

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 133 (June-July 2018)

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

Letter from the editor

As detailed in the last edition of the JT we are in need of a new Editor as the current Editor will be stepping down after the August Edition.

Please reply to scjollything@gmail.com if you think you can take over this important community role, previous experience not required!

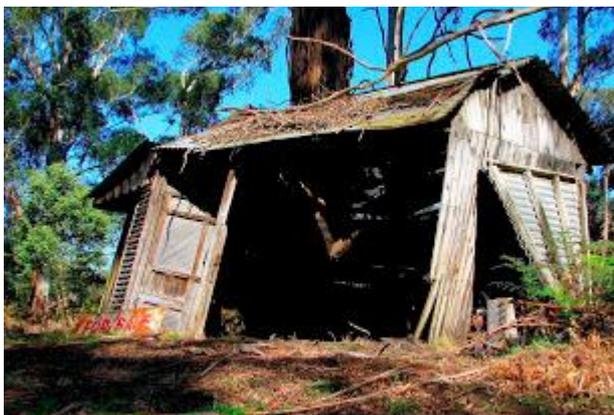
Ted's Hut Strut

On a lovely autumn weekend, Henry and JB were exploring down near the Creek, and found a strut where Ted's Hut used to be. Much excitement ensued, and the prospect of Henry sharing the find with his class at St Brigid's for Show And Tell called for some research!



Luckily, the book that Tom Griffiths and Christine Hansen wrote for the Steels Creek community "Living with Fire" told the story of Ted's Hut, and there was even an article in this very publication The Jolly Thing from 2004 which references previous excitement associated with finding out more about it. <http://steelscreek.vic.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/JT48-April-May-2004.pdf>

The story goes: Ted Lancaster arrived in the early 1950s to take a job for a short time as a caretaker of a property along Hargreaves Road, and later set up a camp by Steels Creek. The place he originally built was from an old charcoal burner tank, a steel boiler as the kitchen and living room, and wagon as the bedroom. Later he built walls using packing cases that had been used for transporting Austin A30 cars from England. He made additions from various bits and pieces; presumably the strut being used to secure a wall. The old hut burned down in 2009.



Henry's class was

most interested in... "how the strut was very old" Anyway, as the wonderfully eloquent Tom Griffiths put it: dedication to bringing material culture and true storytelling together for the public good... and just when you thought it was a rusty old pole in your back paddock ;-)

It's a special spot: then, and now.

Steels creek Landcare Group

Just a reminder that your annual fees are due by the end of June each year, an email has gone out to all members with banking details so if you wish to support your group and take advantage of free equipment please remember to get it in before the due date.

AGM and dinner will be held on Friday 10th August 2018, we are hoping to obtain a speaker who will talk on keeping backyard poultry – and a delicious poultry inspired dinner to share

Email steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com for enquiries on membership or booking in for the AGM

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

On Tuesday, May 22nd the Garden Club hosted a Long Afternoon tea at Steels Creek. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, donated cakes, goods for the stall or raffle prizes and came along to support this worthwhile cause. We raised \$885.00 which was terrific for a small group. Thanks to Jill for running the event.

Growing Group continues to meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 9.30 throughout the year. Our next meeting is on June 25th.

The club holds monthly outings on the second Tuesday of the month. In June the club is meeting at the S.C. Centre for a craft day.

New members are always welcome.

For further information contact Jill Hess on 0430 108 672



Steels creek Tennis club- Christmas in July

Steels Creek tennis club are having their annual Christmas in July dinner on Saturday the 28th from 6pm
All Welcome

\$25 per adult includes Delicious Xmas roast of Moist Turkey with cranberry and sage stuffing, Baked Crispy glazed Ham and all the trimmings together with a traditional Steamed plum pudding with hot custard and whipped cream.

Optional for primary school aged children \$12 per child for nuggets and chips and desert.

Bookings need to be confirmed by Saturday the 21st of July. Phone or text Mark on 0411 111 839

SC4Reel 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.



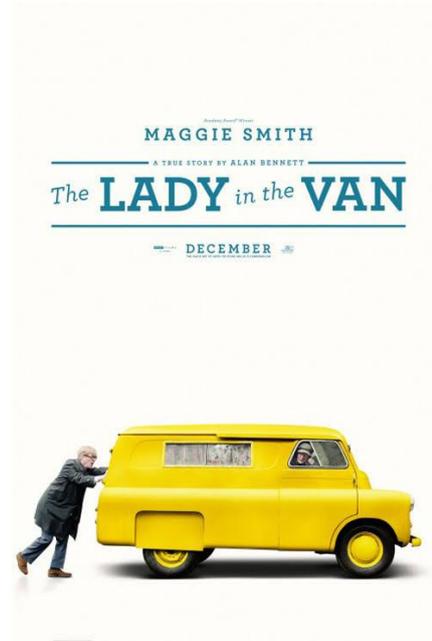
- **Screening on Friday 15th June: Hidden Figures 2016**

Based on the true story of three brilliant African - American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn a stunning achievement that changed the Space Race. These women, by surmounting racial and gender barriers, inspired future generations. It is an inspiring and remarkable story.

- **Screening on Friday 13th July: The Lady in the Van.2015**

Based on the true story of Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins, who parks her van 'temporarily in Alan Bennett's driveway and proceeds to live there for 15 years. What began as a begrudged favour develops into a life changing relationship.

Maggie Smith is brilliant in this as Miss Shepherd and well supported by Alex Jennings as Alan. A very entertaining, warm and funny film.



Cost is \$10 per person plus \$3 for the Centre. For those able to provide food it's just \$3 donation for the Centre. Please RSVP for catering purposes and please also 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

The Garden Fairy

Not so long ago I discovered something too good to be true. A gadget called an Ultrasonic cordless repeller. What is it you ask? It keeps large and small creatures off all types of vegetables, herbs and fruit via a movement sensor. It doesn't bother people, but creatures won't go near it. It is humane and environmentally friendly. Since I started using it near the vegetable garden, the kangaroos have avoided going near this area. It fits in the palm of your hand and costs around \$50.00. It uses 6 c sized batteries. It is waterproof works 24/7 and can be used inside or out.

. You are welcome to see it in action at the Garden Fairy's Place. 0448 037 690

From the editor; this is a personal comment only (by the contributor) on a product which may be useful to local gardeners not a recommendation or endorsed by the JT

WEATHER REPORT

April was very dry with rainfall 49 mm below average & only one day, the 15th, having a reasonable total of 12.5 mm.

Coldstream had it's lowest ever recorded rainfall for April of 5.4 mm which was 54 mm below average for April. By contrast May has had good falls distributed throughout the month with a total 28 mm above average. We are currently 58 mm below average for the year so far.

It was very warm in April with Coldstream having the warmest days on average for the Melbourne area of 23.4° being 2.9° above average.

By comparison the Melbourne mean daily maximum was 21.8° being 1.5° above average.

May temperatures have also been above average with the Coldstream mean daily maximum 0.6° above average & Melbourne 1.0° higher.

Barry Sheffield

RAINFALL – APRIL & MAY

Station	April 2018 (mm)	May 2018 (mm)	Year to date to end of May 2018 (mm)	Year to date to end of May 2017 (mm)
<i>'Blackwood Hill'</i> Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek	20.8	97.7	224.6	260.4
<i>'Highlea'</i> Dixons Creek	17.6	110.2	253.4	282.6
<i>Melbourne Water</i> Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek	19.8	92.2	232.2	264.6
<i>'Wandearah'</i> Japonica Drive Yarra Glen	18.1	99.5	231.1	275

Items for sale

1. Stihl 250 C chainsaw in excellent condition – just fully serviced. New \$899 selling now for \$425.



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.
2. **Pick up a free copy** in the first week of the month of publication - (February; April; June; August; October; December). Available in Yarra Glen - Post Office, IGA, News Agent, selected cafes and elsewhere - also at Steels Creek Community Centre.
3. **By Post.** For an annual subscription of \$6 we will post to you a copy in the week of publication. For this option please forward a \$6 cheque and your full postal address to the following address:- Malcolm Calder, c/o the Steels Creek Community Centre, P.O. Box 72, Yarra Glen, VIC 3775.
4. **By the World Wide Web.** You can download T.J.T. from the web soon after the start of the month of publication. All editions from August 2003 are available.

The Steels Creek Grapevine

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

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

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

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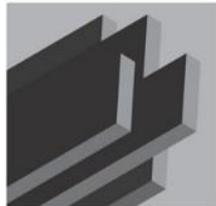
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HOOGIES

O F Y A R R A G L E N



No worries!

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

June 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			.		1	2
3	4 Women's Group	5 Stitchers	6	7 Art Social Tennis	8	9 Market
10 YG&DHS (Yarra Glen)	11 R	12 Stitchers Garden Club	13 .	14 Tai Chi. Art Social Tennis	15 <i>Film night</i>	16 Tennis Comp.
17	18	19 Stitchers Book Group	20 .	21 Tai Chi. Art Social Tennis	22 .	23 Market Tennis Comp.
24	25 R Growing Group	26 Stitchers	27	28 Art Social Tennis SMB	29	30 Tennis Comp

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

July 2018						
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29	30 R	31 Stitchers				

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 July 2018**