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EDITORIAL

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING HOLLOW

As this is the time of year when many bird species are feeling romantically inclined it is interesting to consider just how many require nesting hollows. Not to forget the mammals, reptiles and frog species that rely on hollows in many different ways too. Australia-wide some 300 species either shelter, nest or both in hollows. There are also a vast number of invertebrates that utilise them in many ways.

Around 25% of our local birds require hollows for nest sites. Possums, marsupial mice and bats also compete for these desirable home sites. When you consider that it can take up to 150-250 years for some of our eucalypts to form suitable habitat hollows, adequate high rise accommodation will always be at a premium. Add to the equation the previous clearance of all but 10% pre-European vegetation cover in the Mt Lofty Ranges, the value of remnant hollows is abundantly clear

There are always the inevitable sources of pressure on the native inhabitants from the feral sector. Starlings, sparrows and European bees plus some of the more recent native residents such as rainbow lorikeets, wood-ducks and sulphur-crested cockatoos are all competing for a piece of hollow pie. Nest boxes can help but the important proviso is you must be prepared to remove unwanted guests.

Striated pardalotes, those tireless little leaf-gleaners, are an easy bird to encourage into a nest box. They only need a small hollow with a 25mm en-

trance hole, placed 2M or over, in a tree that provides shelter from the hot afternoon sun. I have about a dozen on and around my home which are all occupied at present. Water birds like teal and duck will also utilise nest boxes.

Causes of local declines in urban areas (an Australia wide phenomenon) are an increase in exotic weeds and garden plants that do not provide shelter or protection for the smaller species. Trees and large shrubs favour a few dominant bird species like the Red Wattlebird, Noisy Miner, Rainbow Lorikeet and New Holland Honeyeater. Currawongs too are becoming much more prevalent in the suburban arena and they will predate upon the eggs and nestlings of many birds, the Blue Wren being a particular favourite. You can help discourage, or at least reduce the impact of, these "increaser" species by planting more low and denser growing shrubs (preferably native such as grevilleas) and by leaving some of the "untidy" bushes and shrubs as they will help you retain the smaller and somewhat defenceless birds in your garden.

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RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for August 2014

Average to end of August

Rainfall for August 2013	161.2
Average for August	117.7
Total to end of August 2014 Total to end of August 2013	660.8 717.4

CHERRY CHATTER COMMITTEE NEXT CC MEETING

Chair Don Watton Wed 8th of October at 8pm at the Macks'
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NOTE – The Cherry Chatter Committee will not approve any controversial article for publishing unless the name and address of the author is supplied.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letter this month

COMMUNITY NEWS

Remember to check out what's on at the Coromandel Community Centre by visiting their website:

www.communitywebs.org/CoromandelCommunityCentre/

For information on Coromandel Valley history, events and more, go to;

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OVER THE STABLE DOOR - with HAMISH

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Having got our paddocks up to date, rugs in order and gear intact, as usual there is always something more to consider - our horses' health. I have been requested to discuss both colic and founder (laminitis). Both of these ailments are potentially fatal and never to be taken lightly. Basically colic is another term for a stomach ache. Unlike humans, horses cannot vomit as such, so whatever is going on inside has to sort itself out on the way out, so to speak. Sometimes it does and sometimes it doesn't. Colic can be brought on by many different factors, the most common ones tend to be feed related, but other causes can be stress, sudden changes in diet, hard work on a full stomach, particularly if it is after a hard feed (i.e. oats or other grains or concentrates), being given very cold

water after a hard workout (i.e. If the horse is hot and sweating), poor horse management (incorrect training), separation anxiety, worms, mouldy feed, and feed poorly chewed. A diligent horse owner will be familiar with how her horse looks when he is normal. This way, any changes in behaviour will be noticed early on. Some of the signs that your horse may have colic may be in this order, starting from mild symptoms - looking uneasy and restless, getting up and down at intervals, looking at his sides, kicking at his stomach, lying out flat, groaning or trying to roll incessantly and sweating. He will probably have an increased pulse rate and respiration and he may not want to eat or drink or he may eat between pain spasms. At rest his normal respiration will be between 10-12 bpm. You can easily see this by watching his sides - it can be up around 60bpm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

Hannah Pillar, Alicia Anson Rick Grear, Evonne Stevens Heidi Vickerman, Joanne Monahan Kaitlyn Monahan, Bev Chapman Rhys O'Callaghan

Cherry Chatter 10 years ago:

In 2004 the editorial was a tribute to leaders in our community and in particular those determined people who were leading the sports clubs. Often strong and determined leadership with a clear vision attract others to their cause and in 2004 it was clear that under Jenny Edwards leadership the Netball club was in a strong growth phase. (I can see this now occurring with the Football club.) 2004 was the first year the Cherry Chatter held the Christmas show at the Rec Ground and in October we were drumming up interest. Bev Langley reported on the 4 day trial they fought to appeal the council decision not to approve their Animal rescue centre. They were still waiting for the court decision at the time of printing! (fortunately we know they won the court case and Minton Farm is now a part of the fabric of Cherry Gardens)

What to do? Ring the vet IMMEDI-ATELY, giving a precise description of symptoms and how long for. Stay with your horse, keep him warm, walk him lightly with rests and try not to let him roll.

With laminitis, as Spring kicks in and even in late winter, the sugars start to come through in the pasture, owners need to be vigilant regarding how long the horses are out in the paddock. Horses have actually evolved to survive on relatively poor pasture, so up here in the hills it's a bit like us having chocolate for breakfast, lunch and dinner. And it's no good for us! Horses too have a sweet tooth and given a choice will go for the sweeter feed. And just like us, it's no good for them either. Laminitis is basically an inflammation of the laminae of the feet and is incredibly painful. If the condition is

OVER THE STABLE DOOR - continued

not recognised early on, the separation becomes worse, until the pedal (coffin) bone eventually loosens and rotates downwards. This is not reversible. If untreated the animal will have to be put down. As with colic, laminitis is commonly feed related, but can also be caused by a variety of other things. To start with, too much rich green feed, too much concentrates (combined with not enough work), riding an unfit horse fast on a hard surface (road founder), retained afterbirth (foal founder), stress following an illness, travelling long distances without a break (travel founder).

How to recognise if your horse has laminitis? He may just be a little lame as you bring him out of the paddock. You may see him standing in the paddock with his front feet slightly forward, taking the weight on his heels and not the toes. His hind legs will then look a little underneath him. He may be very reluctant to move, his ears will probably by back (because of the pain), and as you pick up his feet, which he may also be reluctant to do, as he needs to put weight on the other three, his feet can feel very warm. In the pastern area towards the back of the fetlock, you may also be able to find a digital pulse. In normal conditions, this pulse is quite light and not always easy to find, but with laminitis, it will be much more pronounced. Other more obvious warning signs may be that he has become a bit 'cresty', overweight and not being worked very often. It can occur at almost any age and affect any breed, but ponies tend to be more susceptible. It also generally affects the front feet, but not necessarily.

What to do? Ring the vet IMMEDI-ATELY, and remove the horse from the pasture if that is the cause. The usual treatment involves anti inflammatories and a VERY plain diet of meadow hay (no clover) and generally a total restriction of grazing. If you have the time and patience, making a flat sole of polystyrene and taping it with duct tape to the hoof and changing daily will markedly reduce the pain. Old polystyrene boxes from the grocer are perfect for this, cut into hoof shapes and taped on. This may go on for 6 months or more, but it does work and is well worth the effort. Yours truly can speak from experience! As the lameness lessens, the horse can then be introduced to very light exercise, which may involve just a short walk out of the yard and back in again - the horse will tell you. The walks can be increased as he improves. Remember that if the grazing has to be restricted and the horse is in a small area, feed little and often. It will be better for his gut and it will keep him cheery, as he will be looking for some company.

Lastly, once a horse has had laminitis, he may be more prone to contract it again. So keep up the exercise (even lungeing) and keep an eye on that winter/spring pasture.

Happy dieting! Hamish



CFS NEWS



We are inviting you to an afternoon tea, on Sunday 12th October at the Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade fire station, where we will be celebrating our 80th anniversary, from 2-5pm.

We would love to see as many locals as possible join us in a BIG celebrations on the day, so please come along with your family and help us commemorate this significant milestone.

Cherry Gardens CFS was one of the earliest volunteer fire-figting services formed in South Australia and has a long and proud tradition of serving its local community, so we'd love you to make this a great community event.

The day will have a short formal ceremony, which will include the SA CFS Chief Officer, Mr Greg Nettleton and the Regional Commnader, Mr Chris Martin as well as the Onkaparinga Mayor, but the main focus will be a shared afternoon tea for all.

To assit us with catering would you please RSVP to either myself; 0410470309, via phone or text or via email to; cherrygdnscfs@internode.on.net.

It will be a great opportunity to look over the fire station, the fire trucks and through the range of old equipment and photos from earlier times. Cherry Gardens CFS plays a crucial role, not only as a fire brigade for the local community, but also as a Sturt

local community, but also as a Sturt CFS Communications Centre and also plays an important role in supporting the CFS Water Bombers.

So come along on Sunday 12 Octotber and join in the celebrations.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Paul Heck Captain, Cherry Gardens CFS

CHURCH NEWS

THE SEVEN DEADLIES. All societies have their taboos...the things that are frowned upon or forbidden by that society. If you Google the SEVEN DEADLY SINS they are listed as:



PRIDE, SLOTH, ENVY, GLUTTONY, GREED, WRATH and

These behaviours centre on what an individual does to satisfy self. They are what they want selfishly for themselves and often at the expense of others. Only one of these corresponds exactly with the ten commandments. There is no mention in the seven deadlies of murder, adultery, robbery, lying, keeping the Sabbath, or duties towards parents or God. Then there are a host of modern sins like littering, drink-driving, racism, animal cruelty, child abuse, homophobia, sexism and misogyny. Already we have identified more than twenty undesirable behaviours and there are plenty more we could add.

Countering all these undesirables there are 9 virtues listed in the New Testament (Galatians chapter 5). They are KINDNESS, PEACE, GOODNESS, PATIENCE, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, LOVE, SELF-CONTROL and JOY. Against these there is no law, writes the apostle Paul.

If you compare these to the seven deadlies you will see that they are about how we relate to others: a sharp contrast to the self-centred deadly sins.

Congratulations to the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church on their successful application for the 2013-14 Minor Capital Works and Facilities Grant



The Cherry Gardens Uniting Church received a 2013-2014 Minor Capital Works Grant. Our sincere thanks to the Onkaparinga Council

LOCAL NEWS

Spotlight on Cherry Gardens; the land and community and its history.

Friday 31st October at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall, 7.30 – 10pm, Admission by donation. Supper provided.

A joint effort by the Cherry Gardens Community Association, Memorial Hall Committee, and the Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust Branch has planned a community meeting to start a process of telling and gathering stories about the early days of Cherry Gardens and how the community developed over time. The stories told will be recorded and transcribed into a local records pool to be held by the National Trust and made accessible to the people of the area. Photographs are a part of the story telling and "older folk" are a key source of first hand knowledge of what has happened in the past.

There will be local speakers and the presentation of material that has been provided over time, and promise to inform and entertain. Connections with other areas nearby were vital to the survival of the whole area.

It is proposed that the Cherry Gardens story be consolidated for newcomers and current residents to grow to understand the importance of their heritage and the way that Cherry Gardens became the special place that it is today.

An invitation is extended to all people from Cherry Gardens and surrounding districts to join in this occasion. Contributions from the floor will be welcome.

For further information contact Trevor Conlon on 8270-5686

WELCOME PACKS

If someone new has moved in near you, call a committee member to deliver a Welcome Pack. All new residents also receive a gift, courtesy of the Cherry Chatter Committee. Welcome Pack information is also available on our website at; http://cherrychatter.org.au



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Hi all

Just giving you advance notice about our upcoming Garage Sale to be held on Saturday 11th October from 9am to 4pm. I hope you are able to come along and enjoy the day with us, grab a bargain and support the Native Animal Rescue Centre at the same time. We are happy to take goods from you on the day or beforehand if you would like to donate anything to help us. (No TV's please).

I look forward to catching up with you.

Thank you, Bev Langley

LOCAL SPORT & RECREATION GROUND NEWS

ronbank Cherry Gardens Football Club.

2014 was a very successful year for the club and the groundwork for future success has been laid.

At the halfway mark of the season, our club was the only one in the league to have all teams in the top 5. The back half of the season was not the strongest for our seniors. We finished 6th

in the A grade, 7th in the B Grade but our super C's took out the premier-ship. All our junior teams made it into the finals with the Under 15's going into a second week.

We congratulate Cam Clohesy (Under 15 captain) for not only winning the club Best and Fairest but he also won the Association Mail Medal as the league's best Under 15.

Congratulations to Darcy Campbell for his Under 13 award and James Cross for winning the Under 17 Best & Fairest. The Under 17 count was close with Jimmy Heithersay, Jack Sandercock and local lad Tommy Watton high up in the polling.

With our success this year the future looks cherry ripe.



Don't forget you are more than welcome to call into the clubrooms on Thursday or Saturday nights. We have \$12 meals on Thursdays and most Saturdays and the bar is always open.

For information and results for our local sporting teams please follow the links below:

TENNIS CLUB & FOOTBALL CLUB - http://ironbankfootball.com.au

NETBALL CLUB - Ironbank Cherry Gardens Netball Club is always looking for new players, coaches and umpires.

If you are turning 7 years old in 2014 or older you are eligible to play for season 2014. http://www.ironbank.netball.asn.au/default.asp

MEADOWS VET NEWS

We are very excited to announce that we will have not one but two new vets working in our practice!

Dr Jason Andrews BSc (Hons) BVSc (Hons).

Dr Jason is a very experienced vet having worked in equine and mixed practices for over 14 years. He has recently decided to sell his own practices and make the move to SA as he is involved in riding and training event horses and SA is home to a lot of very successful event riders!



Dr Elle Moyle BVBio BVSc

Dr Elle grew up on a cattle farm and has had extensive experience working with all animals including cattle, horses and sheep. In Victoria and SA, her family run breeding herds and sell bulls at annual auctions. She likes spending holidays working on her family's cattle station in the NT as well as playing polocrosse.



We are sure our clients are going to really enjoy having both Dr Jason and Dr Elle as part of our team!

Monthly Reminders

- Hoof abscesses in both cattle & horses are becoming prevalent due to the recent wet conditions. Most medications required to treat these abscesses are \$4 drugs & cannot be purchased without a veterinary consultation.
- All rat & snail baits are poisonous to pets! Many brands work in different ways—if you think your pet may have eaten some please DO NOT WAIT for symptoms to appear as by then it may be too late to save your pet.
- Pregnant mares should be given a tetanus and strangles booster 4 weeks prior to foaling to ensure the foal has some immunity until old enough to be vaccinated.
- If you have a mare foaling and there is no progress after the water bag has broken for 20mins, phone us as this is an emergency. Also If a mare's afterbirth has not been expelled after 4 hours this too is an emergency & requires veterinary intervention.
- With some sun starting to appear & pasture starting to grow please be vigilant for signs of laminitis in your ponies & horses!

GARDEN CLUB

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

Next meeting is Monday 13 October when June Taylor- well known media presenter from TLC herbs in Aldinga will talk on growing herbs in the home garden.

Our Rose Challenge is on this night.

PLANTING SUGGESTIONS for October

Its time for planting Tomatoes - why not try 'Tommy Toe' a mid size tomato with top flavour or 'Mighty Red' a proven performer - stagger plantings to give you a continuous harvest through to June.

Purple climbing beans are a great colour variation in salads (pick when small) or grow them on for cooking. Yellow button squash grow well at this time and don't forget to plant a patch of sweetcorn!

In the flower garden petunias always give a great show, portulacas are great for a sunny position and cosmos can be used further back in the border to give some height.

SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK

News from Scott Creek Conservation Park

The Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park have recently launched The Almanda Plan, a crowd funding initiative which is open for perusal on the web site (www.friendsofscottcreek. org) This plan identifies eight creek systems in the park which have yet to be, or are partially, restored and the funding needs over a ten year period. Whilst we would like \$200,000 over ten years, reality will no doubt see us settle for less however, we will continue our invaluable work whatever the outcome. I think we are just ahead of the game too as other groups are now being encouraged to take part in workshops on crowd funding. Thanks to everyone who has contributed and sent on the emails it is certainly working. At the time of writing we have had nearly \$7000 donated.

Tube stock remaining from our first planting day, was planted out along Scott Creek on our last Sunday working bee and given the rainfall over the past few weeks they should be leaping out of the guards by the end of summer. This is the second year of planting here and there is still plenty of room for expansion. Thanks go to everyone involved.

Both Scott Creek and Aldgate Primary School children will be planting 200 more "Black Cocky" favorite food bushes, Hakea carinata, in the near future.

The park is starting to take on the spring look with many acacia species flowering profusely along with some of the early "pea" bushes and Hardenbergia with their pink and violet flowers. Many greenhood orchid species are flowering too but are easily overlooked being mostly shades of green. Any time is a good time for exploring the many track sides for the smaller and subtle native flowers especially Currawong Ridge Track. Just please remember to look before stepping off track.

For more information about the Park including a downloadable walking trail map, go to www.friendsofscottcreek. org

October Programme

Oct	4/5	Bird banding
		Gate 15 (old G 19), 7.00 am.
	7	Tuesday Working Bee
		Upper Fern Gully, bone-seed, Areas 10 & 11
	12	Sunday Working Bee
		Kangaroo Gully, bone-seed, Area 7, Enter Gate 1
Thur	16	Social Committee
		Essence, Stirling - I 2pm
Sun	19	Nest Box building Workshop
		Tom & Sue's, 68 Mahar Rd, Cherry Gardens, 12pm.
		Bring drills & bits, jig saws if you have them
	25	Saturday Working Bee
		Gate 12, broom, bone-seed, Areas 19 & 20

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Cherry Chatter 20 years ago:

Is was an early start to summer in 1994 with some very hot days in September. There was a local youth group starting up supported by the Happy Valley Council. Their first outing was a games night at the Hall. Some upcoming events were being promoted including the CFS ladies auxiliary Melbourne Cup luncheon (always a great day), the Bushball 94 at the Cherry Hall (a rock and roll dance night) and a Bushfire prevention information evening at the Cherry CFS Station.





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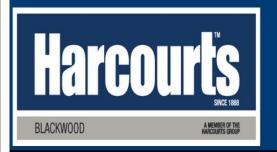
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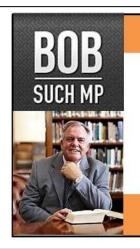
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