

Majors Creek Community Newsletter

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Welcome to the June/July edition of the Majors Creek Community Newsletter. Many thanks to those who have continued 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 Community Newsletter is posted to over 50 people living away from the village many of whom we haven't heard from for some time. Maybe contact details or circumstances have changed. Please contact Brian McDonald 48461157 or email macdon7@bigpond.com if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter . Thank you.

Majors Creek Branch of the CWA



The Branch continues to hold their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Over the past twelve months they have welcomed new members. In May they held a very successful street stall in Braidwood and are very grateful for the support given to them. The branch continues to be involved in the Land Cookery, International Day, attend group meetings and other CWA projects through the year.

Anzac Day

The Annual Commemorative Service was held at the memorial in the grounds of St Stephens Church on Anzac Day . A good attendance at the service which was followed by a cuppa and biscuit. Rudolph Stachow gave an interesting address on Flight Lieut Ronald Rankin in WW2. Ron son of James and May Rankin was awarded the DFC and Bar in 1942 and Belgian Croix de Guerre in 1944. Claydon Williams and Adam Craig (descendants of Pte. T Cook) read “For the Fallen” and laid a wreath on behalf of the citizens of Majors Creek



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.

Progress Association

The AGM of the Majors Creek Progress Association Inc was held at the hotel in April. Office Bearers elected were President: Brian McDonald, Secretary: Rebecca Bigg, Treasurer: Donna Blowes and Auditor Judy Mackenzie. It was decided to hold a meeting in May to discuss various projects in and around the village. At the May meeting a committee was formed to look into further tree planting in the village and the replacement of some of the trees on the cemetery entrance. It was also decided that the Association contribute in some way towards the Majors Creek Website.

Recreation Ground and Hall.

During the year the trust has endeavoured to make further improvements to the hall. New tables have been purchased, fans have been 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.

The Majors Creek Bushfire Brigade has offered to pay for the material for a structure to cover the tables and seats in front of the barbecue area. The trust is presently looking into the necessary formalities to commence this project.

Bushfire Meeting

The Majors Creek Bushfire Brigade held its Annual General Meeting at the Hall on Sunday 27th May. The following is the office bearers elected.

President – Peter Malone
Secretary / Treasurer - Chris James
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Lou Ison
Captain – Greg Ison
Senior Deputy – Brian James
Deputy – Greg Beardmore
Training officer – Greg Beardmore
Equipment Officer – Greg Ison
Fire Risk Board Operator – Kerry Malone
Community Education / liaison – Damien Bigg

Anyone interested in joining the RFS should contact Greg Beardmore, or come down on a Sunday for the radio check to chat to a current member.

Braidwood Garden Club Majors Creek Ramble

The most beautiful autumn weather was enjoyed by a good group of enthusiastic members of the Braidwood Garden Club for a wander around Majors Creek on 10th May. The day was organized by Penny Hardy & seven gardens were visited on the day.

In the garden of Brian & Chris James we enjoyed an eclectic mix of knick knacks, statues & other objects in amongst a good range of different trees & shrubs many of which were in bright autumn colour. This is a large inviting garden with some of the highlights being several nice proteas along with a large Paulownia tree.

On to Maureen & Rudy Stachow's large garden with sweeping lawns down to the water feature which is guarded by three Chinese Warriors & a cat. The lawns are broken up by garden beds & an interesting range of trees & shrubs. The large garden on the slope in front of the house is also covered in a range of different plants showing a pleasing variety of form & colour. Rock walls & pathways are plentiful & add very much to the character of the garden. Rudy talked us through their construction which is obviously a passion. A young garden that promises much as it matures.

Irene & Jeff Wolford's garden is a nice mix of trees & shrubs protected from the wind by a large Photinia hedge. The water feature in the old gold mining race & stocked with whiting (intended for the plate) created a lot of interest. Highlights in the garden beds included flowering African daisies, beautiful small Kangaroo Paws, stunning Nerines & Japanese anemones.

On entering Judy & Billy Butcher's garden, it is apparent that a lot of love goes into this garden with a lovely camellia hedge in full bloom surrounding a very pleasant Japanese garden being one of the highlights. A lovely mix of trees in autumn colour dot the lawn leading down to the dam along with some iron objects for added interest.

Penny & Frank Hardy's place was an ideal spot for lunch in the very pleasant covered area on the southern side of the house which is filled with gigantic stag horns, glaxias, ferns etc. This mature garden is filled with interesting trees of all shapes, sizes & colours including Golden Elm, Manchurian Pear, Chinese Tallow tree & Nyssa sylvatica. A Japanese garden, rose beds & a large water feature were also highlights. The very solid long curved pergola at Randall & Marjorie Lemin's place made a few of us green with envy along with some very fine stone work & mosaics. Although this garden is relatively new, the layout is very pleasant & offers a lot of promise as the trees & shrubs grow. The mass plantings of Loropetalum & Hydrangea were stunning. The garden of Donna & Grahame Blowes is a very new garden & still in the development stages but it also shows a lot of promise as the plantings mature over time. The raised vegetable gardens, tree lined driveway & an interesting long linear garden bed across the lawn were highlights.

It was an excellent day out & many thanks were extended to the garden owners who generously opened their gardens on the day **Robyn Sim**

Leaving the Village

Lado and Penny Ruzicka have sold the Old School and will be leaving mid July for Chipping Sodbury in the UK. Lado and Penny since coming to Majors Creek have been actively involved in many organisations in the village, including their contribution towards this newsletter.

We thank Lado and Penny for their involvement during their time in our village and wish them well for the future.

Soccer at the Creek



On Saturday 3rd June Braidwood Soccer Club journeyed to Majors Creek for soccer on the recreation ground . The day turned out to be wet but the games continued with parents with umbrellas and oilskin coats, nevertheless all went well. Many thank to those from the village who helped the Progress Ass with the sausage sizzle. This was greatly appreciated. Thank you all. We look forward to another day of soccer later in the season.

OAM to Brian McDonald

On 3rd May Brian and Deirdre McDonald and daughter Jennifer Brockwell journeyed to Government House Canberra for the investiture ceremony by the Governor -General Quentin Bryce. It was a wonderful and memorial occasion which was followed by a reception in the grounds of Government House when the GG mingled with the guests.

On 11th May Brian and Deirdre attended a reception at Parliament House in Sydney hosted by the Order of Australia Association for recipients of the medal in January 2012. This again was a marvellous occasion attended by over 300 people.



*Pictured Brian with Governor -General
Ms Quentin Bryce*

Garden of Remembrance

Peter Keyte

*The death occurred in March at Dubbo of Peter Keyte
Peter was the son of late Ron and Marg Keyte and grandson of James
and May Keyte.*

Snapshot of old Majors Creek

Snapshot 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 is now at the printers and hopefully it will be available from end June. 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.

Inward Bound

The Australian National University's Interhall Sport Organisation event was held on the Recreation Ground on 30-31 March. The ground was a sea of runners and spectators. Beautiful autumn weather prevailed for the event and by all accounts the venue proved very successful. We are very pleased that Majors Creek was selected as a venue for this event.

Street Numbers

Some time back the village was allocated street numbers. Many of the residents have numbered their property with visible numbers on their house or fence, but there are some that haven't. The ambulance recently spent over 15mins looking for a street number that was given to them, apparently the house wasn't numbered.

Remember the main issue of having your house numbered is that emergency services can quickly respond to your call.



Congratulations to Richard and Elish Blakely Kidd.

Grandparents again.

Phillip and Julie Blakely Kidd are proud parents of a new son
Richee Scalyn.

STOP PRESS

During the past week it was reported damage to the Septic Tank on the Recreation Ground. This had to be repaired quickly with a considerable cost to the trust. It would be greatly appreciated if any member of the community notices anything of this nature happening Please contact a member of the Trust.

Majors Creek Community Website

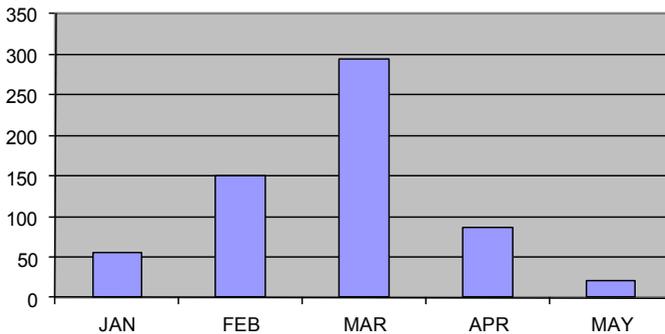
Have you looked at the Majors Creek Website?

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.

RAINFALL 2012 AT MAJORS CREEK



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.**

Justices of the Peace in the Village

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Community Telephone Directory

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

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