

STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 51 (October-November 2004)

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Community Centre AGM

Your Community Centre had its Annual General Meeting at 8PM on 11 August 2004. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted. It is available on the web site noted above. The President reported on activities and congratulated the Art Show, which raised \$3000 for the Leukaemia charity at the Children's Hospital, and the Stitchers for raising \$1600 for the Anti-Cancer Council with their Biggest Afternoon Tea. The Shire of Yarra Ranges Australia Day Community Award to the Steels Creek Community Centre was also noted.

The election of your Community Centre officers was held with the following elected: **Geoff Keats**, President; **Malcolm Calder**, Vice-president; **Keith Montell**, Treasurer; **Ed Bartosh**, Secretary and **John Houston**, **Alby Leckie**, and **David Allen** as committee members with Garden Club Rep: **Christine Tomlins** and Tennis Club Rep: **John Lowe**.

The Film Club reported a profit of \$261 for the year, with \$302 given to the centre. The Garden Club reported having 57 members and receiving \$2000 from the sale of plants at the Flower Show. The Tennis Club thanked members for their help in painting the club rooms, lining and painting the toilets, and completing the new fence. They are investigating a new surface for the courts – estimated at \$36,000. Other business was discussed, including getting shelving in the top shed for the Garden Club, shearing off the handrail at the NW corner of the building, and donating \$80 to the Yarra Glen Primary School for a History Prize.

Local History Comes A-L-I-V-E with the YG&DHS

Yarra Glenn & District Historical Society gathers the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2.00 p.m. in the Yarra Glen Living & Learning Centre, Anzac Avenue, Yarra Glen.

Monographs and brochures are published and a magic mountain of local lore is available. Displays are featured at Hoogies.

www.yarraglenhistorical.websyte.com.au ; **Eric Tetlow** Secretary 9730 1445

LAND CARE COMES TO THE CREEK

In response to your article in the last edition of JT, I'm keen to explore the establishment of a greater Steels Creek Landcare group. I have made some enquiries and would like to know how many people would also be keen to join such a group.

As for the landcare issues in Steels Creek; of which there are many, these could be established and prioritised when such a group is formed. It is too late for this year's external grant funding, but we could be prepared for next year, Could you please canvas this idea in the JT and I'm willing to act as initial co-ordinator with any others of like mind. Regards, **John O'Neill 5965 2224**

Edd Goes Big and Gets Out of Town (with Henry, Rhonda and Peter)
Edd Williams will make his stage debut at **Hamer Hall** 5th December with the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir featuring **Peter Brocklehurst and Rhonda Burchmore** as well as our own **Henry Verhoven** who has discounted prices for tickets bought directly from \$60 to October 11. **Henry 5965 2274**
www.melbournewelshchoir.com.au

Thanks to those who attended the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir concerts in Healesville and Warburton. Both concerts were overwhelmingly successful, with potential patrons being turned away due to overfilled venues. The Choir will run further concerts at both venues in 2005. Healesville is booked for 5th June, and possibly 2 concerts in Warburton in late March. **HV**

CLAMBERERS These walks are for pleasure and botanical interest.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD

YARRA RIDGE/BREAKNECK MEET: 10.30AM AT THE KEETS'

Begin along Mt. Wise Road and walk up to the ridge. Then south along Skyline Rd., crossing the Eltham/Yarra Glen Rd. and continuing to a view spot for lunch. After negotiating the Breakneck, we'll return to the Keets for a welcome coffee. Around 8 - 9 km. BYO LUNCH.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

BEN CAIRN/DONNA BUANG

Healesville Environmental Watch have invited us to join this walk, which **Calders** (5965 2372) are leading. Details from them or at SC Market prior.

<p>I am travelling through Europe and catching up with friends and family- including Karen of course. Your community letter made me feel very good about Ozzie... so thanks, Katja; http://www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/</p>

Wanted – Standing hay in the Steels Creek area Contact Noel on 9710 1600

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club

Steels Creek's Tuesday tennis team would love to hear from anyone who could be interested in becoming our fifth team member. We are a friendly group of women who enjoy competition tennis, have average to good tennis skills and currently play in the Mountain Area Tuesday Tennis Association's Section 2. If you have some tennis experience and would like to join us, please call **Lindy** on 5965 2202.

Monday night tennis at Steels Creek caters for all those who enjoy a friendly, social game of tennis under lights. Beginners and those with limited tennis experience are especially welcome. If you would like to join this enthusiastic group, who play from 7pm to about 9.30pm please call **Alby** on 5965 2354.

The new season for our teams playing on Saturdays in the Eastern Region begins in October. New players of varying standards always welcome. If interested, once again please call **Alby** on 5965 2354.

A wise man once said that we should not eat yellow snow, and I think the same applies to weeds! The rain we've had has produced an explosion in weed variety and spread, particularly on our roadsides, drainage areas and wherever soil has been disturbed. Weeds are second only to land clearing in threatening Australia's biodiversity. In Steels Creek, weeds are probably the number one threat. National "Weedbuster Week" starts on the 16th of October. Over the next two months, residents of Old Kinglake Road and Brennan Avenue will be getting together to whack a few weeds - the coffee afterwards feels so good!

For weed information go to www.weedbusterweek.info.au and see the links provided. Thanks **Rob Fallon**

Andrew to call Rob !

All the spring winds up the creek are bringing me is a huge crop of cape weed, I wish my vines would grow so well. Some of the plants are knee high. Apart from the making of daisy chains, for which there is very little demand, is there any herbal use for cape weed? Do the dry flower heads when ground up act as a blood stimulant, a relaxant or an aphrodisiac? Has any one done research on this? Or do I like last year slash and poison the bees.

Yours in anticipation: **Andrew Chapman**

Steels Creek Flower Show – Saturday 6th November.

The Steels Creek Flower Show will again feature a large collection of named roses as well as a display of plants grown mainly for their foliage display. The Steels Creek Stitchers will have an exhibition of quilts and embroidery items also a stall selling beautiful handmade gifts. A chance to get many of your Christmas gifts early. There will also be hundreds of unusual and rare plants for sale and of course the Tennis Club will be selling their delicious Devonshire Teas along with a sausage sizzle for lunch. So please come along especially if you are a newcomer to the area and have a cuppa, chat to your friends and neighbours, buy some plants and enjoy yourselves. For more info you can contact me on 5797 8266.

Gillian Poulton – Secretary

OCTOBER 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Tennis
3 Clamberers	4 Recycle Women's	5 Stitches Tennis	6	7 Playgroup Art Tennis	8 MOVIE	9 Market Tennis YFlats Bee
10 History	11 L.lunch Tennis	12 Tennis Garden Outing	13	14 Playgroup Art Tennis	15	16 Tennis
17 Christmas Hills Primary 130 th Anniversary	18 Recycle Tennis	19 Stitches Tennis Book Club	20	21 Playgroup Art Tennis	22 MOVIE	23 Market Tennis
24	25 LLunch Growing Tennis	26 Tennis	27	28 Playgroup SMB Art Tennis	29	30 Tennis
31 Halloween						

SM B Men's Morning Tea
Last Thursday 10:30 at Cheese Freaks Café and Store Yarra Glen

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

STITCHERS

Jane Calder 5965 2372 Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

1st 3rd Tuesday 1:30 – 4 at SC4

24 members, 10 regulars; work on community effort for afternoon tea raffle proceeds to Cancer Council; plus own work; crochet, knit, patch, embroidery, since 1993.

TALKS

Geoff Keets 9730 1698

Anyone with ideas and suggestions regarding topics and presenters please bring forward suggestions. Travel, flora, fauna, health, all of interest.

TENNIS

Albie Leckie 5965 2354 Lindy Montell 5965 2202

Since 1911 Newsletter, Competitions, 80 active and social members

2nd 4th Monday 11am Ladies Social Lunch, Monday 7pm Social Tennis, Tuesday 10am Mid Week Ladies Competition, Thursday 7pm Hard Hitters, Saturday 1-6 pm Regular Competitions.

CLAMBERERS

Margaret Houston 9730 1957

1st Sunday April – October. Since 1993; the walking group hikes over local tracks to explore the flora and fauna of the valley and surrounding areas. Walks announced at SC4 Market beforehand or ring Margaret.

Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling for the garbos

17th October Christmas Hills Primary School Celebrates 130 Years 11am-4pm

NOVEMBER 2004

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WOMEN'S Evening Activities and Friendship Group Pam Verhoven 5965 2274
 1st Monday 7:30 SC4— Bring good ideas UFOs ... **only 88 days until Christmas !!** Come for Company, Crafts, and Coffee .

ART Malcolm Calder 5965 2372
 Thursday 1:30 – 4:30 SC4 Bring your paints, discuss your art and share skills

BOOK GROUP Les Tomlins 5965 2080
 3rd Tuesday 15 Members Limited by CAE resources and lively discussions in member's homes.
 Luncheon meetings June, July, August

GARDEN Jill Hess 9730 1960 Gillian Poulton 5797 8266
 Newsletter, Outings, November Flower Show. Since 1992, 63 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group 9am SC4 all welcome. 2nd Tuesday Outings **Garden Show 6 November**

PLAYGROUP Sonja 5965 2575
 Thursdays 11am – 12.30pm SC4 Babes 0-3 and their parents. \$1

MARKET Jean Lowe 5965 2294
 2nd 4th Saturday SC4 10 am sharp; community announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods, home made scones, coffee and tea. **Bring clean used jars and lids for the makers to fill !**

MOVIE Jean Lowe 5965 2294 Chris Mullen 5965 2094
 2nd 4th Friday SC4 Classic Films with classy food from 6pm. Contribution \$5 for food and donation for film.

HISTORY Mrs Brenda Cawte 9730 1891 Eric Tetlow 9730 1445
 The Y.G & D.H.S meets 2nd Sunday of the month at 2.00 p.m. Yarra Glen Living & Learning Centre, Anzac Avenue, Yarra Glen. etetlow@alphalink.com.au ; www.yarraglenhistorical.websyte.com.au

Christmas Carols & BBQ 19 December 6:30 SC4 contact Pam 5965 2274

TIT for TAT SMB MCPA via Tasmanian Bean (way back in 1967!)

Back in 1967 disastrous bushfires swept through Hobart and the Coal River district (where we live). The fires burnt many of the older homesteads and destroyed a lot of stock, most properties at that time were mainly sheep grazing. As a result of this disaster a small group was formed to assist the farmers with the post trauma they were suffering (counselling was still unheard of then) and to help them rebuild. As I understand, it all started in a coffee shop with about three or four members, and is still going 37 years later and is now known as the Coal River Products Association Inc. It now has monthly dinner meetings in the local wine centre (more wine than food is consumed from our recent experience) with a guest speaker talking on some farming topic. Members come from a wide area and membership is in excess of 50. An annual fee pays for the dinners and guests are welcomed (Jane and I have been privileged to be guests).

Back in 1967 apparently all the farms employed the grand total of 2 people over and above the occupants and now the valley has numerous wineries, grows apricots, vegetables poppies, hemp, alpacas, walnuts, you name it - it is usually found in the valley some where (no hazelnuts yet!!!) and employment is now over the 200 mark.

The Association was originally known as the MCPA but now allows female members. Seems to me that SMB has a bright future although females may be a problem (when are they not!!)

By the way if you are wondering what MCPA stands for apparently it was coined by some disgruntled wives and stands for Male Chauvinist Pigs Association. cheers. **Rex** (former long time resident of Steels Creek Upper)

SAFEWAY ISSUES AND MORE

Stephen V Shortis, Editor Grapevine Newsletter of Yarra Glen;
stephen@svsmanagement.com.au;

A recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was attended by Ian Stewart and Gerry Pierce from the **Shire of Yarra Ranges** and it was agreed that the **Yarra Glen Township Committee** originally convened by Gerry would be reconvened with Shire support to discuss surveying all interested stakeholders in the town to establish a blueprint for future development of the town. This committee which included **Malcolm Calder, Joe Piquola, Gwen Sadlier, Tess Birchall, Hannah Sky, Chris Lamacraft, Stephen Shortis** and others had met on a number of occasions in 2003 but had gone into recess due to a lack of support from the Shire. One of the last acts of the Committee had been to develop a list of "significant others" whom it was felt would be able to contribute ideas and visions on the future of our town.

Jane Calder : 18 Youngsters at Stitchers over July School hols ...
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Not all Bins are Delivered Equally

It would seem that the Council may have forgotten that Brennan Avenue actually exists and that it actually contains recycling ratepayers! The new recycling bins did not get delivered to Brennan Avenue when others were recently delivered to everyone else.

One of the said recycling rate payers is now engaged in pestering the Council's Waste Management people to remind them of Brennan Avenue's (and its ratepayers) existence, and of the ratepayers fervent hope that their 'new and improved, one-size-fits-everything' recycling bin will need to be available for use in the Near Future! (signed) A Ratepayer (name binned)

the great white worm ...\$450,000 investment from Telstra

Long coils of bright white plastic tubing are being inserted into the roadside by directional boring to accommodate upgraded telecommunications services. Vision Stream is bringing a new "underground infrastructure" from the Dixon's Creek Exchange for "future use and enhancement." Thanks to **Edd Williams** for starting the process (Feb 2004 JT)

MOVIES

8 October 2004

BRINGING UP BABY*** (1938) d Howard Hawks, Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant, May Robson, Charles Ruggles: a zany girl causes a zoology professor to lose a dinosaur bone and a pet leopard in the same evening. "Outstanding crazy comedy which barely pauses for romance and ends up with the whole splendid cast in jail."

More details from <http://www.allmovie.com/cg/avg.dll?p=avg&sql=1:7142>

22 October 2004

ROAD TO ZANZIBAR** (1941) Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour, Una Merkel, Eric Blore: The trio on safari in Africa.

More details from <http://www.allmovie.com/cg/avg.dll?p=avg&sql=1:41591>

12 November 2004

SPELLBOUND** (1945) d Alfred Hitchcock, dream sequence Salvador Dali: Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck, Leo G. Carroll: The new head of a mental institution is an impostor and an amnesiac; a staff member falls in love with him and helps him recall the fate of the real Dr Edwardes.

More details from <http://www.allmovie.com/cg/avg.dll?p=avg&sql=1:46054>

26 November 2004

KIND HEARTS AND CORONETS*** (1949) d Robert Hamer; Dennis Price, Alec Guinness, Valerie Hobson, Joan Greenwood: An impecunious heir eliminates eight D'Ascoynes who stand between him and the family fortune. Witty, genteel black comedy well set in the stately Edwardian era.

More details from <http://www.allmovie.com/cg/avg.dll?p=avg&sql=1:27361>

CROSS CREEK 4 Answers

Across 1. Repair 4. Correct 9. Garden Club 10. Ampules 11. Liege 12. Berth 14. Grand 18. Lunge 19. Maltose 21. Selfconscious 22. Azalea 23. Played

CROSS CREEK 5 (No. 33 in your book, Chris)

Across

- Swallow-like bird (5)
- Nearest MET station to YG (8)
- Cancel (5)
- Nature Reserve near Frankston (10)
- Lights of Aberdeen (8)
- Gunpowder ----- (4)
- Old-fashioned way to learn (4)
- Steels Creek had one c. 1890 (4,4)
- Keeps us informed (10)
- YG once had this service (5)
- Particular case (4)
- Total (5)

Down

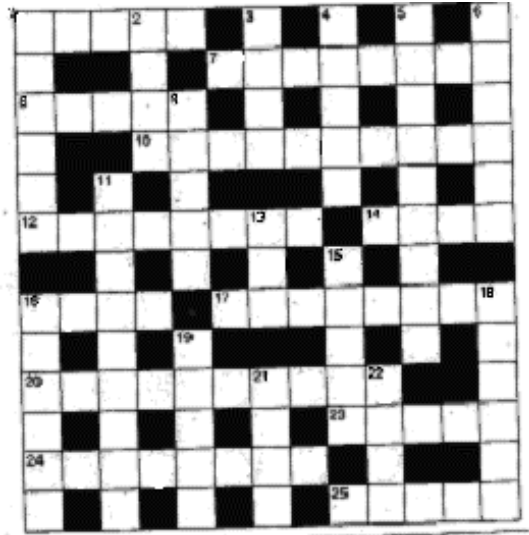
- Make tasty (6)
- Very unpleasant (4)
- One half of table tennis (4)
- Local authority rule (5)
- Over-talkative (9)
- Found in calves' stomachs (6)
- Woodworkers' machine (5)
- German sausage (9)
- Shortened macropod (3)
- i.e. in full (2,3)
- Reassemble (6)
- He sat in a corner (6)
- Tell tale (5)
- Half a hasty wash (4)
- Between a walk & a canter (4)

CHECK THE PHOTOS & SEND !

<http://www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/JT/>;
<http://www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/movie/>;
<http://www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/tennis/>;
<http://www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/clamberers/>;

The Jolly Thing Website now has photos and back issues as well as room for updates and expansion. Special thanks to **Ed Bartosh** for his webmastering.

Down 1. Reggae 2. Paraphernalia 3. Ideal 5. Regular 6. Palaeontology 7. Eraser 8. Rinse 13. Treacle 15. Plasma 16. Among 17. Sense 20. Local



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DEADLINE for the next "Jolly Thing" is Thursday 30 November, 2004.

HOOGIES
OF YARRA GLEN



Ask us...