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STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO. 141 October - November

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Steels Creek in Spring…

Remote Australia

Henry Verhoven

Once again, an opportunity arose to see parts and aspects of Australia not seen by the vast majority of its inhabitants. Being members of the 'Idlers 4WD Club' gives Grey Nomads the opportunity to explore this vast country in the relative safety of numbers. As my wife was unable to commit to this adventure into remote Australia, I invited my Canadian mate Allan to join me throughout the whole of last June.

Our group of six vehicles was to meet at Quorn (S.A.) but to give Allan some further insight into this vast country (he and his wife having travelled extensively with us here in 2006 and 2017) we meandered via Bendigo, Melville Caves, Spanner Man at Boort, 200 km Silo Art Trail (Photo 1) in the western district, Mildura, Broken Hill and Silverton.

Having met up with the rest of the travelling party, we travelled via Farina (a derelict town once the railhead for the Old Ghan and now being restored by volunteers) then spent several nights at the Witchelina Nature Reserve which is a 4,200 square km (1 million acres) permanently destocked property and drove the challenging tracks along the ridgelines of ever changing rock formations.

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Beyond Bushfires: Research update

Professor Lisa Gibbs

Many of you within the Steels Creek community have recently completed the *10 Years Beyond Bushfires* survey, along with 525 people across Victoria. Our team here at the University of Melbourne are very grateful to all those who generously shared their time and experiences for this research. This high level of participation will allow us to draw some strong conclusions about understanding the long term experiences of those affected by disasters.

While the findings from this most recent survey are being prepared, we wanted to share some of what has been learnt from the previous two surveys conducted three and five years after the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires. In the wake of the Black Saturday bushfires in 2009, the Victorian community was faced with the urgent need to learn more about how to support those affected so we can improve recovery processes in the event of another disaster. These findings are being used to improve emergency recovery planning and services across Australia and internationally, and they have even been shared by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

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Thank-you to Yarra Glen Auto

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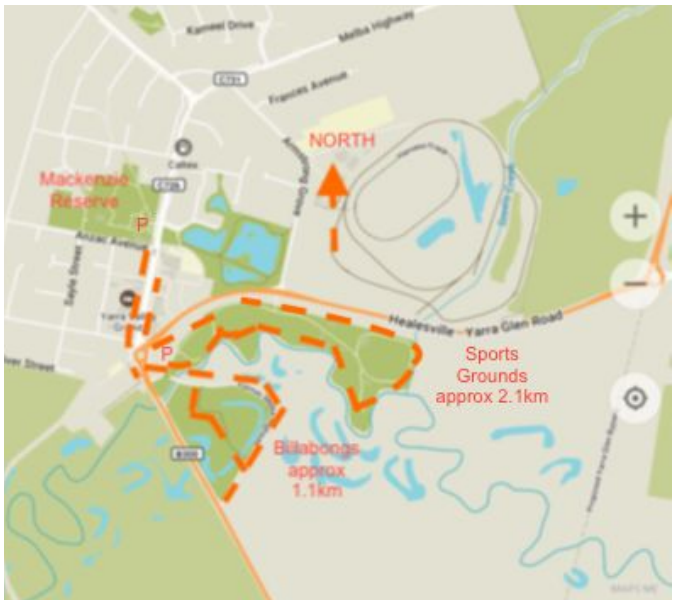
GET OUT THERE! *Exploring our local environment and nearby places with Peta Whitford.*

This edition takes you to #6 Yarra Flats Billabongs (Murrap Brarn) and Recreation Reserve



This edition takes you to the local Billabongs and Sports grounds on the south side of Yarra Glen by the Yarra River. I decided on this local walk for this edition of TJT because a number of people have approached me asking “Where can I walk locally that is not around the streets” ?

Distance approx. 4km and 1 hr walking. Flat and mainly off-road.

Where to Start (there are many starting points with car parking if required, marked on the map with a P). You can create your own route and adventure!

Start: Park at Mackenzie Reserve, by the Memorial Hall. Head south on Bell Street using the footpaths. Cross King St to the roundabout and cross main road to be on the east side of the road by the Chiropractor. *(NB very soon the underpass path - under the bridge over the Yarra River - will be fully constructed and enable you to avoid crossing the road).*

A sign here reads Yarra Flats Billabongs (Murrap Brarn). Proceed over the ‘old bridge’ walking along the good surface of the ‘old road’, there are no vehicles, so you can enjoy the natural vegetation, masses of wattle trees and birds, as you walk along. After 430 metres take time to access the short track on your right, leading to the viewing platform on your, it’s your first view of a billabong. Admire the vegetation - Manna ,Yarra and Swamp Gums, grasses and sedges, aquatic plants, Melaluca Swamp Scrub and water birds.

This area is now managed by Yarra Ranges Council and has had extensive revegetation work done. Native birds and animals are returning as the billabongs mature.

Back on the ‘old road’ continue to the end where a barrier/gate indicates it’s time to turn around.On your way back take the left-hand walking track (after 130 metres) over the bridge, through the billabongs, and exit near the ‘old bridge’. From here, head east and do a circuit of the Yarra Glen Sports Grounds and Recreation Reserve, taking in the new fitness station equipment recently installed. Follow the resurfaced walking track as it meanders close to the Yarra River. Take time to ponder about where the water has come from and where it flows to. The footpath continues around the main sports ground and eventually runs out, meaning you need to step out onto the gravel road to continue back to the signage for the Yarra Flats Billabongs.

Turn north and cross Healesville -Yarra Glen Rd and use the footpath on the east side of Bell St.
Once on the top of the rise, using the pedestrian crossing, return to your starting point at Mackenzie Reserve.

Contact me, the intrepid local explorer, for map advice or anything in this and previous walks - piwhitford@bigpond.com

The Steels Creek Community Centre is being restumped: Access to center via the new extension. There will be no access to the Vera Adams Room throughout the project, including the kitchen. Two fortnights have been allocated for these works. Oct 14 - Nov 1 and Nov 11 - 22. For all inquiries, contact Maree Rothwell - 0414 278649

Steels Creek Book Group Review

Julie Riddell

August - *And When Did You Last See Your Father?* Blake Morrison

A true story, it evolved from two separate times of writing in Morrison's life. The first time was a personal journal he wrote whilst his father was terminally ill. The second time came later, a brainstorm of childhood events. Then Morrison combined these two sets and formed a story which tries to give some understanding of his relationship with his father. There were varying degrees of enjoyment by our Bookgroup members.

September - *Brother Of The More Famous Jack* Barbara Trapaido

An English novel which explores the social class system as well as free thinking versus traditionalism during the 1960s and 70s. Perhaps a lighter read than some of our Bookgroup books, but witty and well-worded. We also had an important discussion: Does anyone know of a local restaurant open on a Tuesday evening, for our end of year annual dinner? We have a couple of months to figure this out.

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

Open Studios is now upon us. October 12 - 13. The Melba weekend includes studios in Chirnside Park, Coldstream, Yarra Glen, Dixons Creek and Steels Creek. **The Steels Creek Art Group** will have 10 artists displaying work and demonstrating various techniques. The group will display a variety of media including watercolour, acrylics, ink, quilling, linocut and woodblock printing. Small, medium and larger works will be on display, and for sale so please come along and support our local art community. Open Studios is run by **Yarra Valley Arts** known as **YAVA**. You may have visited the YAVA Gallery in Healesville, open to the public Thursday to Monday.

Art at Linden Gate has a current exhibition of work by all the artists in the Melba Highway catchment, there are 17 artists represented each with two pieces of work. Joining Open Studios for the first time **is Amanda Lithgow**, at left is her pencil drawing of Zebras. This exhibition runs until Monday 28 October. If you cannot visit all the studios you wish to see on October 12 and 13, catch up at Linden Gate. With many art events on offer, a reminder that The Archibald Prize is currently on show at **Tarrawarra Museum of Art** until November 5. ***Enjoy our art.***

Yarra Glen ArtShow

Sharon Rowell

The Yarra Glen Art Show is a biennial exhibition that showcases the rich diversity of artistic practices across the region. Artworks include painting, photography, sculpture, textiles and metal works, capturing styles from traditional landscape to contemporary abstract. The next show will be held in 2021.

Yarra Glen Art Show AGM Friday 18 October at 5.15pm at The Living and Learning Centre.
Open to all to attend to volunteer and discuss the future of the Show. Contact: Sharon Rowell - 0403 196 699

Remote Australia *continued from Page 1.*

At Marree we turned onto the Birdsville Track heading for Mungerannie and then for Cowarie Homestead and camping several nights beside the usually dry but now flooded Warburton Creek. It is doubtful if the Warburton Track, often used as a quick access to and from the Simpson Desert, will be open for traffic by next season. The creek's waters were all still heading to Lake Eyre from the Townsville floods last February. At Cowarie, we came across a film crew working on David Attenborough's next documentary with its release timed for his 97th birthday in 3 years' time!!

Because of the flooded Diamantina River at Goyders Lagoon, the Birdsville Track was realigned to allow access to that iconic town, Sadly, the famous bakery had closed down 3 days prior due to lack of tourism during the months of flooding. Our party was one of the first to arrive which meant that nearly all our driving on the tracks was uncontested.

To access the Hay River Track north of the Simpson Desert it was necessary to ford the Eyre Creek which necessitated a tortuous northerly diversion of 120 km over 7 hours of driving. Travelling north on the Hay River Track, the desert started to 'green up' because of the rains that had disrupted Alice Springs some 3 weeks prior. We intersected the Madigan Line at Camp 16 (of a total of 20 camps) meaning that the expedition stayed overnight there on the 16 th day of their 1939 exploration of the interior.

After crossing the Tropic Of Capricorn, we camped overnight at Batton Hill (an indigenous property) to see the sunset at Goyder's Pillar after which we headed to The Alice on the newly bituminised Plenty Hwy. Whilst the others stayed at the caravan park and replenished supplies, I took Allan for a drive through the Finke River to Palm Valley, something we had tried to do in 2017 but were stymied by vehicles stuck in the 'bulldust'. At that time, we spent our time 'snatching' 5 vehicles and trailers out of it.

Leaving The Alice via Santa Theresa towards Mac Clarke's Waddi Tree Conservation Area (1 of only 2 areas in Australia where they exist), we travelled the sometimes featureless Binns Track (aka Old Andado Track) to the start of the Madigan Line. Due to overnight rain, the compacted sand dunes on this east/west track became easier to traverse and we soon returned to the camp 16 mentioned earlier. Following the Hay River Track south to the QAA Line of the Simpson Desert (many 'shot lines' were used by oil exploration companies in the 1970/1980's and made into formed tracks) we came to Poeppel Corner where 3 state borders meet. Then it was back to Birdville via the Eyre River Diversion once again and over Big Red, the largest and last of about 500 (of nearly 1,100 in total) sand dunes we had encountered.

Allan and I departed the Birdsville camp the next morning to travel to Cordillo Downs which was the largest shearing shed in Australia and last used in 1939. After that the Burke and Wills Dig Tree near Innamincka on the Strzelecki Track beckoned as did the Moomba oil and gas fields. From there it was through to Parachilna for the famed roo, emu and camel dinner before driving though the Flinders Ranges to Blinman's hand dug 'open cut' copper mine.

From that point on, it was through the Riverina and Western District and all the towns in between back to Steels Creek to end an epic 7,925 km sightseeing tour.

Snake Season is Upon Us

At this time of year snakes are emerging from their long winter sleep. They will be looking for water and food (usually mice etc.), and if they are boys, mates. Indigenous to Victoria, are two of the most deadly snakes in the world – the brown and the tiger, and it is not uncommon to see them in suburbia. As our population grows and we build our houses and estates on top of them, they feel entitled to still roam wherever they like over their territory. They can and do also enter the house. Take care and be alert when moving about outdoors. Flight will be a natural reaction if you come across a snake, but flight is not the way to go – stay calm and take a few steps back. Snakes are shy and as long as they don't feel threatened they won't bite but just go away. Now, go inside and ring a snake catcher whose contact number should always be handy (or available on your mobile) in snake season. Keep your patch clean and tidy – it won't stop snakes coming through, but will make it easier to spot one that's already there.

Thanks Noela!

Steels Creek Garden Club

Jill Hess

Mark your diary! Saturday November 9
Steels Creek Flower Show, open 9am - 2pm.

The Flower Show is the biggest event of the year for our group. Free for all to enjoy, from 9am to 2pm, indoor plants along with our Rose display and a native arrangement will be a feature this year. Scrumptious foods available along with plant sales including irises, natives, roses, and of course all our propagated plants plus produce, pre-loved garden treasures and hand-crafted wooden mushrooms.
A great day to come, we hope to see you there.

Upcoming outings: Tuesday 8th October - Peter and Irene Leonard, Toolangi. Lunch at "Olinda Yarra".
Tuesday 12th November - Visiting Local Gardens Karen and Ron Krasser 240 Queens Rd, Wandin East

The garden club get together regularly for outings, planning and to propagate each month. The 4th Monday of each month is dedicated to propagating plants for our community events and local fundraisers. The 2nd Tuesday is dedicated to outings and flower show planning. The garden club has an open door policy.
Anyone is welcome to join us and can ring Jill for more details - 0430108672

HEWI's 30th Celebration - Sunday October 20, 2019 The Healesville Environment Watch have limited numbers left for this event and we hope some of you will join us. Morning tea and cake from 10.15am, then a brief look at our 30 years of community activities. Keynote Speaker from Monash Climate Change Hub followed by young KA activists. After lunch there will be a short networking opportunity to guide future advocacy with the beautiful *Great Forest* film to close our day.
Full details on our website, hewi.org.au. Please rsvp Maureen: 0400 211 525

Yarra Glen and District Remembers

Yarra Glen RSL

The Yarra Glen RSL is holding a service to remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in defence of our way of life. The Annual Remembrance Day service will be held outside the RSL rooms at the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall, starting at 10:45am on Monday, November 11th. For more information contact Ed Bartosh, Secretary, Yarra Glen RSL at 0438 508 235 or ed@yarraglen.com.

Beyond Bushfires *continued from Page 1.*

Firstly, we learned the difference that personal relationships and social networks make to recovery. The nature of the social influences on a person's recovery experience is complicated, but the over-riding finding was that social ties matter.

Experiences during the fires also impacted recovery. For example, separation from close loved ones, during and immediately after the fires, was a risk factor for subsequent mental health problems for people who tend to feel anxious about their relationships.

Belonging to local community groups was found to be an important contributor to mental health and wellbeing outcomes with the caution that moderation was key: belonging to many groups was associated with poorer mental health. In communities where many people belonged to local groups the benefits extended to other people living in that community. This is something that can be promoted as a way of building ongoing community resilience.

We also learned how a large-scale and devastating event can affect how children learn and develop. The academic progress of many children from fire-affected areas was substantially impacted compared to their peers in unaffected areas. We are working with non-government partners to develop and test school and community-based programs that give children the knowledge, skills and support to be able to thrive in our disaster-prone Australian environments.

In our efforts to identify systems that support recovery we cannot overlook the strength people drew from the bush that surrounded them. Our research showed that people who were attached to the natural environment were more likely to report positive mental health, wellbeing and resilience 3-5 years after the fires. People grieved over environmental damage but also drew solace from nature's regeneration.

Based on our findings, we released a set of recommendations at the individual, family, community, service, and public policy level that have been widely adopted. Now we are focussed on analysing the new data from 10 years Beyond Bushfires to add to our understanding of factors likely to promote long term wellbeing .

Professor Lisa Gibbs, University of Melbourne leads the large Beyond Bushfires team of researchers and collaborators. For the recommendations and more information visit beyondbushfires.org.au or email info-beyondbushfires@unimelb.edu.au

10 YEARS BeyondBushfires
community | resilience | recovery

Landscaping for Bushfire

Healesville Community Bushfire Group

Did you miss the Landscaping for Bushfire forum held at the Healesville Memo Hall last month?

The CFA's Vegetation Management Team Leader, Owen Gooding, spoke about how clever garden design can help save your home in a bushfire. Well known Landscape Architect, Andrew Laidlaw, also spoke about plant structure and flammability.

Listen to the speakers and FAQ session on facebook here:
www.facebook.com/YRLife.tv/videos/936992919972667/

There's 12 weeks until Christmas!

But who's counting eh? November is a good time to get your fingers sticky preparing Christmas puddings so that they're ready for the big day.

INGREDIENTS

- ¼ Cup (40g) Sultanas
- ½ Cup (80g) Currants
- ¾ Cup (100g) Raisins
- 8 Soft Fresh Dates (160g), Pitted And Chopped
- ½ Cup (70g) Slivered Almonds
- ½ Teaspoon Mixed Spice
- ⅓ Cup (80ml) Sweet Sherry
- ⅔ Cup (160ml) Brandy
- 125g Unsalted Butter, Chopped And Softened
- ¼ Cup (45g) Brown Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- ⅔ Cup (100g) Plain (All-purpose) Flour, Sifted
- 1½ Cups (140g) Fresh White Breadcrumbs

METHOD

1. Place the sultanas, currants, raisins, dates, almonds, mixed spice, sherry and half the brandy in a large bowl and mix to combine. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to soak in a cool, dark place for 24 hours, mixing occasionally.

2. Place the butter and both the sugars in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat for 8–10 minutes or until pale and creamy. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the butter mixture, half the flour and the breadcrumbs to the soaked fruit and mix to combine.

3. Place a large saucepan of water over high heat and bring to the boil. Add a 60cm-square piece of calico cloth and boil for 5 minutes. Using tongs, remove the calico and allow to cool. Squeeze to remove any excess water. Drain, refill the pan with water and bring to the boil. Open the calico out and top with the remaining 1⁄3 cup (50g) of flour.

4. Rub the flour over the calico to form a large circle. Spoon the pudding mixture into the centre of the calico to form a mound and gather the ends together firmly. Tie the calico as close to the mixture as possible with kitchen string, leaving at least a 15cm length of string at both ends (see cook's tips, page 131). Place the pudding in the water, reduce the heat to medium and cover with a tight-fitting lid. Simmer for 4 hours, adding more water if necessary.

5. Drain and hang the pudding over a bowl for 24–48 hours or until dry. Cut the string and invert the pudding onto a serving plate. Gently remove the cloth, top with the remaining 1⁄3 cup (80ml) of brandy and serve with brandy custard.

Serves 6–8

You can reheat the pudding by boiling it for 1 hour or simply removing it from the cloth and microwaving it in single serves. Enjoy

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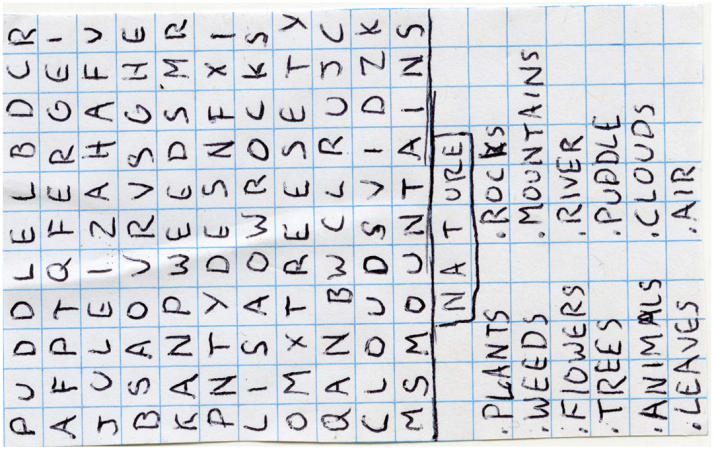

Why do scuba divers fall backwards out of the boat?

Answer: Page 12.

Steels Creek Stitchers

Jane Calder

Stitchers are planning a second “Quilts for Orphans” community sewing day on Tuesday 19 November, 10-4. $10 per head - BYO lunch, sewing machine, scissors etc. all materials supplied. Contact Jane 0428279577 or Denise 0410540407 to book

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SC4 Reel Film Club

Keith Montell

October - November screenings are on hiatus.
Due to building works at the Steels Creek Community Centre Cinematic Complex, film nights will be on hold. 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 in December.

Steels Creek Tennis Club

Ed Bartosh

SCTC Annual General Meeting: SCTC will hold its AGM on **Thursday, 17 October 2019**, starting at **6:00 pm** at the clubrooms. ***Persons wishing to replace the worn-out committee members and inject fresh blood into your community club are invited to attend and put your hand up (or someone else's hand!).*** **Following the AGM, we'll have a free sausage sizzle lunch and social tennis on the courts.** All local residents and interested individuals are also welcome to participate.

Sunday Social Tennis: Come join us on Sunday, 6 October from 2pm for a hit and a giggle at the SCTC. It’ll only be a success if you come and join in for friendship and exercise.

Ladies Social Tennis: Lindy and Joanne have been playing on Monday mornings at 9am. Contact Lindy if you'd like to join in for a bit of light fun (5965 2202). The local ladies tennis league is holding an open, round-robin tournament at Seville TC on 8 September. Open to all lady players - contact Kathy at 5962 3639 if you are interested in playing.

Social Tennis: Come, join in and get some good exercise. Level of play is –Social! Stay afterwards for a chat and drink (BYO please). Very enjoyable and low key.

Saturday Morning Market

Not only are there are many delicious and tempting items for sale at our markets - including coffee with scones and cream but also it is a time to catch up and chat with neighbours and friends. Then there are the community announcements and always a bit of footy chat in season. 2nd and 4th Saturday.

Market dates: October 12 and 26 - November 23 - 10am

Shedfest 2019

Brad Atkins

Shedfest Yarra Valley WINE FESTIVAL
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Shedfest Wine Festival, held annually on the second weekend in October showcases some of the smaller wineries in the region. Now in its 18th year, wineries will be open **Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October 10am - 5pm. Entry is $15** per person - Entry ticket includes a souvenir tasting glass which allows access to all participating wineries for both days. Steels Gate Wines represents the Steels Creek / Dixons Creek area of the 13 participating wineries. So be sure to pop down and enjoy delicious food, great wine and some live music.

www.yarravalleysmallerwineries.com.au/events www.steelsgate.com.au

Indigenous Weather Knowledge

www.bom.gov.au/iwk

The Indigenous Weather Knowledge website was launched in 2002 as a joint partnership between the Bureau, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and Monash University's Centre for Indigenous Studies. The website is a formal recognition of traditional weather and climate knowledge that has been developed and passed down through countless generations by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Although there are no communities represented in the Yarra Region at this time, with the assistance of BOM and our local Elders, creating a seasonal calendar for our region is a real possibility.

It is insightful to view the seasonal calendars of indigenous communities across the country.

The Weather Report by Barry Sheffield

Our rainfall for August was 21.5 mm above average with all reporting stations in the greater Melbourne area also above average. There was some minor flooding on the Yarra flood plain with the river peaking at 3.8 m on the 14th and 3.6 m on the 23rd. For September we were 7 mm above average while Coldstream was 30 mm above and was the highest variation in the Melbourne area. Melbourne was 17 mm below average and it's total was in fact half of the rainfall that we received in our valley. There was some minor flooding with the river peaking at 4.0 m on the 12th and 3.8 m on the 18th. We are now 78 mm below average for the year to date due to the deficiencies earlier in the year. Maximum temperatures for August were 0.5° below average for Melbourne and 1.1° below for Coldstream. Minimum temperatures were 0.7° above average for Melbourne and 0.2° below for Coldstream. For September maximum temperatures were Melbourne 0.5° above average and Coldstream 0.2° above. Minimum temperatures for Melbourne were 1.1° above average and Coldstream 0.2° below average.

RAINFALL – August - September 2019

Station	August 2019 (mm)	September 2019 (mm)	Year to end of September 2019 (mm)	Year to end of September 2018 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' **Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek**	95.2	83.1	502.9	450
'Highlea' **Dixons Creek**	101.8	80.6	547.2	504
Melbourne Water **Melba Hwy, *Dixons Creek***	87.4	83.4	481	431
'Wandearah' **Japonica Drive Yarra Glen**	94.5	81	482.7	429.3

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

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	**2** Women's Group	**3** Art Social Tennis	**4**	**5** Tennis Comp
6 Sunday Tennis	**7** Women's Group	**8** Stitchers Garden Club	**9**	**10** Art Social Tennis Tai Chi	**11**	**12** Tennis Comp Market *Shed Fest* *Open Studios*
13 Sunday Tennis YGHS *Shed Fest* *Open Studios*	**14 R**	**15** Stitchers Book Group	**16**	**17** Art Social Tennis Tai Chi *Tennis AGM*	**18**	**19** Tennis Comp
20 Sunday Tennis *HEWI 30th*	**21**	**22** Stitchers	**23**	**24** Art Social Tennis Tai Chi SMB	**25**	**26** Tennis Comp Market
27 Sunday Tennis	**28 R** Growing Group Debrief	**29** Stitchers	**30**			

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.

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.

November 2019						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
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3 Sunday Tennis	**4** Women's Group	**5** Stitchers *Melb Cup*	**6** Women's Group	**7** Art Social Tennis Tai Chi	**8**	**9** Tennis Comp *Flower Show*
10 Sunday Tennis YGHS	**11 R** *Remembrance Day*	**12** Stitchers Garden Club	**13**	**14** Art Social Tennis Tai Chi	**15**	**16** Tennis Comp
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24 Sunday Tennis	**25 R** Growing Group	**26** Stitchers	**27** *TJT Deadline*	**28** Art Social Tennis Tai Chi SMB	**29**	**30** Tennis Comp

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 Wednesday, 6.30 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

*Jolly JNRs Joke Answer: If they fell forward they'd still be in the boat!

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. Many thanks to Neil Hanson from Araluen Lodge for taking over the role of editor for The Grapevine. It's been an absolute pleasure to have been responsible for sending out the Grapevine over the past few years. But it's time to move on. Please continue to send any content, notifications, and/or reminders to thegrapevine@steelscreek.vic.au.
Go to www.steelscreek.vic.au/publications/the-steels-creek-grapevine/ to sign up.

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.

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