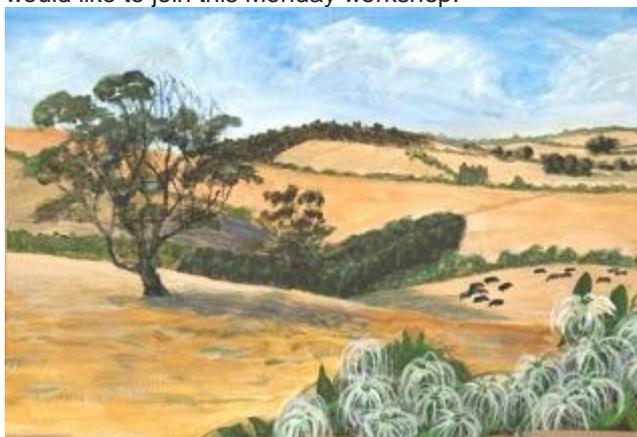
Steels Creek Art Group (SCAG) Malcolm Calder

Here goes for another creative year. I was thinking of trying out a more wacky name for the group of people who come to SC3 to enjoy and develop their art. One thought was the Steels Creek Art Mob, but that ends up being SCAM, which doesn't really give the right message about us. Any Ideas?

As of now, the Thursday group is underway and we meet every Thursday from 1.30 to 4.30 (except on days of total fire ban). The cost is just \$3 per person per session for the use of the facilities. Anyone is welcome to join the group, just BYO equipment and ideas and enjoy an afternoon with us. There is no organised teaching, but we all have plenty of time to chat and share our ideas. Tea and coffee are available and we rotate the responsibility of biscuits or cake. There is no formal membership and not everyone comes every day. We come just to have a great time. People come from as far afield as Healesville, Glenburn, Mooroolbark and of course Yarra Glen, so we really are a regional art hub! (Does that make us SCAH?)



During the school term there is an organised teaching workshop on alternate Mondays, 1.30 to 4.30 - this year starting on **Monday, 5 February**. This workshop is designed to get those who have never painted, or would like to have help in further developing their work. We try to get them going with the skills and ideas they hope to develop. Some starting materials are available. For this there is a charge of \$10 in addition to the community \$3 to cover costs of basic materials and tuition. Contact Malcolm on 5965 2372 if you would like to join this Monday workshop.



Fruit fly are in the Yarra Valley

One important component of every control program is sanitation – picking up and destroying fallen fruit to break the fruit fly life cycle and prevent fruit fly numbers increasing. If you are unable or unwilling to control fruit fly, consider removing fruit and vegetable host plants and replacing them with alternative plants such as non-host vegetables and non-fruiting ornamentals•

LOOK in your garden and host fruit nearby footpaths, parks, roadsides and talk to your neighbour.

Report any suspect fruit to the regional coordinator on off@agribusiness-yarravalley.com or call DEDJTR on 136186

How do I dispose of fruit properly?

DO NOT put untreated produce in your compost or worm farm as this will aid the Queensland fruit fly life cycle. DO NOT dispose untreated produce directly into your rubbish or green bin, as it may cause a new infestation in another area.

Treat unwanted fruit or vegetables using a microwave to kill any maggots. Alternatively, place produce in a plastic bag, seal the bag and either leave it in the sun for 5-7 days or place it in a freezer for two days. The bagged, treated fruit or vegetables can then be discarded in your rubbish bin.

Visit [Agriculture Victoria website](#) for more information on disposing of infested produce.

WEATHER REPORT

Rainfall for December got off to a flying start with over 100 mm falling in the first 4 days. Mt St Leonard had the highest 4 day total for the state with 251 mm (which resulted in flooding of the Watts River at Healesville). With other significant totals later in the month, our total was 116 mm above average.

Coldstream recorded its highest monthly total for any December & its highest total recorded for any month. At the end of November we were 100 mm below the year to date average but ended up 18.6 mm above the yearly average. January rainfall was looking like being below average but a good fall at the end of the month brought it up to 17 mm above average. It is unusual to have green paddocks at the end of January.

Temperature wise for December, Coldstream had a mean daily maximum of 0.9° above average & a mean daily minimum of 2.3° above average. For 2017 Coldstream had a mean maximum temperature 0.8° above average & a mean minimum temperature of 0.3° above average.

Australia wide the annual national mean temperature for 2017 was 0.95° above average.

January temperatures for both Coldstream & Melbourne were 1.5° above average for the mean maximum temperature. Barry Sheffield

Station	December 2017 (mm)	January 2018 (mm)	Total for 2017 (mm)	Total for 2016 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek	195.2	63.2	794	800
Highlea' Dixons Creek	211.4	74.2	891.4	910.8
Melbourne Water Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek	Website down	-	-	756.6
'Wandearah' Japonica Drive Yarra Glen	176.7	66	783.6	773

As the rare super blue blood moon put on a spectacular show, Australians and people around the world flocked outside to capture the unusual lunar spectacle.

It is the first time in 35 years a blue moon has synced up with a super moon and a total lunar eclipse, or blood moon because of its red hue.

A blue moon is a full moon that occurs twice in a month, while a blood moon takes on a reddish hue during an eclipse. The "super moon" applies when the moon appears bigger because it is close to the Earth.

The red appearance is caused by the light filtering and bending properties of our atmosphere.

NASA is calling it a lunar trifecta: the first super blue blood moon since 1982.

That combination won't happen again until 2037.



Anzac Ave Community Groups Open Day

Community organisations located along Anzac Avenue Yarra Glen will open their doors on Saturday 10 February 2018 from 10.00am – 1.00pm to hold the Anzac Avenue Community Groups Open Day event. The event will give members of the community an opportunity to engage with each organisation, highlighting health, educational, social benefits and the important role each organisation plays in our community. Organisations involved are: Yarra Glen RSL, Historical Society, Toy Library, Seniors Citizens Group (all located in the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall area), CFA, Men's Shed, Bowling Club, Living & Learning Centre, Tennis Club and Kindergarten. The Community Reading Room will also be open.

Free activities, general information and free giveaways.

Coffee, ice cream and food vans will be located in the car park adjacent to the tennis courts as will live music, a balloon twister and general information about the activities each organisation will be offering on the day.

What's On Offer?

Bowling Club - Enjoy a social game of bowls

CFA - Information, children's activities & checkout the trucks

Historical Society -Explore the fascinating history of our community

Kindergarten - Come & explore our amazing educational environment, face painting & lots more

Living & Learning Centre - Garden talks, cooking & exercise demos, African drumming, free giveaways

Men's Shed - Billy cart rides, free sausage sizzle, registration plate security

Reading Room- Activities and Storytime for the kids

RSL - Relax with a cuppa and a game of pool, info about Veterans Affairs

Senior Citizens Group - Homemade Devonshire Tea carpet bowls

Tennis Club - Fun games, Hot Shot games for the kids, speed serve, coaching tips & free giveaways

Toy Library - Stay & Play - big & small toys, coupe cars, plus lots more!

A fun packed day for the whole family and a great way to meet and connect with other members of our community.

For further details please call 9730 2887

Note from the editor

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

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

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

Thank you

Steels Creek Community Centre Bookings now On-line

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

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

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

The Jolly Thing Delivery

1. **Free e-mail subscription.** If you do not already subscribe, **please visit steelscreek.vic.au to register your details**, or **use the link at the bottom of the email** and it will be included on the e-mail distribution list.
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3. **By Post.** For an annual subscription of \$6 we will post to you a copy in the week of publication. For this option please forward a \$6 cheque and your full postal address to the following address:-
Malcolm Calder, c/o the Steels Creek Community Centre, P.O. Box 72, Yarra Glen, VIC 3775.
4. **By the World Wide Web.** You can download T.J.T. from the web soon after the start of the month of publication. All editions from August 2003 are available.

The Steels Creek Grapevine

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

'The Steels Creek Grape Vine' so you don't miss out.

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

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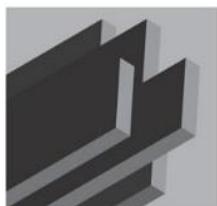
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HOOGIES

O F Y A R R A G L E N



No worries!

Steels Creek Calendar available to view at steelscreek.vic.au

February 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Social Tennis. Tai chi Art	2	3
4	5R Women's group Art group	6 . Stitches.	7	8 Social Tennis. Tai chi Art	9	10 Market 10-11am ANZAC ave open day
11	12	13 Stitches. Garden Club	14	15 Social Tennis. Tai chi Art	16	17
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25	26 Growing group	27 Stitches.	28			

ART

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

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

BOOK GROUP

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

Julie Riddell 0422 424 694.

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen.

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com

GARDEN CLUB at SCCC

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

Jill Hess 9730 1960

HEWI (Healesville Environment Watch Inc)

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

Maureen Bond 5962 1224 hewisec@bigpond.com.

HISTORY

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

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

LANDCARE GROUP

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

Angie Lloyd 0412 343 242, steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE

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

Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

March 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		.		1 Social Tennis. Tai chi Art	2	3 Pizza Night
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R – put out your recycle bin

MARKET

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

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

MOVIES

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

Keith Montell 5965 2202

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

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

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

STITCHERS

Every Tuesday, 1.30 PM - 4.00 PM at SCCC, since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Workshops plus, bring own work – knit, patch, embroider.

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Nola Matthews 0412 199 129

TAI CHI

Every Thursday in School Term time at SCCC.

Hannah Sky 5965 2211

TENNIS

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

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

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

WOMEN'S GROUP - Evening Friendship Group

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

Lindy Montell 5965 2202

DEADLINE for the next *Jolly Thing* is **27th March 2018**