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#### **EDITORIAL**

Vicki Kirss is a local Cherry Gardens resident and has been involved with the Cherry Chatter for much of its life. Vicki is married with a couple of adult kids and has written a book on a subject that is close to her heart. Vicki talks about her book and passion in this editorial - Don Watton.

"I'm extremely proud and excited about my recently published eBook on Amazon, 'Resilience For Kids'. I believe that events are sent our way to create challenges which set us on the path we are meant to follow. Our family's challenge was in the form of our child being bullied at school, the resulting depression, and the issues that arose from that.

Because of this, I felt compelled to search for answers and was surprised at how much information was out there on bullying, but shocked at how few resources there were to avert it. For the next three years I researched, worked with educators and coaches to find what I believe is the best educational and transformational material to help parents help their children to grow their confidence.

I believe that the key to bully proofing children is by building resilience at an early age, and my research backs this up. Resilience For Kids is a complete 7-step resilience-building program that every parent will find an invaluable part of their arsenal. It is designed to empower 8-11 year olds and has been used successfully on older children, and even adults. Your child's confidence and self-esteem will grow as you witness their courage expanding through this amazing program.

This eBook takes just a short time to read, but in Chapter 6 you'll find a link to my website leading you to the FULL

7 Proven Keys program (included in the purchase price) which provides proven practical advice for parents. There are simple step by step scripts and videos to show you how to do the processes. You will be guided every step of the way and you will be amazed at how empowered you will feel as a parent, helping your child realise their full potential.

The activities are based on NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) and when you do the 7 Proven Key activities with your child, I can guarantee you will see results as you help them their build courage and resilience, by showing them how to access useful emotions, create instant state changes, realise the power of choice, learn emotional intelligence, create new self-beliefs, self-esteem and values, and develop empathy. The book and program will help us all change our thinking from victim mentality to self-empowerment and assist our children to create a better future for themselves."

To purchase the book, go to this link on Amazon http://amzn.to/2bAC3wn What people are saying – "As a child and youth worker, this book has given me many tools to use every day in my line of work to encourage children to succeed. Definitely recommend."

"Outstanding resource for parents. My children have thoroughly enjoyed the activities and are building their resilience consistently using what they've learned."

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Featuring The Choir of the Cornish Association of South Australia, with local guest artist, Rebekah Nelson.
Sunday, 30th October, 2pm
Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall
Cherry Gardens Road,
Cherry Gardens.
Afternoon tea to follow - all welcome!

An "Every Generation Onkaparinga"

An "Every Generation Onkaparinga" event

#### RAINFALL REPORT

**NEXT CC MEETING** 

August 2016	179.8
August 2015	98.2
Average for August	117.3
To the end of August 2016	859.7
To the end of August 2015	609.6
Average to the end of August	658.5

#### **CHERRY CHATTER COMMITTEE**

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#### **HALL NEWS**

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There has been a deal of activity at The Hall recently and over the past few months.

There have been a number of birthday parties, wedding anniversaries and other gatherings celebrated, with several more booked up to the end of this year. It is great to see the Hall being so well used.

Our recent Community Camp Fire held on Saturday August 20th, attracted a good number of locals - about 50 which included a dozen or so children who happily assisted with roasting marshmallows and exploring the 'forest' at the eastern end of the car park. It was an amazing turnout given the bad weather, and a particularly good time was had by all who attended. To assist in keeping warm and offered at very reasonable cost, there was homemade soup, with damper made on the fire, a sausage sizzle, wine, cakes and coffee, and of course free marshmallows. The fire was built in part of an old rainwater tank and remained well contained, however the CFS were good enough to be present with a truck which was well enjoyed by the little ones, particularly when the bells, sirens and lights were switched on. This was so well enjoyed it is anticipated that this may well become an annual event and we would hope to see even more people next year. Thanks to the CFS and all those who did come along and we will look forward to seeing you at the next Cherry Gardens Hall Community Camp Fire.

It is worth coming to one of our hall functions so you can have a look inside the Hall at

### CHERRY GARDENS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Teams play on Tuesday & Thursday nights.

For more information regarding table tennis contact:

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

- Divisions I & 2 play on Tuesday nights
- Divisions 3 & 4 play on Thursday nights



the additions to our historical picture collection. We now have 6 large new frames hanging with about six pictures in each frame. Some of these pictures need some identification so if you can assist and recognise any of the people or places shown please let a member of the Committee know so this information can be added. It

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#### **GARDEN CLUB**

#### **Next Meetings**

Monday I Oth October- Sandra Stuart, President of the Herb Society of S.A. will talk on growing and using herbs in the home garden.

Monday 7th November - \*note first Monday of the month\* Combined meeting with Kangarilla Floral Art and Garden Club. Julia Jacobs a Florist and President of the S.A. Iris Association will talk on Iris cultivation, and demonstrate floral art with Irises. \* At Kangarilla \*

#### **GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS for October 2016**

Lightly prune Natives when they have finished flowering, continue to dead-head roses to encourage more flowers. Whilst admiring your roses, check for aphids and spray them off with the hose if you see any.

Continue with your mulching regime- it will pay off in the hot weather, by reducing weeds and water consumption.

While the leaves on your bulbs are still green, continue to liquid feed them every week or fortnight to build their reserves for a bold showing next year. Once the leaves begin to yellow you can cut them down and mulch them. Stone and Pome fruit can be thinned once they reach the size of marbles as this will give you larger size fruit at maturity. For heavy setters like Nashi Pears you have to be ruthless otherwise you will end up with a huge harvest of small fruit. In the veggie garden you can plant pretty much all of your favourite Summer varieties but in some cases it is a good idea to stagger your plantings to achieve a continuous harvest

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#### **OVER THE STABLE DOOR**

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Spring is in the air and not before time. On our property, it is the wettest so far in 20 years. My paddock mates and I have really messed up the paddocks with all this wetness. Weeds are coming to the fore, particularly capeweed and dandelion. It has been difficult to spray because the conditions have not always been right, ie. Sunny with no chance of rain (ha!) and little or no wind.

Remember these are the conditions which the complaints I spoke about last month thrive in. So far we have been lucky, but the dreaded laminitis or founder will still be risk in the months to come. It just gets down to a management issue. Keeping your horses in work to some degree or another will always help, plus that also means that you will be bringing them in for at least a groom and body inspection. This definitely helps owners to keep on top of things such as lameness, heat, swelling and any other skin complaints. Having a well-drained yard where the horse can be fed on his own/away from other horses will enable to him to have his feet semi- dry for some period of time. Better still, a stable with walk in, walk out yard can be very useful. This has the added bonus of keeping your horse off the rest



of the paddock for some hours each day. Two things to take into consideration here – the horse has evolved to continually have food in his stomach (little and often), and in the open will graze for around 18 hours per day and in that time will travel many kilometres to get his food. Shutting him up or confining him means you need to supplement what he is not getting in the paddock or free ranging. It also means that he is not getting that natural bit of exercise which now has to be replaced by the owner! Riding or lungeing can do this.

Secondly they have also evolved for their survival as a herd animal. Their main means of defence is flight or if trapped, feet and teeth, (fight) but that is less common. The advantage of being in a herd is that there are many eyes and ears to check out predators (safety in numbers!) and the herd as

whole can go into flight mode, escape and survive. When we isolate a horse for whatever reason, we are altering what he is hard-wired to do. Many horses do not cope with this. It is called separation anxiety and can be exhibited by the horse calling out, running up and down, not eating his food, and getting into a sweat etc., even to the extent of going down with stress colic. If the horse has to be isolated and liable to get anxious, then keeping another horse nearby or at least one that he can see can help alleviate that stress. Many people who don't have room for another horse keep another animal such as a sheep for company. This can work too - any company is better than none!

Horses are very adaptable animals, but they need that time to adjust, both in their environment, their training, handling and eating regime. A good owner trains him/herself to be sensitive to a horses' needs and changes in behaviour. There always is a reason for a behaviour change and should be addressed as soon as possible. Even asking for qualified outside help or opinion is a sensible way to go.

So far my weight is holding steady as we haven't quite reached that spring flush with the grass. My owners are very pleased with me! Happy diet (munching) and safe riding, Hamish.

#### **SAPOL NEWS**

SAPOL has released a 'one-stop' mobile app providing a portal for the public to easily access important SAPOL services and information on their mobile devices including a new Track My Crime function.

Designed to suit iOS and Android platforms, this app:

- Can initiate a call to Triple Zero (000) or to the Police Assistance Line 131 444.
- Allows victims of crime to check the status of their Police Incident Report (PIR) through the Track My Crime icon.
- Allows users to report suspicious behaviour via the Crime Stoppers icon.
- Enables the public to stay in touch with SA Police News and other information released on SAPOL's social media platforms and website.
- Can display the police stations and traffic camera sites near the user's location.
- Includes some information on youth safety.

The Track my Crime service allows victims of crime to track the progress of the investigation of their PIR. Using the PIR number and the report date, the victim will be able to see whether their incident is awaiting assessment, whether an offender has been flagged / arrested / cautioned, or if the PIR has been filed. SAPOL's Victims of Crime booklets have been updated with

information about how to access the Track My Crime app.

This initiative forms part of SAPOL's Online Digital Services Strategy 2016-2018 to make the most of digital technology by providing services to citizens online at any time and on any device regardless of location.



#### **CHURCH NEWS**

What a friend we have in Jesus

Verse I

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs

What a privilege to carry everything to God in

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? lesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer. Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Saviour, still our Refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there

Many hymns or "Songs of Praise" can be used to teach scripture, and I'm sure that this one would fall into that category. It is based on Philippians 4, verses 6-7, "The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Behind the words of this favourite song is the faith of a Christian who experienced not one but a series of life-changing personal tragedies. In 1945 when Joseph Scriven was 25 years of age his fiancée accidentally drowned in a lake the day before their planned wedding. This was the first of many misfortunes that led him to consecrate his life and property to Christ's service. He was so distressed that he decided to emigrate to escape his painful memories from his homeland in Ireland to Canada where he worked as a teacher.

Some 10 years later in 1855, his mother was experiencing a crisis in her own life. And because Joseph could not go back home to Ireland to be with her, he wrote a poem called "What a friend we have in Jesus" and sent it to her in Ireland. A few years later Joseph experienced further tragedy when the girl he was to marry in Canada contracted TB and died. He dedicated his life to ministry - doing charity work and preaching.

Many years later, when Scriven himself was gravely ill, a friend who was sitting with him at his bedside read a poem from a manuscript. It was the poem that Joseph had written especially for his mother to comfort her in her time of need. Apparently his mother had passed the poem on to a friend, who published it without acknowledging the author.

So the origin and author of "What a friend we have in Jesus" was at last revealed. Scriven said of the poem, which quickly became a well-loved hymn "The Lord and I

#### GARDEN CLUB - contd. from p.2

The Cherry Gardens Garden Club AGM lived up to its record of being the least staid AGM around.

Elections took place amidst much hilarity - most officers were nominated again and happy to keep on serving on the committee. We enjoyed a magnificent Power Point presentation of our President and his wife's latest Western Australian Wildflower trip, as well as some pictures of the last Melbourne Flower Show to which a group of our members travelled and enjoyed visiting together.

There were many oohs! and aahs! from the floor at the beauty and spectacle as we had the privilege of seeing, all in half and hour with no travelling or expense involved the results of two months travel, searching, photography, naming, collating, and timing! We were inspired and learnt a lot, many of us resolving to "get over there" as soon as we can. One of the highlights was a wildflower tour of the property of someone they found out about in the Ravensthorpe caravan park also producing a sumptuous afternoon tea The Auction at the end of the evening included some of the plants left over from the stall we ran as a fund raiser at the Memorial Hall on Cherry Gardens Road on election day, great bargains were Mother in law's tongues, Rocket and Tree Seedlings and some perennial shrubs.



did it between us".

A remarkable man, who himself was faced with such adversity, has given so much support, care and understanding to so many through the simple words of his faith.

**Cherry Gardens Church** 87 Hicks Hill Rd, Cherry Gardens Services held on Sundays at 9.30am

**Cherry Church Contacts:** 

Pastor: Margaret Seyfang Ph. 0404 008 372 Chairperson Congregational Council: Alan Dube ph 8270 3264 Pastoral Contact: Prim Dube Ph 8270 3264

#### **WELCOME**

The Cherry Chatter committee would like to welcome the newly settled families who have recently moved into the Cherry Gardens area. We hope you love living here as much as we do.

The Cherry Chatter is also on Facebook, so please 'Like' us...



www.facebook.com/Cherry-Chatter

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all adds to the history knowledge of our great community. And so good for the kids to see how it used to be here.

The biggest work item and improvement undertaken is the floor resurface, which has certainly made the interior look much smarter. Unfortunately there appears to be some damp affecting the timbers of the floor from underneath and the resurfacing has had to be redone. Obviously this has been a very wet winter and it is suspected that this dampness will continue to cause problems for a little while yet. The floor experts have been recalled and there is to be a loosening of the boards in an attempt to stop the 'ridges' appearing on the floor caused by the dampness expanding the boards. This work is to take place very soon so 'fingers crossed' for a successful resolution. We would rather be spending fundraising on community events!

There are several 'events' being considered, so 'watch this space' in The Cherry Chatter and keep an eye out for "A" boards on Cherry Gardens Road.

If you would like to be part of our committee - nothing too onerous & good community spirit, contact Bill on M: 0433 656 803 or Terry on M: 0414 824 110.

#### SPORTS NEWS - News from the Recreation Ground

#### IRONBANK CHERRY GARDENS TENNIS CLUB

Our club which is based at the Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground is affiliated with the Hills Tennis Association and has teams playing in Saturday junior and Saturday senior competitions and also midweek night competitions Saturday Senior Mixed Doubles and Traditional Men's and Women's competitions will start on the 8th of October with the Saturday morning junior competition starting on the 15th of October.

Midweek night competitions are played on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7pm. It is a mixed doubles competition with teams consisting of 2 men and 2 women. There is a spring night competition which runs from Oct – Dec and then a separate summer competition which runs from Jan –March.

We are always looking for new players, so if you're interested in playing or would like more information about the competitions you can E-mail the club at IBCG@bigpond. com or call Graham Bate 08 8270 3041 or Phil Battersby 0417 215 647.

#### **NBN** Tower update

On August 25th, several locals, a rep from the Recreation Ground and Cherry Chatter attended and presented to the Council Development Assessment Panel our objections to the proposal to erect the 40 metre tall Fixed Wireless NBN Tower on Golf Club land right next to the playground at the Rec Ground.

Our objections were noted however the panel ruled in favour of the development and construction of the Tower will likely proceed as there does not appear to be any pathway open to appeal the approval.

The NBN representative disputed our objections, and stated that this was essential infrastructure and would provide 190 households with Fixed Wireless Internet access. Unfortunately the process did not allow us to respond and ask what about the other 300+ households in the district(s) who will not be able to connect to this Tower. The Panel was also not prepared to ask NBN to consider moving the Tower to a more unobtrusive location.

Unfortunately in our opinion this NBN Tower is going to look very bad and ugly, and we are somewhat worried about the impact it could have on membership of the sports clubs and we believe the jury is out on whether there are any long term health risks. We also believe that the Fixed Wireless service is inferior and is affected badly by the terrain, trees, rain and moisture in foliage and is really inappropriate for our district. However it is what we are getting (at least the 190 households that NBN have referred to – we don't know about the rest).

#### **NETBALL NEWS**

On Saturday 27th August, IBCG hosted their first ever finals games, being the Semi Finals at our club. The weather gods smiled down on us and we have had many people thank us for a great day. It has been approved for Ironbank Cherry Gardens to host the GRAND FINAL in 2017.

Summer Netball

This year our club will also be hosting a Summer Netball Competition on Thursday nights from 4.30pm. Please email Donna Gunn - ibcg.vicepresident@gmail.com - if you would like further information or to be included in a team.

Thank you for the support of the Cherry Gardens community via Cherry Chatter during 2016.

Jenny Pearce IBCG Netball President



#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Hold a Garage Sale and do 'good stuff' for the planet

The simple act of buying and selling at a garage sale can do a lot of 'good stuff' beyond making some extra money or discovering a bargain. Many of us don't realise that garage sales are also a great way to bring communities together, help save the environment and improve well-being. Now in its sixth year, Garage Sale Trail is a national initiative that sees hundreds of thousands of people participating in one big day of garage sales. Last year's event saw almost 3 million pre-loved items on sale at over 13,000 garage sales across the country.

In addition to finding the ultimate bargain or quirky treasure, taking part in Garage Sale Trail is an opportunity to consider the impact we're having on the planet and how we can make a difference. Last year, Garage Sale Trail redistributed enough items to fill 100 kilometres of shopping trolleys.

A garage sale is also a great way to bring

communities together and to foster neighbourhood relationships. Last year, each Garage Sale Trail participant made an average of 22 new community connections and stayed in touch with 50% on an ongoing basis.

Holding a garage sale and getting to know your neighbours means that you're contributing to a connected community that's healthier, happier and even more prosperous," said Valder.

Garage Sale Trail has grown from a grassroots event to a program powered by over 150 local councils nationally. Through engaging communities around Australia to host and shop at garage sales, Garage Sale Trail aims to promote environmental goals such as 'reuse' and furthering waste education.

To outdo again the success of last year's Garage Sale Trail, Australians are encouraged to bring out their 'good stuff' from garages, sheds, spare rooms and attics to sell. The first 2,500 sellers in participating council areas who register before Sep-

tember 25 will receive a free promotional pack to maximise their garage sale's suc-

Get onto a good thing by putting Saturday 22 October in your diary and register for free now at www.garagesaletrail.com.au For further details, you can contact contact:

Anna Genders, Annamation Creative 0419 163 916

Cherry Chatter is organising a Community Garage Sale at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall, Cherry Gardens Road, on Oct 22nd, as part of this Garage Sale Trail event. If you want to participate then contact Cherry Chatter at cherry-chatter@yahoo.com on our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009636069453 or phone one of the committee members. There is no charge we just ask that you let us know in advance and book a stall.

#### FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK

When the Friends of Scott Creek CP formed 26 years ago, local botanist and field naturalist, Enid Robertson, provided guidance on plant identification and management of the native vegetation for this group of keen but inexperienced volunteers.

Enid pioneered and developed the minimal disturbance bush regeneration technique while working at the heritage listed Watiparinga National Trust Reserve in Eden Hills. This method is still used by our group today, as well as by many other volunteers and professionals working in native vegetation management around the country.

The keys to minimal disturbance bush regeneration include working from the best quality bushland towards weedier areas and creating minimal disturbance to the soil and native vegetation that you are trying to protect. It has proven to be the most time-efficient method of restoring and managing bushland.

In addition to being an excellent botanist, Enid had a very strong commitment to nature conservation and native vegetation management. She volunteered her time with many community groups over a long period of time and had a profound impact on their education in these matters.

Sadly, Enid succumbed to the effects of cancer and passed away in July. She remained the Patron of our Friends group and shared our commitment to restoring Scott Creek CP throughout her illness.

Scott Creek CP throughout her illness. It seems that we are losing too many of our dedicated volunteers and now, nearly a year after losing our own long-standing and inaugural President, Tom Hands, it is time for our next Annual General Meeting. This will be held at the Cherry Gardens CFS Station at 294 Cherry Gardens Road on Tuesday 8th November. Following the brief formalities, there will be a presentation by guest speaker Professor Andrew Lowe from Adelaide University titled "Restoring and conserving South Australia's flora in the face of climate change".

All are welcome to attend and listen to what should be a fascinating talk, with perhaps a little controversy thrown in, followed by a chat over supper.

We would also welcome anyone along to any of our activities in the park. If you have any interest in our local flora and fauna, no matter what your level of knowledge or skill, we would love you to join us at one of our half-day "bush gardening" activities. It doesn't matter whether you are looking for something to do on a regular basis or simply want to try it out to see whether you enjoy it, you will at least get to see some of the beautiful spring flowers and be able to ask what they are. During October there will also be a spring walk in the Park led by our Park Ranger Jen; see the schedule of activities below.

Contact our secretary Don Reid on 8388 2123 if you have any questions or want to get involved in any of the Friends' activities. For more information about the Park including a downloadable walking trail map, go to www.friendsofscottcreek.org Peter Watton, Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park

Note: All working bees meet at 9:00am at Gate 16 Almanda Car Park Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet weather).

September 1st was National Wattle Day. Wattles are frequently blamed for causing hay fever in early spring, but allergy tests (skin prick tests) seldom confirm that Wattle is the true culprit (source: Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy, www.allergy.org.au).

#### **LOCAL HERITAGE NEWS**

Many people in our community do not understand the meaning of 'heritage' when the term is applied to a building or place. Sharing stories that relate provides value to understanding. The number of buildings and places recorded on heritage registers for the area from Cherry Gardens to Blackwood is surprising. These can be looked up on- line at www.environment. sa.gov.au/our-places/Heritage.

Spotlight Nights will include Heritage Matters

when stories link heritage to our history and time. The two Spotlight sessions continue the series of gatherings where stories of our community and people are told. Attendees will have the opportunity of a 'Q & A' session. What local history question would you like answered? Questions in advance are welcome by email or phone.

Cost \$5 includes supper. No pre-booking is required – simply come on the night.

- Coromandel Valley: Friday 7th October 7.30pm at Coromandel Community Centre.
- Cherry Gardens; Friday 11th November 7.30pm at Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall.

As per previous history spotlight nights there will be a few presenters talking on subject matter close to their heart. We will also identify and some of the older properties in the district. Contact Don Watton at cherrychatter@yahoo.com or 0417865044 for more info.

#### **MINTON FARM**

I recently attended the Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference in Melbourne, and took 5 Minton Farm volunteers with me. In addition to buying new medications, feeding tubes, silicon teats etc., experts spoke about disease treatments, rehabilitation, post rescue management, herbal medications, diets, raptor rehabilitation, fluid therapy, snake mite. There were also workshops on release, oiled birds, faecal float, and remote surveillance! What more could you want??? I am grateful to the City of Onkaparinga for a grant to attend, to learn and to improve our free community service



Since then it has been raining possums! Ring tails and brush tails, from adults to tiny joeys. Please don't leave tiny possums, that can't climb, outside overnight in the rain for their mothers to collect them. It won't happen unless they are fit and capable enough to climb back up the tree, and they will get pneumonia out in the cold air. It is however, possible to rehabilitate them and return them to their territory once they have recovered from their misadventure.

Of the animals that were brought to the Centre in 2015, 210 (55%) were birds, 156 (41%) were mammals and 15 (4%) were reptiles. Overall the most common animal to come to the centre was the Ringtail possum, with 89 being admitted. We are deeply grateful to 'A brush with Magic' for the beautiful painting of our Mandy and Matilda koalas, on exhibit in Mount Barker Fairley's Shoex, as part of the Gawler Street art trail. Part proceeds from its sale will go towards Minton Farm's rescue work. Thank you Tabitha.

This year we will be a part of the Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 22nd October, 9am to 4pm, to raise funds to continue the rescue service. We would be grateful for donations of clean, working goods of any kind. Hope to see you there! Ph: 0422 938 439 for details. Thank you. Bev.

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