the jolly thing

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO. 144 April - May

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Steels Creek under lockdown.

Your backyard is not in lockdown

Dale

I thought I'd share a few thoughts, tips and tricks to remind everyone in these uncertain times that there is always something to enjoy in your own backyard.

For those of you who haven't had much experience with a veggie patch, I always like to encourage people to set themselves up for success. So many people tell me that they've tried growing food in the past, but they forgot to water or the weeds took over.... so i suggest two things. Good irrigation, and good mulch.

Irrigation might just be a sprinkler, or if you can afford to, drip line hoses. I have a $50 timer from Bunnings, very simple and easy to use, but it means that I don't even have to think about growing food.

The mulch I choose to use is pea straw. Cover your soil with at least two inches of straw, it will improve the nitrogen levels in the soil, stop weeds from growing, and will also give you free peas. The new shoots can be used in salads, wraps, sandwiches or a stir fry.

As some of you may have found, the shops are running low on seedlings, but if you do manage to find some, grab a punnet of broccoli and cauliflower. Save some money and grab a few packets of seed - try growing some carrots, beetroots, lettuces and spring onions. Think about what your family likes to eat, I know it's not worth growing radishes in my family as the kids don't eat them! But we enjoy kale and broccoli soup in winter, so that's what I plant. *...Continued Page 5*

Message From the SCCC President

Maree Rothwell

How the world has changed in the last few months. I know this has brought big and unexpected changes as well as uncertainty in the lives of many in our community, one of the wonderful things about our community is that we look out for one another. We have a community of helpers and volunteers, however, sometimes we also need to ask for assistance. Please reach out and ask for help, if you need it.

For the time being, and in line with Government restrictions, the Community Centre and Tennis Club will remain closed, and thus all classes and community gatherings cancelled. I look forward to the grand re-opening of our community facilities when we are able to re-connect face-to-face.

The Steels Creek Community Facebook page and the Grapevine are great ways to communicate with the wider community.

Several areas of Steels Creek have a Fire-tree, via Whatsapp or group chat communication during bushfire season, these could equally be used as Help-trees in strange times like this.

As always, I am available via email or phone: maree@rothwells.com.au, Ph 0414278649

Take care,

xMaree

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

Edition #9 Breakneck (Yarra Glen)

Walk distance 6.0km moderate pace approx. Time 1 hr 30 - 45 mins,180 mtr climb.
What to take? Water, light snack, walking pole(s). Wear shoes with good tread.

Breakneck is a well-known challenging local walk. Below is a loop you can walk. The route I recently took started at the bottom of Breakneck, as it is easier to walk UP a steep hill than DOWN, then traversed the ridgeline (Skyline Rd) and descended via Mt Wise Rd.

Where to start? Park on the verge of King St, where it crosses Glenview Rd, in Yarra Glen.

The Walk
Walk west along King Street for 100m, cross the aqueduct and continue 300m on the now unmade road until you come to a locked gate. Turn left, you are now at the foot of BREAKNECK. Over the years the bottom of the track has become eroded and is a bit rough to walk, although you can find good footing. Keep the private property fence on your right, progress steadily uphill. It is well treed and shady.

Uphill walking can be enjoyable! Just take it easy! Break the climb into section, eg. 50mtr sections, keep your steps short and pace steady. You will be surprised that your heart rate should remain steady too. On each break enjoy the wonderful views back towards Yarra Glen. As you climb, the road surface improves. Once you pass the delightful mudbrick home on your right, the road is now a driveway for local residents and has an excellent surface. A well earned rest can be taken at the top. A sign states STOP, GPS is WRONG, NO THRU ROAD, warning drivers NOT to use Breakneck as there is a padlocked gate downhill with vehicles unable to turn around or continue.

Next proceed right 100mtrs along Skyline Rd. It meets the Eltham to Yarra Glen Rd - turn right, please walk off the road for 150 mtrs and be very alert to vehicles, cross when safe and follow the continuation of Skyline Road going north. Walk 1.2km.along this good road where there are relatively steep undulations, little traffic. It is interesting to see the number of homes nestled into the ridgeline commanding magnificent views across the Yarra Valley. At next road crossing, with views over the valley and plenty of 'naked ladies', turn right and walk beside the bitumen of Mt Wise Rd which weaves its way down the escarpment for 1.4km.

Complete by walking 400mtrs along the 'verge' of Eltham - Yarra Glen Rd, cross the aqueduct and onto Glenview Rd (Cemetery on corner). Best to use the multi-use track beside Glenview Rd to walk 1.1kms south to King Street to finish your walk.

This walk is dedicated to Beryl Wheeler, pictured with the sign - Breakneck

I've got to know Beryl through the Friday Walk and Talk Group in Yarra Glen, which I joined mid 2018.

She was a great walker and told me many tales of years gone by when she was a member of a Yarra Glen bushwalking group.

She hankered to 'do' Breakneck. Hence I chose it to be the local walk of choice for this edition of The Jolly Thing.

She was a very lively, interesting and community minded person.

She thanked me for making the walk a reality.

Historic notes *THE YARRA TRACK and BREAKNECK Road. Yarra Track was a major early transport route from Eltham to Yarra Glen, Healesville and on eastwards. The section of the original route of the Yarra Track known as* ***Breakneck Road*** *was from Skyline Road in the Christmas Hills down the ridge eastwards to where it joined up with King Street in Yarra Glen. The road was very steep and eroded. It passed cleared grazing land, remnant and regrowth bush, including eucalypts and casuarinas, before crossing the Maroondah Aqueduct (built in the1890's). This track is known as 'The Breakneck and also Ryries Track.'*

From the intrepid local explorer! Peta Whitford

Steels Creek Art Group

Malcolm Calder

The bushfires didn't stop us, building reconstruction didn't stop us, school holidays don't stop us, but Covid-19 has put us in home isolation for an unknown period. So, what to do?

Well, you could clean out your art space or studio - how likely is that? You could use the time to plan and produce your next set of cards, you could explore your creativity and produce some abstract paintings representing the four seasons. There are lots of great art ideas on the web with clear demonstrations.

The important thing is to make sure you actually do something with your art time. Perhaps make a contribution to future issues of TJT with your own story. I am going to play around with this landscape highlighting this "old soldier " of a gum tree (long-leaf box). *Enjoy your confinement!*

Steels Creek Book Group Review

Julie Riddell

February - *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante

We met during a storm, with a candle and torches on standby in case of a power outage. The book is set in Naples during the 1950s, and follows the friendship of two girls who mature into young adults as their town also grows following World War Two. The small town has many, many other colourful characters whose lives intertwine in ways we 'small towners' understand well. And luckily the power stayed on.

March - *The Outsider* by Frederick Forsyth

This time we had hand sanitiser in the middle of our table, and lots of chatting about how to stay well and where to buy groceries. We also managed to talk about Forsyth's memoir in which he lists forty years of personal experiences including international travel, learning languages and investigative journalism in Cold War regions and Africa, which explains inspiration for his famous novels. Most of our group thought this book was a great read.

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.

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, April 5

Don't forget to turn back your clock for the end of Daylight Savings Time in the early hours of Sunday, 5 April.

Enjoy the extra hour's sleep!

SCCC Reel Film Club

DINNER is usually at 6pm – and FILM STARTS 7.30pm

On hiatus due to COVID-19 and will resume post lockdown!

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)

Steels Creek Garden Club

Jill Hess

The garden club usually gets together 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. HOWEVER, all activity has been postponed due to the COVID-19 restrictions, please call Jill for more details - 0430108672

So until then, it's autumn! A season of majestic beauty and to my mind the most alive season of the year, and the busiest. So while you are preparing for winter, don't forget to stop, sit on your garden seat and drink in the landscape, along with your coffee of course, in between wallowing in autumn bliss. It all only comes once a year!

Now is the time to plan and prepare for a cook's winter garden. Winter veggies are good and hearty – the cold weather breeds 'em tough! What's more, home grown veggies taste great – straight out of the garden and onto the dinner plate is the way to go. Don't defeat the purpose by picking and storing. Instead, avoid gluts by staggering the planting (plant a few seeds or seedlings every fortnight and give the rest away) and by sharing punnets with friends who also grow vegetables.

Prepare the soil which needs to be well dug and free of weeds. Dig over a couple of weeks before sowing or planting, and allow weeds to germinate. This makes it an easy job to rake them out. Add some dolomite to sweeten the soil, as most winter vegetables prefer a slightly alkaline soil. Dolomite contains lime and magnesium, a trace element deficient in most Australian soils. However if your soil is already alkaline, there's no need to add any more lime. After this sort of treatment, allow a week or two before planting or adding fertiliser or manure, as the resulting chemical reaction will release ammonia, which can harm young plants trying to get established.

Vegetables need well-drained soil, so if yours is heavy or clay-ridden or does not drain quickly, make a raised bed. Do this by using railway sleepers to create an enclosure which can be filled with healthy loamy soil. Add copious quantities of compost and old animal manure – sheep, cow, horse or poultry. Make sure it is dry and well-rotted, as fresh stuff will leach nitrogen from the soil and steal it from the plants as it breaks down. Be sure to dig all materials together and moisten the soil before planting.

Vegetables to plant in April and May. Asian greens, broad beans, broccoli, red and white cabbage, leeks, lettuce, mustard greens, onions and spring onions, parsley, parsnip, radish, rhubarb, silverbeet, spinach and herbs. Cauliflower seedlings can be planted early in April. Get them growing with weak liquid fertilisers. Plant fat healthy garlic cloves only into soil that remains well-drained through winter, otherwise plant them into raised ridges. I also keep planting and harvesting comfrey which acts as an accelerator breaking down material when added to compost heaps.

It is said that something good comes out of everything. I've long been a believer of gardening being an essential activity providing therapeutic benefits in times of stress – times like now, with coronavirus knocking on our doors. I am so glad I have my big garden to get into. It gives me a sense of normality in this strange time of confinement. We will all get through this with good things at the end.

Stay safe everybody, Noela.

Your backyard is not in lockdown *...continued from page 1*

Remember that autumn and winter crops are slow, so be patient. Garlic are also ready to go in the ground, but they won't be ready to harvest until around Christmas time, so don't use an area that you might want to use for growing tomatoes in six months' time!

Read up on what to grow at this time of year, as not everything you can buy in seedlings is suitable going in to the cooler months. Talk to your neighbours, they may have seeds to swap, or surplus produce. You don't need to grow everything yourself - if your neighbour has a lemon tree, chances are they'll be happy to share and swap with your produce. And speaking of surplus, I thought I'd share a quick recipe with you on what to do with a glut of tomatoes (don't even get me started on what a strange season this has been!!!).
This recipe will work with any quantity of tomatoes.

Tomato Passata

You will need: Tomatoes, garlic, fresh herbs (basil, thyme, oregano, parsley), salt, pepper, olive oil

Roughly tear up your herbs and scatter them over a lined baking tray. Place a few cloves of peeled garlic on top of herbs (use as many as you like. I usually use about 6). No need to chop the garlic. Cut your tomatoes in half, and place them seed side up on the tray. Season with salt and pepper and drizzle with olive oil. Bake in a moderate oven (about 180) for about an hour or until they look caramelised. Scoop everything into a jug and blitz it in a food processor (I use my NutriBullet).

Have it with some pasta, or use it as a sauce to make pizzas, whatever you do, it will taste ten times better than anything you can buy from the shops and is super healthy for you too! This also freezes well, and for the more confident cooks, put it in jars, but be sure to do your homework on how to do this safely and correctly.
So until next time, have some fun outside, get the kids involved, and stay healthy. Please feel welcome to contact me if you would like any specific advice, I'm always happy to help people grow food!
Send me an email at daleandtony@bigpond.com

New rules for burning off in Steels Creek

Steels Creek is Category RURAL - Burning off is allowed on any day of the week and before burning off you must register the burn with ESTA (Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority) https://www.esta.vic.gov.au/news/register-your-burn Things to be aware of:

- Only burn for fuel reduction and biosecurity purposes
- Wind speed must be less than 19km/hr
- You must supervise the burn at all times, have water available and ensure it is extinguished before you leave
- Smoke must not be offensive or create a traffic hazard
- The fuel must not be offensive or noxious
- You must have three metre clearance above and around the fire
- Please advise your neighbours before burning off
- You must not, without a permit, light a fire in a public place
- The burn must be registered with ESTA (Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority)

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

Ready for homeschool?!

Make it fun

Home learning has an advantage in that it can cater to you! As long as you can focus and be safe, there are no limits to where your learning can take place. Find different places to learn, whether lying on the ground or sitting at a table – whatever works best for you.

Create some structure

Communication is key. Keep checking in with your teachers and peers to keep progressing, asking for help if you feel you need it.

We normally learn in chunks of time throughout the day, what will that be for you? We all need to process new learning so allow time to relax between learning periods. But there are no hard and fast rules over how many breaks we should have or how long these should be. *Research shows giving children freedom to choose how they learn, and how long for, can increase their motivation!*

Don't' worry about falling behind

We've really got to be kind to each other: we are in a huge transition and it's extraordinarily difficult. Just make sure you do a little bit, often, so that you are still engaged in the daily routine of learning. And be kind to yourself: even if you don't complete a task, and you've had a really bad day, that's OK. It's not the end of the world.

The one really positive thing that will come out of this is, young people can be more independent in choosing when and what to learn. If you love learning, you will automatically be researching and trying to find new things to occupy your time with and to be inspired by.

What happens when you get married on Easter?

*Answer on Page 12

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

Pleated Easter Eggs

Pleating is not origami, but another great way to manipulate paper into strong three dimensional objects, and is fun to try, if you have never tried pleating before.

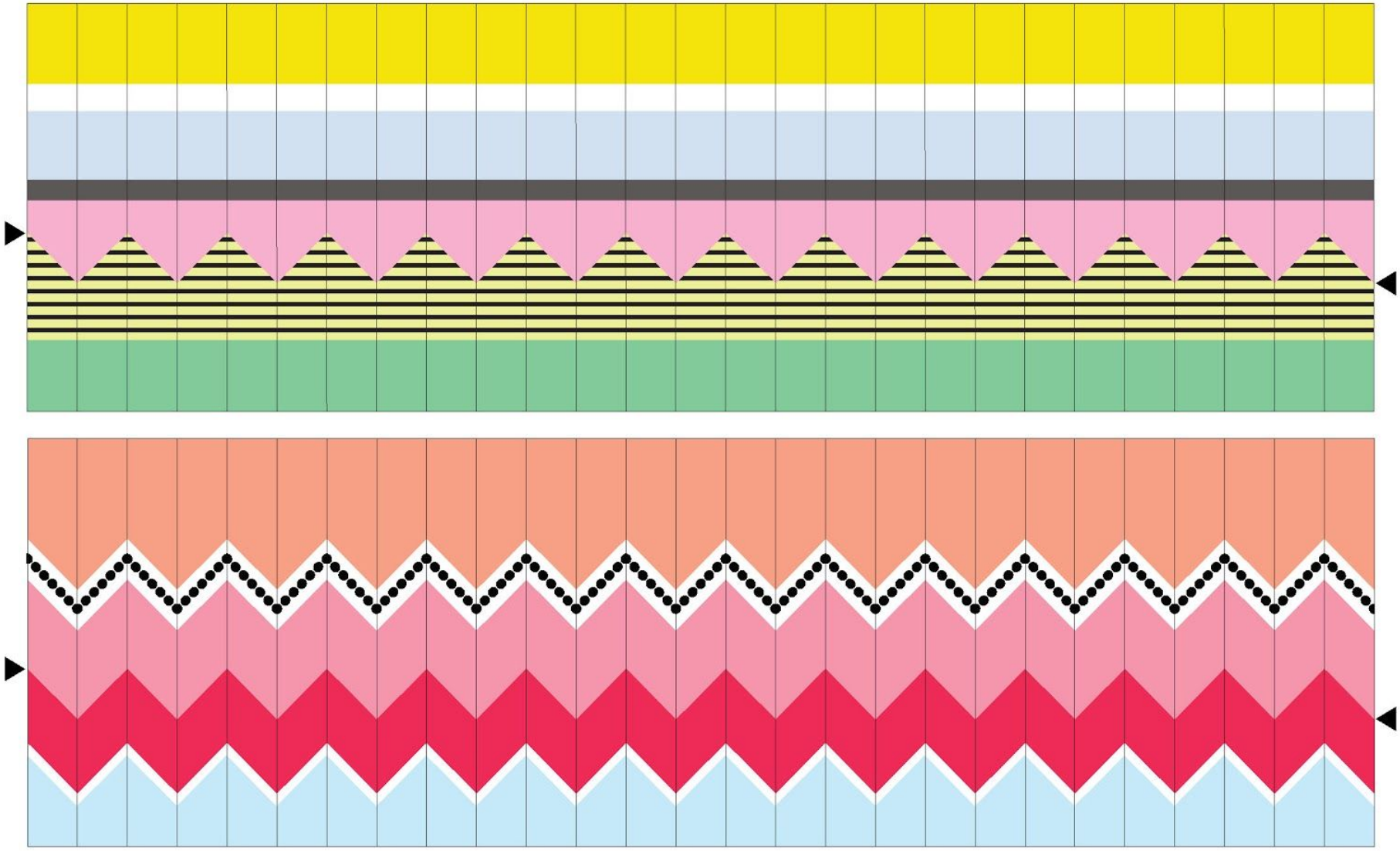
There is only one horizontal pleating line in this design. You can find the step by step guide here and print the strips on the next page
http://www.taul.net/pdf/pleated_easter_egg_tutorial.pdf

FROCK-UP in LOCK-DOWN – I love to dress up. I have a chest in my wardrobe with many garments that I have collected over the years….styles from the 60's, 70's, 80's & 90's. I have fur stoles and jackets inherited from my grandmothers, sequenced gowns I have found in OP shops from places abroad… but I never seem to find an opportunity to wear such magnificent attire. During this LOCK-DOWN I'm going to FROCK-UP and make the occasion happen.

BOOGIE-DOWN in LOCK-DOWN – Dance my friends dance. Dust off the vinyl, wipe the CD's, tap on SoundCloud, turn up the volume and dance. With the cooler days rolling in you can still get your blood pumping and your heart racing by grooving to your favourite tunes.

pleated easter eggs

- Cut out the two colored rectangles very precisely
- The arrows mark the suggested pleating line
- Score/trace the pleating zig-zag line and all the vertical lines, be careful not to cut!



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ANZAC Day Commemoration Streaming

Ed Bartosh

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be having our normal Yarra Glen march and service. However, we can commemorate the service and sacrifice of all of our service members this ANZAC Day in a safe manner. Join us to commemorate the sacrifice of the ANZACs at 10:55 on the morning of Saturday, 25 April 2020
on Yarra Valley FM 99.1 community radio and streaming - www.yarravalleyfm.org.au
Contact Ed Bartosh, Secretary, Yarra Glen RSL at 0438 508 235 for more information.
www.yarraglen.com/RSL/

Saturday Morning Market Box

Our regular market is on hold until further notice… our Valley is full of making, baking, growing, laying and preserving, so in these strange times, we are looking for a way of supplying some of these good things to our community, and invite anyone with produce to join in.

If you have experience with "market boxes" and are willing to share your know-how please give Malcolm a call on 0435 726 484. If you feel you can contribute or are interested in a Steels Creek Market Box on a regular basis, please get in touch so we can judge the level of interest, if any!

Steels Creek Tennis Club

As per Tennis Victoria guidance, the SCTC will be closed until the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. Keep up to date with the club news on:
Web site: steelscreek.vic.au/community-groups/tennis-club/ Facebook: www.facebook.com/SteelsCreekTennisClub

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Sun Sets on Yarra Glen Artshow

At a special meeting of the Yarra Glen Art Show Committee in February 2020 at the Yarra Glen Living and Learning Centre it was resolved to suspend planning for the next show scheduled for Labour Day weekend in March, 2021. Further it was resolved to wind up "Yarra Glen Art Show Inc." at the end of the current financial year, 30 June, 2020. These resolutions were passed unanimously with a feeling of sadness and regret.

Since the first show in 2002 where 60 works of art were displayed, the show has grown into a major arts event in the Yarra Valley, particularly in Yarra Glen. Recent shows have attracted over 500 entries and have handled turnovers of well over $30,000. Managing the event has been a very significant administrative task for the volunteer committee and the coordinator.

Over the years the Show has received funding and support from the Yarra Ranges Council, the Steels Creek Community Centre, many traders in Yarra Glen and literally hundreds of volunteers from the wider community. To all those who have supported us over the years we are deeply thankful and we strongly believe that the show has played a significant role in supporting local artists and generally raised the awareness of art in the Yarra Valley.

For more information on the history of the Yarra Glen Art Show go to www.steelscreek.vic.au and www.yarraglenartshow.com.au

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"What a joy it was to proofread this current issue with all its cheerful positiveness and to know that our treasured community is very much alive and well. Here's to the hugs and handshakes of the (not too distant) future." Jane

Steels Creek Vintage 2020

As the final press loads are being pressed and the wines of 2020 are being tucked in for the Winter, it seems those sunny harvest days are but a distant memory now.

We were very fortunate this Summer to receive exceptional rain during January and to dodge any direct impact from the horrific Bush Fires. Although the grape harvest was smaller due to cooler Spring weather the fruit quality was rather good.
Harvest time is always a fun time. Friends of old and new chatting amongst the vines, sticky hands and picnic feasts. Thank you to all the folk who find the time to come and hang out with us and those who support us during this crazy time of the year. Chin Chin! Tom and Sally (Bobar Wines).

The Weather Report by Barry Sheffield

What an amazing start to the year we have had with exceptional rainfall. We have had grass growing that I have never seen before at this time of the year. The valley is so green with Spring like grass growth. In February our rainfall was 38 mm above average and in March it was 13 mm above average giving us a year to date total that is 165 mm above average. Temperature wise the February mean maximum for Coldstream was 2° below average and the mean minimum was 1.2° above average. The Melbourne mean maximum was 1.4° below average and the mean minimum 1.3° above. For March the mean maximum for Coldstream was 1.9° below average and the minimum 0.7° below, while the Melbourne mean maximum was 1° below average and the minimum 1.3° above average. For the Summer months rainfall was above average for all sites in the Greater Melbourne area with the highest being Mt St Leonard Potato Farm with 349.7 mm and mine at Wandearah being 255.6 mm (average 159 mm). With regard to temperatures for Summer the Coldstream mean maximum was 0.3° below average and the mean minimum was 0.3° above average.

RAINFALL – February 2020 - March 2020

Station	February 2020 (mm)	March 2020 (mm)	Year to date to end of March 2020 (mm)	Year to date to end of March 2019 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' **Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek**	85.7	63.4	308.9	65.5
'Highlea' **Dixons Creek**	85.2	80.8	282.2	73.2
Melbourne Water **Melba Hwy, *Dixons Creek***	83.6	55.8	273	84.2
'Wandearah' **Japonica Drive Yarra Glen**	88.4	65.6	315.6	70.9

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

April 2020						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
			1	**2**	**3**	**4**
5	**6 R**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10** **Good Friday**	**11**
12 **Easter Sunday**	**13** **Easter Monday**	**14** Term 2	**15**	**16** *Go for a walk*	**17**	**18**
19	**20 R** *Sort the pantry*	**21**	**22** *Cut fire wood*	**23**	**24**	**25** **Anzac Day Streaming**
26 *Stack fire wood*	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30** *Spray blackberries*		

**** ALL ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW AND CENTRE BOOKINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ****

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.

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 Maree Rothwell 0414 278 649
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 2020						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
31					**1**	**2** *Clean up the shed*
3	**4** *Go for a walk*	**5**	**6**	**7** *Cloud watching*	**8**	**9** *Ring around for Market goodies*
10	**11 R**	**12** *Wash the dog or the neighbours one*	**13**	**14**	**15** *Make pizza*	**16**
17 Clean grout in the shower	**18**	**19**	**20** *Sharpen tools*	**21**	**22**	**23** *Ring around for Market goodies*
24	**25 R**	**26** *Call a mate*	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**

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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 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).

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

*Answer: You live hoppily ever after! - Thanks Elin!

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.

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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4. By the **World Wide Web**. You can download T.J.T. from the web soon after the start of the month of publication. All editions from August 2003 are available. www.steelscreek.vic.au

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