

Majors Creek Community Newsletter

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

Note: Our next edition of the newsletter will be No 100. The first edition was March 1991.

Majors Creek Branch of the CWA



The Majors Creek Branch of the CWA held International Day at the hall on Thursday 16th August. The country of study this year was Timor. As usual the local ladies put on a beautiful hot meal with the Braidwood Branch supplying the sweets. Wendy McMahon-Bell and her daughter gave a very interest talk on Timor. Thank you to Barbara Hayes of the Country Workbox for her donation. The branch has made several Trauma Bears which have been given to the Braidwood Ambulance and have knitted scull caps for soldiers serving overseas.



Majors Creek Branch meets on the First Wednesday of each month at 2-00pm. New members are always welcome.



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 Rectors Warden Brian McDonald 48461157.

You are welcome to attend our monthly services.

Recreation Ground and Hall.

The trust is endeavouring to make further improvements to the hall and facilities. New tables were purchased, fans were installed in the kitchen and hall and new emergency lights have been installed. The trust has applied for grants for further work which will include a properly defined roadway from the entrance to the rear of the hall. Nothing further has been heard re these grants.

The Majors Creek Bushfire Brigade has paid for the material for a structure to cover the tables and seats in front of the barbecue area. Thanks to the Brigade. The trust has lodged a Development Application with Palerang Council and are waiting further instructions before the project can commence.

Many thanks to those who help with the mowing etc. This is greatly appreciated.

The Trust was nominated in the 2012 NSW Regional Achievement Awards.

Although not one of the finalists the Trust will receive a certificate of appreciation to recognise the achievement and dedication of volunteers.

Ben Doherty has greatly offered to clear the built up of pine needles on the new tennis court. Thank you Ben.

Community Fire Safe Day

This information session was run by the Rural Fire Service at the Rec ground and proved to be quite interesting. An information session was followed by a practical demonstration which we were all invited to participate. We put out small fires using water pistols, a wet mop, fire blankets and fire extinguishers.

RFS has plenty of literature available to anyone wanting to know more, or you can access their web site for fire safe tips and general information on burns offs etc.

One important thing that came out of the day was the requirements if you plan to burn off or pile burn.

It is a legislative requirement that you provide a minimum of 24 hours notice to your local fire authority and all adjoining neighbours all year round.

If you plan to burn during the Bush Fire Danger period - October to March – you MUST have fire permit.

Any fire you light is your responsibility and you MUST stay with that fire until it is safe. You could be liable for any damage caused to adjoining property.

It is predicted we are in for a bad fire season so we all need to take care.

To notify your local fire authority call 48 422 516 this is our local Fire Control office.

If you want to report a fire ring 000

Tree Planting around the Village

Over two Sunday mornings recently a willing band of volunteers have successfully planted 83 deciduous trees along the sides of the road from the bridge back towards the village to the gully where the native tree plantings start.

There is mixture of Red maple, Chinese Pistachio, Desert Ash, Ornamental pear, Walnuts, flowering Cherry, Elm, Liquid Amber and Poplars for the wetter areas.

In coming years we are looking forward to a beautiful display to welcome everyone into Majors Creek. It should look stunning in the autumn.

We need to thank Ken Harrison of Araluen who donated the mulch it was unexpected and much appreciated. Brian James and his "Little Red Tractor" who dug most of the holes for us, Cortona who lent the auger for the difficult areas the tractor could not reach and Clare at the Bunyip Jungle for sourcing great trees and giving us a very fair price. We had a very willing team and the whole project went very smoothly. From the construction team making tree guards, to those on their knees planting the trees, those that knocked in all those stakes (some 250 of them!) applied mulch, or carried all the gear to start the job. Thank you for a great job well done.

We enjoyed a sausage sizzle at the end of the project which made it all worthwhile. Thanks to Donna Blowes for organising the sausage sizzle.

It makes you proud to be Majors Creek resident when you see the community spirit in action.

Chris James



A band of workers planting the first round of deciduous trees

Photo by Gordon Waters



Second planting



Leaving the Village

Having sold the Old School which has been their home for the past 26 years Lado and Penny Ruzicka have now left the village to live in Chipping Sodbury UK. A gathering of friends farewelled them at an afternoon tea at the hotel on Sunday 15th July.

We wish Lado and Penny well for the future and thank them for their contribution to the village over the years.

Stop Press

Penny and Lado arrived safely (very tired) are presently staying with Penny's sister and brother in law at Westerleigh. They are presently having work done on their house in Chipping Sodbury and are hoping to move in at the end of September early October.



Soccer at the Creek

On Saturday 1st September Braidwood Soccer Club journeyed to Majors Creek for soccer on the recreation ground. Many thanks to those from the village who helped the Progress Ass with the sausage sizzle. This was greatly appreciated. *Thank you all.*

Garden of Remembrance

We regret the passing of Rena Smart at the age of 96 (daughter of Jack and Ina Cook) Pioneers of Majors Creek

*Rena visited Majors Creek regularly staying at her family home Iona
Our sympathy to her daughter and extended members of her family.*

The death occurred at Lennox Head of Helen Rogerson daughter of the late Ned and Rose Dunshea. Helen grew up at Majors Creek and can be remembered by those who knew her.

Our sympathy is extended to her family.

Snapshots of old Majors Creek

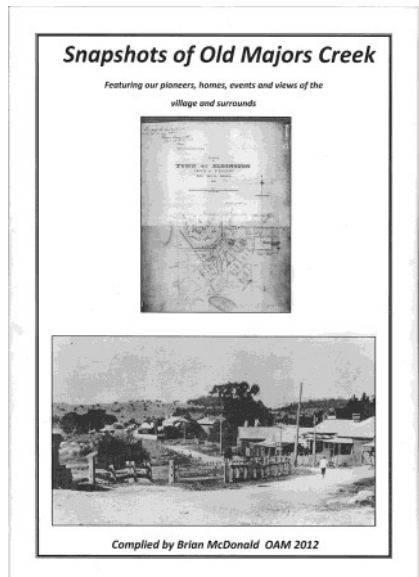
Snapshots of old Majors Creek featuring our pioneers, homes, events and views of the village and surrounds up until the 1940-1950's compiled by Brian McDonald .

A launch of the book will be held in the local hall at a date to be decided.

Books can be ordered by contacting

Brian McDonald 48461157

email: macdon7@bigpond.com.



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.

Many thanks to Lado Ruzicka for his contribution in supplying the weather chart for the newsletter over many issues. We wish Lado well for the future in his new home at Chipping Sodbury UK.

The weather can be seen on the Majors Creek Website www.majorscreek.org.au



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.**

Justices of the Peace in the Village

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Community Telephone Directory

Copies of the Community Telephone Directory are available by contacting
Brian McDonald 48461157
Any additions or alterations will be appreciated.

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Community Website www.majorscreek.org.au*