

Majors Creek Community Newsletter

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Welcome to the December edition of the Majors Creek Community Newsletter. Many thanks to those who continue to send a small contribution towards the newsletter and other projects in the village over the past months. This is much appreciated.



The Majors Creek Branch of the Country Women's Association held their Annual Meeting on Wednesday 5th October 2011. Office bearers for the coming year are President; Linda Harrison, Secretary: Marjorie Lemin and Treasurer: Deirdre McDonald . The branch was pleased to welcome new members and look forward to the continuing fellowship over the next twelve months. The recently completed knitted bears were given to the Braidwood Ambulance station which were greatly appreciated. The branch received a letter of thanks for their kind donation from the Ambulance Service in Goulburn



Kay Cook, Penny Hardy and Linda Harrison admire the delicious cakes in the branches recent Land Cookery Competition.



St Stephens Church

Services are held on the first Sunday of each month at 11-00am. All welcome.

Funeral, Marriages and Baptisms can be arranged by phoning 48422423

If the Rector is not available, please contact his Warden Brian McDonald 48461157.

You are welcome to attend our monthly services.

The Christmas service will be at 7-30am on Christmas morning.

Secretary's Annual Report 2011

I'd like to share with you the recipe for the Majors Creek CWA for 2011.

Take 14 CWA members.

Carefully separate the sleepers from the regulars. You will need at least 8 regulars.

Once a month, place those 8 members in a small room, set the beaters at medium speed, run a meeting without too much chatter, adding lots of love and companionship to the mixture.

Take the amazing community support for your street stall and garage sale, fold this in gently to make firm dough and divide between CWA projects, local schools, Braidwood Education Foundation, Braidwood Show Society and the Majors Creek Hall trust for their new kitchen.

Sift together knitted squares, add some crocheting and compassion & work till knee rugs form then roll them out to an aged care centre.

Pour in a good handful of kindness, knit one, pearl one and work carefully till beanies and trauma teddies appear then whisk up some hospital rag dolls with lots of friendly conversation.

Add some fun by deciding to each cook a sponge cake for afternoon tea and learn they need a good beat if you want to compete.

In a separate bowl, carefully place stories about Iceland and sustainable towns. Beat until well absorbed, stir in to the main mixture and your knowledge is sure to rise.

Bake all the above slowly for one year.

Allow to cool down, fill with lots of laughter, send a tasting sample to the Group Secretary and serve the rest at the Group Conference in October.

Marjorie Lemin

Southern Tableland Group

The Southern Tablelands CWA Group consists of 17 Branches of which Majors Creek is one. The Secretaries of each Branch present their annual reports at the Group Conference in October and a trophy is awarded to the best report. This year Majors Creek Branch was thrilled to be awarded the trophy. Congratulations to Majors Creek branch Secretary Marjorie's Annual Report can be seen on the following page. Branch Secretary and Treasurer travelled to Yass to attend the Annual Group Conference

Recreation Ground and Hall

Mowing

Many thanks to those responsible for the ongoing mowing and maintenance on the Rec Ground. This is greatly appreciated at all times.

Rubbish Bins

Rubbish Bins are provided for the users of the facilities with the provision that that they are emptied after each function. These bins are not serviced by the council. Campers and casual users are requested to dispose of their own rubbish

Playground Bin

A bin is provided for those using the playground. Again it would be appreciated if parents would be kind enough to see that this bin is emptied on a regular basis.

Horse Riding on Rec Ground

Horse riding is prohibited on the Recreation Ground. Recently horses were seen inside the oval which is evident by the rather large hoof marks. Your help in stopping this will be greatly appreciated.

Community Notice Board

It has been noticed recently that the board is not being used for what it's meant for. The Community Notice Board is for community news and for birthdays, weddings, births etc pertaining to our village community. It would be appreciated if any other messages are noticed they are erased immediately.



Annual Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 11th December at Hall
from 11-30am

A salad and or Sweet would be
appreciated.

*With Good Wishes to all for a Happy Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year*

Community Telephone Directory

Copies of the Community Telephone Directory are available by contacting
Brian McDonald 48461157

Any additions or alterations are always appreciated.

Majors Creek New Years Day Picnic

The Majors Creek Picnic and Sports Day originated from the idea of Mr Edmund Cleaver and in 1861 the first New Years Day Picnic was held on Mr Cleavers property known as Eldarado in the vicinity of Shingle Hut Creek about a kilometre north of the Majors Creek Village. Many families lived in this area with employment readily available at mine sites including Dargues, Plums, United Miners and Snobs.

The first three picnic were held at Mr Cleavers property and in 1864 it was decided to move to another location nearer to the centre of the village, at that time there were over 100 pupils enrolled at the Majors Creek Public School . The picnic was then moved to the Police Paddock which adjoins the present day Recreation Ground where the event has been held ever since c1875.

Much of the success of the picnic is attributed to the community spirited persons, organisers, its popularity and the many large families of the village and district who have supported it over the years. Events of the day have included Children and Adults Events, nail driving, stepping the distance etc. as well as a time to reminisce and catch up with old friends. The day was always concluded with a dance at night noted as the dance of the year at the Creek, very often patrons were still there when the sun came up.

A picnic to remember was in 1938 when many present were struck down with ptomaine poisoning caused by contaminated meat in the sandwiches. This made headlines in local and national newspapers. Those affected were taken to the Braidwood Hospital and other venues that were made available to treat the affected. Luckily there were no fatalities due to the expert attention given by the local doctor and nursing staff.

The centenary of the picnic was held in 1962 which drew a large crowd of locals and many former Majors Creek residents. New Years Day 2012 will represent the 150th anniversary of the long standing community event and it is hoped that many of those who remember this from their childhood days will be able to attend. In keeping with tradition a dance will be held on New Year's Night in the local hall.

Garden of Remembrance

The death occurred on 17th October in Sydney of Irene Greenwood. Irene with her late husband Harold were regular visitors to the village and always interest in what was going on through the pages of our newsletter.

To her family we offer our sincere sympathy.

The sudden death occurred recently of Eric Gowrlay.

Eric was a resident of he village for many years.

Rest in Peace Eric.

We regret he passing of Ray Wiggins son of late George (Sam) and Mary Wiggins pioneers of Majors Creek . Sam Wiggins had the bakery in Braidwood for many years.

150th Annual New Years Day Picnic

1st January 2012

**New Years Eve Dance at Hall 7-00pm \$10-00 pp
BYOG and Supper**

**New Years Day Picnic from 11-00am BBQ lunch Gold
Coin donation. Afternoon Tea supplied**

**Dance at Night 7-00pm Supper Supplied.
BYOG \$10-00 pp**

**Join us for a fun filled weekend of games, sports,
dancing and a time to reminisce and celebrate.**

Majors Creek Community Website

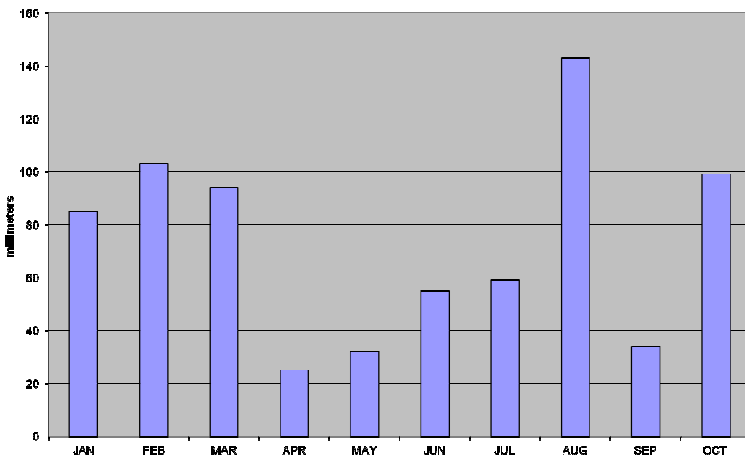
Have you looked at the Majors Creek Website?

The address is www.majorscreek.org.au

The site includes latest news in and around the Creek, Weather, Calendar of Events, Guest Book, Majors Creek Phone Directory, our latest Newsletter can be read and much more.

Our grateful thanks to Gordon Waters for his work in setting up and managing the website. Donations can be made towards the ongoing running of the site by clicking on the Donate box on the top of the Home page of the Website.

MONTHLY RAINFALL AT MAJORS CREEK, 2011



Thanks to Lado Ruzicka for compiling the Rainfall Chart

Local Happenings

Some residents do not receive mail at the Mail Agency and therefore don't receive letter drops etc advising of goings on in the village. Since last newsletter we see that letter boxes are appearing. To the different groups in the village please use these boxes to get the messages to those people. **Thank you.**

*Our Newsletter can now be read on the Majors Creek
Community Website www.majorscreek.org.au*