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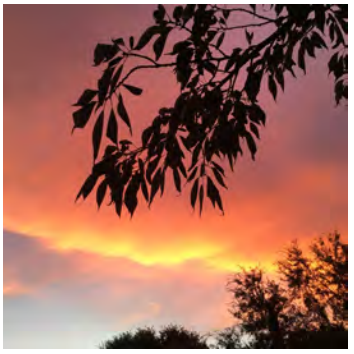


Farewell summer, hello autumn...

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

This edition takes you to #3 <u>BROCK SPUR TRACK</u>*, Dixons Creek
(NB. called Brocks Spur Tk on map)

Brock Spur Track is an easy walk between the Melba Hwy and Kinglake Rd, on the western side of the Melba Hwy, following the ridgeline leading to Mt Slide and the Kinglake Road. Your senses will be treated to a pallet of greens, grays, blues and eucalyptus. **Where to Start?**

Start A - Travel north on Melba Hwy to Dixons Creek, continue north on Hwy for 4km - just as road becomes steep, there is an access track and parking on your LHS signed with 'Kinglake National Park'.

From this car park, take the well-defined 4WD forestry track for 2 kms, which follows the contours and gradually rises to a track junction* on the ridge line. It was along this track I disturbed a Bynoe's Gecko, commonly found under leaf debris. This small lizard is distinguished by its light brown upper surface, speckled with numerous dark brown and white keeled tubercles.

At the track junction you can opt to walk the single track (Banksia Walking Track- named on map but not on signage), north for just over 1.5km before it merges with the main Brock Spur Track or take main Brock Spur Track. After another 1.5km you ascend the gentle slope of Mt Slide and then downhill to the end of the track on the Kinglake Rd. Retrace walk back to your vehicle.

Further options to extend your walk: Option #1 (visit the lookout)
Either on your return journey or instead of walking north to the Kinglake Rd, go south from the track junction*. Almost immediately on your RHS, you will see a gate and some fencing. Wriggle through between the gate and fence and follow a well-worn single track south along this ridge for approx. 1.5km to a knoll with wonderful views over the Steels Creek Valley (marked on map as lookout). On my recent walk I spied an eagle gliding in the wind drafts. An ideal place for the snack or lunch break.

Option #2 (exiting on the southern track)
Return northwards towards the track junction* and gate/ fence squeeze - 30m south of gate there is an older track on your right which runs parallel to the 'red' marked track leading south to the Melba Hwy. Either track takes you downhill for 2km from where it is possible to have a car shuffle arranged OR you could start from this location Start B. Note: the less distinct track peters out close to the Melba Hwy and you will have to use good observation skills to continue downhill to the access track.

Start B -An alternative starting point is located approx.1km north of Hunts Lane on the Melba Hwy. Turn left from Melba Hwy into 'Dogs Domain' (just past 'Shantell Vineyard' on your right) and park on LHS on nature strip. The access walking track on your left is a cutting running parallel to the Hwy and takes you to the start of Brocks Spur Track (drawn in RED on the map). Either plan an out and back walk or to have a car shuffle to Start A).

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

Passionfruit: Too much of a good thing.

Henry Verhoeven

Pam and I planted a *Nelly Kelly* passionfruit vine just under three years ago. Following previous failures on other areas of the property, this latest vine was planted in the old chook shed area up against a substantial farm fence utilising the existing chicken wire and more importantly, facing north.

Given that it has a good water supply and a plentiful supply of organic Alpaca Poo as its basic fertiliser, the first year produced 400+ passionfruit. Not happy to be just a north facing vine, year two saw it also head around the corner into the western sun. That saw 600+ fruit produced. For ease of storage, all fruit was cut open, the pulp then placed in small plastic containers and frozen. Almost all of that fruit had been timely consumed before the next year's harvest.

Now with a new garage structure restricting the afternoon sun, it was going to be interesting to see how the vine would cope. No worries…..just head onto another section of fence that was also facing west but sun compromised because of some trees. The vine's total length is currently 13 metres…...and growing

As at the date of writing, I have harvested **931** passionfruit with about another 20 still to drop. The freezer is full of the pulp… so I should count myself lucky that the chief harvester (moi) managed to step on a number of dropped fruit on occasions plus was not able to access some fruit until they became too withered because of the density of the vine. If all potential fruit was counted, that number would be in excess of 1,000.

I tried Google to find out what quantity of fruit the vine should have theoretically produced but was not able to get a meaningful answer. Gardening Australia suggested in the 400 to 700 range. Are any of the readers able to assist me in researching the matter? Henry, 0409 140 775

Steels Creek Garden Club

Jill Hess

Steels Creek Garden Club outings: **APRIL** Tuesday 9 - Di's Delightful Plants.125 Quayle Rd, Wandin B.Y.O morning tea and lunch. Meet 9:30am at the Y.G park. **MAY** - Tuesday 14 - Succulents Australia. 429 Monbulk Rd, Monbulk B.Y.O morning tea. Meet 9:30 Y.G park

The garden club's propagating day is on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Anyone is always welcome to join us and can ring me for more details.

Award Winning Garlic! Congratulations Jacqui…

In February I participated in the 2019 Australian Food Awards Garlic competition to benchmark my garlic against other producers in the industry around Australia. The garlic is judged using the following criteria – Uniformity, Condition, Quality, Aroma, Flavour (raw), Flavour (cooked).

It came as a complete surprise to receive a Bronze medal and it has reinvigorated my efforts to continue producing the best garlic I can and has given me greater confidence in my growing methods, using no chemicals and no-dig beds. All that back breaking work has paid off!

I still have garlic available if anyone would like to contact me on: 0419 209 889

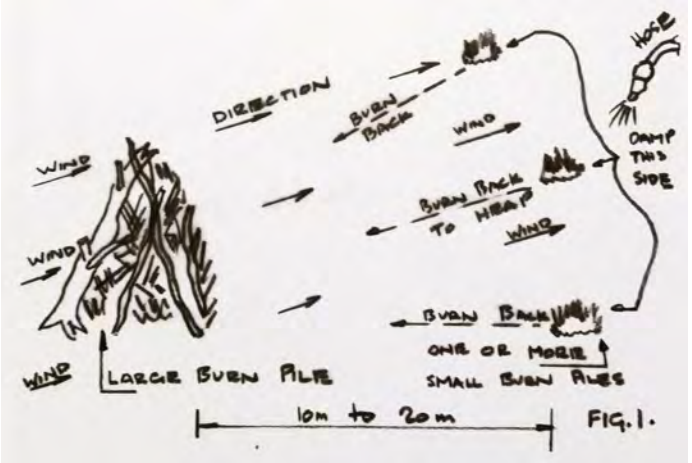
Planning for Fire | Part 2

Ivan Filsell

On small farms and larger properties where rainwater is harvested for domestic use, fire protection and animal husbandry, it is essential to keep gutters (spouting) and downpipes clean and running free. How to do this is an ever vexing problem that varies from property to property. The biggest offender is windblown leaves and other litter including dust, this builds up very quickly in dry weather and even quicker in a drought. Large trees overhanging the house and sheds will give a continuous shower of leaf litter in hot dry spells. People in this situation may have to clean gutters on a weekly or even daily basis at peak times. To avoid this situation when planting around the house and sheds consider low growing “softer” plants close, small to medium shrubs further out and large trees at least 30m from the house. When first planting around a new property plantings may look a bit thin but will soon grow and fill in. Large trees in particular grow quite fast so if you plant too many too close you will soon have a problem. I am not the one to advise on suitable varieties but avoid varieties that shed a lot of bark streamers or have “stringy” bark as these are the worst for litter and for rapid spread of fire.

Modern concrete, steel or recycled plastic tanks are sealed to prevent the entry of vermin and mosquitoes and they have a large filter at the entry point. This means that in most cases you do not need to put filters or rubbish traps at each downpipe. Let the gutters and downpipes run free and collect all the litter at the tank filter. This will mean frequent knocking out of the filter in leafy areas so make sure it is easy to reach. If an adult can reach the filter from ground level that is ideal. For larger tanks you may need several steps, consider building these in so that an adult can reach the filter from the top step. Never leave a ladder against the tank as this is a hazard for children and tempting access for cats and possums. If your filters are easy to access you are more likely to clean them regularly. Pipes delivering water to your tank at the filter are often at a very shallow angle and rest on the edge of the filter. This is ok for low flows and when everything is clean but a layer of leaf litter on the filter during a heavy downpour will cause the water to skip across the filter and pour down the outside of the tank to waste. Consider putting a 90 degree bend on the end of the delivery pipe and raising it up 100mm above the edge of the filter. This will allow easy access to the filter for cleaning and will catch more water in the tank.

BURNING OFF



As we move further into autumn we start to look forward to fire restrictions being lifted. This will not happen until soil moisture levels have raised after reasonable rain, usually around the end of April or early May. Many property owners have been collecting fallen branches and litter and built burn heaps ready for when restrictions are lifted. It used to be that country areas could burn from about May through to close to Christmas. Now there are many more restrictions and we have long dry spells even in winter which can make burning hazardous. I will cover burning off and fire restrictions more next time, but a tip for burning large piles. Light one or more small fires about 10 to 20m out from the big pile on the leeward side and allow them to burn back under control in to the wind to the main heap. This will give you a clear fire break; now light the main heap on the lee side and let it burn back into the wind. This will give you a slower safer burn, see the attached diagram. *Safe burning*

Keep up to date with Burning Off periods and Open Air Burning information here:

https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Property/Fire-emergencies/Burning-Off

Dear Jolly Thing readers,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter as I am leaving The Creek after 20 very happy years and sadly I am leaving alone which was never planned in our big scheme of life together.

From the moment James and I saw the property we knew it was for us, this little old cottage with a dirt floor in the kitchen and an outside loo that was almost falling in the creek.

But it was the serenity of the block, the bird life, the overgrown garden, one entire side was completely covered with blackberries and honeysuckle growing so high in the trees one couldn't see where the vines ended, then there was the prettiest little creek meandering through all the undergrowth, yes it looked like a lot of work but we knew it was our new home.

Together we created a Fairyland and people came from all corners of the world to see it, leaving the loveliest letters in our letterbox about how much they had enjoyed seeing it and where they were from some said they were going home to create their own Fairyland.

When Black Saturday had done it's worst Fairyland never did come back to life but our new home did and gradually things began to grow again. We were never the same of course and neither was Steels Creek.

I want to thank the many neighbors who have touched our lives in wonderful ways you will all know who you are. We have attended some beautiful parties with beautiful people in years gone by, had dinners and BBQ's at each others homes, Weddings, sad Funerals, Birthdays, Babies, Anniversaries and some parties just because we could.

Thank you all for the kindness you have shown us, the help given willingly, the valued friendships.

As I leave the creek to start a new chapter in my life I wish you all well and may much happiness come to you all.

Thank you again for a lovely couple of decades.

Magic wishes, Cheryl Crynes.

'We Are'

Suddenly it's raining; we are excited.

We cross the bridge
over the unknown waters
of the unknown bushland
Uncertain be it demon or daemon
we gaze upon.
We are the ant
on the sunflower
We are the earth god swimming,
Bunya tree, creator and spirit bird.
We are excited by the sound of the folk song
that lights a fire in our souls
sliding into autumn.
We are excited by the sight and the smell
of the sea foam
Running lament,
rowing rough blue grey green waters.
We are Luke Skywalker dreaming.
We are warbling,
Singing with the wind.
We are the rough oak
playing with the hawthorn

We are the rose gold and brown
winter sunsets on the mountain.

Written by Icia Molloy, Justine Walsh, Jayne Elliott, Dorothy Barber, Roxanne Hull, Garden Fairy and Alison Burrell on the 10th March, 2019 at Steels Creek Community Centre.

SCHOOLS OUT! *How bored can you get?*

Boredom sparks creativity

At its core, boredom is “a search for neural stimulation that isn’t satisfied,” Mann says. “If we can’t find that, our mind will create it.” As demonstrated by the new study and plenty others before it, boredom can enable creativity and problem-solving by allowing the mind to wander and daydream. “There’s no other way of getting that stimulation, so you have to go into your head,” Mann says. You may be surprised by what you come up with when you do.

Boredom is good for your mental health

Daydreaming can be “quite a respite” and provide a brief escape from day-to-day life, Mann says. But it’s also beneficial to simply step away from screens, work and other stressors long enough to feel bored. Studies have shown, for example, that modern tools including emails, social media and apps can strain mental health — so taking a break can be a valuable opportunity to recharge.

How to be bored the right way

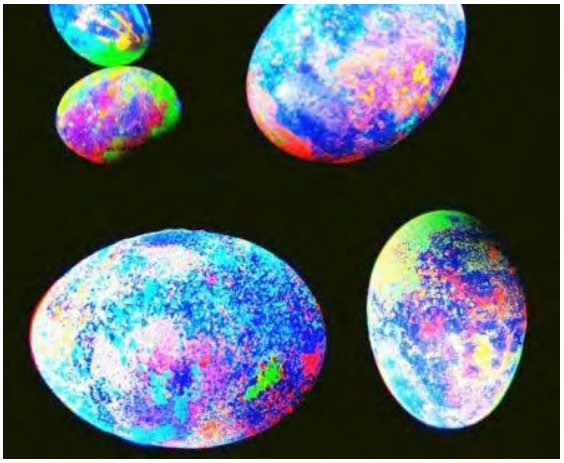
Mann says it’s important not to conflate boredom with relaxation. A purposefully tranquil activity, such as yoga or meditation, likely doesn’t meet the definition of trying and failing to find stimulation. To tap into true boredom, she suggests picking an activity that requires little or no concentration — like walking a familiar route, swimming laps or even just sitting with your eyes closed — and simply letting your mind wander, without music or stimulation to guide it.

Read the full article here:
http://time.com/5480002/benefits-of-boredom/

Where does the Easter bunny get his eggs?

*Answer on Page 12

DIY Glow in the dark Easter eggs!



How cool are these Easter eggs? You won't believe how easy it is to make them, too. Mix up some neon paint, warm water and vinegar to make neon dye and start dipping the hard-boiled eggs. You can find neon paint at most craft stores. These eggs might be perfect for a nighttime Easter egg hunt!

Hunt Your Heart Out

There are Easter egg hunts everyday over the Easter weekend from Kinglake to Yarra Glen to Wandin. Sniff them out here: https://visityarravalley.com.au/blog/easter-egg-hunts-across-the-yarra-valley-and-dandenong-ranges-2019

A **FINAL** reminder to those who will be turning **18 years** of age in the coming months… The federal election is flagged for May, 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

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

Steels Creek Book Group Review

Julie Riddell

February - *The Secret Scripture* Sebastian Barry

Published in 2008, an Irish novel covering tumultuous Irish history and how it impacted the lives of a 100 year old woman living in a mental hospital, and the resident male psychiatrist. He has to uncover the reason for her admittance lots of years ago. Was it for a psychiatric reason? Religious reason? Political reason? As he uncovers her life events, he also learns how Irish history affected his own life too.

March - *Currawalli Street* Christopher Morgan

It was much easier to eat the delicious Coronation cake Lindy baked, rather than trying to follow the many, many characters in this novel. In 1914 there's an Australian suburban street full of people who contemplate volunteering for war, and get to know each other cooking and sharing the King's Coronation cake. Jump to 1972, same street but more houses. An interesting Vietnam war soldier and many, many other characters who come together and share a Coronation cake baked from a faded recipe. Is there a ghost? Secrets and privacy? Buried memories?

SCCC bookgroup currently has no vacancies, please contact Julie - 0422 424 694 if you're interested in joining. In the meantime, all our books are available to borrow from Eastern Regional Library.

Local Art and Exhibitions

Ivan Filsell

The Yarra Glen Art Show ran again on the 9th, 10th and 11th March and as usual was a great success. At the time of writing we have not had the official debrief yet, but I can say from my own experience that the event was well attended and the public were generally impressed by the quality of the work on display. This show draws from the Yarra Valley area which abounds with artistic talent. On show were the full range of art mediums and included 2D and 3D contributions as well as photographic work. It was great to see the main hall full of framed work in an easy to navigate display, the Coomb room full of sculptural work and a third room of unframed work and artistic cards. The committee appointed Bronwyn Ward as curator for this event and she did a great job getting it all together and putting her own more modern feel to the event. The prize winners were all in a more modern theme but traditional work was still well represented. These included some excellent landscapes, animals, birds and botanical art as well as great linocuts. I particularly liked the sculpture room with work in metal, stone, wood, glass, clay and found objects. Variety is the spice of life and it was certainly there in spades. Congratulations to the committee and the organisers and the many volunteers for a job well done.

Steels Creek Art Group is the beneficiary of the Council's small grants programme and this will allow them to run a number of specialist workshops in the coming months. The first is on liquid art on April 30. The second on May 30, will be using acrylics for landscape. These workshops are already fully subscribed. We look forward to the workshops and some stunning results. ***Enjoy our art.***

ANZAC Day Commemoration

Ed Bartosh

The Yarra Glen RSL will commemorate the sacrifices of the ANZACs on Thursday, April 25th 2019 with the traditional march and service. The march will start at the Yarra Glen Police Station at 10:15am, and the service will start at the Memorial Hall approximately 10:30 at the conclusion of the march. Students from the four area primary schools will address what they feel is significant about the day to them and their communities. The Yarra Glen Primary School Choir will lead the National Anthem. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Memorial Hall, and a sausage sizzle will be served outside for a gold coin donation to the ANZAC Appeal.

www.yarraglen.com/RSL/

SC4 Reel Film Club

April 12 Dinner 6pm \ Film 7:30pm

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 12 April: Grand Budapest Hotel (2014)
This film recounts the adventures of Gustave H a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars; and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his trusted friend. The story covers theft; inheritance battles; a desperate chase on motorbike, sleds, and skis; and of course a love affair – all against the backdrop of a continent in turmoil. David S (5 stars) and Margaret P (4.5 stars)!

There is no film screening in May - starts again in June.

Cost is $10 per person plus $4 for the Centre. For those able to provide food it's just $4 donation for the Centre. Please let me know if you are able to supply a main course, salad or dessert.
Lindy - 5965 2202

A Close Encounter

Lindy Montell

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed the company of two delightful, if spikey, creatures. They are a female short-beaked echidna and young (puggle) and the little one has been living in a series of burrows at the side of our house. Its mother visits quite regularly and we have been lucky enough to witness the puggle being fed. The female echidna does not have teats but exudes her milk through the numerous pores of her paired mammary glands*. These echidnas appear unafraid and we have been able to closely watch as the female carefully guides the puggle towards her with her leathery paws, gently manipulating it into the right position for a welcome feed. The puggle then proceeds to lick up the excreted milk with lovely slurpy noises. Following her maternal visit the female will wander off, occasionally stopping for a luxurious soak in the copper water dish at the rear of our house.

We presume this beautiful baby echidna is the result of the mating we witnessed between two echidnas last year. It is a great privilege to have them living so close by, apparently without fear.

*Strahan, Ronald. (Ed.) The Australian Museum, Complete Book of Australian Mammals, 1983.

Are you arty, crafty, into sewing, knitting or crochet? Maybe you're into metal or wood... Jo's looking for expressions of interest in a monthly get-together to sell your wares. What do you think? Get in touch with Jo 0407 832 765

Saturday Morning Market is a perfect time to pick up some eggs, veggies, jams and preserves, freshly baked goodies and home-made goats cheese. Enjoy a cuppa, fresh scones and catching up on the Valley's news. Need we say more? See you there. 2nd and 4th Saturday. Next Market: Sat April 13 10am

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, April 7

Don't forget to turn back your clock for the end of Daylight Savings Time in the early hours of Sunday, 7 April.

Enjoy the extra hour's sleep!

The Weather Report by Barry Sheffield

We have had a very dry start to the year with all 3 months so far being significantly below average.
February was 23 mm below average with March 17.6 mm below & the year to date figure is 80 mm below average. For the 3 months of summer the deficiency was not so great because of the above average rainfall in December, so summer was 34 mm below average. Temperatures for February for Coldstream were 1° above average for the mean maximum and 0.5° below average for the mean minimum. Melbourne temperatures were 0.2° above for the mean maximum and 1.2° above for the mean minimum.
March temperatures were also above average with Coldstream's mean maximum 2.2°above & the mean minimum 1.4° above, while Melbourne was 0.9° above for the mean maximum and 2° above for the mean minimum. For the summer period Coldstream's mean maximum was 2.3° above average and 1.4° above for the mean minimum. It also had the warmest days on average for the Melbourne area at 29.3°. The highest temperature for the Melbourne area for summer was 46° at Melbourne Airport on 25th January.

RAINFALL – February - March 2019

Station	February 2019 (mm)	March 2019 (mm)	Year to end of March 2019 (mm)	Year to end of march 2018 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' **Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek**	17.9	38.8	65.5	106.1
'Highlea' **Dixons Creek**	28	31.8	73.2	143.2
Melbourne Water **Melba Hwy, *Dixons Creek***	44.8	29.8	84	110.8
'Wandearah' **Japonica Drive Yarra Glen**	27	34.4	70.9	113.5

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

April 2019						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
	1R	**2** Stitchers	**3**	**4** Tai Chi Art Social Tennis	**5**	**6** Tennis Comp
7	**8**	**9** Stitchers Garden Club Outing	**10**	**11** Art Social Tennis	**12** **Film night**	**13** Market Tennis Comp
14	**15 R**	**16** Stitchers. Book Group	**17**	**18** Art Social Tennis	**19** **Good Friday**	**20** **Easter Saturday** Tennis Comp
21 **Easter Sunday**	**22** **Easter Monday** Art Class	**23** Stitchers	**24**	**25** **ANZAC Day** Tai Chi Art SMB Social Tennis	**26**	**27** Market Tennis Comp
28	**29 R** Growing Group	**30**	**31**			

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.

May 2019						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
			1	**2** Tai Chi Art Social Tennis	**3**	**4**
5	**6** Women's Group	**7** Stitchers	**8**	**9** Tai Chi Art Social Tennis	**10**	**11** Market
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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: From an eggplant! Of course. - Thanks Elin!

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

The Jolly Thing Delivery

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