the jolly thing

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO. 148 December - January

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Getting back together!

Welcome Back Screekians! SCCC is now open!

We are so excited after all this time to reopen the Steels Creek Community Centre doors!!!

We welcomed back our Saturday morning Market and as we pop out the other side of the holiday period, we look forward to our groups getting back together in January.

We have made our Centre gatherings Covid Safe with the use of QR code sign and COVID tracing book, new cleaning protocols and indoor max capacity of 20 people indoors. Our outdoor space is a perfect place to gather during the summer months, just remember to maintain social distancing, otherwise wear a mask.

Contact President, Maree Rothwell, for any further details or Community Centre bookings.

Steels Creek Community Market.

Steels Creek community market is open for business and chat after nearly 5 months - more chat than trade - and of course, the very important community announcements at around 10.30am.

There is only one more market this year on Saturday, 12 December. This is a perfect time to grab your local delights for your Christmas gathering. The first market in 2021 will be Saturday, 9 January.

Market days are the second and fourth Saturday of each month, starting at 10am and finishing before 11 am.

It was great to see so many locals and be in touch again.

Lockdown reflections:

Summing it up perfectly, here is a snippet from an article by Joel Colby in *The Guardian*...

I have already started practising my small talk for Christmas. "Good, thanks. You?" I keep saying into a mirror, fully aware that in the past eight months I have more or less completely lost the ability to make conversation with humans. "What did I do with the time? Wow, the year has gone so quickly, hasn't it?"

At this point I pause meaningfully because I know I have about two minutes of material to stretch over a five-day festive period with fewer people than usual, so I really need to make it last. "Let's see, umm ... got really into jigsaws for a bit. Rearranged the spare room into an office. Learned to make this one really good curry recipe from the BBC website. Uh ... got 11 solo wins and about 24 duo wins on Fortnite." Is that good?, they'll ask, and I'll have to admit that no, not particularly. "It's a game for 12-year-olds that I play compulsively," I'll explain. "Every day I log in and let adolescents embarrass me in an online world that allows them to dance joyously on the remains of my corpse." Oh, they'll say. I think there's something – I think there's something happening in the other room. I really ought to...

For the full article **'Covid has shown me what lies beyond boredom: post-boredom'**

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/dec/02/covid-boredom-lockdown

Lockdown reflections *cont'd...*

I am a hoarder. Like many of my kind, I have endless amounts of things saved 'for a rainy day'. And like many others, the strict covid-19 lockdown rules afforded me the opportunity to trawl through my 'clippings' drawer – you know the one that houses all those quips and quotes and other gems that I've been collecting for all of my lifetime, (and by the yellowing of the papers it is literally true). I must say here that my hoarders heart wouldn't allow me to throw any of my treasures out, but, choosing the following tale to share with you not only brought a smile to my face but reminded me of time spent with my husband in France way back in1984 (the bonus of which was a whole day of pleasant reminiscing of the past) where we were surprised to find dogs very valued companions indeed in all aspects of French life including welcome hotel guests and food shopping partners. I am inclined to think this tale to be true: the author being a chef with a French-sounding name.

A Dog Tale

The owner of the largest hotels in the country received a letter from a prospective customer inquiring about the possibility of bringing his dog with him while staying in a holiday resort owned by the company. After agonising for a couple of days on a suitable answer, the owner mailed the following letter:

'Dear Sir, After over 35 years in the trade, I have seen a great many things and heard a great many more, but so far I have never heard of a dog making a booking at the peak of the season and not turning up without cancelling. I have never seen a dog keep the radio going at full blast past midnight, clean his shoes on the bedspread or burn the bedding with a cigarette. I have never seen a dog fill his bags with ashtrays, towels, cutlery, salt and pepper shakers and generally anything he may fancy. Nor have I seen a dog scribble obscenities in lavatories or carve his name on my dining-room table. Never have I seen a dog drink half his bottle of wine before complaining it was corked, nor compliment me for his dinner only to tell all in town how awful my restaurant was. I can't recall either, a dog making a terrible fuss when he found that his table had been given away since he was two hours late for dinner. For all these reasons and many more I do not have the time to list here, it would indeed be my pleasure to welcome your dog in my hotel. Hoping you will be able to accompany him etc...'

This doesn't really lead to anything except the general attitude of the French to man's best friend and I like the story.

Noela Maier

And now for the menu for both man and beast??

CURRIED PAW-PAW

- 2 large paw-paws
- 50g snow peas
- 1 small spring onion, chopped
- 50g diced pineapple
- 50g sliced banana
- 50g shelled pistachio nuts, toasted
- 1 tablespoon raisins soaked in brandy
- a little lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon of curry (to taste)
- ½ tablespoon of turmeric
- 60g natural yoghurt
- a dash of cream and a little butter

Heat the butter slowly in a heavy saucepan, add the curry powder and turmeric. Cook, gently stirring to make a paste then and add a dash of water and raise the heat to a simmer. Now add the rest of the ingredients in the following order, spring onions, snow peas, pineapple, raisins, yoghurt. Mix well, cook for one minute, add cream and lemon juice, cook a further two minutes. Warm the sliced paw-paw in the oven then arrange on warm plates. At the last minute add the banana slices to the curry, toss and serve immediately with a sprinkle of toasted pistachio nuts.

You may vary the fruits in the curry to suit your own taste, but always cook them in stages, the hardest ones first. A spoonful of mango chutney, a dash of mustard and a clove of crushed garlic will give the preparation more character – that is if it's to your taste. Enjoy.

Steels Creek Spoonville

A 'thank you' shout out to those who contributed to the 'Steels Creek Spoonville' community, located on the front lawn of 603 Steels Creek Rd (Araluen Lodge). Along with the locals and passing traffic, we have had so much enjoyment from everyone's creations.

The Hanson Family

And just like that, it's time to get organised for Chritsmas!

There is no better year to support local producers than 2020 so...

Here is a list of markets leading up to Christmas:

Healesville Twilight Shopping Nights
every Thursday evening in December until 7.30pm

St Andrews Market, St Andrews
every Saturday

Yarra Glen Racecourse Market, Dec 6

Eltham Craft and Produce Twilight Market Dec 6

Steels Creek Community Market Dec 12

Belgrave Big Dreams Christmas Market Dec 13

Doncaster Hill Market Dec13

Belgrave Biggest Christmas Ever Dec 18

Millgrove Christmas Market Dec 19

Hurstbridge Twilight Market Dec 19

Park Orchards Christmas Market Dec 19

Kinglake Christmas Twilight Market Dec 20

Yarra Valley Christmas Farmers Market
Punt Road Wines - Dec 20

Fill your table with wine from Steels Creek and mix it up with these local producers:

- ★ Acacia Ridge
- ★ Allinda Winery
- ★ Blackwood Hill
- ★ Bobar
- ★ Corniola Wines
- ★ De Bortoli
- ★ Fergusson Winery
- ★ Hirsch Hill Estate
- ★ Immerse Wine
- ★ Mandala Wines
- ★ Millers Dixons Creek Estate
- ★ Six Js
- ★ Steels Creek Estate
- ★ Steels Gate
- ★ Sutherland Estate
- ★ Toolangi
- ★ Yarrawood Estate
- ★ Yarra Yarra Vineyard
- ★ Yileena Park
- ★ 916

For delicious food grown, made and raised in Steels Creek:

- Get to the Steels Creek Community Market for;
  - Cheese
  - Preserves
  - Veggies and eggs
  - Plants
- **Blueberries** - Steels Creek
- **Christmas Ham** - Steels Creek
- **Edible Plants** - Dixons Creek
- Check out our local cellars doors for their range of locally made produce

****Bold underline** indicate web links - download TJT pdf at http://steelscreek.vic.au/publications/local-publications/

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

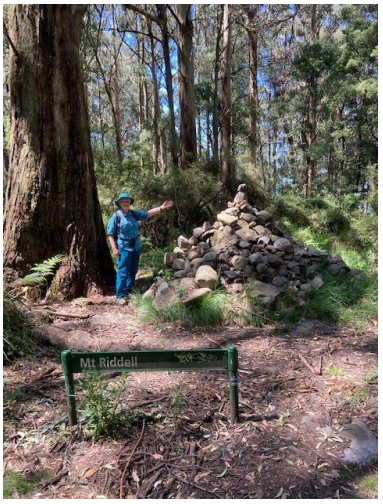
Walk #13, Mt Riddell, Healesville
Walk distance 12 km moderate challenge. 678mt ascent.
Walk Time 3hr 17 mins.
What to take. Water, light snacks, first aid, sunscreen.

Mt Riddell
This mountain has beckoned me for years. I look out of my front windows, eastwards towards Healesville and it appears as a dark, pyramid shaped feature, backed by Donna Buang and the Yarra Ranges National Park.

How to get there?
From Yarra Glen, travel to Healesville and go through the township to Don Road on your right.
Travel along Don Road (C505) to Mt Riddell Rd on your left. Drive the end of this road.

Where to start?
All walkers will start from the shady, undesignated parking area at the east end of Mt Riddell Rd.
The road ends at a locked management gate, where there is access for walkers. There are no facilities like toilets. BTW NO Dogs are allowed.

The Walk (approx. 3hrs 15 mins)
It is an out and back walk along a well-formed, shady, wide gravel management road (Road #2), with intermittent walking signs. There are numerous side tracks - all are 'out of bounds' for walkers - so don't be lured into shortcuts, as this is a catchment area for Melbourne's Water supply. So stay on the main track. It's a gentle, steady walk uphill with views through the large gum trees - towards Maroondah Reservoir, Healesville township, Mt St Leonard to the north and Christmas Hills to the west. The vegetation is lush with Manna Gums, Stringy Bark and Burgan Tea-Trees and the bird life can be heard - King Parrots, Crimson Rosellas and many more. The road gets steeper as it gets higher. As one ascends to the summit from the end of the road, there is a single foot-track for about 600mtrs. We spied a lyrebird and wallaby- always a great reward!



The summit is marked by a rock cairn, good place for a stop. The views are more limited but one has that sense of achievement of being 'high up' and reaching ones goal.
The return journey is easier, being totally downhill and the descent was less than an hour.

I now look at Mt Riddell from my windows and can visualise the track, the views and rest easy with my new found knowledge and wonder where will I venture next?

From the intrepid local explorer! Peta Whitford

Steels Creek Book Group Review

Julie Riddell

***October* - Balibo** *by Jill Joffre*
or own choice of book

Our library book was Balibo which explores how and why Australian journalists were killed during the 1975 Timor/Indonesian conflict. We also talked about our personal stay-at-home lockdown reading: great authors such as Dickens, Liz Bryski, Chris Cleave. WW2 books about elephants, medical advances, nurses. Environment vs mining & tourism. Quirky stories like being inside a house inside a mountain. Books with lovely outdoorsy settings. We've managed to have great discussions on Zoom but looking forward to maybe, hopefully meeting in person soon.

November - Pearl In A Cage *by Joy Dettman*

Finally, being safe and legal to meet, we enjoyed dinner together at the Yarra Valley Restaurant and Courtyard. The book is set in a Victorian rural timber town in the 1920s & 30s. The town is surrounded by bushland and seems isolated but a train line helps connect it with occasional visitors from the outside world. The residents try to live private lives but as the story unfolds they become very inter-connected with each other and with the strangers who arrive from down the train line. The story is often dark, occasionally lovely, and cleverly crafted.

Eastern regional Library has been very helpful and found ways of supplying us with bookgroup sets, despite the difficulties lately! 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.

SCCC Reel Film Club Coming Soon!

DINNER at 6pm – and FILM STARTS 7.30pm

Up and running again in March! 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

Garden CLub is back in 2021! Kicking off with a get together on February 9, so mark your diaries and listen out for more details in the next Jolly Thing. 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. Please call Jill for more details - 0430108672

Steels Creek Tennis Club

Please contact club Secretary, Graham Lloyd for updates and detailed information about Tennis Club activity or Lindy Montell for Ladies Tennis information: Graham Lloyd 0430 243 442, Lindy Montell 5965 2202

Most membership fees are being reduced for the coming membership year starting 1 July 2020. Family memberships will be $90, Senior memberships will be $35, Junior memberships $20 and Social memberships still $10. The membership year runs through June 30. To play on the courts, you must be a Family, Senior, or Junior member, except for Open Days. To have a court key, you must be a Family or Senior member. *Thank you for your continued support.* 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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Congratulations to Fiona McAllister on winning her second term as Mayor and Councillor for Ryrie Ward - Ryrie Ward covers Badger Creek, Chum Creek, Coldstream, Dixon's Creek, Gruyere, Healesville, Mount Toolebewong Steels Creek, Tarrawarra, Yarra Glen, Yering, most of Fernshaw and parts of Toolangi, Seville East and Woori Yallock.

Five Questions of Fame... *spelling correction in Edition 147:* Margaret McLoughlin

2020 has been a year like no other, for many of you it has been a year of feeling a little disconnected from this wonderful community in which we live, but we hope that this will soon change and we can once again feel connected and supported by those around us.

We are unable to hold our usual Dinner and AGM but as soon as we are able, the social side of Landcare will be back, bigger and stronger than ever.

Memberships for 2020-2021 have continued with no fee for any current financial members, if however you wish to join we will ask for the $20 per household joining fee which will include a SCLG Gate sign. Equipment is once again available for use by members so contact us for the use of spraying equipment, wood splitters etc.

Thinking of getting involved?

After giving several years of support (for which we thank them) some of the committee have retired and we are seeking "new blood" to ensure our group stays active.

You do not need to have a background in conservation or even know what Landcare is about.

This is an ideal way to get to know your Valley so if you are new to the area, please join us and send a membership or nomination form. If you have lived here for ages you have valuable knowledge to share, consider joining our committee and nominate yourself - even if it's just "I wish I could get a training session on .....". As a committee member you can be in the driving seat.

For a membership form click here

Click here for the nomination form or

Email SCL on steelscreeklandcare@gmail.com

Virtual AGM 7th December 2020

As we are limited in our ability to get together our AGM will be held in a different format to fulfill the purpose of electing office bearers to keep the SCLG continuing. The President's report and Treasurer's report will be emailed to members with committee positions voting via email. With this in mind I ask that **if you have, even vaguely, thought of getting involved that you please send in a nomination form**.

A member of your household can propose you (or if you live alone one of the committee members can do so) and the secretary can 2nd the nomination.

In a normal year, we have meetings approximately every two months (which rarely go over an hour in length). We organise training sessions on various topics from bee keeping to dung beetles, worm farms to fencing, even micro bat counting has been on offer and we lend out equipment to our members.

The Committee members are not required or expected to give any more of their time than they wish and the main purpose is to try and have a broad representation of the views in the valley.

Angie Lloyd
President SCL

Now is the time to plant sweetcorn, pumpkin, cucumber, eggplant and beetroot and of course lettuces for summer salads.

Stories of Old Steels Creek – *From the gold-mining days*

In 1854 alluvial gold was discovered at the eastern end of the Caledonian field in the creeks that flowed down from the Kinglake area. This led to a small number of prospectors poking around the upper reaches of Steels Creek by the late 1850s.

There were more small rushes to Steels Creek in 1867 and 1868 particularly the Full and Plenty Creek area, just east of the Mt Slide road. By 1869 as surface gold was becoming scarce drilling equipment was required and the Napoleon Gold-Mining Company was established on 26 October 1869. Its shareholders included George Fletcher, Thomas Sawe, John Irwin, James Ferguson Walker, James W. Ellis and Charles Jennings of Steels Creek. The mine was in the vicinity of Pinchgut Creek where gold was retrieved at the rate of 2oz to the ton.

In January 1871 a tragedy occurred at this mine during the night shift. Thomas Sawe, a single man aged 36, was killed while working a night shift. He had been working deeper in the mine than two of his workmates. At the inquest they said that they heard a fall of earth take place, followed closely by a second fall: about 3-4 tons filled the drive. It took them two hours to retrieve Sawe's body.

Only a few men continued to mine during the next 20 years. The Depression era of the 1890s caused another flurry of activity throughout the State. A reporter for *The Age* visited Steels Creek in November 1893:

> *At the rush there are about 150 men at work, and each train brings along a few more eager to try their luck on the new gold ground.*
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> *William Hollioak and party are the oldest hands on the field, and they appear to be doing well out of a shaft 40 feet deep, from which they have driven between 30 and 40 feet across the lead on payable dirt. This was the first party to venture on to the wet ground. They have obtained as much as half an ounce to the trough of dirt, and as low as only colours, and yesterday afternoon they cleared up one trough in the presence of a couple of visitors for between 4 and 5 dwt., and another for probably 1 1/2 dwt. The gold occurs in a heavy shotty form, but no pieces above 1 dwt. in weight have yet been obtained so far as can be gathered.*
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> *W. Collins and party have another claim on which they have sunk a shaft 35 feet deep. They get 2 dwt. of gold for every 15 buckets of wash dealt with, and two men can treat about 30 buckets a day. They are only carrying on development work at present and washing the dirt they raise in opening up their ground.*
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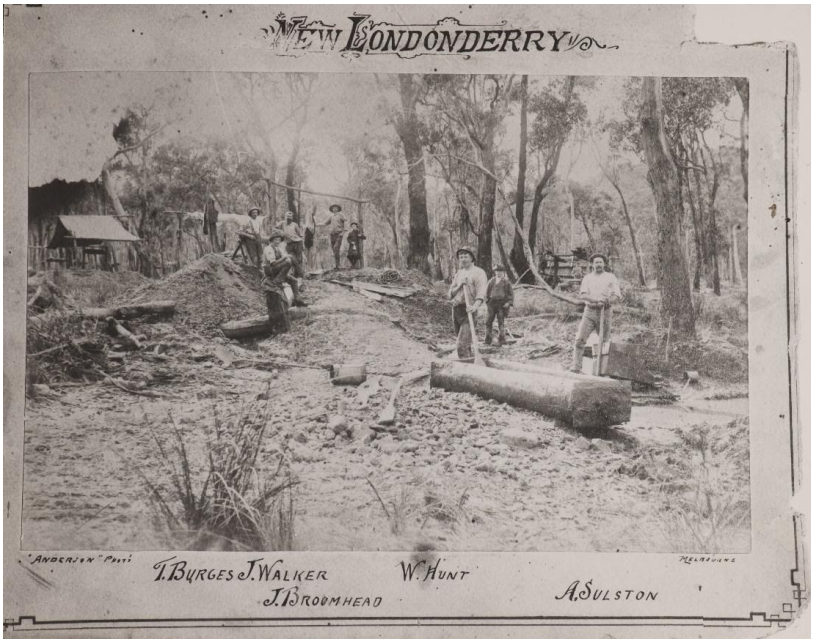
> *Another 13 claims have been taken up on Steels Creek, at the junction of Sharman and Full & Plenty Creeks, but as many as eight men are employed on one claim..* (The Age 14 November 1893)



By 1894 tents and humpies gave way to log huts roofed with bark, and Mike Collier set up a store. The Yarra Glen butcher regularly visited and local farmers provided milk and vegetables. As a boy Jack Ellis (1889-1978) lived on his family's dairy farm at Dixons Creek. He recalled that they used to walk three miles to the diggings every Saturday and sell butter and eggs to the storekeeper at "8d a pound for butter and sixpence for eggs". He remembered a mine called Porcupine Mine, just near the school.

> *It was a tunnel in the hill named after the porcupine. They got a fair bit of gold out of there and they must have been using trolleys with power because one of the local farmers bought up a lot of the cable and put it through the fence for wire.* (Interview by John Crossley 1976).

Mining continued at Steels Creek throughout the 1890s particularly following the economic depression caused by the banking crisis in 1893. It had considerable impact on those who had selected land in the 1870s such as William Hunt (1846-1925). He had selected 97 acres on the corner of Steels Creek Road and Hunts Lane and leased more land north of Hunts Lane. William and his wife Ellen had eight children.

Section 32 of the Land Act 1881 allowed mining but did not permit the miners to set up their own residences on occupied land. In June 1895 William Hunt gave the miners living on his land notice to remove their tents and huts off his land. The miners held a meeting and the local Member of Parliament, Mr E.B. Cameron was consulted. He visited William Hunt and asked what he

> *…would take to relinquish the block, containing 340 acres, well fenced, and otherwise improved, and for which he claimed £200, but [this was] reduced to £150 and subsequently to £130. Mr Cameron suggested to the [Minister of Mines] that £100 would be equitable.*
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> *...Mr Foster, the Minister of Mines, visited Steele's Creek on Saturday (17 August) accompanied by Mr Witty (his secretary) and Mr E. B. Cameron, to inquire into the position of the miners...The Minister found between 150 and 200 miners on the ground, a large number of whom were washing off their week's work, some of them showing good results...The Minister was satisfied with the appearance of the place as a goldfield. He assured the miners that they would not be disturbed. He was always ready to protect the miners and help to develop auriferous country wherever situated. He doubted that the lessee had any legal right, but to be equitable he considered that he was entitled to some consideration. The miners thanked Mr Foster....Both the miners and other lessees are curious to know what will result from the Minister's visit.* (Argus, 20 August 1895)

The Attorney-General responded three months later in favour of the miners

> *…that not only were the miners entitled to search for gold, but also, when necessary for them to reside near the claims, to erect dwelling places.* (Lilydale Express 22 November 1895)

In April 1897 William Hunt purchased his original Crown grant of 97 acres.

The feverish activity began to ease off after beginning of the twentieth century. Only a few miners remained. In 1905 the Yarra Glen Company was reported as doing 'a good deal of driving without discovering any extent of payable wash'. The Burgoyne Company and the Porcupine Company continued to erect new machinery, but by 1908 it was reported that the last recorded alluvial mining operation on the Caledonia field was undertaken by a group led by Nairne at Ghosts Gully, Steels Creek.

Helen Mann - Yarra Glen & District Living & Learning Centre, History Group

COVID-19 Update

Facts and statistics for posterity

- **As of 4 December 2020, no new cases have been diagnosed since yesterday with the total number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Victoria at 20,345. This is Victoria's 35th consecutive day with no new cases.**
- Today's 14-day average case number for metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria is zero.
- There were no new deaths and the state's death toll stands at 820.
- The total number of cases from an unknown source in the last 14 days is zero for metropolitan Melbourne and zero for regional Victoria. 3,762 cases may indicate community transmission (no change since yesterday's report).
- There are no active cases in Victoria. 19,525 people have recovered.
- A total of 3,612,199 test results have been received. This is an increase of 8,784 since yesterday.
- The DHHS website has full details in the interactive daily report.
- Last Step restrictions are in place throughout Victoria. Visit the summary of changes to restrictions for Victoria.

Face Masks

- Face masks are mandatory indoors, unless an exemption applies.
- Face masks are not required outdoors except where physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as farmers' markets and other outdoor retail. There is a requirement to carry a mask at all times.

The Weather Report by Barry Sheffield

Our rainfall in October was 14 mm above average and as a result there were high river events with levels between 3.2 and 4.0m from the 11th to the 25th. November rainfall was 8 mm below average with the majority of the monthly total falling on the 25th. We are currently 235 mm above the year to date average.

Temperatures in October for Coldstream were 0.2° below average for the mean maximum and 2.3° above average for the mean minimum. While Melbourne October temperatures were 0.6° below average for the mean maximum and 1.3° above average for the mean minimum. November temperatures for Coldstream were 2.1° above average for the mean maximum and 1.8° above for the mean minimum. Melbourne November temperatures were 2.5° above for the mean maximum and 2.8° above for the mean minimum. Of note was Mildura which set a new daily maximum temperature record for November of 45.7° on the 28th .

RAINFALL – October - November 2020

Station	October 2020 (mm)	November 2020 (mm)	Year to date to end of November 2020 (mm)	Year to date to end of November 2019 (mm)
'Blackwood Hill' **Pinnacle Lane Steels Creek**	86.9	63.3	964.6	623.7
Highlea' **Dixons Creek**	98.8	75	1003	677.6
Melbourne Water Melba Hwy, Dixons Creek	98.4	65.2	889.8	607
'Wandearah' **Japonica Drive Yarra Glen**	90.8	59.8	940.6	610.8

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

December 2020						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
		1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
6	**7** Landcare Virtual AGM	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12** Market
13	**14 R**	**15** Book Group Stitchers	**16**	**17** Art Group	**18** *Term 4 Concludes*	**19** *Yarra Glen Virtual Xmas Carols 7pm on FB*
20	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24** *Christmas Eve*	**25** *Christmas Day*	**26**
27	**28 R** *Boxing day holiday*	**29**	**30**	**31** *New Years Eve*		

**** PLEASE REFER TO THE GRAPEVINE FOR GROUP UPDATES ****

ART Ivan Filsell 0458 507 181
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) admin@hewi.org.au
Environmental issues at Healesville Living and Learning Centre, P.O. Box 444 Healesville, 3777

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.

January 2021						
Sun	**Mon**	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
31					**1** *New Years Day*	**2**
3	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7** Art Group	**8**	**9** Market
10	**11 R**	**12** Stitchers	**13**	**14** Art Group	**15**	**16**
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24	**25 R**	**26** *Australia Day* Stitchers	**27**	**28** *Term 1 Commences* Art Group	**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 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 your own work – knit, patch, embroider, chat and friendship.

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

TENNIS Mark Newell 0411 111 839, Graham Lloyd 0430 243 442, Lindy Montell 5965 2202
Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 40 active and social members. Monday 9am, ladies social tennis - contact Lindy. Friday Locals Tennis for adults and kids - 5pm last Friday of the month (Unless noted in calendar). Saturdays 1-5 PM regular competitions. Sunday afternoon social tennis 2-5pm - contact Graham Lloyd
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

THE STEELS CREEK GRAPEVINE

Want to be kept up to date on local Steels Creek events and offerings? *The Grapevine* is an email only update on news and events that have missed the recent edition of The Jolly Thing. Please continue to send any content, notifications, and/or reminders to thegrapevine@steelscreek.vic.au.
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