the jolly thing

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 134 (August-Sept 2018)

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Letter from the editor

And it is "so long" from me.
As always in a great community like Steels creek; when there is a need someone always seems to turn up. Your new Editor is Morgan Calder and I'm sure that a new editor will once again renew and invigorate this newsletter. I have always had the strong belief that communities are best when renewed regularly whether it is new committee members, people re-joining groups they have been involved in the past or in this case a new Editor.
I have honestly enjoyed this "job" which doesn't take too much time and has allowed me to be often the "first in the know" and can only suggest that anyone who is new to the area the best thing you can do is get involved. Come to a movie night, visit our "Market" (the scones are worth the trip if nothing else), join a group (Garden, Art, Tennis) or just turn up for a meeting to see if it is something you would like to join.
So from me, thank you all. Angie

Thanks Angie

This edition of The Jolly Thing will be the last edited by Angie Lloyd. THANKS A LOT Angie for keeping us all up to the mark. Angie has been the fifth editor of our newsletter which comes out regularly 6 times a year, a newsletter that has often been described as the community glue which keeps the Steels Creek Community informed on what is going on in the valley. Each editor has put their own stamp on this publication but one thing is common to them all, a commitment to our community. As a local newsletter, a copy of each The Jolly Thing is filed among the papers of the State Records Office and so some future historian will have a really worthwhile record of the life of a small community at the start of the 21st Century
So, once again, **thanks Angie** for all you have done to keep things going, your commitment to our community takes many forms. From a Steels Creekian.

President's report

Dear Screekians,
Well here we are in the middle of winter, I hope you are all staying warm, and to those of you who have fled the valley in search of sunshine, enjoy!!
This edition of The Jolly Thing is the final edition to be edited by Angie Lloyd. I would like to thank Angie for all she does to get the JT to all of us. This is not the only contribution she makes to our little community, she is also a provider of great Christmas feasts, a teacher of Christmas pudding making and leader of our local Landcare. Moreover, she chases us all for words to fill our lovely newsletter! So, thank you Angie.

A big welcome to Morgan Calder, the new editor. Thank you for taking on this role. Please assist Morgan where you can, and submit your stories, information, and photos.
At writing we are a few days after the Steels Creek Tennis Club Christmas in July, this year the Community Centre was be the venue, with 50 attendees. Last month due to cold weather, we held the Tennis Club family night at the Community Centre and watched movies instead of playing tennis. These are relaxed evening with a BBQ dinner provided. Keep an eye on the Grapevine and Facebook pages for when the next one is on. It's great to be working so closely with the Tennis Club, keeping Skreekians gathering.
Both the tennis club and the community centre rely of each of you to support us to support you.
The Community Centre receives no funding, we rely on the $3 that everyone pays when using the centre, this pays for our lease fees, insurance, electricity, waters filters and ongoing maintenance costs. Likewise, the tennis club relies on your membership to pay their bills. It's the start of a new financial year, so a great time to sign up!

The Steels Creek Community Centre AGM will be on Tuesday 18th September at 6pm

Please come along and see what we have been up to this year. We would also really like some more committee members. We meet usually 4 to 6 times a year for an hour. Please think about joining us!
Also please remember the Community Centre is available for use, so if there is a group or gathering you would like to start, don't hesitate!!! It is there waiting for you!!!
Take care
Maree Rothwell
President Steels Creek Community Centre

Steels creek Landcare Group

AGM and social dinner will be on Friday 10th August
starting at 6.30pm for a 7pm dinner
SCCC 699 Steels creek rd Steels creek
Open to all financial members of the SCLG
Dinner provided, BYO wine/drinks.
RSVP required by 3rd August by reply to the secretary (email below)

Have you considered joining our committee? New members are very welcome, meetings every 2 months which are brief and to the point. Nomination forms from the secretary steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com

SCLG membership renewal was due by the 30th June 2018

Payment is still only $20 per household
Direct deposit to Steels creek Landcare group
Bendigo bank BSB 633-000 account no 124 262 114. Please include your name as a reference, new members please contact the secretary at steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com

Membership allows you to access equipment, however if your membership lapses there is a month delay before equipment can be borrowed to ensure that your membership is paid to Victorian Landcare Association and is current.

Volunteer Students are again available to work with Steels Creek Landcare

Do you need any help around your property? Volunteers are again available to assist landowners to undertake a range of tasks. Activities, which you might describe as "high volume low complexity", have previously included tree planting, firewood stacking, fence removal, property tidy up, weed control plus a whole lot more.
The current volunteers groups are made up of 8 to 10 students with 1 to 3 supervisors.
Basic tools, gloves and high visibility vests are supplied. Depending on the task/s to be undertaken, you may also need to organise appropriate tools yourself, e.g .wheelbarrows, shovels etc. We do ask that you also provide some light refreshment for the students if possible.

I would really like to build up a list of Steels Creek Landcare Members who are willing to have the volunteer students work on their property so that we can assist as many people as we can.
Billanook are coming out the week of September 17th and the week of November 19th.
Fairhills have just been out and are yet to confirm further visits.
Please reply to Jennifer Duncan
Steels Creek Landcare Volunteer Co-ordinator.
duncans@e-vision.com.au or 9730 1313

Steels Creek Art Group – *The First 25 Years*

If you drive along Steels Creek Road any Thursday afternoon you will see several cars parked at the Community Centre. It is the weekly gathering of people who make up the Steels Creek Art Group and this year we celebrate 25 years since our very first gathering. although no one is quite sure exactly when we had our first meeting, It was soon after the closure of the Steels Creek Primary School in 1991 and just after the formation of the S.C. Garden Club.

The Art Group has no formal membership. It operates within the constitution of the Steels Creek Community Centre Inc. as a "user group". Initially there were 5 of us – Gwen Leckie,, John Lowe (dec.), Jenny Tetlow, Helen Todhunter (dec) and me, Malcolm Calder. As a starter, we had a few drawing classes with Ivey Arney, an established artist and former resident of Steels Creek who was then living in Coldstream. In addition, some of us attended other workshops and classes as a way of developing our skills and finding out just what sort of art we enjoyed. We were all very much beginners.

Over the 25 years a number of people have joined the group, some for just one or a few visits some for longer periods and some as "regulars". At the moment there are around 12 people from Steels Creek, Dixon's Creek, Yarra Glen, Healesville, Glenburn and Mooroolbark who turn up on a fairly regular basis. Several of us have exhibited our paintings in local art shows, and galleries, even winning awards and commendations, and we have held a group exhibition at Gallery 34 in Yea. As a group we have twice taken part in the Yarra Valley Open Studios, most recently in 2017.

Black Saturday was crisis time for the Community Centre. It was effectively saved by Ivan Filsell and his boys when they saw that the building was under threat. We continued to use the school in the immediate weeks following the fire but were very fortunate to have Margaret Brewster's studio in Yarra Glen as a place to meet during the construction of the new hall and toilets at the Centre. With funding from the Bushfire Recovery Fund we have held two Master Class workshops lead by Rayelene Sharp and Janet Hayes – both great days.

The Steels Creek Art Group has really grown and is well established as a successful community group that has become a self-sustaining and well recognised local support group. To celebrate these last 25 years we have arranged to hold a group exhibition at Lynden Gate Gallery on the Healesville-Yarra Glen Rd. from 12 October to 19 November, 2018 with an official opening on Saturday 13 October (details to follow).

Malcolm Calder.

SC4Reel 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.
This next film is our "Annual Romance" will warm your heart in the coldest month!

- **Screening on Friday 17th August: All That Heaven Allows (1955)**

This heartbreakingly beautiful indictment of 1950s American social mores follows the blossoming love between a well-off widow (Jane Wyman) and her handsome and earthy younger gardener (Rock Hudson). When their romance prompts the scorn of her children and country club friends, she must decide whether to pursue her own happiness or carry on a lonely, stifled existence for the sake of the approval of others.

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

The dry conditions have continued in our valley with June rainfall 11 mm below average, although there was some variation across the Melbourne area with some parts having average totals but with Melbourne Airport 29 mm above average & Coldstream 12 mm above. A bit further afield Kilmore Gap was 40 mm above average largely due to 47 mm falling on the 18th. Our July total was 24 mm below average with Coldstream 16 mm below & Melbourne 28 mm below.
Temperatures for June were mostly close to average for maximum temperatures within the Melbourne area but minimum temperatures were between 1° & 1.5° below average.
For July, Coldstream maximum temperatures were 0.5° above average & minimum temperatures 0.6° above average, while July temperatures for Melbourne were 1.3° above average for maximums & 2.8° above average for minimums.
Barry Sheffield

RAINFALL –August Sept 2018

Station	June 2018 (mm)	July 2018 (mm)	Year to date to end of July 2018 (mm)	Year to date to end of July 2017 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek	69.2	34.9	338.7	337.8
Highlea' Dixons Creek	66.4	52.2	372	364.8
Melbourne Water Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek	56.2	42.8	321.2	327
'Wandearah' Japonica Drive Yarra Glen	50.1	39.1	320.3	334

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.

- 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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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.

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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Steels Creek Calendar available to view at steelscreek.vic.au

August 2018						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
		.	**1**	**2** Art. Social Tennis	**3**	**4**
5	**6 R** Women's Group	**7** Stitchers.	**8**	**9** Art. Social Tennis.	**10** **Landcare AGM 6.30pm**	**11** Market
12	**13**	**14** Stitchers. Garden Club.	**15**	**16** Tai Chi. Art. Social Tennis.	**17** Movie night 6pm	**18**
19	**20 R**	**21** Stitchers.	**22** .	**23** Tai Chi. Art Social Tennis	**24**	**25** Market
26	**27** Growing Group	**28** .Stitchers. Book Group				.

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

BOOK GROUP Julie Riddell 0422 424 694.
3rd Tuesday – 7.30 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC. New Members welcome.

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com
Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen.

GARDEN CLUB at SCCC Jill Hess 9730 1960
Newsletter, outings 2nd Tuesdays, 60 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 9.30 am at SCCC– 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 Helen Mann 9730 1875 http://www.yarraglenhistorical.websyte.com.au
The Yarra Glen & District Historical Society meets 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm Yarra Glen Memorial Hall:

LANDCARE GROUP Angie Lloyd 0412 343 242, steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com
Ongoing projects and a great opportunity to obtain information and advice about tackling Landcare issues of significance to YOU! '

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE Christine Tomlins 5965 2080
To arrange hire of the SCCC and/or any equipment please contact

September 2018						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
		.		.		**1** Tennis Comp.
2	**3R** Art Class. Women's Group	**4** Stitchers. .	**5**	**6** Art. Social Tennis. Tai chi	**7**	**8** Market Tennis Comp.
9	**10** .	**11** Stitchers. Garden Club.	**12**	**13** Tai chi Art. Social Tennis.	**14**	**15** Tennis Comp.
16	**17 R** Art Class.	**18** Stitchers. Book Group SCCC AGM	**19**	**20** Art. Social Tennis. Tai chi	**21**	**22** Market Tennis Comp. Tennis club Xmas in July
23	**24** Art Class Growing group	**25** Stitchers.	**26**	**27** Art. Social Tennis SMB. Tai chi	**28**	**29** Tennis Comp.
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R – put out your recycle bin

MARKET Malcolm Calder 5965 2372
2nd and 4th Saturdays at SCCC, 10.00 AM Sharp! Community announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods.

MOVIES Keith Montell 5965 2202
2nd or 3rd Friday - March to November – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic movies at SCCC.

SMB (really just a coffee and a chat, football and opera and anything in between!) 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, Nola Matthews 0412 199 129
Every Tuesday, 1.30 PM - 4.00 PM at SCCC, since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Workshops plus, bring own work – knit, patch, embroider.

TAI CHI
Every Thursday in School Term time at SCCC. Hannah Sky 5965 2211

TENNIS Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879
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

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

DEADLINE for the next *Jolly Thing* is 27th Sept 2018

We gratefully acknowledge Peter England (Hoogies), for support to the Steels Creek Community and *The Jolly Thing.*

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