



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 127 (June-July 2017)

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## IN THIS EDITION:

*Enjoy your Valley with food, Shortest Lunch, Biggest afternoon tea, film with neighbors (and dinner) or Xmas in July – all deliciously entertaining*

### Steels creek Landcare Group

A reminder that your household membership (still only \$20) becomes due by 31<sup>st</sup> June, as we have to notify the FTLA of our membership list to ensure insurance cover, late payment may mean you have a delay if you wish to borrow equipment.

BEE NICE, is the motto of our newest support group which aims to support both urban and rural bee keepers and those who just want to know more about planting a bee friendly garden, we will be holding further workshops on building a bee hive, bee diseases and what to do about them, planting a bee friendly garden. Email [steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com](mailto:steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com) if you would like to BEE on our mailing list for events.

### Shortest Lunch

Celebrate the shortest weekend of the year at the Shortest Lunch - 24 & 25 June 2017

The Yarra Valley's smaller winemakers invite you to join them for the Shortest Lunch Festival being held on 24 & 25 June 2017

Take pleasure in the smaller things in a moving feast of entrée size meals and wine as we celebrate the winter solstice.

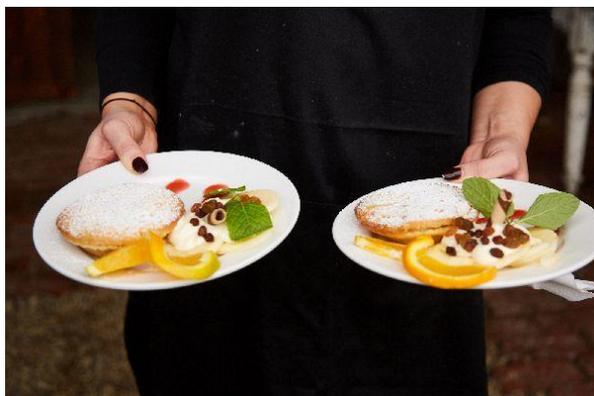
It's the perfect way to meander around the Yarra Valley's boutique wineries and savour great food, wine and music, without the normal hustle and bustle. We would love for you to come and support the wineries closest to us who are participating in this year's Shortest Lunch festival; Steels Creek Estate and Miller's Dixons Creek Estate.

To take part in this progressive dining experience, simply pay \$15 at the first winery you visit, where you will receive a souvenir tasting glass (Tickets may be purchased in advance online at [www.shortestlunch.com.au](http://www.shortestlunch.com.au) Ticketing includes a discounted Early Bird ticket.). This glass allows you to taste and enjoy the wines and food at all the participating wineries you visit each day. Menu options ranging from appetisers through to desserts are available for purchase from between \$7.50 per item up to \$18 per item.

Plan your day by visiting the Shortest Lunch website [www.shortestlunch.com.au](http://www.shortestlunch.com.au). You can also use the map of participating wineries to identify where to go over the two days of the festival.

Family friendly and good fun, you can get to know the people behind the wines and get off the beaten winery trails, to discover some of the hidden treasures produced in the Yarra Valley.

The Yarra Valley Smaller Wineries encourages the responsible consumption of alcohol and responsible driving.



## 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.



- **Screening on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Bend It Like Beckham (2004).**

Wonderful film about a young talented Indian girl who dreams of playing soccer but family tradition is a major hurdle she has to try to overcome to follow this dream. Puts the feeling into “feel good”.

- **Screening on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Hairspray (1988).**

It's 1962 in Baltimore and change is in the air. Tracy Turnblad (larger than life) has one passion in life – to dance on the “Corny Collins” show. But first she has to get past a scheming stage manager and other obstacles on the way to stardom. .All it takes is a little hairspray!

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Cost is \$10 per person including \$2 for the Centre. For those able to provide food it's just \$2 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**

## Stitchers

### Steels Creek Community Biggest Afternoon Tea

Just to let you know that Steels Creek community will be hosting this year's biggest afternoon tea at The Community Centre – 699 Steels Creek road, Steels Creek, on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. All the things that you love will be there – a yummy afternoon tea, great raffle prizes, a terrific trading table and more.

Entry is \$8 – all proceeds will go to support The Cancer Council. See you there.....Cheers Noela.

## Steels Creek Tennis Club

### Xmas in July Dinner, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

A traditional Xmas dinner, Golden roasted Turkey, a baked glazed Ham, crispy potatoes, roast pumpkin, cauliflower cheese, herby stuffing, rich gravy, cranberry sauce, preceded by cheeses, dips and nibbly bits and followed by a plum pudding wafting the smell of spices through the room and smothered in creamy custard, why wait until December? Come bring a lovely bottle of local wine and enjoy the evening with friends, cost \$25 per person

Booking essential and numbers are limited so get your booking in early Alby Leckie 5965 2354

## TWO STORIES OF SURVIVAL.

Jane and I have lived in Steels Creek for over 30 years and one of the great pleasures we get out of our garden is to watch the birds that visit us, or have made their home here. We reckon we have seen around 120 different species in the thirty years. Not all these birds are equally welcome. Parrots of all sorts have a special love of seeds and the fact that some of their favourite seeds are produced in the core of the apple is no problem to them. We know, like all of you who grow apples that we need to net the trees just as we net the vines to protect them from the miners, crows, currawongs, starlings etc. Keeping the birds from eating your fruit and vegies sometimes feels like a battle for survival.

There is whole swag of other birds that feed on bugs that are pests in the garden, and possibly top amongst these is our good friend the Willie Wagtail. Willie Wagtails are among the iconic birds of Australia and found throughout the country in gardens, farms and open bush. I was surprised to find that they are not native to Tasmania, although there are now a few places where they have been seen there following introduction. I think we all know the squeaky call of the Willie Wagtail, even in the middle of the night if there is a bright moon shining.



This year we had a pair of Wagtails nest really close to the house at a height that I could actually look into the nest with my camera. I thought I would get a sequence of photos showing the life story of the young birds. It took the parent birds about a week to build the very neat, bowl-shaped nest and then 3 eggs were laid over about 4 days. The parents sat on these eggs for 13 days, but one must have been a dud because there were only 2 chicks in the nest when I first photographed them. Both

parents fed these chicks till around day 10 when I noticed a bit of Wagtail agitation and a raven (crow) flew out of the tree.

So I think that one of the chicks had been the raven's breakfast. When the last chick had opened its eyes and was half feathered I got my last photo and three days later the chick had flown. So the whole process from start to finish took around 5 weeks resulting in one chick surviving. Not a high reproductive rate but probably around the average for Willie Wagtails as a whole. This is another story of survival



### Plan G - Nursing Home (Not endorsed by the Editor)

Say you are an older senior citizen and can no longer take care of yourself and the Government says there is no Nursing Home care available for you. So, what do you do? You opt for "Medicare Plan G".

The plan gives anyone 75 or older a gun (Plan G) and one bullet. You are allowed to shoot one worthless politician.

This means you will be sent to prison for the rest of your life where you will receive three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating and air conditioning, cable TV, a library, and all the Health Care you need. Need new teeth? No problem. Need glasses? That's great. Need a hearing aid, new hip, knees, kidney, lungs, sex change, or heart? They are all covered!!

As an added bonus, your kids can come and visit you at least as often as they do now!! And, who will be paying for all of this?

The same Government that just told you they can't afford for you to go into a Nursing Home and you will get rid of a useless politician while you are at it. And now, because you are a prisoner, you don't have to pay any more income taxes!! Is this a great country or what?

Now that I've solved your senior financial plan, enjoy the rest of your week.

## WEATHER REPORT

We had good rainfall in April with the total being 20 mm above average. However, May was 30 mm below average with 24 mm falling in the last four days. We are currently 14 mm below average for the year so far. Temperatures for April were slightly above average with the mean daily maximum temperatures for Melbourne being 0.5° above & Coldstream 0.3° above. May temperatures were also slightly above average with Melbourne 0.7° above & Coldstream 0.3° above.

If you were without power for more than 20 hours, following the wind storm last October, you are entitled to a refund from AusNet Services. If you have not received a credit on your power bill, you should contact your power retailer who should have passed on that credit.

Barry Sheffield

### RAINFALL – April & May

Station	April 2017 (mm)	May 2017 (mm)	Total to the end of May 2017 (mm)	Total to the end of May 2016 (mm)
<i>'Blackwood Hill'</i> Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek	89.9	43.3	260.4	247.2
<i>'Highlea'</i> Dixons Creek	105.8	49	282.6	285.2
<i>Melbourne Water</i> Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek	86.6	39.2	266	237
<i>'Wandearah'</i> Japonica Drive Yarra Glen	86.6	41.4	275	240.6



## New Addition to the JT “Classifieds”

Feel free to send in items for sale or “free to a good home” (editor’s discretion as to suitable inclusions – you can’t sell or give away husbands or kids)

### Keith Montell 5965 2202

#### Free to good home

Victa V30 lawnmower. Old but in good condition and will tackle tough lawns/grass

Weber charcoal barbecue – full size.

SCCC -Overhead Projector (surplus to needs) \$100 contact Keith M

### 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](mailto: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.

Simply:

- Open the Steels Creek Community web-site (go to [www.steelscreek.vic.au](http://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. **By free e-mail subscription.** If you do not already subscribe, **please visit [steelscreek.vic.au](http://steelscreek.vic.au) to register your details**, or **forward your e-mail address to [scjollything@gmail.com](mailto:scjollything@gmail.com)** 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.

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## 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/> .

June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Social Tennis. Tai chi Art	2	3
4	5 Art Class Women's group	6 Stitchers. <b>Biggest Afternoon Tea</b>	7	8 Social Tennis. Tai chi Art	9	10 <b>Market 10-11am</b>
11	12 R	13 Stitchers. Garden Club	14	15 Social Tennis. Tai chi Art	16 <i>SC4 film night</i>	17
18	19 Art Class	20 Stitchers. Book Group	21	22 Social Tennis Tai chi. Art	23	24 <b>Market 10-11am.</b>
25	26R Growing group	27 Stitchers.	28	29 Social Tennis. Tai chi Art SMB	30	

**ART**

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

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

**BOOK GROUP**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:kevinheeley@bigpond.com)

**GARDEN CLUB at SCCC**

Newsletter, outings 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:hewisec@bigpond.com).

**HISTORY**

The Yarra Glen & District Historical Society meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com)

**HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE**

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

Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

**R – put out your recycle bin**

July 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Tennis Comp.
2	3 Art Class. Women's Group	4 Stitchers.	5	6 Art. Social Tennis. Tai chi	7	8 Market Tennis Comp.
9	10 R	11 Stitchers. Garden Club.	12	13 Tai chi Art. Social Tennis.	14 <i>SC4 film night</i>	15 Tennis Comp.
16	17 Art Class.	18 Stitchers. Book Group	19	20 Art. Social Tennis. Tai chi	21	22 Market Tennis Comp. <i>Tennis club Xmas in July</i>
23	24 R Art Class Growing group	25 Stitchers.	26	27 Art. Social Tennis SMB. Tai chi	28	29 Tennis Comp.
30	31 Art Class					

**MARKET**

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

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

**MOVIES**

2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club)

**WOMEN'S GROUP** - Evening Friendship Group

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Lindy Montell 5965 2202

Note: For current venue location, contact Lindy (5965 2202), or Christine (5965 2080).

## Cross Creek 80

### Across

1. Fashionably looking back (5)
4. A puzzling Edinburgh detective (5)
7. Grandly, they're starched white damask (11)
9. Most metals are mined in this form (3)
10. A fishy homophone for the world's favourite flower (4)
12. Raised skin/tissue after a heavy blow (4)
13. Better than dirtier? (7)
14. No longer a promise in modern marriages (4)
15. Milk without its cream (4)
17. Ja, Si, Oui.....(3)
19. What must one do to to get this (5,6)
20. A well-placed kiss may do this for a child's sore spot (5)
21. Trick or .....(5)

### Down

1. A palindromic spinner (5)
2. A flower arrangement that shouldn't be too high (5,6)
3. Popular cream centred biscuit (4)
4. Part played (4)
5. Keeps the butter crumb free (6,5)
6. Agave fibre for ropes, matting etc. (5)
8. Mini pots of milk substitute contain this (7)
11. Plenty of this grog on early goldfields (3)
12. Sir ... Hall, a demon 1960's cricketer (3)
14. We hear a lot about 3's and 6's of these (5)
16. He immortalised water lilies (5)
17. 91.44cm in "old money"
18. Same derivation as the word salary (4)

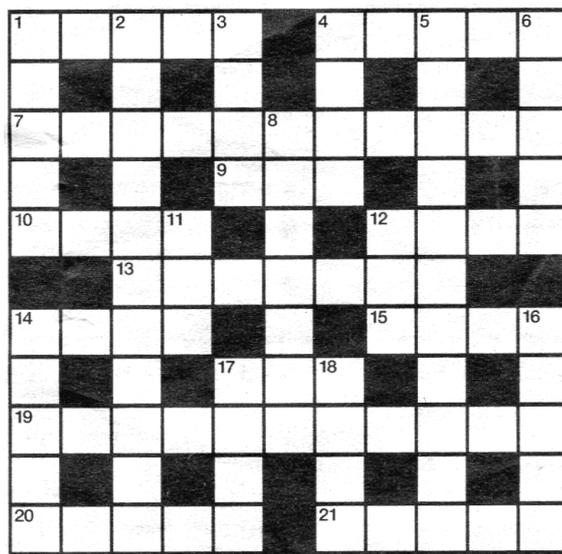
## Cross Creek 79 Answers

### Across

1. Ophelia. 4. Lyric. 7. Nerissa. 8. Regan. 9. Portia.
12. Prosperous. 15. Yearning. 17. Hamlet. 18. Aries. 21. Is a bell. 22. Linen 23. Dreamer

### Down

1. Overplay. 2. Events. 3. Also. 4. Lear. 5. Ringlet.
6. Abel 10. April. 11. Rough. 13. Old timer. 14. Caliban. 16. BBC's Silent Witness star's first name
18. Abel. 19. Lion 20. Bard



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## No worries!

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**DEADLINE** for the next *Jolly Thing* is  
**27<sup>th</sup> July 2017**