



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 68 (August-September 2007) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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Shire Budget allocates \$30,000 to the Steels Creek Community Centre!

In the 2007/2008 Budget The Shire of Yarra Ranges has allocated \$15,000 for essential exterior maintenance of the Community Centre. All works will be co-ordinated by the Committee as a Committee of Management and will be completed in the current financial year. Additionally we were successful in obtaining a grant of \$15,000 to modify the kitchen area and interior of the building to meet safety requirements of food handling; to provide additional storage and to improve the design of the interior. Again, these matters will be co-ordinated by the SC3 Committee.

Obviously, the next year will be a very important and exciting year for the community and the new Committee.

I certainly feel very proud of the present Committee who have done a remarkable job in raising our profile with the Shire and obtaining these funds. Their effort culminated in the recent visit from the Mayor, Cr Tim Heenan, and Cr Jeanette McRae to a Saturday Market. This was a great opportunity for members of our community to meet and talk with Councillors, and over 70 people attended. I would like to pay special tribute to Cr McRae who has worked very hard behind the scenes to advance our community. Big things are also happening up at the Tennis Club, so Steels Creek is obviously doing something right as an active community.

Malcolm Calder, President

Working Group on Community Centre Development.

A meeting of the Working Group, formed to consider the future development of the Steels Creek Community Centre, was held on Wednesday July 25. Only eight people attended, though more than twenty indicated interest and had been provided with background information including reports published in The Jolly Thing, the Status Report prepared by the Shire and a working budget for the ongoing maintenance of the Centre. The meeting was also informed on the maintenance allocation of \$15,000 and the success of the Committee's application for a major development grant of \$15,000. After a general discussion of options and priorities, and a consideration of the issues raised in the Status Report, the following motion was put to the meeting:

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Community Centre Development Continued:

"The Working Group recommends a focus on developing the current building unless a business and usage plan can justify otherwise. To that end, the Working Group recommends to the Committee that future developments of the Centre be based on the existing facility, using Shire maintenance funds and applications through Capital Grants and other funding programs."

The motion passed without dissent.

Essentially, the Working Group recommends to the Community Centre that we continue to operate in the present building, to be maintained by the community with appropriate funding provided by the Shire and/or the community. Major development works can be applied for on a competitive basis from the Shire's Grants for Capital Works. The need for major works and their priorities will be determined by the Steels Creek Community Centre Committee, when appropriate.

Malcolm Calder, President

Steels Creek Community Centre Annual General Meeting

The Steels Creek Community Centre, Inc. announces its 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Wednesday evening, the 22nd of August at 7:30 PM. The AGM will be held in the Community Centre building at 699 Steels Creek Road. All members of the local community and SCCC committees and groups are invited to attend. Business to be conducted will include: officer and committee reports, election of officers and Committee of Management members for the coming year, and other general business of the community. A draft agenda will be posted in the Centre as well as on Steels Creek Centre web site (www.yarraglen.com/steelscreek/). A final agenda will be available by 8 August. Nominations for the positions on the Committee must be received by the Secretary by 16 August, or at the meeting, if there are not enough in advance to fill the open positions. Malcolm Calder has served the year he agreed to, so we really need a forward-looking resident to head the Committee. Other offices are: Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 3 members of the Committee. Nomination forms and proxy forms are available on the [web site](#) as well.

Contact the Secretary, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

CHURCHES OF BYGONE DAYS

There were several churches in the district that no longer exist. Only in one case does the building still stand, the **Dixons Creek Methodist Church**. This was one of the earliest churches in the district. It was erected in 1881 on land donated by Henry Robinson, brother of Urina Hargreaves. The building was a paling structure on the eastern side of the present Melba Highway. A brass plaque on a concrete block now marks the site. Charles Edwin **Hargreaves** (1836-1879) settled on land at Dixons Creek in the late 1860s but there had not even been a visiting clergyman in the ten years that he lived there.

From YG&D HS Newsletter 24, Eric Tetlow, Secretary 9730 1445

Creek Crossing Improvements ! – Not Just Crossed Words ...

Both Hargreaves and Adams Lane have received lavish new concrete bridges with guard rails. Also a community fireguard water tank has been installed at the corner of Hargreaves and Greenwood Lane. Perhaps the Signs and Portents story from the Jolly Thing are being heard? (No.67 page 6)

MONSTER PIPELINE TO CLEAVE COMMUNITY

The preferred alignment for the pipeline to transfer water from the Goulbourn River to Melbourne's water reticulation system is now via Melba Hwy to Sugarloaf Dam.

The website www.ourwater.vic.gov.au (go to 'sugerloaf interconnector') indicates that a number of community meetings have been organised for the communities in the Shire of Murrindindi that may be impacted by the construction of this pipeline, however there is nothing to indicate that a similar meeting has been organised for residents of the Shire of Yarra Ranges that may be impacted.

As the preferred route is via **Melba Hwy, Hunts Lane, Steels Creek Rd & Glenview Rd**, there would be many residents in Steels Creek, Yarra Glen & Christmas Hills who would be very interested & perhaps concerned as to how this project may affect them. A twenty metre easement and three year construction period may be of interest!

Barry Sheffield barysheff@primus.com.au

GREAT LUNCH MUNCH AT OAKRIDGE – Digester's Reader a NEW FEATURE in the JT!!!

Having not been to Oakridge for some years, I was pleasantly surprised a couple of weeks ago to sample the lovely food on offer & try a couple of terrific wines. Leigh Mathieson (late of STONES) is now front of house & a great job he does.

Andrew sat down to a delightful lunch of baked mushroom, one flat large field mushroom stuffed with baby spinach, persian fetta, tomato & basil pesto served on char grilled ciabatta \$13.

I had potato & beetroot gnocchi with broccolini, chives & almonds drizzled with blue cheese cream \$21. Absolutely delicious & a rather large meal. A bottle of wine & 2 coffees rounded the bill off at approximately \$50. Great food and great value.

The restaurant is bistro casual, with a lovely outdoors area taking in our wonderful Yarra Valley views. All in all a very pleasant luncheon was had.

Oakridge Estate 864 Maroondah HWY Coldstream Tel: 9739-1920
info@oakridgeestate.com.au Mel Ref: Map 278 H 10

Judith Augustine

Horses on the Run?

Last week four horses were cast loose from their moorings and were seen making their way south along Steels Creek Road. How to corral them? Who to contact? IF they had LARGE TYPE phone numbers or owner's names on their quaint quilted blankets perhaps help could be obtained! These four were eventually returned but not after 36 hours of anxiety for all concerned.

Names Unknown

Have You Seen *Orpheus* the Happy Wanderer?

For the past year or so a nocturnal black and white feline has paid random rewarded respects at Full & Plenty Vineyard. The cat appears at festive times like Christmas Eve, Good Friday and during massive down pours with electrics and sound. Appearance is excellent, well upholstered and shy but communicative, curious and definitely a gourmet!

. Anyone knowing more please contact **Christine Mullen 5965 2094**.

AUGUST 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Art	3	4 Tennis Comp
5	6 Recycle Women's Group Social Tennis	7 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Singing	8	9 Art Social Tennis	10 Movie <i>To Have and Have Not</i>	11 Market Tennis Comp
12 Tennis Club AGM History	13 Ladies Lunch Social Tennis	14 Garden Outing Ladies Tennis SSS** Singing	15	16 Art Social Tennis.	17	18 Tennis Comp FYFB Working Bee
19	20 Recycle Garden Club Growing Group Social Tennis	21 Ladies Tennis Stitchers Singing	22 SCCC AGM	23 Art Social Tennis	24 <i>Travellers Tales: USA</i>	25 Market
26 Clamberers	27 Social Tennis.	28 Ladies Tennis SSS** Singing Book Group	29	30 SMB Art Social Tennis	31	

Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling bin

ART

Thursdays - 1:30 PM – 4.30 PM SCCC Bring your paints, discuss your art and share skills. Page One for exhibitions.

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

BOOK GROUP

4th Tuesday - 8.00 PM

10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC.

Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

CLAMBERERS

Last Sunday (March to October). Since 1993, the walking group has hiked over local tracks to explore the flora and fauna of the Valley and surrounding areas. Walks are announced at the SCCC Market beforehand.

David and Robyn Allan 5965 2556 drallan@gotalk.net.au

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen.

Next Working Bees is 18th August 9-12 bring tools and gloves; morning tea provided.

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com

<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

GARDEN

Newsletter, Outings 2nd Tuesdays, 63 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 930 am at SC4 – all welcome.

Outings: August 14 Bus to Cranbourne Botanical; AGM 11 September 7:30 SC4 bring a plate of supper!

Chris Lumsden 9730 1136, Gillian Poulton 5797 8266

HEWI (Healesville Environment Watch Inc)

Environmental issues at Healesville Living and Learning Centre 1 Badger Creek Road.

Maureen Bond 5962 1224 maub@virtual.net.au

HISTORY

The Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm YG Living & Learning Centre:

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801 Eric Tetlow 9730 1445 etetlow@aphalink.com.au

www.yarraqlenhistorical.websyte.com.au

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club AGM – 12 August noon at the Tennis Club room

SCCC AGM – Wednesday 22 August 7:30 PM at the Community Centre

SC3 = SC4 =SCCC = Steels Creek Community (and Cultural) Centre, 699 Steels Creek Road

SEPTEMBER 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				Art Social Tennis		1 Photo Comp Closes
2 Father's Day	3 Women's Group Social Tennis	4 Ladies Tennis Stitchers SINGING	5	6 Art Social Tennis	7 <i>Travellers Tales WA</i>	8 Market
9 History	10 Recycle Ladies Lunch Social Tennis	11 Garden AGM Ladies Tennis SSS** SINGING	12	13 Art Social Tennis	14 Movie <i>The Whole Town's Talking</i>	15
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30 Clamberers						

MARKET

2nd and 4th Saturdays at SCCC, 10.00 AM Sharp! Community Announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods. The Creek's best home made scones, coffee and tea at every market!

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

LAND CARE GROUP

Ongoing projects and a great opportunity to obtain information, advice and possibly funding about tackling Landcare issues of significance to YOU!'

John O'Neill 5965 2224 or David Allan 5965 2556

MOVIES

2nd Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic 16mm films at SC3.

Chris Mullen 5965 2094, chris@fullandplenty.com

SINGING

A-Capella men and women sing contemporary music Tuesday evenings 7.30pm 25 Wallace road, off Skyline Drive

Angie Macmillan 97301998

SMB

Last Thursday 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM. Men's morning tea at Anita's **DELICIOUS** Fudge Shoppe Yarra Glen.

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

STITCHERS

Every Tuesday, 1.30 PM - 4.00 PM at SC4. Since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Bring own work – knit, patch, embroider;**SSS – Informal "Stitchers Sit & Sew" alternate Tuesdays.

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 100 active and social members. Mondays, 7.00 PM, (Social tennis). Tuesdays 10.00 AM, Mid-week ladies competition. Thursdays 7.00 PM, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 6 PM, Regular competitions. Ladies Lunch 2nd Monday; bring a plate to share; just a chat and a feed at the tennis club 11:00 am – 1:30 all welcome!

Albie Leckie 5965 2354, Lindy Montell 5965 2202

www.yarraglen.com/SCTC

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Friendship Group

1st Monday, 7.00 at JJ's in Yarra Glen. Come for company, conversation and coffee. You'll be made most welcome for a pleasant evening of food and chat. **Kitchen will be open.**

Pam Verhoven 5965 2274

STEELS CREEK GOES TO THE MOVIES - Tom Mix Serial Begins!

Join in the monthly second Friday festivities for fine food and friendly fun with gourmet soups and fab films. AGM results and annual economic report will be announced at next meeting.

“**The Miracle Rider**” commences 10 August: Set in the 1930s this 15 part serial is an unusual mix of Tom Mix, Indians, motor cars and the science fiction technology used by the Mabuse-like tycoon (the evil genius from Fritz Lang’s Metropolis), which includes a huge robot glider, secret laboratories and elaborate communications apparatus. The opening episode chronicles the brutal acquisition of Indian land by white Americans from first settlement through to 1930 when all that is left is a reservation in Texas. A ruthless oil tycoon plots to drive the Indians out in order to mine the secret powerful explosive X-94. Episodes 2 and 3, featuring the glider, set the plot which takes various turns until being resolved through the final five episodes (particularly 11-13). By necessity, the plot is often a little drawn out and the middle episodes contain only a small amount of information or development.

10th August

To Have and Have Not **** (1944) 100 min; Synopsis: In many ways Bogart's character in this film resembles his lead role in 'Casablanca' made two years earlier. Most famous for the on and offscreen romance between Bogart and Bacall it was the first film the pair made together and Bacall's screen debut. While in port on the island of Martinique, charter boat operator Harry Morgan (Bogart) is approached by Free French activist Gerard, who wants to charter Harry's boat to smuggle in an important underground leader. He initially refuses but after starting a romance with Marie Browning (Bacall) he agrees to Gerard's smuggling terms as a means of helping Marie return to the States. The film bears little resemblance to Hemingway's novel (which was remade in 1950 as 'The Breaking Point') focusing instead on the chemistry between the two stars. Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Walter Brennan, Lauren Bacall, Dolores Moran, Hoagy Carmichael. ([web link](#) for more info)

14th September

The Whole Town's Talking *** (1935) 95 min; Synopsis: At odds with auteurist expectations of 'Fordian concerns' this comedy of mistaken identity and police bungling has a lightness of touch more akin to Capra films than those of John Ford. Robinson plays the dual role of meek newspaper clerk, too repressed to declare his love to colleague Arthur, and notorious escapee 'Killer' Mannion. The concept of two differing personalities inhabiting the one person - as a visual motif and psychological dynamic - seems to be the key element of meaning in the film for the director. Cast: Edward G. Robinson, Jean Arthur, Wallace Ford, Arthur Hohl. Director: John Ford. ([web link](#) for more info)

Rainfall Report – to end of July 2007

Gauge Location	June 2007	July 2007 (to 28/7)	Year to End of July 2007	Year to End of July 2006
'Yarradene Farm', Yarra ridge	72.5	70	363	372.5
'Blackwood Hill', Pinnacle Lane	62.7	86.9	368.2	374.1
'Newera', Brennan Avenue	69.2	73.7	370	387.8

Kangaroos 0 (*what's new?*) – Infernal Combustion 1

Another victory for the automobile and petrolhead speeders ... the native animal cemetery is growing by grave increments at the upper end of Steels Creek. To “Roo Proof” your vehicle try a “Hopper Stopper” the little ‘supersonic deer/roo whistle’ available in plastic or aluminium for around \$5 - \$10 at Hoogies!

STEELS CREEK TENNIS & SOCIAL CLUB

The Tennis Club Mid-Year Christmas function, held at the Tomlins' Cooina Estate Winery in Hunts Lane, was a great success with over sixty people present. Much fun was had by all. A profit of almost \$1,200 resulted from this function and our special thanks go to all those generous people who donated some great gifts and wine for the raffle and to Richard and Christine Tomlins for the use of their facilities.

Despite sometimes inclement weather on both Monday and Thursday evenings, tennis under the lights are proving popular. If you would like to participate – we allow for all levels of skill from beginners to hard hitters.

Our informative annual Tennis Club Newsletter is about to hit the streets, together with Club membership forms. **New Members are always welcome** – for more information about the Tennis Club and its activities, contact Alby 5965 2354 or Lindy 5965 2202

AGM 12 August Noon at the Club Rooms

CLAMBERERS

Steels Creek Clamberers will continue their last Sunday ramblings in the improving weather and flora.

26th August

We will take a **scenic** ramble along parts of Skyline Road, to Break Neck Road, then down to Glenview Road and Yarra Glen Cemetery. **Meet at Yarra Glen Cemetery in Glenview Road just south of Eltham-Yarra Glen Road (Melways Map 266 J11) at 10.30 A.M. for an 11.00 A.M. start.** We plan to car shuttle walkers up to Skyline Road to avoid the big climb! Bring eats, drinks, strong shoes and appropriate clothing for expected weather.

30th September

Jenny Barnett will lead a native orchid ramble in the Jehosaphat Creek / Dry Creek area near Old Kinglake Road. **Meet at the Steels Creek Picnic Ground in Old Kinglake Road (Melways Index Map No 10) at 10.30 A.M. for 11.00 A.M. start.** Bring eats, drinks, appropriate clothing for expected weather.

Further reminders and announcements at SC4 Markets. Contact David & Robyn Allan, 5965 2556.

STEELS CREEK LANDCARE

Thank you to all those who have participated in the plantings along Steels Creek Road over the past couple of months. We are planning further plantings in the spring, so we are hoping to keep the momentum going again then. Further details will be announced in due course.

In the meantime, if readers have other Land Care issues that they feel strongly about but feel daunted in taking on by themselves, why not discuss how it might be tackled through the wider resources of Landcare.

Contact John O'Neill 5965 2224 or Dave Allan 5965 2556

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Arm Chair Travellers Tales 2007

Following on from the successful series of travel talks last year, a further flight of informative presentations is scheduled to take place in August and September. We have several seasoned voyagers who have recently travelled a-far, or who are in fact still on their travels as we go to print!

This year we are planning to hold the talks at Steels Creek Community Centre on Friday nights alternate to movie nights. Each evening will begin with a mug of something warm and a nibble of something yum from 6.30 PM (perhaps even a cultural tie in!) to set the scene before commencing the talks at 7.30 PM. The presentations will last for approximately an hour with the latest sound and light technology to keep you on the edge of your arm chair!

24th August

Chris & Christine in **North America** (SF,TO,NY,DC,PB,LA)

7th September

Malcolm and Jane in **Northern WA**

21st September

David and Robyn in **South Island NZ**

Travellers wishing to share their tales with travellers on their tails please contact:

David Allan 5965 2556

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

"Seeing You Seeing Me – Sharing Life's experiences Through the Generations"

As announced in the last Jolly Thing, Steels Creek Community is registered to participate in the **photographic competition** being supported by the Shire of Yarra Ranges as part of its **Expo for Seniors Festival** on Friday 5th October. The competition is open to school and community groups, and has the theme, **"Seeing You – Seeing Me, sharing Life's Experience through the Generations"**.

Each group may enter three photographs that must be taken after 1 May 2007. The competition started on 1 July and closes on 1 September 2007. Judging will take place on 5th October at the Expo.

I am hoping that we will be able to enter three photos selected from local Steels Creek photographers based on the above theme. I encourage everyone to snap away over the next month or so and to contact me so that we can select our best shots. I'm sure that there are lots of opportunities that could meet the theme! Please be in contact for further information or assistance in developing your pictures.

Looking forward to seeing all those pictures soon!

David Allan 5965 2556

YARRA GLEN AUTHOR WINS NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR SUPERB BOOK PUBLICATION

Congratulations to **Bruce Nixon** of Yarra Glen whose beautiful publication *Charles Joseph La Trobe, Australian Notes 1839-1854* won the 2007 National Print Awards' prestigious Gold Medal in the category "Books of Limited Edition". Brochure available: 9730 1649

Steels Creek Garden Club dues are due – don't get in the doo doo over doing the dues!

CROSS CREEK 22

- 1. We have great local ones (7)
- 2. Popular engine rallies (5)
- 7. Many such disused bridges near here (7)
- 8. Well-known cartoonist (5)
- 9. Yours for the (6)
- 12. Showery compensations (8)
- 15. Ads urge this look (8)
- 17. The other side of light (6)
- 18. Man's "maid"? (5)
- 21. Most clubs have a public one (7)
- 22. Praise extravagantly (5)
- 23. Circle, rounded object (archaic) (7)

Down

- 1. Robinson Crusoe a famous one (8)
- 2. A creepy, crawly (6)
- 3. Place for a view? (4)
- 4. Out of(4)
- 5. A 1st one is often sought after (7)
- 6. Lots (4)
- 10. Union of stock and scion (5)
- 11. Named for Jack Christmas (5)
- 13. Close to home this year (8)
- 14. Our dams and tanks are close to this (7)
- 16. Upmarket pub (6)
- 18. Everyone's counts and is counted (4)
- 19. Controversial type of road (4)
- 20. Distant (4)

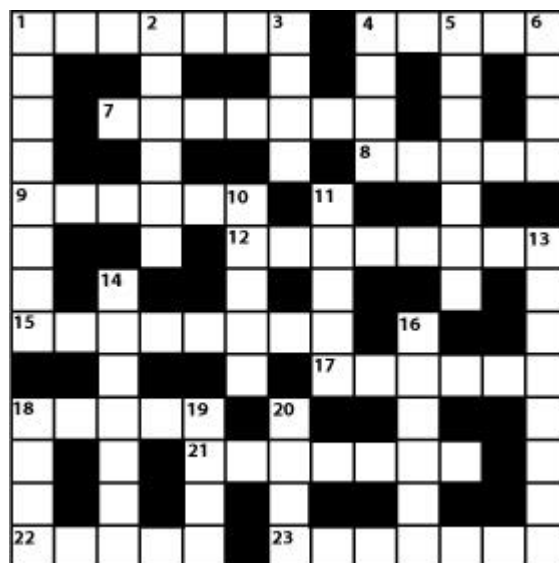
CROSS CREEK 21

Answers

Across 1. Baltic 5. Alps 7. Aspro 8. Worn 9. Runt 10. Burra 11. Tennis 13. Nice 14. & 22. Hunter Valley 18. Waived 21. Acer 24. Milne 25. Semi 26. Area 27. Trait 28. True 29. Single

Down

1. Bewitch 2. Tenon Carbs 4. Sparrow 5. Aorangi 6. panache 12. Ice 15. Unclear 16. Termite 17. Railway 19. Ada 20. Daycare 22. Vents 23. Learn



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HOOGIES
OF YARRA GLEN



No worries!

DEADLINE
for the next *Jolly Thing*
28th Sept 2007

AGM

The Annual General Meeting for most organizations sets the agenda for at least the next year or more. It is an opportunity for members of the community to come forward and to be heard and to participate in the organizational planning and to determine the programme for some time to come.

12 August 12 Noon

*Tennis and Social Club
Development and Direction
Fellowship !*

22 August 7:30

*Steels Creek Community Centre
Determine the Future
Spend \$30,000 !*

11 September 7:30

*Garden Club
Election of Officers
Guest Speaker !
Bring a Plate of Supper*

"People get the government they deserve ..."

ANON.