

# *Majors Creek Community Newsletter*

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*Welcome to the July 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.*

## CWA Garage Sale



On Saturday 28th May and 4th June the ladies of the Majors Creek held a monster garage sale in the local hall. This was made possible by the donation of a wide range of goods received from the local community. A brisk trade was done over the two days. Tea, Coffee and pikelets were also available for those wishing to stay for a cuppa and a chat.

The CWA ladies are most grateful for the support of the community for their donations, support and help.

The proceeds of this sale will help this small branch now in its 75th year with their commitments to Group and State levels and also make contributions to various worthy causes.





### **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.

### **Commissioning of Wardens and Parish Councillors**

During the 11-00am service in St Stephens Church on Sunday 3rd July five people were commissioned as Wardens and Parish Council for 2011 by the Revd Geoff Hoad. These included Brian McDonald (*Rectors Warden St Stephens*), Marjorie Lemin and Peter Malone (*Peoples Wardens St Stephens*), Randall Lemin (*Peoples Warden St Andrews*) and Kit Tischler (*Peoples Warden St Pauls Ballalaba*).

### **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.

#### **From the Past**

In 1976 a Gold and Waterfall Festival was held over two days to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Gold Discovery in the village. A large number of people attended including many old residents. Two bands supplied the music for continuous dancing on the Saturday night. For the occasion a Recipe Book was compiled with many residents at that time contributing recipes. As there is only a couple of these books still in the village, Brian and Deirdre McDonald have reset it into a book form with the vision of it being reprinted and available at the next New Years Day Picnic.

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

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

## Soccer

Majors Creek Recreation Ground was the scene of a round of Soccer by the Braidwood Soccer Club on Saturday 4th June. Children of all ages converged on the ground on a cold winters morning awaiting their turn to play. Majors Creek Progress Association looked after the sausage sizzle, tea and coffee etc. Many thanks to those who helped with the canteen. Another round will be play at Majors Creek in August.



## 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. The latest being Wiltons, Camages, Archer/Routley, Cook and Keyte families. If you have any old photos please contact Brian McDonald. 0248461157 or [macdon7@bigpond.com](mailto:macdon7@bigpond.com).

## 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. Brian McDonald has a copy and is only to pleased to loan it to anyone who is interested.

## **NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN**

Following a request a new broom has been purchased to sweep the new tennis court. Please insure that when you are finished sweeping hang the broom on the fence for the next person to use. During the recent wind a lot of pine has built up inside the fence which will need to be cleaned up. Your help in maintaining and keeping this court clean will be greatly appreciated.

## **ANNUAL NEW YEARS DAY PICNIC**

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



Enjoying a cuppa and a chat after making the trauma dolls. Congratulations Majors Creek Branch on being involved in this important project. .

## **Hotel**

In the coming months Graham and Donna Blowes' lease on the hotel will expire and they will be leaving the hotel to live privately

We thank Graham and Donna for their contribution to the community through functions, raffles etc at the hotel and look forward to their continued involvement in our village community.



*Congratulations and Best Wishes to Gordon and Sarah Waters on the arrival of their new son Matthew Gordon Waters. A brother for Elizabeth and Miranda.*

# *Garden of Remembrance*

## *Ray McCarron 1944-2011*

*The village was saddened to learn of the passing of Ray McCarron on 18th April at Burleigh Heads Queensland. Ray was the son of the late Col and Heather McCarron who were regular visitors to the village over many years. Since his parents passing he continued to support the Annual New Years Day Picnic and the Men's Race in memory of his late father.*

*Ray will be missed around Christmas New Year when he would make the pilgrimage to Majors Creek staying in the old Jury family home.*

*To his family we offer our sympathy.*



On Wednesday 6th July members of the Majors Creek CWA Branch gathered to make Trauma Dolls. Ladies from various branches make these dolls made from calico and are distributed to Hospitals for children who are sick, broken limbs etc. who can then draw faces, broken limbs etc on the dolls.

### **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 Community Website

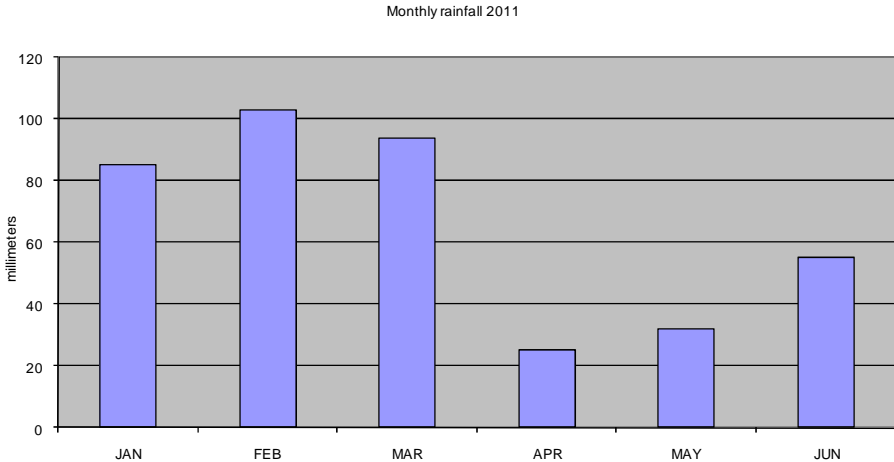
### Have you looked at the Majors Creek Website?

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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**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.**