



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 132 (April-May 2018)

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### **Letter from the editor**

As detailed in the last edition of the JT we are in need of a new Editor as the current Editor will be stepping down after the August Edition.

Please reply to [scjollything@gmail.com](mailto:scjollything@gmail.com) if you think you can take over this important community role, previous experience not required!

### **From the SCCC president**

Hello Screekians,

Well here we are and its April already. It has been a busy start to the year.

Thanks to all who joined us at the Community centre for the Pizza night, the weather was kind to us and it was lovely to have a community catch up and so great to see some new residents of Steels Creek join us. I have had much feedback on what a great night it was and how wonderful it is to see the centre full of people enjoying it. We will hold another Pizza night towards the end of the year. Watch this space for details.

The Centre hosted the CFA for a Bushfire Safety evening at the end of February. We had a good turn out and several new Steels Creek residents in attendance. I received some feedback from families that they would like a session suitable for children, the CFA are offering these sessions. When a slot is available I will book one in...So watch this space,

The Committee is currently in the process of renewing our lease on the Community Centre with the Shire of Yarra Ranges. The council has adopted standard lease for all community centres. This means we are now under a standard leasing fee which is \$282.50 a year. A large increase from our previous \$1 per year. The Community Centre does not receive any funding from the Shire. And as the lessees the Committee is responsible for the running and maintenance of all the internals in the building as well as paying for electricity, insurance etc. Our funding comes directly interested from Screekians. Each time a local uses the hall and puts their \$3 in the tin or hires the hall for a gathering, that money goes directly to keeping our Centre's doors open for our community's use.

Just a reminder that the Hall is available for locals to hire for meetings and small events. We also would love to see more groups use the centre. Why no start one? Our Art group, Tai Chi class, Stitchers and Garden club are made up of locals with common interest who make use of the centre weekly for the small \$3 charge per visit. Booking requests can be made via the Steels Creek Website. [www.steelscreek.vic.au](http://www.steelscreek.vic.au)

Next February will mark 10 years since Black Saturday. Jessica Adams, Shire of Yarra Ranges Community Development Officer will be at the Community Centre on Tuesday 17 April from 12 noon to have a chat with us. The Shire is keen for our feedback on how we would like to commemorate the anniversary as a community. If you are up to it come along for a coffee / tea and chat.

Take care Screekians  
Until the next Edition  
Maree Rothwell

## **The Steels Creek Community Market**

Takes place at the Steels Creek Community Centre at 10 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month. To refer to it as a market is perhaps a misnomer – to me it is a gathering - an opportunity to perhaps buy some free-range eggs (which will depend on whether the local hens are laying) or delicious home produced jam or pickle, rhubarb or a few home-grown veggies but mostly it is an opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours. There is always plenty of chat taking place, plus a short time is set aside to let everyone know what is going on in our beautiful part of the world.

We have news of the tennis club; information about the Garden Club; an update on the ever popular Art Group; Landcare plans and activities; what film will be featured at the next Film Night, plus any other relevant information. Fiona's delicious scones and jam and the excellent coffee is an added bonus. (Where else can you buy coffee and a scone for only \$2.00?) This regular get-together never takes more than an hour after which people continue on their merry way. Everyone from the surrounding area is very welcome to come along whether they live in Steels Creek, Yarra Glen, Dixons Creek or further afield. Why not join us and be a part of this vibrant, friendly community?

## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

A pleasant evening get-together

Usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6.30 p.m. but in April it will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> to miss the Easter weekend. Come for company, conversation, food and coffee. You'll be made most welcome! For current venue location contact Lindy (5965 2202).

## **GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

For those new to the area or maybe recently retired and looking for a group to join why not consider joining the Steels Creek Garden Club? There are garden visits on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 9.30 and the growing group meets on the fourth Monday of the month.

The Growing Group is back in full swing and now we have finally had some rain, we are more optimistic the plants will survive and flourish in time for the November flower and plant show. Whether you are an experienced gardener or a complete novice we always welcome any volunteers. It's a great way of meeting like-minded people, learning about plants and sharing ideas.

NOTE: The next GG is on Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meet at the community centre at 9.30am.

Enquiries: Jill Hess 0430 108 672



## The Good Life

The Yarra Valley, and in particular Steels Creek, is a beautiful place to live - one of its great attractions being the abundant wildlife. Wombats and Kangaroos abound (no pun intended) and although they can be hazardous for motorists, particularly at dusk and in the early morning, we feel privileged to live so close to their habitat. We lose count of the kangaroos we see as we travel along the road but the maximum number of wombats spotted on a journey home has been six (we counted the one that was travelling with its mum). Lately we've enjoyed the company of a beautiful grey Swamp wallaby that browses in the garden (how long until we despair at the damage) and two echidnas, one of whom appears to have taken up residence.

The other drops by every now and then. Perhaps, as they forage for ants in the garden, they'll soon be joined by a wee puggle. And perhaps not, as I've just read in our copy of "Australian Mammals" that they mate in July or August, produce only the one young, and that remains in its mother's pouch for just over three months.



## 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.

First film of the year – a classic comedy.

### Screening on Friday 18th May: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Well you all loved the First BEH so this follow up is just as good!

Check in for more laughs; love; and a generous dose of Bollywood. With Judi Dench; Bill Nighy; Maggie Smith; and Richard Gere all starring together with Dev Patel as he brings his own brand of chaos to the hotel and life.

Cost is \$10 per person plus \$3 for the Centre. For those able to provide food it's just \$3 donation for the Centre. Please RSVP for catering purposes and please also 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

## WEATHER REPORT

It has been very dry over the last two months with February 41 mm below average (Melbourne had only 1.6 mm & Laverton 0.8 mm for the month) with March equally dry with only 5 mm until the 24th when the drought was broken with 19.5 mm falling with the month ending up 13 mm below.

We are currently 37 mm below average for the year to date.

Temperature wise for February Coldstream had a mean daily maximum 1.1° above average & Melbourne was 1.2° above.

For March Coldstream had a mean daily maximum 1.2° above average & Melbourne was 1.1° above.

There are now 3 WeatherLink Network online stations operating in Yarra Glen. These stations provide current as well as high & low temperatures, wind speed & direction, humidity, rain & barometer readings.

<http://www.weatherlink.com/user/puttingwx> just south of Gulf Rd

<http://www.weatherlink.com/user/yarraglenefa> at Yarra Glen CFA station

<http://www.weatherlink.com/user/alanjowsey/> King St near Yarraview Rd

Barry Sheffield

### **RAINFALL – FEBRUARY & MARCH**

Station	February 2018 (mm)	March 2018 (mm)	Year to date to end of March 2018 (mm)	Year to date to end of March 2017 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek	9.2	33.7	106.1	127.2
'Highlea' Dixons Creek	13	38.4	125.6	127.8
Melbourne Water Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek	6.4	36.4	108.2	137.8
'Wandearah' Japonica Drive Yarra Glen	8.4	39.1	113.5	147

## Items for sale

1. Stihl 250 C chainsaw in excellent condition – just fully serviced. New \$899 selling now for \$425.
2. Hand sprayers \$15 each
3. Room cooler “Icecap” Free      All available after April 9<sup>th</sup> Keith 5965 2202



### 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.

- 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. **Free e-mail subscription.** If you do not already subscribe, **please visit [steelscreek.vic.au](http://steelscreek.vic.au) to register your details**, or **use the link at the bottom of the email** 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/> .

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# HOOGIES

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## No worries!

**Steels Creek Calendar available to view at [steelscreek.vic.au](http://steelscreek.vic.au)**

April 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 R	3 Stitchers	4	5 Art group Social tennis	6	7
8 Historical society	9 Women's group	10 Garden club Stitchers	11	12 Art Group Social tennis	13	14 Market 10-11am
15	16R	17 Book group Stitchers	18	19 Art Group Social tennis	20	21
22	23 Growing group	24 Stitchers	25	26 SMB Art group Social tennis	27	28 Market 10-11am
29	30 R					

**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.websytc.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

May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Stitchers	2	3 Art Social Tennis	4	5
6	7 Women's Group	8 Stitchers Garden Club	9	10 Art Social Tennis	11	12 Market
13 YG&DHS (Yarra Glen)	14 R	15 Stitchers Book Group	16	17 Art Social Tennis	18 <i>SC4 film night 6pm</i>	19
20	21	22 Stitchers	23	24 Art Social Tennis SMB	25	26 Market
27	28 R Growing Group	29 Stitchers	30	31		

## R – put out your recycle bin

### 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.  
\*Night tennis under the lights. Website: [steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club](http://steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club)

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

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

Lindy Montell 5965 2202

**DEADLINE** for the next *Jolly Thing* is **27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**