



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 128 (Aug-Sept 2017)

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IN THIS EDITION:

So long to the SCA and "Hello" to our neighborhood Galah

From the Presidents Pen

Winter can be a time of human hibernation. And it certainly feels like it when I realise that it's not that long ago that I felt that I was writing to advise of the last Annual General Meeting of the committee of the Steels Creek Community Centre. A lot has happened in the last year though and it's been great to see that the centre has remained a cornerstone of the community throughout. In addition to the weekly events held by the various special interest groups, community members have also come together many times to help maintain and improve the facilities at the centre. The garden and surrounds have never looked better with some new stonework and a significant planting of shrubs and trees which will pay dividends for many, many years to come. So, thank you all!

This year has also witnessed the winding up of the Steels Creek Association. That group has been responsible for some very successful community projects - including a few very fun nights out! The community has benefited, not only directly from the SCA funding, but also from the amazing dedication and hard work of the members of that committee. I sincerely thank the group for everything that they have done - and for bequeathing a final funding payment to the SCCC!

Every year, we witness a few new community members coming and a few going. This year has been no exception.

We're sad when we hear that someone is moving on. But we know that almost everyone maintains some kind of special connection to Steels Creek, even long after they're gone. The Jolly Thing and the Grapevine subscription lists show that a good number of people remain interested in the happenings around the valley and are still proud to be called "Screekian". It's a very special place!

So, as the date for the 2017 AGM fast approaches, please consider if you can spare, even just a few hours a year, to contribute and help keep the community centre in good use and good condition.

Most of all, if you're a cool climate bod, enjoy the last of winter in the creek. Spring will be here before you know it!

Notice of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the members of Steels Creek Community Centre Inc.

Date: 20th September

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Steels Creek Community Centre, 699 Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek

More information is available on the Steels Creek Community website at <http://steelscreek.vic.au/publications/recent-posts/>

At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to:

- find out about SCCC Inc's operations and finances
- ask questions about the operations and finances of SCCC Inc
- speak about any items on the agenda
- vote on any resolutions proposed.

At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

- accept the minutes of the last annual general meeting
- accept the annual report
- accept the annual financial statements
- elect new committee positions

Please send any additional agenda items ahead of the meeting to: steelscreekcommunitycentreinc@gmail.com

Please come along to have your say to ensure a bright and vibrant future for the community centre - for generations to come.

New ordinary committee member nominations are more than welcome!

Steels Creek Community Centre Fee Increase

Due to the continuing increases in running costs of the centre, the community centre committee has decided on a small increase for the per-person per-use fee: from the current \$2 per visit to \$3 per visit. Though the committee has been able to negotiate some heavy discounts for non-profit organisations on many items, including electricity, costs continue to rise. We know that this will not be well received, especially by those long-standing users of the centre who have been paying the \$2 fee for some many years. We are also looking at other options – and ultimately, we'd like to ensure sufficient funding is available so that the centre can return to only a very small "token" fee at some point in the future. Future fund-raising events may also help.

Special interest groups using the centre have always been able to negotiate a yearly fee based on member numbers and frequency of use - and this option continues to remain open. Logistically, the fee increase will come into effect following the upcoming AGM in September. We know there will be some issues with logistics, especially ensuring enough change is available in the tin. We'll work through those as best we can. If you have any other concerns about how this fee increase may affect your use of the centre, please do let us know. Your views may also help us to secure more funding with the various community grant schemes available.

Steels creek Landcare Group

A reminder that your household membership (still only \$20) was due by 31st June, as we have to notify the FTLA of our membership list to ensure insurance cover, payment after the 30th July may mean you have a delay if you wish to borrow equipment.

Our AGM and Social dinner is on Friday 11th August starting at 7pm. Open to all financial members of SCLG. Including a delicious meal to share with your neighbours (BYO drinks)

No charge but you must RSVP (via email please)

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 if you would like to BEE on our mailing list for events.

Our friendly neighbourhood Galah



Meet the Steels creek Galah, some call him Pinky some call him Gazza but for several months now he has called Steels Creek "home".

Obviously he has had some contact with people but lives very well in the wild, it is an absolute joy to be walking down Steels creek road and have a cheeky bird fly down and walk to your feet or land on your shoulder. Sometimes a conversation of "peek-a-boo" or "hallo" sometimes just 10 minutes on your shoulder until he has had enough and flies off, he has even landed on my head while I was using an angle grinder!

What a joy it is to see a bird flying free yet happy to interact with people around him so if you see him don't worry that he is lost just say hello and enjoy yet another part of what makes Steels creek great.

Steels Creek Association: Pizza's, Thank you and Goodbye

Last month SCA held a special general meeting to pass a resolution to voluntarily wind up the association. The resolution was passed and the SCA committee will now proceed with the process of winding up.

SCA was formed by a group of Steels Creek residents post Black Saturday and was incorporated in October 2012. The group evolved from a community consultation process in Jan/Feb 2012, initially facilitated by a consultant commissioned by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF), to identify the ongoing needs of our community following the Black Saturday fires. Once the needs had been identified, a handful of people volunteered to carry on the process, at that point principally with the aim of applying for the last allocation of VBAF funding. During that process, it became apparent that the VBAF funding, because of the grant guidelines, wouldn't be able to address all the needs that had been identified, and so a broader purpose for the group emerged.

SCA's purpose: To facilitate the safety, wellbeing, sense of connectedness, healing and advancement of the Steels Creek community, through initiation and management of projects that address community needs. Participation is also extended to neighbouring fire-affected communities.

We aimed to be an inclusive, representative body, through which members could speak on matters of concern and importance to our community and through which external parties could speak to us about matters that may affect us

A look back at what has been achieved. SCA Inc received **VBAF** funding to run three 'umbrella' projects (Health & Wellbeing, Community Capacity-building, Project Management & Communications) SCA has also secured funding from the Foundation from **Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)**

Steels Creek track improvement

This project has seen improvement to the amenity of the Steels Creek track by creating a number of 'touchpoints' – areas with seating, planting and signage that identifies significant environmental, social and historical markers – at which people can rest and take in the beauty of the surrounding landscape, and connect with fellow track-users.

Family and Community Resilience Workshops

SCA Inc secured funding for a series of skills-building workshops, facilitated by Michael Burge, conducted throughout 2014. These built on the post-traumatic stress seminars held in 2013, and were aimed at providing practical skills and support to those affected by the Black Saturday bushfires

Health and Wellbeing Projects and activities: There were many. We learned how to use a chain saw and a defibrillator, we drummed with Kofi, made lip balm and face cream at Yummy You, rode horses at Pony lands and Melbourne Indoor Equestrian, we went to the movies, we sang along with Lady Shaula, more than once!!! We bushwalked, meditated, we improved our fitness with our personal training and boxing classes, we stretched in Pilates. We ate a lot of Pizza!!!

Community Funding SCA also assisted with funding our many and varied community groups in Steels Creek. We provided funding for some landscaping and lighting at SCCC, and purchased SCCC coffee machine, We provided Defibrillators to several of our local community organisations and provided funding to our local community groups within Steels Creek to assist with their projects: these included Steels Creek Landcare Bee keeping workshop and assisting with the purchase of a mulcher. The quilting/ sewing ladies were purchased some supplies for the quilts they send to ADF. The coffee ladies enjoyed a catch up at Allowyn Gardens. We assisted the SCTC with some equipment purchases.

SCA has also endeavoured to be a voice for our community, regularly liaising with Yarra Ranges Shire and our State and Federal members of Parliament. We focussed particularly in Blackspot funding, community engagement and community emergency planning. So here we are in May 2017. Our funding has been dispersed and the SCA committee agreed that in many ways our purpose has been met, although there is a need for community advocacy and engagement to continue, this can be achieved through the existing SCCC committee. I would like to thank SCA Committee members past and present, as well as the SCA members

On behalf of the SCA committee Thank you. Maree Rothwell

S4Reel Film Club

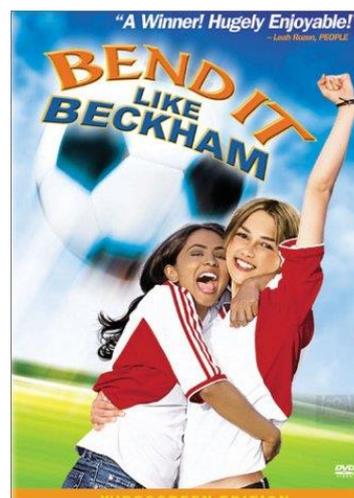
S4Reel Film Club

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 15th September: 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".

Cost is \$10 per person including \$3 for the Centre. For those able to provide food it's just \$3 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

At present Stitchers are very fortunate to be having fortnightly sewing sessions with Liz and Denise, two experts from Yarra Glen. They are taking us slowly through the paces and potential of our sewing machines in a very relaxed and leisurely way which we are all finding is just what we need. And there's no charge, how lucky are we!

If you'd like to join us on alternate Tuesday afternoons contact Pam on 5965 2274

On Wednesday 9 August we are going as a group to see a wonderful textile art exhibition at Montsalvat in the company of Julie Hudson, one of the exhibitors who is lunching with us at the cafe before showing us round the exhibition. Meet either at Mckenzie Reserve YG at 11am or at the Montsalvat cafe at 12.30, please let Jane 5965 2372 know if you are coming so I can book a table. All welcome

WEATHER REPORT

We have had a very dry winter so far with June rainfall 41 mm below average & July 24 mm below.

We are now 79 mm below average for the year so far.

Temperature wise for June the Melbourne area was generally above average with the mean maximum temperature at Essendon Airport 1° above average but Coldstream, however, was 0.1° below average.

For July the Coldstream mean maximum temperature was 0.8° above average.

Of note was the strong wind on 29th July which brought down one tree at my place.

Barry Sheffield



RAINFALL - JUNE & JULY

Station	June 2017 (mm)	July 2017 (mm)	Total to the end of July 2017 (mm)	Total to the end of July 2016 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek	26.9	50.5	337.8	405.4
'Highlea' Dixons Creek	25.8	56.4	364.8	456
Melbourne Water Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek	22	40.4	328.4	364
'Wandearah' Japonica Drive Yarra Glen	20.4	38.6	334	376.6

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)

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.

Simply:

- 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

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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’ so you don’t miss out.

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

AUGUST 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Art Social Tennis	4	5 Tennis Comp
6	7 R Women's Group Art Class	8 Stitchers Garden Club	9	10 Art Social Tennis	11 Landcare AGM and dinner 7pm	12 Market Tennis comp
13 YG&DHS (Yarra Glen)	14 Art Class	15 Stitchers Book Group	16	17 Art Social Tennis	18	19 Tennis comp
20	21 R Art Class	22 Stitchers	23	24 Art Social Tennis SMB	25	26 Market Tennis comp
27	28 Art class Growing Group	29 Stitchers	30	31		

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

R – put out your recycle bin

SEPTEMBER 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 R Women's Group	5 Stitchers	6	7 Art Social Tennis	8	9 Market
10 YG&DHS (Yarra Glen)	11	12 Stitchers Garden Club	13	14 Tai Chi. Art Social Tennis	15 <i>SC4 film night</i>	16 Tennis Comp.
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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

Cross Creek 81

Across

1. When days and nights are of equal length (9)
8. Extra nice finish/topping (5)
9. Does milk do this when rattled and rolled? (5)
10. Dim or quick? (6)
11. Leave well alone (4)
13. Fingers and toes on a frosty morning (4)
15. NSW Grounds great for birdwatching (6)
18. Bert (Muppet's) buddy (5)
19. Meet Sanjev. at No. 42 (5)
20. Fat geese beware this season (9)

Down

2. Could well become an heirloom (5)
3. Open fireplace large enough to sit within (5)
4. "House" for drying hops (4)
5. Bus drivers like money this way (5)
6. Datewise, we've just passed it for this year (9)
7. Marking the passing of 100 years (9)
12. Steels Creek's twice a month "village well" (6)
14. One twelfth of an annum (5)
16. Latin American warm-up (5)
17. Go here for small goods in a hurry (4)

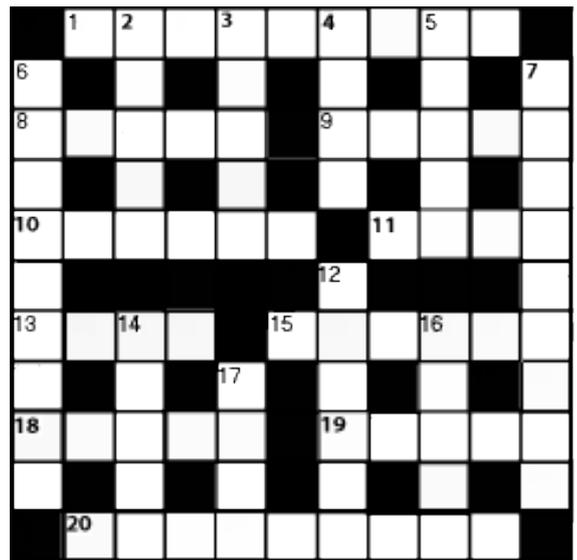
Cross Creek 80 Answers

Across

1. Retro. 4. Rebus. 7. Tablecloths. 9. Ore. 10. Roes. 12. Weal. 13. Cleaner. 14. Obey. 15. Skim. 17. Yes. 19. Extra ration. 20. Amend. 21. Treat

Down

1. Rotor. 2. Table centre. 3. Oreo. 4. Role. 5. Butter knife. 6. Sisal. 8. Creamer. 11. Sly. 12. Wes. Omega. 16. Monet. 17. Yard. 18. Salt



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HOOGIES

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No worries!

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DEADLINE for the next *Jolly Thing* is
27th Sept 2017