

# *Majors Creek Community Newsletter*

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

## Memories

To those of us who went to Majors Creek Public School remember the large playground where we played cricket and tennis. The school vegetable garden was in the corner and it was a long walk to the toilets which were also situated near the tennis court (later moved closer to the school.). The cork tree which may have been planted by students many years ago is still very much alive stands as a memorial to those many students who attended since the school was built in 1889.

The school paddock as we knew it has just recently been purchased by Russ and Colleen Pilley and now the site of their new home We welcome Russ and Colleen to Majors Creek and hope they have as much pleasure living on this site as many children did playing there.



***The Pilley's new home nestled amongst the pines***



### **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 the Rector Revd. Geoff Hoad 48422423

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

You are welcome to attend our monthly services.

**Easter Sunday 7-30am Holy Communion**

*The annual congregation meeting was held on Sunday 6th February when Marjorie Lemin and Peter Malone were elected as People's Wardens. Brian McDonald is the Rector's Warden and will represent St Stephens and Majors Creek on Parish Council.*

### **Recreation Ground and Hall**

#### **Mowing**

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

*Members of the Trust regret the passing of fellow trust member Les Mackenzie. Les was a driving force behind the recent improvements to the hall and grounds.*

*Brian McDonald*

*Secretary Treasurer*

*Majors Creek Recreation Reserve Trust*

### **Justices of the Peace in the Village**

Brian McDonald 48461157

Eilish Blakely-Kidd 48461215

*Our Newsletter can now be read on the Majors Creek  
Community Website [www.majorscreek.org.au](http://www.majorscreek.org.au)*



### **Century old pines in the Church Yard**

Having been advised by an adjoining owner that branches on the pines around the Church are dangerous, the Wardens of St Stephens have now had dead branches and dangerous limbs removed. A pile mulch is in the laneway between the church and Braces. Parishioners and residents are most welcome to the mulch.

**Picture shows Rick's Trees from Goulburn removing and mulching the dead limbs.**

### **Old Photos**

Many descendants of pioneering families continue to be in touch seeking information in regards to their ancestors. Many old photos of our pioneers are being received which are greatly appreciated and will eventually be included in a collection for future generations.

### **Throstle Nest**

Ken Old of Burra NSW has recently compiled his family history and had it published in a novel *Throstle Nest*. Part of Kens history is based on Majors Creek and WW Slade. Slade's name can be seen on the old Majors Creek Village map as being owner of various blocks. He was also the butcher in the village. A chapter in the book is on Majors Creek. Well worth reading.

### ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

*The Annual Children's Christmas Tree was held in December. All present partook in a meal which was followed by Santa arriving in the fire Truck and distributing gifts and sweets to the children. Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make this annual event the success it was.*

### NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN

Following a request a new broom has been purchased to sweep the new tennis court. Please ensure that when you are finished sweeping hang the broom on the fence for the next person to use. Also your help in maintaining and keeping this court clean will be greatly appreciated.

### ANNUAL NEW YEARS DAY PICNIC

Despite the hot conditions the Majors Creek Annual New Years Day Picnic was held as usual.

A good crowd turned up for the annual event. The day was spent with children's and adults events and a time to reminisce and welcome in the new year.

Next year marks the 150th anniversary of the picnic and plans are in hand to make this a reunion picnic.

### Road Closure

The Majors Creek –Braidwood Road will be closed from 7th March to 15th April for repairs to be carried out on the Bridge over Majors Creek.

This will cause inconvenience to some people. If you would like assistance in getting to town etc. please contact Donna at the hotel who will arrange help.

### Community Telephone Directory

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

Any additions or alterations are always appreciated.

## *Garden of Remembrance*

*Clem Keyte son of Albert and Lillian Keyte passed away in Cairns on 1-2-11 at the age of 82 years.*

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*Peter Wood passed away at Queanbeyan recently. We remember Peter, Pat and family when they were in the Elbrington Hotel. Peter was very active in the community especially the Bushfire Brigade where he was awarded Life Membership in 1995. To his family we offer our sincere sympathy.*

*Leslie James Mackenzie*

*1939-2011*

*The community was saddened on Sunday 6th February to learn of the passing of Les Mackenzie. Over the years Les made a significant contribution to the Majors Creek Community being actively involved in the Progress Ass, Bushfire Brigade and the Majors Creek Recreation Reserve Trust. He held the position of Captain of the Bushfire Brigade receiving Life Membership in 2009 and was a current trustee of the Recreation Reserve receiving a Long Service Certificate in 2001. Since his retirement Les took on many projects in the village, namely painting the fence at the entrance to the cemetery, painting the entrance to the Rec Ground and more recently overseeing the refurbishment of the Recreation Hall. He left no stone unturned in seeing this project completed, organising material, painting and co-opting those many volunteers who helped with the project.*

*His most recent project was to clean up the wooded area in the Rec Ground. With his band of helpers, this area was beginning to take shape and he pledged that the project would resume in the autumn.*

*Les kept us all on our toes, always thinking ahead and keeping in contact with those many friends who he co-opted to come along and help with the many tasks. He will be remembered for this.*

*The large number of people from all parts of the district who attended his graveside service in the Majors Creek Cemetery was evidence of the esteem in which he was held. May he Rest in Peace. A job well done.*

*To Judy and her family our deepest sympathy and may your memories of Les be a comfort in the months to come.*

*contributed by Brian McDonald.*

## Majors Creek Community Website

### Have you looked at the Majors Creek Website?

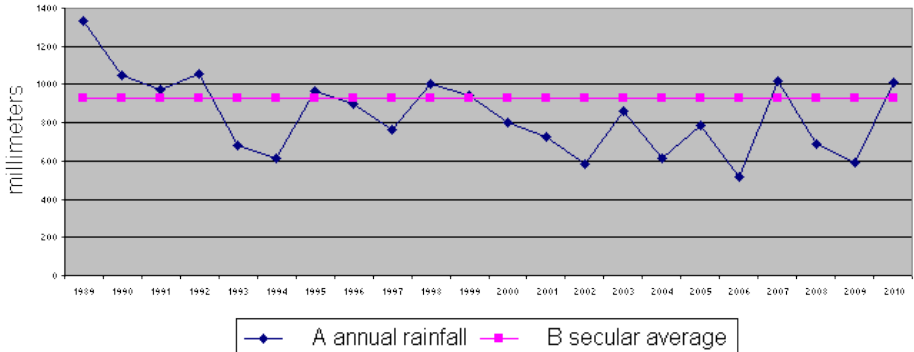
The address is [www.majorscreek.org.au](http://www.majorscreek.org.au)

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.

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### **Majors Creek - Annual rainfall**



Monthly rainfall was 85.2 millimetres in January and 101.2 millimetres in February 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.**