

8th September 2026. Today we went to the Farmer's Arms, Creswick. Another enchanting country town. Arriving a bit early, we walked across the road to "Tell Tales Collectables" to have a sticky beak. Fantastic collection of all things around Elvis, John Wayne, Betty Boop and more. I've never seen so much stuff, lovingly presented and in good condition. Records, ornaments, plates, chairs, etc. Impressive. All a bit outside my



price range unfortunately. But our trip was about the Farmers Arms. Nice food (not cheap) and an attractive building. Though indicated as entertains "...riders fresh from the trails..." I couldn't quite see that happening much these days. Pub has exceptional local wines & 12 beers on tap, a function room able to seat up to 120 and a good off licence

attached. I didn't see any "Magic Pudding" on the menu! Just as well with my waistline. Maybe better kept for deserts with the very artistic past locals - the Lindsay family! The name "Farmer's Arm's" is believed to be the original name – left unchanged for over 100 years – although there's some debate to the contrary. Creswick suffered Australia's worst gold mining disaster (1882) – 22 miners lost their lives. The miners accidentally dug through a wall into a flooded, disused mine. Rapid inundation of water followed leaving 27 miners trapped. 22 were unable to be saved. An avenue of 22 oak trees was planted to remember them. Being a mining area, not many trees were left standing - used for the mining process. Along came a guy who studied the area to determine the most suitable trees to plant to reforest the place – he started the first forest nursery (100,000 trees) - pine and eucalyptus. Also created the Victorian School of Forestry in Creswick.

