the jolly thing

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO. 136 December - January

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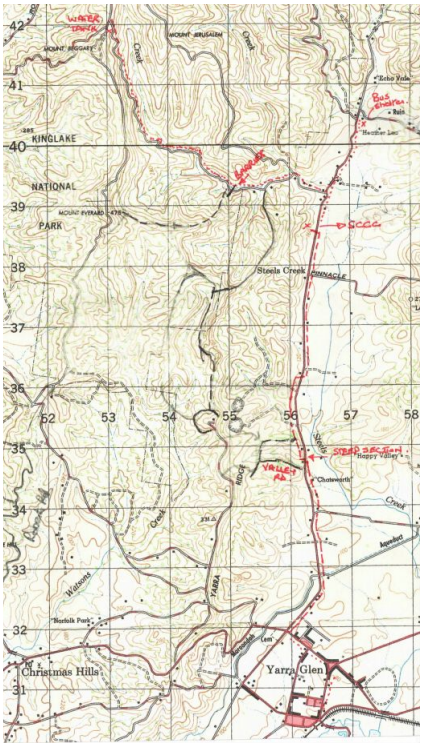
GET OUT THERE! *Exploring our local environment and nearby places with Peta Whitford.*

In this, and future editions of TJT, there'll be some notes on walks and rides for you to do either solo or with local friends. There'll be info on Geocaching, walking more tracks to the east - Brocks Tk in Dixons Creek, Mt St Leonards and the Tanglefoot Tk at Toolangi, north to Kinglake and west taking in Tuans Track, Skyline Rd and the Christmas Hills area.

Let's get started locally! #1 Steels Creek Track



Living off Valley Road, as I do, this track allows me to choose to either go north UP the valley OR south DOWN the valley, riding or walking. We are blessed to have such a track locally - it winds down along our main road past farms, B&B's, small and large holdings. All home to our native flora and fauna.

Going North - there are options of which way to go and how far. Via the Steels Creek Community Centre (SCCC), to the end of Old Kinglake Rd - and beyond - yep up the 'gated' track as far as you want - if riding I usually finish the uphill section at the watertank at the St Andrews -Kinglake Rd, turn around and indulge in 20 minutes of a downhill '*whoosh*' on the bike. (this track can be walked too). Other times I stay on the bitumen of Steels Creek Rd and turn around at the bus stop at the start of the Old Mt Slide Rd, with time for a quick hydrate of water.

Going South - my option is to ride DOWN the valley - leaving Valley Rd, I turn south and head for Yarra Glen township. Weekends enable me to pick up the hard copy of the daily paper and head home- about a 60 minute workout, all without riding on the road.

HINTS - Whichever way you ride the track, you can get variety into your ride by using the road one way and the track the other way. The track is good for maintaining good bike handling skills, gear changes, incorporating a bit of leg power riding by standing up on the pedals and riding UP the small steeper sections. There's a bit of everything to keep you busy. On foot you need to return on the same track - it's amazing how different the track looks when returning! Your pooch will enjoy this outing and you can do interval power walking to get your heart rate up.

MAPS - of Steels Creek Track maps available **FREE** at the SCCC - made for the 'Opening' of the track some years back and features local points of interest, flora information, which is also on the six information boards along the track, usually at points where the seats are located - take time to view the valley from different perspectives.

Contact me, the intrepid local explorer, for map advice and how to 'get started' - piwhitford@bigpond.com

Have a very *Eco Christmas*

This festive season be eco-friendly and try these tips;

- Wrap gifts in scarves instead of paper – the scarves can then be worn at the Christmas lunch table as hats, ties or head bands.
- Use dried orange slices, hung as baubles. You can include cloves and cinnamon sticks to create a beautiful festive garland or bunting.
- Make your own gifts. Jams, biscuits and hand-made cards give a personal touch for friends and family.

Thank-you Glenda Tjepkema for your contribution to this end-of-year edition of *the Jolly Thing.* Glenda creates some beautiful horse portraits and here she has captured the spirit of the horse with the Christmas season.

- Malcolm, Steels Creek Art Group

Steels Creek Book Group Review

Julie Riddell

October - *Pictures At An Exhibition*, by Camilla Macpherson.

A fiction story depicting the lives of two women, one during World War 2 and the other modern day. They found meaning in their lives whilst viewing paintings which had actually been displayed each month in the London Gallery during WW2 bombing raids. Every chapter begins with a QR code which is fun to scan and view the real masterpieces on display in the Gallery. A particularly poignant setting for one of our members who was born during a bombing raid and has an artistic talent!

November - *A Few Right Thinking Men*, by Sulari Gentill.

We enjoyed dinner at the Dixons Creek Café Bar and Grill whilst discussing this book. An Australian murder mystery set during the Great Depression, when political groups passionately and radically leant towards the Right or the Left. An exciting social commentary as much as a murder mystery. This was Bookgroup's final get-together for 2018 and we'll meet again in January to discuss December and January's books.

SCCC bookgroup currently has a waiting list, however please do contact Julie - 0422 424 694 if you're interested in joining as sometimes members go on extended holidays or move away. In the meantime, all our books are available to borrow from Eastern Regional Library.

THE JOLLY JNRs

#Screekylife

Connor F. Claims State BMX Champion Title!

'I was really nervous leading up to the race but when I was on the gate I sorta calmed down so that was good, but I also think that being confident helped as well. It felt really good crossing the line with no one in front of me and it was probably the hardest I have smiled in a long time.'

Imagine you are in an empty room with no windows or doors. The walls are made of concrete six inches thick. You can leave anytime you like, but how do you get out?

*Answer on Page 12

Have a go at making your own gift tags or cards this Christmas. Try marbling, stamping (potatoes are fun to carve and easy to stamp) or simply paint paper!

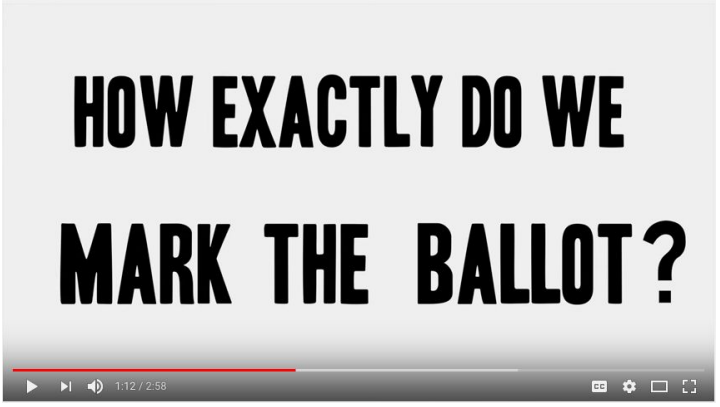
This is a shout out to those who will be turning **18 years** of age in the coming months… The federal election will be held early next year, that means it's your time to step up. Follow the link below and get your name on the electoral roll.

www.aec.gov.au/Voting/files/guide-enrolling-voting-large-print.pdf

When you're looking for some educational reading to impress at your next dinner party, follow this link to brush up your democratic know-how.

https://www.australia.gov.au/about-government/how-government-works

Then when the time comes to vote, know exactly how your vote counts! https://youtu.be/9BqgiUarZDo



What are you into? What's happening in your backyard? Let us know! scjollything@gmail.com

The Great Simpson Desert Adventure

Graham Lloyd

Grand Final day 2018 and there I was, standing with my very slow-moving 53-year-old brother-in-law Tim, in the Birdsville Pub watching the final few moments of the game on the pub's big screen. When the siren sounded, I was immediately reminded of the comment, "the only thing better than beating the Magpies by 100 points is beating them by 5 points." It was a great game and, standing next to Tim and watching him yet again, painfully lift another beer to his mouth, I reflected on him and what he'd just achieved. A couple of hours earlier he'd finished riding his pushbike some 600kms over five days across the Simpson Desert. He, along with another 30 'whack jobs' thought it would be a great idea to ride across the desert raising funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service as part of the annual Simpson Desert Bike Challenge (at first I thought it was a motor bike challenge, which I thought would be tough enough…I was going to suggest to the organisers that they insert the work 'push' before the word 'bike' so everyone clearly understands that the challenge is truly a man-powered one). To achieve his personal milestone, he needed a support crew. My wife, Angie (and older sister to Tim), volunteered us to be his support crew and I, instead of being my usual Major Disaster, went along as General Dog's-body.

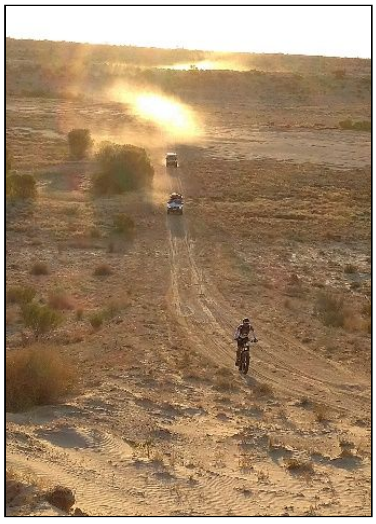
The riders were required to ride some 80-130kms per day over the five days starting each day at 0600h, a couple of water stops and some 50kms later there was a lunch stop. After an hour or so to recuperate, off they all went again leaving at around 1400h, a couple more water stops and a further 50kms or so later they would arrive at the final check point for that particular day where their support crew had set up camp for the night. Riders and crew were usually in bed by 2000h before the 0430h air horn sounded the following morning and all was repeated. At the start of each day half the support crew would pack up their camp and vehicles and would leave some 30 mins before the riders so they could set up the lunch stop, with the remaining crews leaving after the riders and follow them (a few kms behind). Most riders' crews consisted of at least two vehicles so one would leave as part of the first group and set up in readiness for the riders' arrival - whether it was lunch or at the end of the day. The support crew did everything they could to assist the riders but, once the riders were riding, the crews could do nothing to assist them whilst they were pedalling along the route.

The route started 550 kms north of Coober Pedy (at a place called Dalhousie Springs) and roughly followed what is known as 'The French Line' which is a track that somewhat parallels the NT border but about 200 kms south. The French Line gradually curves North East with the second last night's campsite being at Poeppel's Corner (the spot where the borders of NT, SA and QLD meet), before heading east towards Birdsville with the final night of the trek spent at what is known by travellers to that area as Big Red and Little Red (two huge sand dunes about 30 kms from Birdsville).

Angie is a chef so her job was to make sure Tim got all his nutritional needs each day. You can imagine the envied looks from many of the other crews and riders as she dished up culinary delights such as Chicken Parmys, T-Bone steak with a mustard cream demi-glaze, and slow-cooked beef calzone in a sourdough for dinner.

If you asked any of the riders why they did this crazy stunt, none could give an answer that made any sense to rational human beings. But, each morning they got up at 0430h and religiously prepared themselves for the next gruelling session, slapping handfuls of anaesthetic cream to various parts of their anatomy, sliding into chammy skin-tight clothes…anything to absorb the impact of the saddle for some 10 hours each day. One advantage was that they all had specially made bikes referred to as 'fat bikes'. Fat bikes had tyres that were almost as wide as motorbike tyres and were pumped to a mere 8 pounds pressure, or something like that, which gave a smoother ride but, most importantly, a wider base for the tyres to grip the soft sand.

For Angie and me it was our ‘baptism of fire’ when it comes to 4-wheel driving, and specifically driving over huge sand dunes. Neither of us had done this before. Our vehicle was a Japanese Delica with a 2.4ltr petrol engine…and, it was an automatic. When we arrived at the start line you could almost hear the collective giggles from those driving their huge 4-5 litre diesel-engined Jeeps, Nissan Nivaras, VW Amarocks, etc, etc all fitted with the latest 4WD accessories…and here we were in Tim’s ‘granny car’, looking like we’d just arrived to pick up the grand kids. At least the Delica was an actual 4WD, and had all the great 4WD stuff like a switch to lock the wheels (whatever that’s called) and other things, too, as standard. It was also very light and nearly everything we needed could be tied down inside which enabled good balance given we were carrying hundreds of litres of water, petrol, many boxes of food, equipment, etc, etc. Some of the other 4WD monsters had all their stuff tied down on the roof and hanging off the back making for a real ‘topsy turvy’ ride for them. The only downside with the Delica, as it turned out, is that it has lots of bits of protective plastic underneath which struggled to hang on. By the sixth huge sand dune we didn’t have to stop and pick up something or other that had fallen off the bottom of the car…because there was nothing left underneath to do so. Each night I’d spend a few minutes using loads of gaffer tape and many plastic tie downs putting as much plastic back in place as I could. Notwithstanding, this little granny car didn’t miss a beat all the way…unlike some of the fair dinkum 4WD vehicles, and by the time we reached Birdsville, the little granny car had actually gained much kudos and approving nods from even the most hardened 4WD experts.



You learn lots of stuff when doing something like this…the lesson covering the importance of tying down everything was clearly missed by the 20-man Army contingent who, during one very bumpy day, had all their food in one vehicle nicely ‘tossed’ on their arrival at base camp. I looked into the back and saw smashed jars of tomato paste mixed with burst cartons of milk and battered and bruised fruit and veges. Oh well, as a ‘training exercise’ they gained an awful lot of knowledge that day about packing the back of the truck securely.

I was amazed at how low tyre pressures needed to be to get over the dunes. Our first big dune saw our tyre pressure down to 18 pnds. Couldn’t get over the dune so had to back down a few 100 metres to have another go. Same result. I was holding up some 30 other vehicles so I was conscious that I really had only one more try left otherwise they’d push me off the track and drive past. So, two more pounds out of each tyre and bingo, straight up and over. One dune did beat me so I requested the help of the Sergeant Major of the Army contingent who just happened to be behind me. He hopped in and drove it straight up and over. As I scrambled up the dune behind him and met him as he walked down from the Delica, I breathlessly asked him what he did, “Just floor it and hang on,” was his sage like reply. “Thanks Sar Major,” I answered and, realising it wasn’t my car so who cares, from that point on I simply floored it and, amazingly, like a bucking bronco on steroids, every dune was easily traversed.

To watch the bike riders drag themselves over the finish line for the day was both painful and inspiring. Some 10 or so each day didn’t make it and were picked up by vehicles following behind but, from those who did make the finish line, there were a hated few who simply rode over it looking like they’d just finished a ride to their local milk bar, and others of whom you could easily see had a rough day. One rider copped a flat about one km before the finish line, so he carried his bike with the wheel around his neck, the final couple of hundred meters…and after already having ridden some 80 kms that day.

Slowly walking back to our motel room for that final night in Birdsville before heading home the next day, I felt privileged to be in Tim’s company and to have been a small but meaningful part of his achievement.

Local Art and Exhibitions

Ivan Filsell

There is a lovely new exhibition at **Tarrawarra Museum of Art** (TwMa) by Patricia Piccinini and Joy Hester. The exhibition was opened on Sunday 25th. November and part of the proceedings was a tethered launch of Piccinini's Sky Whale. This stunning and provocative balloon was also used in the previous week to advertise the opening. Sky whale sailed down the Yarra Valley early Wednesday morning and featured on channel 9 news that night. The exhibition called "Through Love" will run until March 11. 2019. Locals note that for all residents with a postcode beginning with 377 entry is free on a Wednesday, entry is also free for pensioners and concession card holders on a Wednesday.

Yering Station has it's annual Sculpture Exhibition running until 9 December. Local sculptor Ernst Fries has an eye catching piece *Pre Harvest Joy* (pictured left) that sold at the opening. Hurry to catch this before it closes.

In Lilydale, **Yarra Valley Regional Gallery** has a free event, a film *The Nightingale and the Rose* running until the February 3 2019. This is Oscar Wilde's Nightingale brought to life by artist Del Kathryne Barton and filmmaker Brendan Fletcher. ***Enjoy our art.***

Steels Creek Art Group

Malcolm Calder

Thanks to all of you who visited our silver jubilee anniversary exhibition. It was a great experience for us all and we are very thankful to Reggie Clarke of "Art At Linden Gate" for initiating our exhibition and providing all the admin support needed. This Gallery is a real treasure of the Yarra Valley and is always worth a visit to check out our creative communities, open every week end including Friday and Monday, 10am - 5pm. I doubt if it will be another 25 years before we have our next group exhibition.

The art group will continue to meet over the holiday season (except 27 Dec) and if you would like to drop in on us on a Thursday afternoon between 1.30 and 4.30 you would be most welcome.

All the best for a happy Christmas

Artwork: Helen Mann

Yarra Glen Art Show 2019 Call for entries

March 9 - 11 2019

With a new Co-ordinator at the helm, Bronwyn Ward, the Yarra Glen Art Show committee is now accepting online entries for the 2019 Art Show to be held once again at the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall March 9-11 2019 www.yarraglenartshow.com.au

There are 4 prizes: **Best 2D**, Judged by Aimee Frodsham, **Best 3D**, Judged by Savaad Felich, **Youth Prize** (15 – 25) Judged by Reggie Clark and **People's Choice** award.

If you need help with an online application, please let us know at info@yarraglenartshow.com.au

Entries close February 5, 2019 or sooner if capacity is reached.

Steels Creek Landcare Group & SCCC BBQ

Angie Lloyd

!! Bunnings sausage sizzle Volunteers needed !!

Steels Creek has been fortunate enough to be allocated not one but two dates for a Bunnings Sausage sizzle

The first is a Landcare fundraiser on Saturday 5th January and the 2nd is for the Community Centre on Sunday 13th January.

These are great ways to raise much needed funds for our groups but we can't do it without community help. Angie Lloyd is organising both so if you can spare a couple of hours on either date please contact her at grimesangie@yahoo.com.au It is a fun day and not too hard, you don't need to be a member of either group and you will not be expected to stay all day (just a 2 hour time slot). If you think you can, please put it in your diary and send Angie an email.

Steels Creek Garden Club

Jill Hess

Well, the weather was certainly in our favour, bringing crowds of enthusiasts gardeners to the Flower Show. People snapped up great bargains, enjoyed the local schools' art work, the rose display, native and succulent arrangements. People came from far and wide commenting on the quality of plants, we raised $3,000 on the day! With such enthusiasm from the club members, it made it even more worthwhile. It's been a great year for the club and we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe festive season and look forward to sharing our 2019 calendar events with you, when we kick off in Feb.

A REMINDER... 19 Nov 2018 - Fire Danger Period Started

During the CFA Declared Fire Danger Period, property owners can apply to the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer for a permit to burn, for fire hazard reduction purposes only. Applications will only be considered where there are extenuating circumstances and the material is presenting a significant fire risk and where there is no alternative. In other words, get yourself a permit if you need to burn off!

Now is a good time to: Review your fire plan, clean out your gutters, add the CFA Vic Emergency app to your device and join the Yarra Glen CFA Facebook Page.

Steels Creek Tennis Club

Ed Bartosh

Annual General Meeting: The Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club, Inc. held its AGM on Thursday, 11th October. Congratulations to Mark Newell, President, Graham Rothwell, VP, Graham Lloyd, Secretary and Ed Bartosh, Treasurer. We are all working to keep your community club strong and viable for Steels Creek.

Thursday Night Social Tennis: Now open for the Summer for the new season. Come have a social hit or practice with the new ball machine. It's all there at your Club. From 7:30pm.

Family Nights at the Tennis Club: Family nights are on again. Enjoy your Christmas holiday, as our next family night will be Friday, 22 February. Plan for a Pizza Night on Saturday 2 March as well. More details on our Facebook Page and in the next Jolly Thing.

Open Day: We will have an Open Day, with BBQ lunch at midday, open tennis with prizes and give-aways for the kids, as well as a good social time for all. Sunday, 27 January is the date. Hope to see you there.

Membership: The membership year runs from July through June the following year. Please consider renewing your membership or joining for the new year. Fees are the most reasonable around - we just want the Club to remain viable and a treasured community asset. Membership forms are on the web site and FB page.

Competition tennis: The Saturday tennis team is doing very well. If you have an interest in a competitive hit on Saturday afternoons, contact Kate Bray at 0447 148 718.

SAVE THE DATE… Black Saturday Commemorative Events

The following edition of The Jolly Things comes out the same week as the Steels Creek community commemorates 10 years since Black Saturday. *Our community are encouraged to commemorate this day as it feels best for them individually or as a family.* A few events, very much in Steels Creek's vibe we might add, have been organised for those who would like to get together. So, with plenty of warning, here are a few dates to put into your diary:

Wednesday February 6 2019 Rob Gordon, a local resident, and internationally renowned psychologist and disaster recovery consultant, will talk once again to our community. This year about long term recovery, adjusting to big things in the past and how we adjust our sense of identity with them. Rob's talks following the few months after Black Saturday were very much valued and reassuring. We encourage new and existing families, especially our teenagers and young adults to come along. We will conclude the session with supper or light lunch depending on the time of day.

Thursday February 7 2019 Commemorative Reflection Walk. A short morning along Steels Creek track, followed by a cuppa at SCCC, to bring those in our community who would like to be together on this day. 9:30am Start. Meeting point to be confirmed.

Saturday February 9 2019 Commemorative History Market. This is a market not to miss and we invite everyone who currently lives here, those who have moved away, and those who have had a deep connection with this community to come share this day together. Sckreekians, near and far, are asked to bring a piece of their Steels Creek history to display in the old school. We would love these to be donated so they can form part of a more permanent display. Example: a photo of their property then and now, a piece of artwork, sheet music, or old school pics from the Steels Creek School or perhaps you have a story to share, write it down and make it part of our display. 10am start, no formalities, our Steels Creek market, gathering and luncheon - bring a plate to share!

SC4 Reel Film Club

Resumes March 2019

The final film for the year ended with **Who is Killing the Great Chefs of Europe (1989)** the Film Club will take a break over the summer months and resume in March. 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.

Happy Diamond Anniversary

James Calder

In December, 60 years ago, the founder of The Jolly Thing, Malcolm Calder, was married to Jane Palmer in a small country to the east of Australia. Now I am sure that the success of this partnership, can to some degree, be attributed to the fact that during those SIXTY years of marriage the best part of 20 were spent sleeping.

Happy diamond anniversary Jane and Malcolm (mum and dad).

The Weather Report by Barry Sheffield

The dry conditions continued during October, traditionally our wettest month, with our rainfall being 41 mm below average. This trend continued during the first half of November but good falls between the 21st and the 25th meant we ended up 26 mm above average for the month. Minor flood warnings for the Yarra were issued for those few days with the river peaking at 2.8 m on the 25th. We are currently 147mm below average for the year so far. October mean maximum temperatures were above average for the Melbourne area with Essendon Airport being the highest at 2.6° above and Coldstream 1.6° above. Mean minimum temperatures were also above average being up to 1.5° above at Laverton but Coldstream was the only station in the Melbourne area that was below average (0.2° below). For November the mean maximum temperature for Coldstream was 0.5° below average with Melbourne equalling the average.

Picture: *An unexpected meeting of The Jolly Thing weather observers Barry Sheffield, Ann & Lyn Taylor at Healesville station.*

RAINFALL – October - November 2018

Station	October 2018 (mm)	November 2018 (mm)	Year to end of November 2018 (mm)	Year to end of November 2017 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' **Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek**	34.2	95.1	579.3	598.8
'Highlea' **Dixons Creek**	37.8	108.8	650.6	680
Melbourne Water **Melba Hwy, *Dixons Creek***	30.4	83.8	549.6	592.6
'Wandearah' **Japonica Drive Yarra Glen**	35.4	94	558.7	606.9

The Steels Creek Calendar is also available to view at www.steelscreek.vic.au

December 2018						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
						1 Tennis Comp
2	**3** Women's Group	**4** Stitchers	**5**	**6** Art Social Tennis Tai chi	**7**	**8** Market Tennis Comp
9	**10 R**	**11** Stitchers Garden Club Lunch	**12**	**13** Tai chi Art Social Tennis	**14**	**15** Tennis Comp
16 Yarra Glen Carols	**17**	**18** Stitchers	**19**	**20** Art Social Tennis Tai chi	**21**	**22** Market Tennis Comp
23	**24 R**	**25** XMAS Day	**26** Boxing Day	**27** Social Tennis SMB *Sleep off All the food*	**28**	**29** Tennis Comp

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.

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 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! '

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE ONLINE BOOKINGS Or call Christine Tomlins 5965 2080
It's easy to check availability, fees, booking the Centre.

- Open the Steels Creek Community website 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 online booking enquiry here.'**
- Follow prompts for information, charges and to make a booking request.

January 2019						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
		1 New Years Day	**2**	**3** Art Social Tennis	**4**	**5** Tennis Comp Landcare Bunnings BBQ
6	**7** Women's Group	**8**	**9**	**10** Art Social Tennis	**11**	**12** Market Tennis comp
13 SCCC Bunnings BBQ	**14 R**	**15** Stitchers Book Group	**16**	**17** Art Social Tennis	**18**	**19** Tennis comp
20	**21**	**22** Stitchers	**23**	**24** Art Social Tennis SMB	**25**	**26** Market Tennis comp
27 TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY	**28 R**	**29** Stitchers	**30**			

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. Bring own work – knit, patch, embroider, chat and friendship.

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

TENNIS Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879, Lindy Montell 5965 2202
Since 1911.Newsletter, competitions, 60 active and social members. Monday or Wednesday 9am, ladies social tennis contact Lindy. 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: www.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).

R – Put out your recycle bin Government School Holidays / Public Holiday

THE STEELS CREEK GRAPEVINE

Want to be kept up to date on local Steels Creek events and offerings? *The Grape Vine* is an email only update on news and events that have missed the recent edition of the The Jolly Thing.
Go to www.steelscreek.vic.au/publications/the-steels-creek-grapevine/ to sign up.

*Answer: Stop Imagining - Thanks Owen!

We'd love to hear from you

The Jolly Thing is a newsletter that captures the spirit of Steels Creeks community, it's got a long history of collecting and sharing every facet of what goes on in the valley.

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.

Local groups' submissions are the backbone of The Jolly Thing and are very welcome.

Personal stories must be submitted by the person involved.

Promotion material will be considered for local businesses if there is value to the community.

Please email all pieces to scjollything@gmail.com
Thank you

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