

Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

EDITORIAL

The Cherry Chatter Christmas BBQ is to be held on Sunday the 7th of December at the Cherry Gardens/Ironbank Recreation Ground from 4 p.m. onwards.

In addition to the vast array of activities - this year, following on from successful competitions of previous years will be the Cherry Chatter Junior Best Decorated Cup Cake Competition where children are invited to bring along cupcakes designed by them. After viewing by our highly experienced judges, the winners will be awarded a prize and their place immortalised in Cherry Gardens history.

Essentially we have 4 age divisions; up to 8 years, 9 - 11 years, 12 - 15 and 16 upwards.

There is only 1 rule - there are NO rules when it comes to decorating. We won't be sampling so they don't even have to be edible!

In addition on the day:

- Father Christmas will be attending by special invitation
- Games, races and prizes for the kids
- Carols
- Face Painting
- Clancy the Train will be making an appearance
- And much, much more

Please also make sure that you bring a tin of food or some toiletries to put under the Christmas tree for the Salvation Army.

Please bring along:

- A \$2 gold coin donation per person which will be collected at the BBQ
- Meat will be supplied
- Table and chairs
- Umbrella (for the wise or those who are just unsure about the weather)
- A salad and sweet to share
- Plates, glasses and eating utensils
- The Club Bar WILL BE OPEN so please do NOT bring your own drinks therefore supporting our local sporting clubs.



The Cherry Chatter committee look forward to seeing you on the day

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RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for October 2014	12.0
Rainfall for October 2013	48.6
Average rainfall for October	49.5

Rainfall to end October 2014	714
Rainfall to end October 2013	844.6
Average to end October	830.6

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 10th at the Cherry Gardens Hall. Articles to be received 5th of each month

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:-

Opinions and articles printed in the Cherry Chatter are not necessarily shared by all members of the Cherry Chatter Committee.

NOTE – The Cherry Chatter Committee will not approve any controversial article for publishing unless the name and address of the author is supplied.

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SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK NEWS

The Need to Weed

Whilst the cost of weeds to Australian agriculture has been estimated to be in the vicinity of \$4 billion per year, the cost to our natural ecosystems, (waterways, intact remnant bush, coastal dunes etc), is almost impossible to quantify. A half a million dollars a year is spent on keeping one species of water weed, Mimosa, out of Kakadu!

Impacts of invasive species both non-native (exotic) and non-indigenous natives, range from relatively subtle through to completely overwhelming. Too often these impacts are occurring out of public sight, in our reserves and bushland.

In the MLR we have the full palette. Dense infestations of blackberries, broom, gorse and bone-seed are a common sight throughout the local area on both private and public land. The species that displace our native plants often create a virtual monoculture which in turn supports few-

er native species and the overall biodiversity is severely compromised. Blackberries are a very good example, where creek-lines throughout the hills would have once been lined with reeds, rushes, grasses, tea-trees and acacias, many if not most, are a blackberry wonderland. The dense shade they create prevents the germination of all but the hardiest species; they also extract large amounts of water. Broom is another example where the thousands of seeds shed every year can very quickly transform good bushland into wasteland, these seeds will also lie dormant for up to thirty years or more and be the first to germinate after a fire.

The continuing decline of many of our woodland birds, (at least 30 species), has not been slowed and is likely to deteriorate further with global warming. Habitat loss through invasive pest plants is up there with land clearing and habitat fragmentation as drivers of this decline.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Ralph Crowder	Catherine Macks
Zoe Edwards	Lexie Edwards
Ann Grear	Sarah Linn
Karli Vickerman	Zoe O'Callaghan
Sahara Smith	Nikhili Smith
Andrew Whiteford	
Holley Tootell	Sophie Monahan
Scott Treloar	Cathy Weir
Darryl Spencer	Daryl Brooks

So if you are thinking of joining the Friends of Scott Creek, think of the work we do as bush-care and habitat restoration, not weeding and how you may be helping reverse that decline.

Tom Hands

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

[www.communitywebs.org/Coromandel Community Centre/](http://www.communitywebs.org/CoromandelCommunityCentre/)

For information on Coromandel Valley history, events and more, go to; www.coroalive.org.au, Trevor Conlon - Ph 8270-5686 or David Wyatt Ph 8270-4400

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

With a long hot summer forecast, we need to be right up to date with our fire plan not just for humans, but also for all our other pets. Firstly make sure you have a fire plan in place. Write it up, put it on the fridge, have a copy in a frequented shed and/or stables. Any points you are not sure on, contact your local fire brigade. The more informed we are, the better help we are to neighbours, the volunteer fire-fighters and ourselves. Discuss your fire plan with family members, have plenty of water buckets strategically placed, have a collection of the clothes you might wear in an emergency – leather gloves, long sleeved tops and good solid boots. If fire is threatening, take all gear off your horse(s), have tails well trimmed, have a list of your horse(s) identifying characteristics, brands, age, sex, size, colour, scars etc. If your plan is to go, things to plan for may be where to go. It may be Morphettville or Wayville showgrounds or just someone living on the plains.

Keeping tuned in to the radio will be a help as up to date information comes through. If you have your own float, either have a collection of things you need for your horse or at least a list. Making a list in advance will save time and help ensure you don't forget anything (as we tend to do when in a



rush). If you decide to stay, then clean up around house (that goes without saying), stables, yards, paddocks and fence-lines. Having said that if you intend to brush cut or slash, try not to do it on a dry, windy day. Horses can really panic in a fire and will literally run blindly. If possible discuss with neighbours re keeping adjoining gates open. These are just some of the things we can do to keep ourselves and equines safe. Hopefully we don't have to put it into action, but at least there is some peace of mind in knowing we are somewhat prepared.

Remember we equines can drink up to 60 litres of water a day in hot weather, so make sure there is plenty available and check it regularly. We may also need shade and a fly-veil. If water is not a problem, we appreciate a hose down on a hot day too!

Have a carrotty Christmas everyone and see you in the New Year!

LUNGING CLINIC

Coming up in the New Year, the weekend of 17th and 18th January, a lunging and work in hand clinic.

Bring your own horse or use one of ours.

Costs will be kept to a minimum.

If weather very hot, will schedule classes for early morning or later in the day.

Contact Sandy Doig for more details on 83882311.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protect your hay as 2 different people have had their hay stolen in the last 10 days.

Gill Sims (via mobile)

CFS NEWS



This fire danger season has had an earlier than usual start for the Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade Crews have already been busy, going out on Strike Team deployments (to Torrens Vale and Nantawarra), along with a number of local call-outs, most of these being 'tree down' or motor vehicle accidents.

The Brigade is always keen to hear from anybody that may be interested in joining the CFS, as there are a range of positions and jobs that need to be filled right across the Brigade, from operational fire-fighters to operational support, such as communications, administrative and logistic support roles.

The Brigade has seen an increase in our membership over the last few years, but we are also mindful of the need to plan ahead and ensure that more locals are a key part of the future of the Brigade. So if you've ever wondered or considered what it's like to become involved in the CFS, then come along to one of our regular Monday night training sessions, which start at 7:30 pm, or give me a call on 0410470309.

The Sturt Group CFS Tanker Appeal continues to move closer and closer to its goal, but still has some way to go. The amount that the community has donated so far is quite staggering and is a testament to the support that

the wider community is providing the CFS, which we really appreciate. Many people have suggested that with recent marked increase in the Emergency Services Levy we no longer need to fund raise. Unfortunately this is not the case at all as all of the SA emergency services is about to go through a major structural change, which costs money and there has been a change in the way the state government has allocated funding from other sources to support and supplement the emergency services.

We still need your support, so if you are willing and able please continue to support your local CFS, by either volunteering or donating. Thank you.

Paul Heck

MINTON FARM

Another whirlwind Spring/Summer season has brought in a myriad of rescues from kangaroos, koalas, echidnas and possums, to lizards, ducklings and rosellas. Most having been impacted upon by humans` pets, cars, mowers etc. Young koalas are already presenting with kidney failure after only one hot day! If you can provide water for distressed koalas at the base of a tree you will be helping them to survive . We now have a blood testing facility that can diagnose the extent of kidney damage suffered, which has been fantastic to assist with the long term prognosis for these animals. The consumables needed to run these test is expensive but in the best interests of each individual animal.

I recently attended a TACTIC training workshop at Taronga Zoo, demonstrating the value of educating animals to improve their quality of life. I was able to see first-hand the rescue work that was carried out as an adjunct to



the Zoo work, and felt very privileged to be welcomed by the Vets and Staff. Thank you to all who donated, attended, supported our recent garage sale. It was a huge success. I am sorting books, clothes etc that was not sold, into a more organised fashion, so next year it will be easier to view the goods for sale! Should you wish to donate anything towards the sale, you are welcome to bring it anytime and we will store it in anticipation! Thanks.

Thanks also to the neighbours who have brought gum for the injured koalas- a never ending task! We have 4 in at the moment that consume a large amount between them. There is a 540 gram boy who was running along Kenihans Road heading toward

Main South Road!; a young female with kidney issues; a young aggressive boy with an injured hind leg from a car impact; and little Mandy (400gms) now weighing in over 3.5kgs! Should you have some fresh gum available please cut it about 2 or 3 foot long and place it immediately into a drum of water, otherwise the koalas won't eat it! Thanks.

Thanks again to Mark Burns from L. J. Hookers Blackwood, who is kindly collecting food for the Christmas Animal Appeal. We wish you all a Happy, safe Christmas Season and look forward to providing our free community service to you next year, as we work together to conserve and improve the natural diversity of our beautiful location that we all call "Home".

Bev Langley.



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CHURCH NEWS

NO ROOM AT THE INN

We know him as Jesus of Nazareth. So how come he was born in Bethlehem? The Romans were the political leaders in Judea at that time. Like Governments the world over they collected taxes from the people. There were roads to build, aqueducts to bring water to the cities, armies to control the empire. Caesar Augustus the Roman ruler, commanded that all citizens should be enrolled; the Roman equivalent of our tax file numbers. All Hebrew families had to enrol in the home town of their family. Joseph was a member of the house of David whose home town was Bethlehem in Judea. So Joseph and his wife Mary travelled to Bethlehem, but when they got there many others had done the same thing and there was no room at the inn. The inn keeper offered them a bed in the hay out the back among the livestock. And that was the moment Jesus arrived.

Sometimes babies are born in the back of a car on the way to hospital. His birth must have been very inconvenient for Mary, but Jesus arrived at just the right time in history. Several hundred years before Jesus birth, the prophet Micah said that the saviour would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). This was just one of dozens of prophecies that Jesus fulfilled to show that he is the promised Messiah. Because the Romans maintained law and order all around the Mediterranean, the apostles were able to spread the good news all over the empire. People who believe his message celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas, believing that he came into the world to become God's perfect sacrifice for sin, for all who believe in him.

The Cherry Church wishes everyone in Cherry Gardens a happy and blessed Christmas.

REMEMBER THE CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE HALL ON FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER, 2014 at 7.30pm

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://cherry chatter.org.au>

CHERRY GARDENS HISTORY SPOTLIGHT

On Friday October 31st the Cherry Chatter group, Hall and Coro National Trust held a Spotlight on Cherry Gardens History evening at the Hall and the 45 or so people that turned up had the questions that were asked in the last edition answered along with learning a lot of other interesting information about Cherry Gardens. There were a number of speakers and lives were reflected on, stories recounted and photos looked at.

For those that either forgot or could not make it we believe there was enough interest for us to plan another evening probably around March/April next year.

The National Trust recorded the evening and has promised to make the audio available to us. They are also looking into transcribing this audio.

So what were the answers to some of those questions you might ask?

How did Cherry Gardens get its name?

The story goes that in 1838, three men, Henry Field, Edward Burgess and Isaac Jacobs were in search of fodder east of Happy Valley and came across a clearing with Kangaroo Grass. After cutting some of this grass into sheaths they sat and were eating lunch under a tree that had an unusual fruit that

looked a little like a cherry with the stone on the outside. They chose to name the location Cherry Gardens due to this tree and the fruit that had a similar look to cherries.

What families were the earliest pioneers in the district?

The earliest pioneers of the district were families such as Jacobs, Lewis, Broadbent, Field, Boothey, Middleton, White, Chambers, Hare, Thompson and Brumby.

When was the Church built?

The first part of the Church, on Hicks Hill road was built in 1849. It has since been extended and added to however it has always been in constant use since then.

Where was the original community Hall?

The original Community Hall was located on Hicks Hill road and built by the Rechabites. It was in use from around 1894 until 1956 when the Memorial Hall was built on Cherry Gardens Road, as a memorial to the residents of Cherry Gardens that fought in the world wars.

What are the origins for all the road names?

Most of the roads in the district are named after one of the pioneer families that lived on the roads. A couple of the road names have interesting

origins in particular, Starr and Arrow Road. Reg Frith recounted the following back in 1994:

'This Star and Arrow Road, the story told to me was that sailors used to jump ship and head for the hills, and there was a star and arrow pointing to where they could get safe refuge until such time as the ship sailed because they could get out on the rise and see when the ship had left the port, and they knew they were safe then from being caught and taken back to the ship. Another interesting one was the road now called Vicks Road. The locals used to know it as Poverty Nob but there's not a resident in that area that would agree to having it called Poverty Nob, so I called it Vicks Road because he was the one that was living at the end of the road at that time.'

ARSON PREVENTION

Fire can devastate communities, livelihoods and properties. Deliberately lit fires have the potential to cause serious harm to people and property and can cause significant damage to your local community.

To help prevent arsonists targeting your home, consider implementing these crime prevention strategies:

Lock your home, shed and vehicle at all times.

Keep rubbish bins in a secure area.

Maintain lawns and shrubs surrounding your home and shed. If required, contact your local council to manage surrounding areas.

Plant shrubs and bushes away from your house and shed.

Keep your yard clear of rubbish and plant debris.

Secure all combustible material and flammable fuels away from your home.

External doors should have minimal gaps to prevent papers and flammable items being pushed inside your home, garage or shed.

Remove graffiti regularly so your property looks cared for.

Join your local Neighbourhood Watch or Rural Watch program to help keep your community safe.

For further information contact the Crime Prevention Section at your nearest police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

GARDEN CLUB

Meetings 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 will be our Christmas Lunch at the Coromandel Community Centre on Sunday 14 December at 11.30

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS for November

If you haven't mulched your garden, it must be done now to reduce soil temperature and evaporation.

Dead-head spent flowers on natives as well as roses, daisies, plumbago and cut off stray growth on wisteria.

Plant impatiens, begonias or coleus in the shade.

Remember to liquid fertilize every 2 - 3 weeks.

Continue to plant a tomato or two for continuous cropping, another patch of sweet corn, and some more beans - I like the purple climbers

Net your fruit trees early - the lorikeets have already been sampling the pears on my tree and they do enjoy cherries!

MEADOWS VET NEWS



In the past we have shared the after hours case load over week-ends with the Mt Barker Vets. We would like to advise that with more vets in our practice now we will be providing our own after hour's emergency cover. If you have an emergency at any time please phone the clinic number 83883455 and you will be diverted straight to the mobile of the vet on duty!

Unfortunately we have already had our first snake bite cases for the summer season!

The signs of snakebite vary depending on factors such as type of venom, location of bite and amount of venom injected. Dogs are more commonly bitten on the face or jaw, cats on their paws. Signs may include:

DOGS - Unsteadiness, hind leg weakness, dilated pupils and worsening paralysis. Sudden weakness followed by collapse. Respiratory distress Shaking or twitching of the muscles and difficulty blinking. Vomiting. Loss of bladder and bowel control. Dilated pupils. Coma. Blood in urine. Death can occur within 2 hours of snakebite

CATS - Dilated pupils. Progressive weakness leading to paralysis – first your cat may look like it is bunny hopping because it's hind legs are becoming paralysed.

Just a warning with black snakes sometimes symptoms do not show for 24 hours. If there is any possibility your pet may have been bitten please contact us immediately. Being bitten pre-

viously does not give your pet any immunity to further bites nor deter them from being inquisitive. First aid includes keeping your pet quiet. Carry your pet rather than let it walk to avoid speeding the spread of the snake venom. Contact us as soon as you suspect your pet may have been bitten.

Finally, if your pet has been bitten by a snake please get someone to phone ahead to let us know you are on your way. Then we can make sure we have a vet and any equipment or drugs ready to make treatment quicker and less stressful for all concerned.

With horses the most common sign a snake has bitten a horse is to find the horse has died in its paddock. The signs of snakebite are usually weakness and collapse. The weakness tends to be progressive. It starts in the back and works forward. It gradually gets worse and they collapse on the ground. Paralysis extends to the diaphragm and chest muscles resulting in death. If you see your horse actually being bitten get help straight away before any clinical signs appear. If you wait for signs to appear it will be too late! For any chance of recovery the antivenine needs to be administered within 20 minutes. So you don't have much time- we really recommend having your vet on speed dial!

Finally some Monthly Reminders!

If you would like 12 months to pay off

a large vet bill, we now offer VetPay! Any payment plan must be organised prior to work being done!

We are legally unable to sell any S4 medication unless your pet or animal has been seen by a vet. This includes all forms of antibiotics! Anyone wanting a repeat prescription for medication needs to phone ahead to organise this. Any prescriptions must be authorised by a vet and this can take time – we hate to keep people waiting!

Our wonderful groomer Jill is getting quite busy (as soon as the sun starts to shine!) please book ahead for any clipping or grooming services!

Also our cat boarding is already getting busy over the summer holidays again please book early!

It is important during warmer weather to keep electrolytes up to your horse. We make and sell our own at a much cheaper price than commercially made ones!

It is itchy scratchy time of year! The earlier you bring your dog in to see us the quicker we can start investigating the cause, the sooner the appropriate treatment and advice on managing or preventing further problems can be given. More importantly, the sooner your dog will thank you!

Now is the time to keep on top of your flea prevention program. Please remember that our prices for flea control products are competitive with on-line stores to ensure you use the most appropriate product for your pet!



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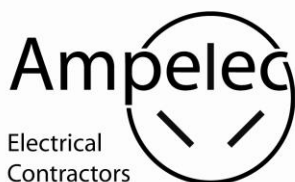
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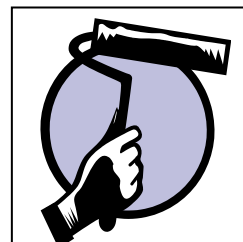
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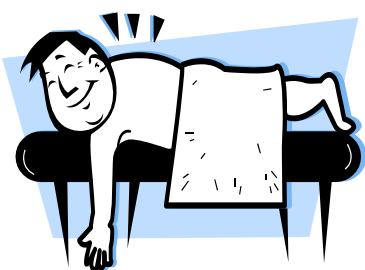
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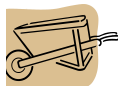
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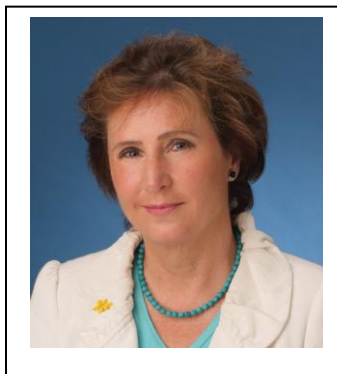
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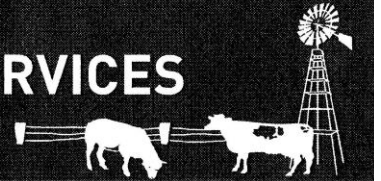


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