



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 88 (December 2010-January 2011) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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Captain Speaking.

I am pleased to say that the Council has given conditional approval for the centre's redevelopment and it should be signed off as this goes to press.

As the festive season approaches, the next event is the carol concert on Saturday December 11.

For those who wonder what the old gentleman in red does for the rest of the year I can tell you that a lot of time is spent filling flight plans and so on. I saw the following on one of these forms recently: State make, type, number and housepower of engines.

Merry Christmas.

Mike Watkins

Community Christmas Carols

Come along and join the merry throng on Saturday 11 December at the Steels Creek Community Centre

The BBQ starts at 6.00pm and the Carols commence at 8.00pm

B.Y.O: Chairs, drinks, picnic or bbq items. (Gas bbq available) Bring along a candle, with safety in mind, and or a torch. After Carols, join us for Christmas cake, shortbreads and coffee.

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a girl or boy. These gifts are then provided to HICCI for distribution. This 'gift giving' has become a wonderful tradition of sharing.

If you can't attend the night, but would like to further the tradition, please contact **Pam Verhoeven on 5965 2274.**

Catch Up On The Catchment

Melbourne Water will be running community information sessions regarding a recent Melbourne Water study done in the **Steels Creek Catchment** on the impacts of the February 2009 bushfires, and will be available to explain the findings and answer any questions landholders may have about the waterway on their property or in the wider catchment.

We will be holding 2 sessions at the **Steels Creek Community Centre (699 Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek)** on: **Thursday 2 December, 2010 3 pm to 8 pm**, and **Sunday 5 December 10 am to 3 pm**

Feel free to give me a call or e-mail if you have any queries or need any further information.

Katie Drummond | River Health Officer, River Health North East | **Melbourne Water**

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And Another Year Passes

How quickly it has gone again thanks to all those who have helped in the production of the **Jolly Thing** the proof readers, **Anne Watkins and Jane Calder**, **Ed Mr IT Bartosh**, **Malcolm Calder** in charge of distribution, **Harry Harrison at the Shire Print Room**, **Hoogies** for their financial support, **Jean Low and Jane Calder** for the crossword and last but certainly not least in the eyes of the poor Editor all those who have contributed articles during the year.

Andrew Chapman

PS And thank you Andrew for keeping us informed of local happenings throughout the year. **Jane Calder**

A Poem From Rudi Anders

LUCKY ME

A rich low sound
A big drum
A single note
The sound lingers for years

Swiftly
Scooped from my tin bath
Wrapped in a blanket
Carried outside
No time to dry me
It's not a drum
It's another bomb
It missed us

I clutch the blanket tightly
My only fear
If it slips
I'll be seen
Naked

The last bombs
In the next street
Modified a factory
To rubble, twisted steel,
charred wood
A new place to play

Lucky me

Another sound
Pop pop pop
In the blue sky
Planes dip and dive
Fire at each other
A wing comes off
A plane spins down
Run

I am excited, not scared
A parachute gracefully descends
Lucky pilot
Lucky Me

High in the sky
Specks of silver
Bombers
Hundreds of them
I can still hear them
The steady drone of a large organ
Their cargo
Consigned for other cities

Lucky me

We stop our game of marbles
Amazed
Bombers dip low
Drop their cargo
Engines roar
No big booom
Red Cross planes
From Sweden
Drop food
We have never seen
Butter and white bread

Lucky lucky me

Rudi Anders

A Weely Wet Weekend

Amanda and I have lived in the area since Christmas 1978 (this must make you two the oldest residents, in more ways than one, The Editor) and once in 1989 the Hargreaves Road bridge was inundated and damaged by flood water. Beth was in Healesville with friends and we had to find her accommodation for the night with Ian Tinney's family. A new bridge was built following that flood which was at least one metre higher than the old one.

This year the water has been over that bridge three times, by about a metre, and has caused considerable damage.

But the Melbourne Cup weekend especially Saturday and Sunday were not just wet in Steels Creek, they were weely wet.

Amanda and I chanced the Hargreaves road bridge to examine the extent of flooding on the flats.

Of course it was disastrous for the race club and the flats dwellers next to the confluence of Steel's and Dixon's Creeks.

Coming back up Steels Creek Road we saw one of those events you hear about but never expect to see, like the Hoop Snake or the Drop Bear.

Just before Lawrence Lane where the water was flowing like a cascading creek across the road a wiggling, twisting, writhing, snaky thing was crossing in the water.

Lizard, snake or worm? No it was an eel, about 3 feet long and 3-4 inches in diameter, obviously off to sow some wild oats somewhere, maybe, in a paddock near you.

That's what I call Weely wet.

Edd Williams

Our Steels Creek Book Stories

Request for Contributions. Deadline; 15 December

The Steels Creek Community Book Project is now well underway. This is the **final call for any creative writing, art work, sculpture, fabric art, poetry, diary notes, photographs etc** that you would like to be considered for possible inclusion in the book. We have arranged for any submitted works to be photographed or copied and archived (paid for from the Bushfire Recovery Grant). Obviously not all works will end up in the book, but all will be part of the archive to be housed at The National Museum, Canberra, as well as at the Yarra Glen Historical Society. Together, these contributions will be a snapshot of the people who have made Steels Creek their home and how this place contributes to their enjoyment of life.

At this stage we suggest that those who have photos to offer make a selection of not more than 5 for possible inclusion.

To help gather this valuable information, **The Community Centre will be open on Saturday, 11 December from 10 am till 4pm** for people to drop in and leave their contributions or simply talk about life in Steels Creek to volunteers who are helping with the project.

Please give us a phone call on **5965 2372** if you want to know more about this project. **Malcolm and Jane Calder**

Yarra Glen & District Men's Shed. (With thanks to the Australian Men's Shed Association)

What is a Men's Shed? The modern Men's Shed is an updated version of the backyard shed that has long been a part of Australian culture. If you looked inside, you might find a number of men restoring furniture, making toys or a cubby or a garden bench, restoring bicycles for the grandchildren or those less fortunate, welding something, fixing lawnmowers for the elderly or maybe even restoring that old car. You might also see a few young men working with the older men learning new skills and maybe also learning something about life at the same time. You will probably see an area where men can enjoy a 'cuppa' around the communal table. There are about 200 autonomous Men's Shed throughout Australia, many of which operate under the umbrella of the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA)

What is special about this new type of Men's Shed? Most men have learned from our culture not to talk about feelings and emotions. There has been little encouragement for men to take an interest in their own health and well-being and that means that they usually don't ask for help. They often drink more, take more risks and suffer from isolation, loneliness and depression. Relationship breakdowns, retrenchment, early retirement, loss of children following divorce, physical or mental illness are just some of the problems that men find hard to deal with on their own.

Why join a Men's Shed? Good health is based on many factors including feeling good about yourself, being productive and valuable to your community, connecting to friends and maintaining an active body and an active mind. Becoming a member of a Men's Shed gives a man that safe and busy environment where he can find many of these things in an atmosphere of old fashioned mateship. **And importantly**, there is no pressure. Men can just come and have a yarn and a 'cuppa' if that is all they're looking for.

Who can join a Men's Shed? Members of Men's Sheds come from all walks of life - the bond that unites them is that they are men with time on their hands and they would like something meaningful to do with that time. Specifically, the Yarra Glen & District Men's Shed is intended for all men living within the 3775 postcode. That area encompasses Christmas Hills, Dixons Creek, Steels Creek, Tarrawarra, Yarra Glen and Yering. **About the Yarra Glen & District Men's Shed..... a progress report.....**

YG&DMS is to be built in McKenzie Reserve (facing south in Anzac Avenue) west of the CFA fire station. Existing mature trees will help 'mute' the new building which, at the Men's Shed Committee's request and with Council's agreement, will not be clad in green. Yarra Ranges Council is in the process of co-ordinating all the planning processes on behalf of the Committee. As is standard procedure, a Council 9 year lease at 'peppercorn' rental is being prepared. These administrative issues should be resolved by early to mid-2011. The car parking will be as that now existing at the front of the Garry Cooper Pavilion, and a timber ramp to assist the disabled will connect from there to the new building.

The proposed building is to be of steel construction clad with 'Colorbond' sheet steel. It will have a main (concrete) floor area of 196m² (an AMSA recommendation) with an additional 49m² fully enclosed storage area for materials, thus maintaining a safe OH&S working environment. The main insulated building will have 8 bays, allowing for a variety of simultaneous projects. The space will include a disabled toilet, kitchenette, office (for the co-coordinator), area for the 'cuppa' table PLUS a locked section to store the 'Tool Library' belonging to Chaplaincy Australia which currently operates it from premises in Ringwood. The YG&DMS will become the tool lending organisation.

Funding has been applied for from a variety of sources, including the State Government, Council, philanthropic groups, Service Clubs and businesses. The response has been very encouraging to date with a number of funding applications meeting the qualifying requirements. The Committee has every reason to believe that funding will be in place quite soon, some before Christmas, and some early in the New Year. Yarra Ranges Council officers and our local Councillor, Cr. Jeanette McRae have been of extraordinary assistance in the whole process.

Cost of the building's construction and 'fit out' is anticipated to be **\$110,000**. 'In kind' donations of labour and materials are expected to reduce the overall expenditure by \$12,000, which savings can then be utilised to purchase additional tools and equipment for use by participants. It is expected that the YG&DMS will open its doors to participants about August / September 2011

Membership costs will be a very nominal \$20.00 per annum (concession \$15.00) with a once only enrolment fee of \$10.00. With membership costs set so low to encourage participation by the disadvantaged, a number of activities will be conducted annually to cover the recurrent expenditures incurred in running such a facility. These **fund raising** activities will include, amongst others, the ubiquitous *Bunnings Sausage Sizzle*. The first of these is being conducted on Friday 17 December 2010. Volunteers are always most welcome to assist.

Once established and to assist the **elderly and disabled** in the community, the Men's Shed proposes to act as co-ordinators in the arranging of small maintenance and house repairs, thus assisting those persons to retain their independence. This will be a nominal cost service to reimburse the incurred expenses of the volunteers only. Larger works would be referred to the appropriate local businesses.

For further information, or to express your interest in becoming involved, please contact:

President: George Miller 9730 2576 / 0427 171 486 Email: sunflower1lorraine@bigpond.com

Secretary: Henry Verhoeven 5965 2274 / 0409 140 775 Email: henrycv@skymesh.com.au

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

Clubhouse Construction: The new clubhouse is being fitted out. Stay tuned for an Open Day to celebrate our new digs!

SCTC AGM: The SCTC AGM was held in November. It was nice not to be shivering in a winter coat. Lights fees will be suspended for night social tennis for another year – thanks to those who slave under the marquee at Bunnings Croydon.

Dues: Dues are unchanged from the last 3 years 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 had both teams competing well this season – both in the top 4 of their ladders (so far). No competition on the courts from 18 December through January for the school holidays.

Thursday Morning Mum's Tennis: Ready to start up again? Contact **Morgan Calder, 5965 2481**, if you'd like to join in. We'll be ready as soon as the clubhouse is completed, and we don't have the construction zone any more.

Social Tennis: Warm or hot, the tennis is always just right on Monday and Thursday night social tennis. We will be continuing our no-fee policy through to July. Come and enjoy the tennis and friendship. Come early for a BBQ with friends –and feel free to stay for tennis (or to watch and give sideline commentary).

Web site: www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/

Ed Bartosh, Secretary

A Dog Story

We lost our old mate Bryn (18yrs) in the fires and along with young racy, flighty, rabbit hunting Tess; our beautiful dog relationships were sadly ended.

The guests who stayed with us that day and who safely exited the area in the face of the fires later organised a Kelpie pup for us. Janner, the mad kangaroo hopping Kelpie who is now in training, except that he's about year 8 level. Barking at the moon, a lunatic. Say no more!

Amanda and I have missed both of our previous dogs so much and after several experiences where we saw them behind us, or working the animals with us, we realised that we needed to find replacements or be haunted forever.

Amanda found a web site that advertised an adoption program for camp dogs from Yuendumu! (Tanami Desert N.T.)

All manner of images appeared to us of 'rhinoceros dogs' with no hair, lice, ticks, fleas, starving scrawny animals, you name it, we had seen it all before as we had worked there for 5 years.

So when the internet pictures showed "Sonny Boy" a round hairy fat brindle pup, ears yet to stand up, a perfect combination of Bryn and Tess we were hooked.

I needed a break, Amanda was heavily into goat kidding, what a great idea. I'll go and fetch the pup! Fortunately it was Amanda's idea.

Tiger Airways don't take animals forget it.

Qantas were unsure, some operatives thought Alice Springs airport did accept animals, others did not. So having booked Tiger up and Qantas down I was left with the dilemma of having paid twice the Tiger price for a return trip and having to send the pup on Australian Air Express (AAE) as Qantas changed their minds! (We don't accept animals from Alice Springs) A trap for amateur players.

That problem was overcome with money; Flynn was able to travel back to Melbourne with me despite being under the control of AAE.

We collected him from Melbourne airport with few complications and since being on the farm he has shown himself to be a thoughtful and calm contributor.

Adoption of a dog from the community is helping reduce the population of dogs which impoverished community members try to keep alive. As numbers reduce the health of those that remain improves.

Having a number of dogs has been so much a part of aboriginal culture for so many years that the dogs have a skin name (a relationship name) which relates them to their family. Flynn's skin name is Jangala (Amanda's uncle). So he has obligations to her which he is discharging by following her around and protecting her from spirits and physical threats.

I was lucky to be able to get a lift to Yuendumu with Gloria Morales who runs the dog rescue program and who works for the art co-operative (Warlukurlangu Artists). Gloria uses most of her salary to feed and treat the health of the dogs whilst she tries to find them homes. It is truly a labour of love requiring a huge input of time and energy.

The mechanic in Alice who maintains her vehicles fitted a number plate for her at his expense DOGLADY. It was in this vehicle that I returned from Yuendumu on the Monday and delivered it for a service. Even in Alice you get strange looks when driving a Toyota labelled DOGLADY around town.



So 'Sonny Boy' now renamed Flynn, a combination of Bryn for brindle and Flynn the flying dogger, is enjoying his new life in Steels Creek.

Edd & Amanda Williams

Sausage Sizzle Bonanza

The day at Bunnings was very successful and we raised \$1900 that will go towards our rebuilding project.

Special thanks to **Heather Smith** for organising the day and to those who helped turn the snags, butter the bread, apply the sauce and tidy up,

Keith Montell



Clamberers

Clambers Venture Further Afield

In August the Clamberers group decided to widen our horizons and see some totally different scenery, so a weekend to Phillip Island was organised. On the Saturday we did a walk around Cape Woolamai, and on Sunday we followed the George Bass Coastal Trail between San Remo and Kilcunda. Both are fantastic walks following the cliff tops and providing wonderful coastal scenery, and even some diversions where walking along the beach was a pleasant experience.

On the Saturday night we had a group dinner where we caught up with Bronwyn and Ray Dalstrom who now live at Inverloch. The group sends a big thank you to Joanne Spears and Louise Ferguson for organising accommodation that helped to make the weekend such a wonderful success, and to Rob and Bev Huntley for planning the walks.



Barry Sheffield barrysheff@iprimus.com.au

Clamberers provide a series of monthly walks from March to November each year in nearby and regional locations. The walks provide an opportunity to gently explore or re-visit some of our beautiful bushland and other areas, in good company, normally on the last Sunday in each month.

We do not have walks scheduled during the hotter months of December, January or February. Our next walk will therefore be at the end of March 2011, and details will be circulated to 'Registered Clamberers' (see below), announced at Steels Creek Community Markets and included in further additions of *'The Jolly Thing'*.

It is proposed to again set up a program of walks for 2011. This will need to be compiled between December 2010 and February 2011 by email. Suggested walks (and walk 'leaders') will be sought, and matched with dates, and the program can then be circulated.

If you would like to receive this information but have not been doing so, please register your details by contacting Robyn Allan at email drallan@wideband.net.au, or telephones 5988 7073 or 0409 139 371.

Rainfall Report - to 28 November 2010

Station	October 2010 (mm)	November 2010 (to 28) (mm)	2010 Year to Date (mm to 28 November)	Total to corresponding date in 2009 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane	172.7	130.2	981.0	561.8
'Kilvarock' Adams Lane	192.0	135.0	1002.0	481.00
'Highlea' Dixons Creek	181.0	159.6	1103.0	604.6
'Pencloe' Steels Creek Road	183.9	Approx* 146	1075.6	524.0

* still raining at the time of reading November figure

Mt St Leonard weather station rainfall for November 183.8mm. Year to date 1516.8mm, last year to date 909.2mm

This is believed to be the first time since this report began that we have seen year-to-date totals exceeding 1000 mm

Croquet Update

Under the care of Bill the master groundsman, the Croquet lawns have been nursed back to health, and aided by the excellent rain they have never looked better. Due to other more pressing matters, the Annual Competition has been laid over until next year - autumn being a likely time. Bill has acquired a ride on mower - a bright red rover raider; how his little eyes lit up. But if you see him heading down the Steels Creek Road to Yarra Glen, please send him back as he has never been further afield than the Community Centre, and we don't want to lose him..

Phoenix Rising

New houses on the Steels Creek Horizon



Judith Augustine along with the help of Master builder Colin Handasyde has wrought wonders and we are hopeful of being back in *Kilravock* by Christmas. It has been a battle, as others in similar situations are only too aware but we have had great assistance from friends, acquaintances and neighbours

Also hoping for a finish by Christmas is Janet Mclean with her nearly completed house high up off Steels Creek Road with a fine view of the rolling green hill.

It is great to see these any the many other houses finished or under construction, the Tennis Club's new rooms, the Community Center's extension and we hope that they give heart to those still undecided about building or just starting the lengthy process



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 375 Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek

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

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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

DECEMBER 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Catchment Meeting	3	4 Tennis Comp
5 Catchment Meeting	6 Recycle Women's Group Social Tennis	7 Social Tennis Stitchers	8	9 Art Social Tennis	10	11 Market Tennis Comp Steels Creek Stories Christmas Carols
12 YG&DHS	13 Social Tennis	14 Social Tennis Stitchers Garden Outing	15 YG Township Group Deadline Steels Creek stories	16 Art Singing Social Tennis	17	18 FYFB Working Bee
19	20 Recycle Social Tennis	21 Social Tennis	22	23 Art Social Tennis	24	25 CHRISTMAS
26 BOXING DAY	27 Growing Group Social Tennis	28 Social Tennis	29	30 SMB Art Social Tennis Singing	31	

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 6

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

**Check for possible Relocation = SC4 =SCCC = Steels Creek Community (and Cultural) Centre,
699 Steels Creek Road**

JANUARY 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>NEW YEARS DAY</i>
2	3 Recycle Women's Group Social Tennis	4 Social Tennis	5	6 Art Social Tennis	7	8 Market
9 YG&DHS	10 Social Tennis	11 Social Tennis Stitchers	12	13 Art Singing Social Tennis	14	15 FYFB Working Bee
16	17 Recycle Social Tennis	18 Social Tennis Stitchers	19 YG Township Group	20 Art Social Tennis	21	22 Market
23	24 Growing Group Social Tennis	25 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	26 <i>AUSTRALIA DAY</i>	27 SMB Art Social Tennis Singing	28	29
30	31 Recycle Social Tennis					

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE – DO NOT REMOVE ITEMS WITHOUT CHRISTINE TOMLINS' PERMISSION

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

MOVIES

2nd and 4th Fridays – 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 7 to 9pm. All welcome

Jeanette Tucker 9730 2600

Cross Creek 42

Across

1. Just OK (2,2)
3. Multiplied by itself (7)
8. Could this describe the Yarra Valley (7)
9. Such a pipe is near the YG cemetery (5)
10. "Took my to the levee" (5)
11. Wineries are often so named (6)
13. Expanded ECG (13)
16. This season is now at its peak (6)
18. Hard to do when you are sad (5)
21. Shaved down (5)
22. Help for those in need (4-3)
23. November 11's flower (3, 5)
24. Of the ear (4)

Down

1. One of the crafty Tuesday group (8)
2. Audrey Hepburn & Grace Kelly had this (5)
3. Important position on a committee (13)
4. A stomach one is no fun (5)
5. The one at Chernobyl is no more (7)
6. Giant, flightless, extinct pigeon (4)
7. "..... .. and play the game" (4, 2)
12. Strongly expressed (8)
14. Stuck together (7)
15. Squashed square? (6)
17. Once was a wireless (5)
19. Wartime submarine (1,4)
20. Mast in a fight? (4)

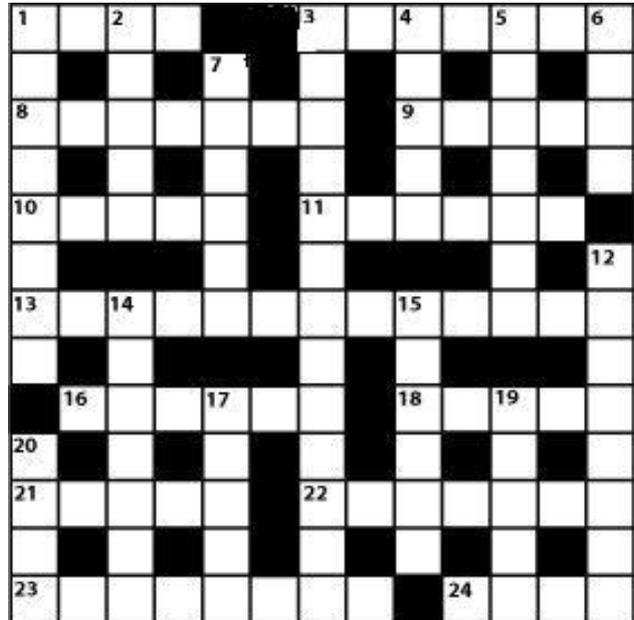
Cross creek 41 Answers

Across

1. Studio 5. Judd 7. Wonga 8. Zinc 9. Sofa 10. Epsom
 11. Brayed
 13. Icon(Sorry, I slipped up here) 14. Escort 18. Diesel
 21. Isle
 22. Pecans 24. Never 25. Bali 26. Urge 27. Nylon 28.
 Snug 29.
 Embers

Down

1. Sizable 2. Decoy 3. Owned 4. Aniseed 5. Jasmine 6.
 Defence 12.
 Ear 15. Sustain 16. Opening 17. Travels 19. Ire 20.
 Listens 22.
 Prune 23. Crumb



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HOOGIES

O F Y A R R A G L E N



No worries!

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DEADLINE 26 January 2011 for the
 next *Jolly Thing*