

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 86 (August-September 2010) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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President's Prattle

I can remember thinking when I became president that there was not a lot involved beyond attending the odd function and markets; writing a couple of Grant applications; and chairing a few meetings. Well February 2009 took care of that complacency!

Well after three years I can now hand over the reins to someone else!

On reflection I think that if the Centre had been lost I would probably have just given up. But to emerge from the devastation and to find the old school still there seemed to be a good reason to hold the morning tea and try to rally together as many of us as possible. I never expected almost 200 people!

Since then we, as a committee, have tried to do what we could for our little community and I am full of admiration for those on the committee, all of whom in varying degrees, sustained losses in the fires but kept on putting in. Thank you to them all!

Some works on the redevelopment have been started at the Centre and over the next few months hopefully more will be done. Plans are close to being finalised and permits about to be issued. Tenders should be out in early August.

I encourage everyone in the Creek to use the Centre, after all it is yours, and if there is an activity you think should be run why not start one up.

Keith Montell

The right man at the right time, **Keith's** energy and can do attitude as President will leave a lasting legacy in the soon to be renovated Community Centre. A thank you from us all.

The Steels Creek Community Centre Annual General Meeting

The SCCC AGM is being held at 7.30pm on Monday the 16 August at the Centre.

All are welcome, why not become a committee member and **get involved**

Sandra Turnley Secretary SCCC.

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

"Christmas in July" dinner: Another great success – in spite of the power outage at the start of things. But Jean and the ladies had the food all ready in time – and all went well – as long as Rob or Phil were there to silence the smoke alarm... Thanks to all who showed up for the fun.

Clubhouse Construction: SCTC is supposed to have a new clubhouse from Shire, Pipeline, and Bushfire funds – starting soon. It will cover the footprint of the current clubroom and awning as well as the toilet block. Indoor plumbing will be a nice change. Delay for the AGM due to impending works (we hope).

SCTC AGM: The SCTC AGM will NOT be held in August. The impending construction has allowed us to delay it until warmer days – Sunday 17 October is the scheduled date. BBQ and hit to follow the meeting.

Dues: Dues are unchanged and are due from 1 July – thank you. \$30 players, \$10 junior and social members. Tennis Victoria affiliation required for players.

Saturday Tennis: Saturday competitions going well – both Saturday teams in second place on their ladders. They are on at the courts on each Saturday afternoon at 1:30. Summer season starts 7th October.

Thursday Morning Mum's Tennis: On a break for the cold and rainy weather – but will start up again with eager participants. Contact **Morgan Calder, 5965 2481**, if you'd like to join in.

Social Tennis: Warm or cool, the tennis is always just right on Monday and Thursday night social tennis. We will be continuing our no-fee policy through to the end of the year, thanks to those who slaved under the marquee at Bunnings on in early July. Come and enjoy the tennis and friendship.

Web site: www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/

Ed Bartosh, Secretary

Travels With Henry – Steels Creeks Own Bill Bryson

The last time I sent you details of our travels, we were about to attend a BBQ for some members of the French and Slovenian choirs, and the Kathaumixw Festival final concert on the next day (Saturday). I nearly didn't make the concert because of an attack of 'Tendonitis' some hours prior which left my travel insurer with a bill of about C\$1,000, all for 40 minutes work, X-rays and a wrist splint. In Canada, a day in hospital for a non-resident can cost up to C\$7,995! However, I did finally attend a really great concert.

The following morning saw us travelling on the Trans Canada highway at the start of our 5,000 km car sojourn of British Columbia and Alberta. After Vancouver visiting Stanley and Capalino Gardens, the next overnight stays were at Whistler, then 3 Valleys at the start of the Rockies. The road construction rivals that of the tollways in Italy. They are so twisting and vertical, it is incomprehensible as to how they were built in the early 1960's. Nights were spent near Lake Louise and Banff before staying for the Calgary Stampede and the stupendous 1 1/2 hour closing show. On to West Edmonton with the largest shopping mall in the world (5.3 million sq. feet, 800 shops, 20,000 car park, amusement park, wave pool, zoo, etc, etc).

Following Highway 2 north took us to Drumheller to see the worlds largest? display of pre-historic bones and models of those animals at the Royal Tyrell Museum. Then slowly back to Banff via the Icefields Parkway past the Athabasca Glaciers. The amount of glaciers and snow was mindboggling, especially as some more light snow had fallen at altitude during the night. After revisiting about 300 km of roads, we were heading south west towards Vancouver via the Okanagan Valley. Here, temperatures varied every quarter hour from 18 to 33 C as the road took us through the mountains and the valleys. this is where we saw the first sun-worshippers on the beach.

Tomorrow, we arrive back in Vancouver to board our cruise ship (Zuiderdam) for 3 days travel up the Inside Passage and the 7 day land tour of the Yukon and Alaska. We have been 'upgraded' to an 8th deck, 391 sq. metre Stateroom on the 'Navigation Deck' (I don't think that that means that I am required to steer the ship!!!) Wall to wall and floor to ceiling windows according to the Internet.

When we leave Anchorage (Alaska) by air to Toronto via Chicago, our friends will be driving the over 5,000km through the flat and boring prairies to meet us there. After we all finally get to Newfoundland, they will face a return car trip in excess of 9,000km. Anyway, must be off....till next time in about a fortnight....

Pam and Henry Verhoeven

The Buzz Is Around Town.

What is **SLIP**? Who **SLIPPED**? Can I **SLIP**? These are some of the many questions on the minds of the Steels Creek & Yarra Glen residents as we embark on the '**Shop Local it Pays**' campaign. Residents received their shopping card in the mail this week from Councillor **Jeanette McCrae** which they can present at over 50 participating traders in Yarra Glen to receive a special offer.

Nearly every trader in the main street is participating – just look for the signs or ask what great offer is available as you shop. There also many outer lying businesses participating including several wineries and even a dog groomer.

The offers vary from store to store and may vary week to week.

A full list of participating traders is available at www.yarraglen.com.au and you can pick up additional cards at Little Tackers' Treasures (22 Bell St Yarra Glen) and participating traders.

Food writers Report

Memories of Round Stone: Several Sundays ago I had the good fortune to be invited to a little cottage in Willowbend Drive along with several other Steels Creek residents, for a Sunday lunch. We started off with a lovely home-made pate, olives, warm bread and couchons accompanied with much champagne. The next course was a fantastic "Pot au Feu" , Classic French! Beef, chicken and pork poached in a large casserole with root vegetables, potatoes, pumpkin, parsnips, and onions. The true flavours were achieved by long slow cooking and enhanced by a superb sauce (the chefs secret). We then enjoyed a rich warm bread and butter pudding with fresh cream

We were at the table of Lyn and John Derwin, Lyn the chef extraordinaire and John the generous sommelier. I couldn't help but reflection the fact that so many friends and Screekians would have been delighted to be at that table.

My mind conjured up thoughts of a resurrected large shed at Roundstone selling wine and a "Chefs' Table". Friday night and Sunday lunch, no menu and a seating of 12 people only. You make your booking and arrive with the secure knowledge that the food will be great. A fixed price of, say, \$60 - \$80 per person and \$20 for wine to accompany the food, just fantastic.

Well that's my fantasy and also a deep wish that Lyn and John Derwin can be coerced into some thoughts along those lines.

As we have so recently learnt: You never truly know what you have lost until it is gone.

Judith Augustine

The All-purpose Yarra Glen-To-Steels Creek Eric Tetlow Track

To give it its full name is well into the planning stage and hopefully, after further community consultation, will be started later this year with completion early next year. Start pumping up those tyres and getting the lycra out.

SC3 Film Club

Super Meal and jolly good company at 6pm. Films starts 7.30pm.

More fun; suspense and drama together with fine HOT food.

Another couple of older classics to take us through winter. Only one screening each month so there are a couple of spaces if someone would like to run a traveller's tales or similar night.

Screening on Friday 13th August:

The Little Colonel (1935)

Shirley Temple is at her plucky peak in this film...Set in the post civil war South little Lloyd Sherman (Temple) hopes to reunite her mother, who had run off to marry a Yankee, with her stern Confederate veteran grandfather Colonel Lloyd. Should be full of corn, pathos; bathos etc. For more see www.imdb.com.

Screening on Friday 17th September:

Three Coins In The Fountain (1954)

In this charming romantic comedy three young American girls working in Italy throw coins into Rome's magnificent Trevi fountain making a wish to meet the man of their dreams (it never happens and vice versa).

Not a bad trio though – Clifton Webb; Rossano Brazzi; and Louis Jordan.

Witty dialogue, stunning scenery and the famous title song are part of this wonderful movie.

NB this was the first movie my mum took me to. I thought it was ok but wasn't too happy about the kissing stuff! For more see www.imdb.com.

October back to two nights as the weather warms up. One will be a British comedy. The other a heart warming story of a mans journey on a most unusual conveyance.

Clamberers

Clamberers undertake monthly walks in and around the Steels Creek area and elsewhere, from April to November each year. Walks are usually held on the last Sunday of each month during that time.

Our August walk is a special event this year - we are planning a **weekend** away to try some walks on and near **Phillip Island**, over the weekend of **27, 28 and 29 of August**. Some accommodation is available at very reasonable prices, but will need to be booked early. Alternatively one can arrange one's own accommodation. It is also possible to attend for less than the full weekend. To obtain further information and to assist finalising plans for this weekend, please contact Robyn of David Allan (ph. 5988 7073, or email rka@wideband.net.au) as soon as possible. Details of the proposed walks and other arrangements will be circulated in the near future to those proposing to participate.

Our September walk is proposed to be in the Old Kinglake Road area. It will be interesting to observe the extent of regrowth and to try some orchid spotting in this part of Kinglake National Park,. Further details will be forwarded in due course.

Full details of the walks are emailed to registered Clamberers beforehand. If you are not on the email list but would like to receive details of walks, please send your email contact details to Robyn Allan at rka@wideband.net.au .Robyn Allan Ph 5988 7073 (H), 0409 139 371 (M).

Rainfall Report - to 28 July 2010

| Station | June (mm) | July (to 25th) (mm) | Year to Date (mm to 25th July) | Year to date in 2009 (mm) |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane | 88.8 | 46.0 | 483.1 | 235.6 |
| 'Kilvarock' Adams Lane | 95 | 59 | 463 | 199.5 |
| 'Highlea' Dixons Creek | 108 | 59.2 | 552.4 | 278.6 |
| 'Pencloe' Steels Creek Road | 89.9 | 51.7 | 501.4 | 220.4 |

Rainfall from the Mt St Leonard Station for the month was 75.6 mm, year to date 747 mm, last year to date 408.8 mm.

*The rainfall for the year too date is over double last year's figures

Bush Fire Commission Hearing Final Report

A copy of the report will be at the Community Centre by mid next week, it can also accessed through the following link <http://www.royalcommission.vic.gov.au/Commission-Reports/Final-Report>

Open Studios Week End

The Yarra Valley Open Studios week end is on the 17, 18 & 19 September. Local Artist Margaret McLouglin is hard at work getting ready. Further details are from yvopenstudios.net.au

The Melba Festival

The Melba Festival is on the Weekend 10 -12 September. Get along and enjoy music poetry and food at some of the Yarra Valleys finest venues. More details on www.melbafestival.com.au

Need A Shed Bigger Than Ed's?

Craig and Eva Matthews have just become agents for Big Tough Sheds. We have a range of sheds to choose from - domestic, rural and industrial, made from the highest quality materials and delivered free. Standard packages or custom built to your specifications, all at very competitive prices.

Locals Special Offer: 5% off for residents in a 3775 postcode, for orders placed by end of August 2010. Email us at connected@bigtoughsheds.com.au or phone 5965 2496 to arrange a quote.

Stitchers

Stitchers now meet in the Yarra Glen Living and Learning Centre, still at the same time, 1.30-4pm every Tuesday and, as ever, we welcome anyone who would like to join us to sew, knit or just to drop in and chat. We are now taking things quietly after our big push to complete our quilt to go into the October quilt auction to raise money for the Breast Cancer Support Network. The quilt looks absolutely superb (you might have seen it in a recent Yarra Ranges Journal) and we are all justifiably proud of it. Further details on the auction will be in the next Jolly Thing. Meanwhile we are having a tea cosy display/competition at our meeting on 24 August and any one is welcome to come along with or without their favourite cosy.

Garden Club

The next outing will be to Karwarra Gardens, Kalorama on Tuesday 10 August, and should be a great chance to see some early spring colour from the wide range of native plants that they have there. There have been some significant changes to these gardens lately and it will be good to check these out.

Be at McKenzie Reserve at 9.30am if you'd like to be part of this occasion. **Gillian Poulton 5797 8266**

Advance notice that both the **AGM on 14 September** and the annual Flower Show on Saturday 6 November will be held at Muriel Wilds beautiful Cuttagee Estate garden in Willowbend Drive

Relocation Notice

Whilst the renovations to the Community Centre are in Progress a number of the Groups that usually meet there are now meeting elsewhere. If in doubt check with the convenor

Stitchers: Yarra Glen Living & Learning Centre, Anzac Av Yarra Glen,

Art Group: At Margaret Brewsters, 11 Armstrong Gr Yarra Glen

Book Group: Meeting in Members Homes.

The Growing Group: At the Calder's

But Please Note that the Market Day and the Film Club are still being held at the Community Centre.

Every One 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 Third Chris Mullen award for literary excellence.

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| AUGUST 2010 | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|--|----------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
| 1 | 2 Recycle Women's Group Social Tennis | 3 Stitchers | 4 | 5 Art Social Tennis | 6 | 7 Tennis Comp |
| 8 YG&DHS | 9 Social Tennis | 10 Garden Outing Stitchers | 11 | 12 Art Social Tennis Singing | 13 Film Night | 14 Market Tennis Comp |
| 15 | 16 Recycle Social Tennis SCCC AGM | 17 Stitchers | 18 YG Township Group | 19 Art Social Tennis | 20 | 21 FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp |
| 22 | 23 Social Tennis Growing Group | 24 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group | 25 | 26 SMB Art Social Tennis Singing | 27 | 28 Market Tennis Comp |
| 29 Clamberers | 30 Recycle Social Tennis | 31 Social Tennis Stitchers | | | | |

Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling bin

ART

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

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

BOOK GROUP

4th Tuesday - 8.00 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC. New Members welcome

Robyn Allan 0409 139 371

CLAMBERERS

Last Sunday (April to November). Since 1993, the walking group has walked over local tracks & explored the flora and fauna of the Valley and surrounding areas. Walks are announced at the SCCC Market before hand. or see item on page 4

Robyn Allan 0409 139371 eda@wideband.net.au

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen.

Working Bees third Saturday of every second month starting at 12 noon

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com
<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

GARDEN

Newsletter, outings 2nd Tuesdays, 60 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 9.30 am at SC3 – all welcome.

Gillian Poulton 5797 8266

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 Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm Memorial Hall:

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801

<http://www.yarraglenhistorical.websyte.com.au>

MARKET

2nd and 4th Saturdays at SCCC, 10.00 AM Sharp! Community announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods. The Creek's best home made scones, coffee and tea at every market!

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

LANDCARE GROUP

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

Ivan Filsell Ph 5965 2248 or David Allan 0413 396 296

SC3 = SC4 =SCCC = Steels Creek Community (and Cultural) Centre, 699 Steels Creek Road

SEPTEMBER 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 Mums' Tennis Art Social Tennis | 3 | 4 Tennis Comp Semi-final |
| 5 | 6 Social Tennis Women's Group | 7 Social Tennis Stitchers | 8 | 9 Mums' Tennis Art Social Tennis Singing | 10 Melba Festival | 11 Market Tennis Comp Grand Final Melba Festival |
| 12 YG&DHS Melba Festival | 13 Recycle Social Tennis | 14 Garden Club AGM Social Tennis Stitchers | 15 YG Township Group | 16 Mums' Tennis Art Social Tennis | 17 <i>Movie</i> Open Studios | 18 FYFB Working Bee Open Studios |
| 19 Open Studios | 20 Social Tennis | 21 Social Tennis Stitchers | 22 | 23 Mums' Tennis Art Social Tennis Singing | 24 | 25 Market |
| 26 Clamberers | 27 Recycle Social Tennis Growing Group | 28 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group | 28 | 30 Mums' Tennis SMB Art Social Tennis | | |

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE

To arrange hire of the revamped Hall and/or any equipment please contact Christine Tomlin 5965 2080

MOVIES

3rd Friday – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic movies at SCCC. March through November.

Keith Montell 5965 2202

SINGING

Is now a Ukulele group meeting at Hargreaves Hill in Bell St Yarra Glen on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.

Angie Macmillan 97301998

SMB

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 YG L&LC (temp). Since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Work shops plus, bring own work – knit, patch, embroider.

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Annette Conrad 5962 5995

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 70 active and social members. Mondays, 7.30 PM*, (Social tennis). Tuesdays 9.00 AM - Social Tennis (contact 5965 2202). Thursdays 9.30 AM*, Mums' tennis. Thursdays 7.30 PM*, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM regular competitions. *Night tennis running strong under the new lights.

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

<http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/>

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Friendship Group

1st Monday, 7.00 at JJ's in Yarra Glen. Come for company, conversation, food and coffee. You'll be made most welcome for a pleasant evening of food and chat.

Lindy Montell 5965 2202

YARRA GLEN TOWNSHIP GROUP

Meets the third Wednesday of the Month 6 to 8pm. All welcome

Melinda Koth 9730 2600

The Grape Vine

Do you want to be kept up on Local Steels Creek happenings, events and offerings?
Let me know and I will put you on the email list for the *Grape Vine* so you don't miss out.

achapman@woodards.com.au

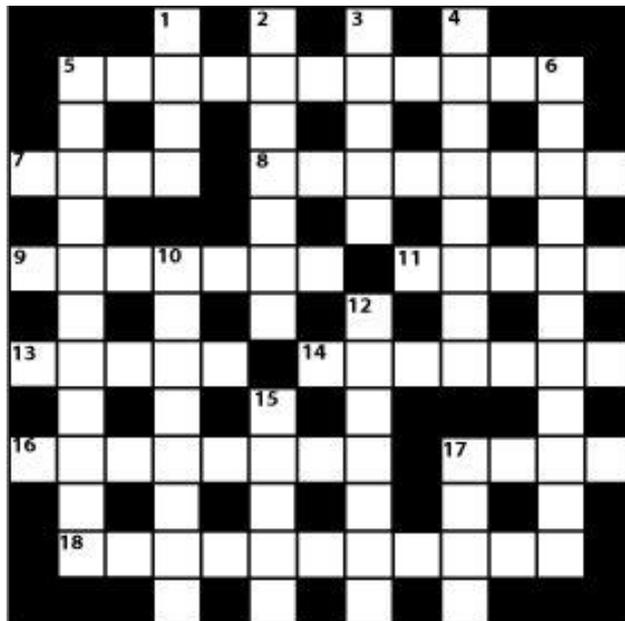
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Across

5. First greeting of the day? (4,7)
7. Better to the music than your back (4)
8. From here to ----- (8)
9. Panama's is split by a Canal (7)
11. Compel (5)
13. Sea of important WWII battle (5)
14. In place of (7)
16. Welcome sound at the end of a performance (8)
17. Dull pain (4)
18. Shape of many a boxes' side (11)

Down

1. Hearth and ----(4)
2. Incentive to move on (7)
3. ----- like rabbits (5)
4. Shows you where to go (8)
5. A locust is a form of this (11)
6. Unwelcome arrival at a party (11)
10. Effective means of restraining someone (8)
12. Is it the opposite of overcome? (7)
15. Rocky landscape? (5)
17. How one might hear Cain's brother (4)



Cross Creek 39 Answers

Across

5. Educational
7. Sent
8. Elective
9. Chicago
11. Inane
13. Anzac
14. Vanessa
16. First Aid
17. Plot
18. Exfoliative

Down

1. Oust
2. Faberge
3. Miser
4. Instance
5. Elephantine
6. Livingstone
10. Classify
12. Handbag
15. Falls
17. Pair

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HOOGIES

O F Y A R R A G L E N



No worries!

DEADLINE 26 September 2010 for the next *Jolly Thing*