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EDITORIAL

andbag safety...A read for everyone.

OK ladies and some gentlemen, we all have a handbag/manbag of some description, the contents may vary but generally includes everything but the kitchen sink. Our lives are in our handbag. It is a thing of use, a thing we tend to take everywhere with us.

Now take a moment to add all the things that are in your handbag such as purse, glasses (reading and sunglasses), makeup, lipsticks, mobile phone, diary, car keys, house keys and any other bits and pieces including the odd piece of jewellery you take off and drop in the bottom of your bag. WOW ...it is very surprising what it all add ups to \$1000 plus, not to mention cards and cash that may also be in your purse. Now can you imagine standing in a car park and not having your handbag? Someone has just walked, run or ridden by and grabbed it right off your shoulder or out of your hands! What would you do with no money, no phone and no keys that feeling of total helplessness! There are good people who will come to your aid to ring the police or someone for you, but do you know who you would ring or even their number? Then realization hits the hassle of having to replace it all, cancel those cards, order new ones wait 5-7 days on bank cards etc. The person who has taken your handbag now has your driver's license with your address, and now maybe your house keys. It's time to change locks on your house and cars ASAP.

Do you have insurance that covers your handbag theft, plus the things inside? If your insurance does you are lucky. Most things they will replace provided you have proof of purchase, or proof of ownership. They may not cover cash, and may have limits to replace keys and locks for both house and car. If you do not have insurance then you will be up for the cost of replacing everything yourself, a very costly exercise.

Okay what can you do to avoid this happening to you? First check your insurance policy that you are covered, and the contents of your bag are covered. Minimise the amount of cash you carry. If you have a bag with a long strap take the extra minute to put it across your body, not easy for an opportune thief to grab in hurry. Keep your bag zipped up or closed. When walking to your car just be aware of who is around. Keep your bag on the shoulder that is closest to something like a wall or a car etc., not open to someone passing by. Take photos of the things in your bag and keep receipts to make it easier to replace those cards and for memberships - keep somewhere safe, but not in your handbag. Always back your phone up as we keep so many irreplaceable memories on our phones these days, and know the number of who you would ring in an emergency. I hope these few hints are helpful to you all and if it saves someone the hassle of

going through such a horrific event I will be happy. You see I am only speaking here by experience as this recently happened to me and in the process I was injured. Not being able to drive, work or even brush my daughters hair, this has impacted on not only my life but my family, my

partner and child, close family and friends who, without their help would have been a struggle.

You just never know when these sorts of things can happen. It is also wonderful to know that there are still some wonderful people out there that are willing to help. Thank you to those people.....

Kerry Holtham

The Editor

Editor note:

The Cherry Chatter committee would like to apologize for having to cancel this years Christmas Picnic. We were very concerned at the extreme temperatures forecast and decided it was in the best interest safety wise to cancel. This is the first time this event has been cancelled. We hope you can join us next year for the ANZAC Day service and breakfast.

RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for November 2015

Rainfall for November 2014	41.6
Average Rainfall for November	49.5
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Rainfall to end November 2015	713.0
Rainfall to end November 2014	755.6
Average for November	880.0

CHERRY CHATTER COMMITTEE NEXT CC MEETING

Don Watton No meeting in January. Next meeting is on Chair Deputy Chair February 9th, 8pm at the Hall. Peter Macks Articles to be received 5th of each month

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The council has started the job of cutting down the Pine Trees opposite the Hall. They have removed the ones that were in the worst condition and the balance will be gradually cut down and then new trees planted.

If residents are aware of any locals who are not receiving the **Cherry Chatter** each month then could they please contact one of the committee members or send an email to us so we can correct this situation.

The committee of the Cherry Chatter is in need of some new blood. Last year we were very happy to have a couple of new members however we still need at least 2 further new members to join and help the community by continuing to publish the newsletter each month and put on the 2 annual events being the ANZAC Day service and breakfast and the Christmas Picnic at the oval.

Soldiers Memorial Gardens

As many will have noticed the council has been working for some months now on the maintenance and upgrading of the Soldiers Memorial Gardens. They have done some serious trimming of the Golden Cypress trees and some of the other trees within the park. There are now new paths that allow much better access throughout the park.



Unfortunately during the work the council workers have cut down the "Lone Pine" tree that was planted in 2002 during the re-dedication of the Memorial Gardens following the upgrading that occurred then. This tree was grown from a seed from the Lone Pine tree at Gallipoli and was planted by representatives of the Jacobs family whose parents donated the land for the park at the end of WWI. This tree was planted near the road next to the steps that led to the Cross of Remembrance and had grown to a significant size in the last few years (see photo taken at 2015 ANZAC Day service). The Community Association has asked for an explanation from the council as to why the tree was cut down and why there was no consultation with the community beforehand. The council workers appear to have planted another small "Lone Pine" in an alternative location within the park however we believe this is not a suitable replacement and we do not understand why the original "Lone Pine" would have been cut down in the first place.

We will update the community with any new information as it comes to hand. Stay tuned!

HALL NEWS

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HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Hall will be held at the Hall on Monday 8th February 2016. Memberships can be renewed from 7:30pm, and the AGM will commence at 8:00pm.

An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to attend. At this meeting members will be voting on a new set of Rules of Association.

CHERRY GARDENS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Teams play on Thursday nights. For more information regarding table tennis contact:

Gwenda Frith – 8270 1116 or Edie Brooks – 0407 798 418

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

After an ominous start to the summer season, I hope all is well with horse owners and equines alike. Even during summer there can be sudden changes of weather. If over the Christmas break you have to leave home, ensure that whoever is caretaking your property is well versed in what fire precautions you have in place and also how to operate equipment if needed. Also what plans you have set aside re your animals and other precious items.

Over the last couple of months I have overheard conversations from other local horses and riders and the close calls they have had when riding on our local roads. Unfortunately a large proportion of the roads are signed as 80km., even though these roads are designated as part of the Tom Roberts riding trail. High speed traffic and horses do not make for a safe combination, and while most horse riders are careful to keep clear of traffic as much as possible, sometimes there is inadequate room for both. As recently as 50 - 60 years ago, families grew up with horses and they were often the means of transport. People were aware of the dangers when working around horse, both in the saddle and off it. It was just something that everyone 'knew' about. Nowadays, with



spreading suburbia and horse families moving further afield, this knowledge has decreased drastically. The part of the population which has little or no exposure to horses generally has no concept of the dangers involved when dealing with these large flighty animals. Quite often, they are considered to be a nuisance. Consider then, the riders who actually now have nowhere else to ride other than on the road verge. Behind the wheel, motorists feel relatively safe where horses are concerned, but in a worst case scenario, a spooking horse of say 500kg is capable of completely smashing a windscreen and severely injuring (or worse) driver and passengers. While riders themselves will take evasive action if needed, sometimes circumstances are beyond their control. Things that riders can do to make themselves and their steeds more visible to drivers are

to always wear Hi Viz clothing. Horses can also wear Hi Viz boots, blankets and saddle cloths. Reflective lights can also be worn. In the UK, surveys conducted showed that where reflective lights were worn, there were a lower number of incidents between riders and motor vehicles. Multi coloured horses and Hi Viz clothing also helped, but neither were as effective as the reflective lights. Of course, other things like Australian Standards approved safety helmets are a must, plus appropriate footwear will help to keep the rider safe (r) in case of an accident. As a rule riders are expected to ride on the same side of the road as the traffic and where there is traffic, keep to single file and at a walk. When a motorist is courteous and slows down to pass, it is polite to acknowledge this courtesy with a wave and a thank you. Not only is this just a common courtesy, it will encourage that motorist to consolidate his behaviour! When crossing the road, all horses should cross together, not leave one behind in case of panic. Plenty of food for thought here. Whether you are horsey or non-horsey, it is beneficial to both parties to consider one another!

I trust that both plates and feed bins have had plenty of Christmas goodies. Safe riding and happy munching. Hamish

CFS NEWS

week old, we have already seen some significant fire

activity. The Kyeema fire near Willunga which began on Tuesday 17th November 2015, burnt an estimated 60 hectares of scrub and grass land, putting homes and lives at risk. Cherry Gardens CFS actively participated in extinguishing the fire, with the air strip crews loading and supporting the aerial bombers and fire fighting crews contributing to the effort on the ground. Both received praise from local brigades and groups for their efforts.

Only a couple of weeks ago we also saw the devastation caused to Mallala and surrounding areas with the Pinery Fire burning nearly 85,000 hectares, taking 2 lives, destroying numerous homes, property and businesses. Again Cherry Gardens CFS with the Sturt Group sent multiple strike teams to assist the local communities in extinguishing the fires and gave local crews a well earned rest. This fire highlighted just how quick a bushfire can devastate the land and communities, with most of the area burnt in the first few hours.

These serious fire events serve to highlight the importance of being Bushfire Ready, having a plan and sticking to it. It is your responsibility to ensure that your property is properly prepared for a bushfire, and you have a plan that your entire family is aware of. There were a number of people who were caught out driving on open roads with the fire front upon them, putting their lives and those of emergency services workers at risk.

The Sturt BWC II CAFS Tanker has finally arrived at Cherry Gardens Station just in time for the fire season. It provides a significant resource to Cherry Gardens and the Sturt Group, giving us the capability to more effectively tackle large structural and agricultural fires.

Finally on behalf of the members of Cherry Gardens CFS, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a SAFE and Happy New Year!

CHURCH NEWS

Well it's the Christmas season with the usual excessive commercialization of Christmas. As an individual who had not been brought up in a Christian environment you would have to seek diligently to find out what all the fuss is about. It's all about purchasing gifts and we are hammered daily what great bargains there are for gifts. For many organizations this is the



time they make big profits that they are not able to generate for the rest of the financial year. It is also the same for charities because at this time people donate as they feel some compassion toward others who do not have the funds to celebrate. That's more the spirit of Christmas and it's what Christians believe, but that is all year for them. Community Carols is how our church seeks to celebrate Christmas with our community.

Community Carols is how our church seeks to celebrate Christmas with our community. Our aim is provide an enjoyable, healthy family environment for building community by providing opportunity for participation, net working and show casing local talent. It is one of the few country style Carols left close to the city and is not dependent on mega stars! We are delighted that we have a new local group called the 'Sherrahs', who are Country and Gospel singers, and they have kindly offered to sing for us.

Our other Celebration is our Christmas Family service that is held at the Church Hicks Hill road at 9.30am on Christmas Day and everyone is welcome. The service is a short one because people have to get back to their personal celebrations and children are excited and need to be where they can play with their presents.

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WELCOME

The Cherry Chatter committee would like to welcome the Villios and Day families who have recently moved into the Cherry Gardens area.

We hope you love living here as much as we do.

GARDEN CLUB

Cherry Gardens Garden Club meeting 10th November, 2015

Karen Montgomery gave us a most interesting and valuable talk on building a Wicking garden bed. The one she showed us was a raised box. Karen explained the most suitable measurements materials, soils, fertilising as well as some of the pitfalls. These included the bed being too big or using chemical fertilisers which can build up in the form of salts which, to be remedied, require total emptying of the bed and starting all over again. Her talk was accepted with great enthusiasm by most members who obviously had been rearing to go but weren't quite confident of the best options. Many, many questions were asked. We now look forward to feedback from our members who have built or are building their Wicking Beds.

eetings are held at the Uniting Church meeting room, 87 Hicks Hill Road Cherry Gardens at 7.30pm usually on the 2nd Monday of the month. Other excursions and garden visits occur on an ad-hoc basis.

Supper is provided and we have lucky door prizes. Visitors are most welcome

Contacts are:- Ray 8383-6011 or Shirley 0403 801 916

The auction hilarity and takings rose to new heights as some rarer plants were up for grabs!

A sumptuous supper followed. Christmas lunch 13th December.

IRONBANK CHERRY GARDENS TENNIS CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday January the 16th at 7:30pm - Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground Everyone's welcome, get together with family, friends or team mates and organise a table (up to 10 people). These nights have always been good fun, so come along and support the club.

As the club is licensed and bar facilities are available no drinks will be permitted to be brought into the club. Cost is \$10 adult, \$5 Children (Under 18yrs)

For more info contact Graham Bate (8270 3041), Phil Battersby (0417 215 647) or club via e-mail IBCG@bigpond.com

'Double Trouble'

Mixed Doubles Tournament - Sunday February the 14th

Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Grounds.

This is open to all members of the community and will be a fun day so your level of tennis ability doesn't really matter. Entry into the main draw will also gain you entry in to a secondary mystery draw where teams/partners will be pulled out of a hat. Cost of entry is \$20 per player which includes entry into both draws and a BBQ lunch. Drinks will also be available for purchase from the bar. Further details will be published closer to the date.

If you want any general information about the club you can E-mail the club at IBCG@bigpond.com or call our President - Graham Bate 08 8270 3041 or Secretary – Phil Battersby 0417 215 647

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK

Vale Tom Hands

Scott Creek Reserve was proclaimed a Conservation Park in 1985, with the Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park (FoSCCP) formed five years later. At that time, Tom Hands accepted the responsibility of leading this new group of keen but inexperienced volunteers in the restoration of the park under the guidance of Patron Enid Robertson. Tom held the position of President of this group for the next 25 years, when ill-health eventually forced him to stand down at their Annual General Meeting in November 2015.

From a basic knowledge of his local environment, Tom spent hours in the park, learning about all aspects of its flora, fauna and habitats, so much so that he became acknowledged as the local expert in these matters. He has been much sought after over the years because of this knowledge, which he very generously shared along with the passion with which he acquired it.

Under Tom's leadership, the FoSCCP went about re-

storing the park and, in the process, became leaders in this field. As they continued to learn new skills and techniques, they became innovators in bush regeneration themselves. Tom was instrumental in helping develop the best practice Erica control technique, manually breaking them off below the lignotuber, which is now used by many bush regeneration contractors. Experience showed the group what worked and what did not. In particular, the data collection, mapping and their record keeping ensured regular follow up of weed control was always undertaken, while new and emerging weed issues were located and dealt with before they became established.

In addition to regular scheduled working bees, Tom would spend many hours roaming the park, sometimes alone and at other times with another volunteer. He would continue to treat weeds, while also looking for rare and threatened species that needed their location recorded and protected. The FoSCCP are responsible for adding numerous records to the park's dataset, with almost 1000 individual native plant species having been located and recorded within the park.

Tom's interest was in all things natural and he also became adept in the identification of wildlife, from the very smallest invertebrates to reptiles, mammals and birds. He loved bird watching and became particularly skilled at their identification, becoming a qualified A Class bander to support the coordinator of bird banding within the park. Over the years, Tom became accomplished at project development and management, using it to seek additional funding to support contractor work in the park for specific tasks that are better suited to professional bush regeneration contractors than volunteers. This enabled a much greater scope of work to be undertaken than would have been possible with volunteers and park staff alone.

In addition to his commitment and dedication to the protection and restoration of Scott Creek CP, Tom was an active volunteer and advocate on broader environmental and nature conservation issues. In his own time, Tom prepared many submissions to government planning processes and programs and was always a source of good advice, routinely giving his time to assist and support park rangers, regional ecologists, private landholders, and others. He gave guided walks and made many presentations to other friends and community groups on habitat restoration, weed management and native species conservation. Tom helped initiate an annual tree-planting program with students from the Scott Creek Primary School which continues to the present day.

Tom gained respect from everyone he met. He was a leader and mentor to the FoSCCP for 25 years, but also to Department of Environment staff and the general community who had the pleasure of meeting him. Tom inspired his group and other members of the community to get involved in conservation efforts in Scott Creek CP and his knowledge and approachability have meant that many a Department of Environment executive knew and respected him. He extended the same hospitality to take visitors through the park on tours of rehabilitated areas and had a penchant for raising concerns with respect and courtesy. Tom's influence was felt across the much broader environment and conservation community and we are all indebted to him for his passion and contribution to protecting our South Australian environment.



During the last couple of years, Tom has pushed through the pain of medical treatment undeterred, until this finally overcame him and he passed away on 27th November 2015, just two weeks after handing over the reigns as president of the FoSCCP at their AGM; he will be sadly missed.

Peter Watton

President, Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park celebrates 25 year anniversary and bid a sad farewell to their inaugural President.

The Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park has reached a 25 year milestone in caring for this important 800 ha park near Mt Bold Reservoir. Under the outstanding leadership of its foundation President Tom Hands and mentored by Patron Enid Robertson, the group has developed an increasingly skilled strategic approach culminating in its current ten-year creek-regeneration Almanda Project. Its expertise and achievements have been well recognised with a number of awards for the group and its leadership team.

The AGM celebration was attended by a contingent of past and present staff from the South Australian Department of Environment. The District Manager for the Adelaide and Central Hills Region, Pers Brissenden, commended the group which also received a congratulatory letter from the Minister for the Environment.

In Tom's President's Report, he recalled the group's early years and thanked everyone for their contributions, especially his partner Sue Braddock-Smith and long-serving leadership colleagues Vice-President John Butler and Secretary Don Reid. Service medals were presented to many members and the Friends paid a special tribute to Tom with the presentation of a small sculpture and a specially written poem. Peter Watton was elected the group's second President.

Sadly, just two weeks later, Tom lost his two year battle with illness. His generous nature and good humour will be much missed among a wide network of family and friends and from an extensive network of people who valued his knowledge of the environment and of his beloved park.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Cherry Gardens Community, It has been a dark winter, in fact a big "brr-rrrr" (guess that's self-preservation) but I have come out the other side as the sun shines again. I can't believe how blue the sky is, and all the other colours so vibrant. My husband Brian, was my tower of strength – how many daily trips did we do to FPH.. at least 50!!! My daughters and partners were also wonderful.

It has been a journey. A pretty rough one at times but the people you meet along the way have been amazing.

We are so lucky here in Australia to have such great health care.

As for you all... I wish to thank you all for your thoughts, and for just being there for me. Thank you for all your support, prayers, cards, flowers and meals. In future if I need to help someone, the meals, and "just being there" are so important. Look after yourselves and each other.

Best wishes for Xmas...Gill Sims PS. "If someone is sick and in need...... reach out to them"

Dear Committee

We just wanted to say thanks for the Newsletter we received earlier this month.

We have just moved from Brisbane into our new home on Cherry Gardens Rd and were very surprised and pleased to receive the local newsletter Cherry Chatter. It made us feel like we had moved into a real community. We are very much looking forward to meeting people in the community at the Christmas BBQ in December and becoming active participants once we have settled in.

Looking forward to meeting you soon. Kind regards Judy and Tom

MEADOWS VET NEWS

Summer Worries

With hot weather there are a multitude of problems for our pets and farm animals most of which need early intervention to prevent the development of more serious conditions. These problems include:

- Heat Stress. Dogs and cats pant to lower their body temperature they
 do not sweat like humans. If your pet is overheated you may notice: excessive panting, salivating, vomiting, diarrhoea, increased heart rate, seizures or
 strange behaviour, overly red or purple gums, coma or even death within
 a few hours
- Snake bites. We have seen by far the most cases than ever before! The good news is that so far all pets have recovered well due to their owners quick actions to bring them in. Symptoms include hind leg paralysis, dilated pupils, sudden weakness followed by collapse, shaking or twitching of the muscles, vomiting. Please note that not all animals show the same symptoms and some may not show symptoms initially. If in doubt phone us for advice
- Swellings caused by insect bites and stings.
- Excessive scratching which can be caused by a number of things including allergic reactions
- · Grass seeds in eyes, ears, paws, noses and skin

Reminders

- Keep on top of flea treatments so that fleas do not get the chance to become a major problem.
- Ensure all animals have access to plenty of fresh drinking water—always check that the float valves in automatic troughs are in working order
- Make sure you have a Bushfire Plan that includes your pets and animals
- There has been an outbreak of Parvo Virus in the northern suburbs and to the north of Adelaide again so please check your dog's vaccinations are up to date.
- Adelaide is also suffering from swarms of mosquitoes thanks to the winter rains. As mosquitoes are the carriers of Heartworm now is a good time to ensure your pets are protected against this disease. Remember that pets over the age of 6mths need to be tested before any Heartworm Prevention is started.
- Horse owners be aware if you suspect your horse has conjunctivitis, we cannot sell antibiotics over the counter. There are a number of conditions that falsely appear to be conjunctivitis. Using the wrong medication in an eye can lead to very serious conditions such as Melting Corneas and possibly the loss of an eye. Eyes are very important and need to be seen to be treated correctly for the best outcome.
- We highly recommend doing an IgG test on new born foals once they are 24 hours old as it is not possible to tell by observation whether they have received adequate levels of immunity from the mare! One quick easy & inexpensive test can prevent serious illness!
- Diarrhoea in foals is common but can have very serious consequences

- especially in hot weather. Please do not adopt a wait see approach phone for advice!
- Wednesdays are worm count days at the centre. Horse owners can save money & prevent resistance problems by getting worm counts done to target worm problems. All horse owners who get a fecal egg count done for a small fee of \$30 will also receive a 10% discount of their next worming paste. Ask us for more information.
- Tinsel, ribbons and glass ornaments are often eaten by pets, causing intestinal damage or obstruction please keep Christmas wrappings and decorations out of reach
- Many Christmas treats for humans are poisonous to our pets.
 These include chocolate and macadamia nuts!

Finally we would like to wish all of our clients and their pets and animals a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. As usual we will be providing an emergency service over the Christmas/ New Year holidays. We will not be opening for a routine clinic on Boxing Day but will be available for emergencies. If you have an emergency just phone the Centre's number 83883455 and you will be diverted to the veterinarian on duty. Remember to keep up to date with the latest news you can follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/MeadowsVetCentre.

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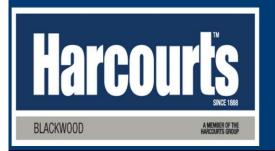
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