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STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 93 (October - November 2011) '*FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY*'

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This is your Captain Speaking...

Welcome to Steels Creek where the local time is one hour ahead of where it was on the editorial deadline. The temperature outside will be either warm or cold, it is Spring after all.

The building permits have been issued and we await the laying of the slab after which building can progress. The builder is aiming for a completion date around the end of the year if all goes well, finally, an important date for your diary. The Christmas Carol Concert will be on Friday the 16 December and will probably be at the Tennis Club as it is unlikely that the Centre will be useable. This year we will have some live music to sing-along to courtesy of Graham Lloyd and Tully Henchel, which should make for a jolly evening.

Watch the *Grape Vine* for more details closer to the day. Mike Watkins

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

New Coach at the Club: .We welcome our new coach, Mr Lee Patrick, who also coaches at Seville TC and a few other places. Lee has started coaching our Thursday morning ladies, and he will be starting classes for kids, 5-17 years old, and adults this month. The kids classes will start on Tuesday October 11, and the adult classes (contact Alby to join in) on Tuesday evening October 18. Your current standard of play doesn't matter – there are still a few places available of either session.

Thursday Morning Mums' Tennis: Coaching has started again. Meeting at 9:45am for lessons with Lee. A few spaces for new women are available. Contact Libby Sharp at 5965 2175 if you'd like to join in.

SCTC AGM: The Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club will hold its Annual General Meeting at 12:00pm, Sunday 23 October at the clubrooms, 817 Steels Creek Road. Following the meeting, the Club will hold a BBQ and hit for all wishing to enjoy the day.

Saturday Tennis: Congratulations to Peter Allen, Graeme Hamilton, Rob Fallon, Rob Crozier, Alby Leckie and Elise Hopkins for winning their Grand Final in the Eastern Region Tennis Assn Open Sets 6 Competition. Saturday competitions start again on 15 October, with our champions at home in a harder Section 5. Come show your support from 1pm on Saturdays.

Social Tennis: Spring is here, so come enjoy the warming weather on Monday and Thursday nights. Come and enjoy the tennis and friendship. We'll start having a BBQ available on Thursdays before tennis when it gets a bit warmer still.

Web site: www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/ Ed Bartosh, Secretary

Remembrance Day - November 11

The Yarra Glen RSL sub-branch will hold a commemoration of the service on Thursday, 11 November at the Memorial Hall starting at 10:30am. All are welcome to attend. To raise funds for the Veteran's Welfare fund, the RSL will be conducting its Poppy Appeal on Thursdays at the Yarra Glen IGA from 9am until 5pm, starting on 27 October. Thank you for your support.

Web site: www.yarraglen.com/RSL/ Ed Bartosh, Secretary

SCCC AGM to be held on Wednesday 19 October, 7:30pm at the Centre
SCTC AGM to be held on 23 October, 12 noon at the Clubroom

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2am on Sunday 2 October – Clocks AHEAD one hour.
If you arriving an hour late for your appointments you need to D o This Now!

SC3 Movie Club

No movies this month due to the renovations to the Community Centre, depending on progress they may return in November, keep an eye on the *Grape Vine*

Steels Creek Garden Club Annual Flower Show

The flower show is to be held on Saturday 5 November, 9 to 2.30pm at Cuttagee Estate Willow bend Drive Steels Creek. It will feature a named display of roses, potted plants for sale, Devonshire teas and a sausage sizzle

A Serial

A Full & Plenty Mystery

The car sped down the road narrowly avoiding the wombat ambling across the bitumen. The car slowed and then turned off the road onto a dirt track. The rain which had been incessant suddenly stopped and a cold sliver of moon appeared racing through the silvery gum leaves.

After several turns in the track it started to climb the car halted and the driver got out and went to the boot. Struggling with the load he forced his way through the bush. After a few minutes he returned to the car soaked to the skin as the rain had again started to pour down

On reaching the start of the bitumen the driver sped up, he was in a hurry now and as he rounded a bend a large grey Kangaroo leapt in front of the speeding car which swerved off the road and into a large gum the car then exploded into flame causing the tree to explode in too flame, a blazing funeral pyre.

"Mr Laughlin James, I am Richard Timpson and am calling as I understand that you are the Great Nephew of Florence James" taking my silence as a yes he continued on whilst I tried to place the name of Florence James, it came back with a rush, great aunt Flo had gone bush many years ago with a miner, much to the displeasure of my Great Grandmother, and had not been spoken of since, this was as much as I had gleaned from the family over the years. "As her Solicitor" continued in the some what nasally voice "I have to advise you that as the sole remaining member of your Father's family she has left her estate to you. She is by the way dead." Visions of a large sum gained from the mining activities of Great Aunt Flo's husband were quickly shattered as Timpson continued on " The only asset that she had was a an acre of land at Steels Creek where she lived up until moving into a home some five years ago, the condition of the house then was not good. There was a savings account but that has covered the burial expenses and my charges. I will send you the necessary papers for the transfer of ownerships and there are also some outstanding rates to be paid" He then rang off.

Any benefice, no matter how small, was good news to a struggling writer such as I . So while I was pondering this piece of good news, I suddenly realized that I had not asked the Solicitor where the heck is Steels Creek.

To be continued next issue (proving the writer can come up with next instalment: Editor)

Clamberers

Clamberers provide a series of monthly walks from March to November each year in nearby and regional locations. The walks provide an opportunity to explore or re-visit some of our beautiful bushland and other areas in good company. This year it has been good to see some younger family members coming along on the walks – a good family day out!

We were also lucky with the weather for our second annual 'weekend-of-walks' last month at the Wonthaggi Heathlands and the Bass Coast around Kilcunda. Thanks to Rob and Bev for planning the lovely walks and to Bron Dahlstrom for her support too.

The last two events for 2011 are being planned and information will be circulated around mid-October.

If you would like to receive information about these and other walks but have not been doing so, please register your details by emailing (or telephoning) Robyn Allan at drallan@wideband.net.au, telephones 5988 7073, 0409 139 371.

Food Writers Report

Sunday lunch at Shantell

I had somehow forgotten about Shantell over the past 3-4 years, so it was a great delight to venture off with the family on Sunday for lunch.

The décor is still very smart and casual, with tranquil views across the vines to distant hills.

We started off with a Sharing Platter, ($38.00 for five)…Delicious! It had a great selection of local cheeses, beef, dips, smoked salmon and king prawns, with wonderful house made bread. The standout however was the mushrooms poached in shiraz…Amazing, definitely will be trying that one out. Also on platter, house made savoury biscuits; Andrew ate most of these.

Alexandra and I both chose the open prawn and Scallop Ravioli ($34.00), a very smart combination, creamy rich and delicious.

The Vegetarian Gnocchi ($30.00), with baked pumpkin cubes and button mushroom, was enjoyed by Andrew and Bob.

My little, big sister Bette Barbuto, chose the duck confit ($32.00). It was consumed with gusto! It was served with Potato Lasagne on the side and Ruby Grapefruit Jus. A very elegant dish.

We watched other meals go by and thought the Pork fillet and Lamb loin looked great. After consultation, we opted for dessert.

Words do not do justice to the fantastic desserts! Vue de Monde, would be proud of these. (all priced at $15.00) Rhubarb Lekach, Sticky Fig Pudding, Chocolate Pudding, Pistachio Friand and my favourite, Hazelnut and Cherry Parfait. We washed this down with two bottles of Wild Yeast Chardonnay, a special wine indeed and if you haven't tried their fantastic wine, you most definitely should.

All in all, a very pleasant afternoon spent in a quiet and peaceful restaurant.

Well done to everyone at Shantell. Judith Augustine

Where to eat in Yarra Glen: - Marsala's by the I.G.

.Good Food and Great coffee. The coffee is hot and made to order. The Big Farmers Breakfast is great value for money and well cooked.$17.00. The majority of the food is made on the premises, and it is good traditional and home made. They also do catering. There is a nice range of giftware. Good friendly atmosphere and not expensive. Christine Tomlins

Trapping about the Country Side

Seen riding in her trap, Mandy Newell newish owners of the Lowe old place, and her stalwart pony Froggy, take to the roads around Steels Creek no doubt noticing all the treemedous regrowth particularly in Steels Creek upper and the great building activity that is going on with many places due to be finished by Christmas.

I imagine that it also a lot easier to carry the odd dozen back from The Steels Creek Estate or Yileena Winery and it sure beats walking.

Yarra Valley Grammar School Black Saturday Project

Yarra Valley Grammar (YVG) is partnering with the Identity Theatre Group to provide an opportunity for victims of Black Saturday to share their story. The project will involve staff and students of YVG and Identity Theatre meeting with members of bushfire affected communities and listening to their stories. These stories would then be work-shopped into a script which threads them together into a performance. Community members would be involved in as much of the process as they choose; storytelling, acting, script writing, staging, back stage, front of house, etc. The workshop process provides a therapeutic environment for community members and a learning situation for all involved. The final performance/s would be staged in the George Wood Performing Arts Centre at Yarra Valley Grammar and be open to a wide audience. This project is proposed as mutually beneficial; it provides an opportunity for victims of Black Saturday to share their experience and continue to process the events and also gives the wider community an insight into understanding the real stories, and stories within stories that unfolded.

We are currently seeking support from several community organisations and businesses that have shown interest in this project.

It is intended that we would make contact with the broader communities impacted by Black Saturday, perhaps stretching from Whittlesea across to Marysville and everywhere in between.

If you are interested in participating in this project please contact Paul Joy at chaplain@yvg.vic.edu.au

Steph Giffard

*Rainfall Report – end of September 2011**

Gauge Location	August 2011 (mm)	September 2011 (mm)	Total for 2011	Total for same period last year
'Blackwood Hill' -Pinnacle Lane, Steels Creek	38.4	89	742	678.1
'Highlea' - Dixons Creek	49	76.2 (to29/9)	788.8	762.4
'Kilravock' – Adams Lane, Steels Creek	41	114	761	675
'Wandearah' - Japonica Drive, Yarra Glen	35.6	74	704.6	588.5

* All figures are as reported by individual stations and variations in quality may exist.

Rainfall from the New Dixons Creek Station for the month was 82.8 mm, year to date 761.4mm.

Steels Creek Catchment Landcare Group

The Steels Creek Catchment Landcare group has reformed and has an active program in place for the coming year.

Rob Fallon is coordinating the funds available for Landcare in the bushfire area of the shire and these funds will be applied to a range of activities including, blackberry taskforce, weed control, pest control and erosion control. We are endeavouring to set up a rabbit control field day and an erosion control workshop in the near future. Recent Landcare activities have included planting on local properties and the chemical use certification course.

To join SCCLG, please phone Ivan Filsell on 5965 2248

A happy band of Treeplanters and their work

The next planting is at the Tomlins at 169 Hunts Lane this Sunday 9 October from 9am on Lunch provided

800 To Be Planted. Be There!

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 is still being held at the Community Centre.

The Jolly Thing Delivery

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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 291 Yarra Glen, 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 are available from August 2003.
The address is www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/JT/

Thank you for your support of "*The Jolly Thing*" and the Steels Creek Community. We look forward to your continuing involvement.

Malcolm Calder

Every one has a story - Last Chance for 2011

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 Fourth Chris Mullen award for literary excellence.

Email Addresses - New and Updated

Want receive the Jolly Thing by email? Let me know your email address and it will arrive as by magic.
Changed your email? Send me your new one.

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 *Grape Vine* so you don't miss out. Andrew Chapman achapman@woodards.com.au

OCTOBER 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 *Daylight Savings Time Begins*	3 Women's Group Social Tennis	4 Stitchers Garden Outing	5	6 Art Singing Social Tennis	7	8 Market
9 YG&DHS Landcare tree planting	10 **Recycle** Social Tennis	11 Stitchers Kids coaching SCTC	12	13 Art Social Tennis	14	15 FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp
16	17 Social Tennis	18 Stitchers Adult coaching SCTC	19 SCCC AGM	20 Art Singing Social Tennis	21	22 Market Tennis Comp
23 **SCTC AGM**	24 Growing Group **Recycle** Social Tennis	25 Stitchers Book Group	26	27 SMB Art Singing Social Tennis	28	29
30 Clamberers	31 Social Tennis					

Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling bin

ART — Malcolm Calder 5965 2372
Thursdays 1:30 PM – 4.30 PM SCCC - Bring your paints; discuss your art and share skills.

BOOK GROUP — Beverly Shearsby 0414 517927
4th Tuesday - 8.00 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC. New Members welcome

CLAMBERERS — Robyn Allan 0409 139371 eda@wideband.net.au
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

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS — Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com
Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen. http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au
Working Bees third Saturday of every second month starting at 12 noon

GARDEN — Gillian Poulton 5797 8266
Newsletter, outings 2nd Tuesdays, 60 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 9.30 am at SC3 – all welcome.

HEWI (Healesville Environment Watch Inc) — Maureen Bond 5962 1224 hewisec@bigpond.com.
Environmental issues at Healesville Living and Learning Centre, 1 Badger Creek Road.

HISTORY — Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801
The Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm Memorial Hall: http://www.yarraglenhistorical.websyte.com.au

MARKET — Malcolm Calder 5965 2372
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!

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

NOVEMBER 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Melbourne Cup	2	3 Art Social Tennis	4	5 Tennis Comp Flower Show
6	7 **Recycle** Women's Group Social Tennis	8 Social Tennis Stitchers	9	10 Art Singing Social Tennis	11 *Remembrance Day*	12 Market Tennis Comp
13 YG&DHS	14 Social Tennis	15 Social Tennis Stitchers Garden Outing	16	17 Art Social Tennis	18	19 FYFB Working Bee
20	21 **Recycle** Social Tennis	22 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	23 YG Township Group	24 SMB Art Singing Social Tennis	25	26 Market
27 Clamberers	28 Growing Group Social Tennis	29 Social Tennis Stitchers	30			

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

LANDCARE GROUP Ivan Filsell Ph 5965 2248
Ongoing projects and a great opportunity to obtain information, advice and possibly funding about tackling Landcare issues of significance to YOU! '

MOVIES Keith Montell 5965 2202
2nd & 4th Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic movies at SCCC. March through November. Though Not This November

SINGING Angie Macmillan 97301998
Is now a Ukulele group meeting at Hargreaves Hill in Bell St Yarra Glen on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.

SMB Gordon Brown 9730 1937
Last Thursday 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM. Men's morning tea at Anita's Yarra Glen.

STITCHERS Jane Calder 5965 2372, Annette Conrad 5962 5995
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.

TENNIS Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879
Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 80 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 (soon). Thursdays 7.30 PM*, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM regular competitions. *Night tennis under the lights. http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Friendship Group Lindy Montell 5965 2202
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.

YARRA GLEN TOWNSHIP GROUP
Meets the third Wednesday of the Month 7 to 9pm – Due to construction at the Yarra Glen Memorial hall, see our web site for the location. (http://www.yarraglen.com/townshipgroup/) All are welcome. Jeanette Tucker 9730 2600

Cross Creek 45 Answers (June/July 2011)

Across

1. Pack 3. Beeswax 8. Reactor 9. Henna 10. Steam
11. Aurora !3. Dressinggowns 16. Sudoku
18. Raise 21. Idaho 22. Tigress 23. Spenders
24. Star

Down

1. Portside 2. Craze 3. Bargain hunter 4. Ether
5. Windrow 6. Xray 7. Stamps 12. Assessor
14. Educate 15. Garage 17. Ovoid 19. Inert
20. Bias

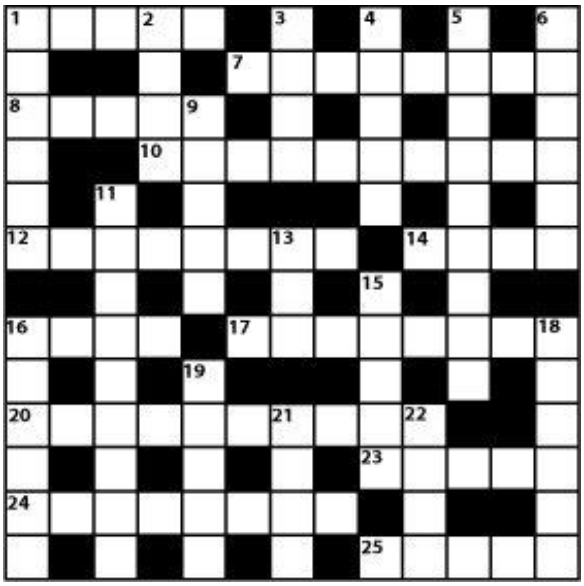
Cross Creek 46

Across

1. One of a slipper pair (5)
7. Great new museum here (8)
8. Appropriately (5)
10. Locality of Cruden Farm (10)
12. One of Australia's two territories (8)
14. Old farm transport (4)
16. Type of Indian bread (4)
17. May you have this on your new tyres (8)
20. Contest, once with lances (10)
23. Shine (5)
24. Madness (8)
25. He'd be no good as a bull (5)

Down

1. Able sailor (6)
2. Cut down (4)
3. Sound of a bellbird (4)
4. Not the highway (5)
5. The Queen's ceremonial vehicle (8)
6 Elizabeth..... star of *Pride and Prejudice* (6)
9. Small sailing vessel (5)
11. Queen Vic Market treat (8)
13. Tigger's friend (3)
15. Paradises (5)
16. Some like this therapy (6)
18. A lame cricketer needs one (6)
19. Empty-headed (5)
21. Useful button on the remote (6)
22. This and .... (4)



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No worries!

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