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EDITORIAL

In late October I reached the three-month anniversary of being sworn in as your new Federal Member for Mayo. The time has just flown and yet, after months of campaigning, it also feels as though I have been in the role for a very long time. Much has happened in the three months since I went to Canberra. Storms have caused more than \$10 million worth of damage to council-managed roads, besides all the damage to State-controlled roads. A section of Montacute Road was essentially swept away and will cost more than \$1.5 million to fix.

As the Member for Mayo I have arranged meetings with the Federal and State Ministers for transport to discuss where the money will come from for the repairs.

My meetings to date have left me reassured that all three tiers of government – Councils, State and Federal – are working to fix the roads first, as a safety priority, and that they will then work towards securing as much assistance as possible from the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). It will be my job to follow-up that the NDRRA is maximised for the benefit of all constituents.

Aside from the NDRRA, I am also following up the underlying issue of insufficient funding being spent on roads in the Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island. This issue is directly related to the underfunding of South Australian roads at a Federal level over a long period of time. SA has 11.8 per cent of the nation's roads and 7.1 per cent of the population but only receives 4.6 per cent of the funding allocated by the Federal Government for road infrastructure. That shortfall used to be acknowledged and addressed with Supplementary Road Funding grants. Those grants were axed in former Prime Minister Tony Abbott's budget in 2014. Our roads still need to be maintained so now ratepayers (and I am counted among that number) are footing the extra costs. I want to pursue this issue with the Federal Government and will continue to advocate for better equity.

Besides roads, I have also taken up other issues in Parliament. Indeed my first question was to ask Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull if he would honour all the election promises made during the campaign for Mayo – in this term of Government. He said he would, so it will be my job to help local councils, clubs and organisations match their commitments to projects such as the sporting hub in Mt Barker and infrastructure upgrades at various sporting venues.

I have also used opportunities in the Parliament to raise issues about poor access to loan provisions for SA dairy farmers, reduced support for community radio stations in Mayo, the axing of key vocational training courses for students and I have even highlighted the wonderful community service provided by Men's Sheds in Mayo. By the way, the Victor Harbor Men's Shed is looking to relocate and expand and if anyone has any skills or equipment or donations they'd like to offer, please contact my office.

Legislation-wise, Parliament is still grappling with the backpacker tax. We need to get that passed soon because backpacker tourists really need some certainty about their finances and farmers need seasonal workers. I am trying my best to get some traction for an NXT scheme to change the welfare rules so job seekers can work up to eight weeks on seasonal farm work and earn up to \$5000 without it affecting their access to income support. I really

believe that Mayo, which is so close to Adelaide and the large pool of job seekers there, could really benefit from this scheme. Nearly 2000 of the 10,000 plus small businesses in our electorate are involved in agriculture, forestry and fishing and this sector is the second biggest employer in this region behind construction. Many people who live in the city have probably never contemplated doing casual farm work.

If they could "come and try" they just might discover they like the work. At worst they would have something to show on their resume. NXT will keep pushing contd p.2 --->



Kangarilla Community Hall \$10 entry Basket Supper/Door Prizes

RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for October 2016

Rainfall for October 2015 Average for October	18.0 72.3
End of October 2016	1262.9
Rainfall end of October 2015	687.2

Rainfall end of October 2015 687.2 Average to the end of October 830.5

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting at the Hall, Tuesday 6th December

Articles to be received 5th of each month



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HALL NEWS

CHERRY GARDENS MEMORIAL HALL FOR HIRE

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Choral Community Event

The Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall hosted another Community Event arranged by the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church. This event was held on Sunday 30th October and consisted of a choral performance by The Cornish Choir of The Cornish Association of South Australia and solo performances by Rebekah Nelson. Both the choir and Rebekah were well supported by Pastor Margaret Seyfang on the Cladinova.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and offered a variety of music to suit all tastes from opera to Peter Alans 'I still call Australia Home'. The performances were well received by



those who attended and it came as a considerable surprise to this writer that the afternoon passed so quickly. It is to be hoped that we may be able to organise further concerts of this sort and I would urge everyone to come along to enjoy live performances.

Following the concert there was a very generous tea provided by the Church and enjoyed by all. Our thanks to everyone involved in organising, performing and providing tea. We are now looking forward to the Carols Night on December 21st and hope the weather will be suitable this year and the evening is well attended. See you there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

Catherine Macks Cathy Weir
Zoe Edwards Darryl Spencer
Lexie Edwards Daryl Brooks
Ann Grear

Sarah Linn Karli Vickerman Sahara Smith Nikhili Smith Andrew Whiteford

Holley Tootell Sophie Monahan Scott Treloar

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for this scheme as the other Parties argue over the details of the legislation currently before a committee.

Finally, I would just like to mention that we held our first Youth Forum in the electorate office for young people aged 15 to 24 years. The turnout for the inaugural gathering was small but passionate and articulate. I am familiar with the issues such as the lack of public transport, housing and jobs - and patchy internet - but the stories the youth provided about how this affected their lives was insightful. It was also inspiring to realise that with so many economic pressures hanging over their heads, they are still worried about the environment and how Australia and the world are treating refugees. What they weren't worried about was the plebiscite. Same-sex marriage was a "non-issue", they said, and should just be approved. Food for thought. We're going to hold another Youth Forum on December 13 so please come or encourage the young people you know to come.

Rebekha Sharkie Member for Mayo

GARDEN CLUB

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUG-GESTIONS FOR DECEMBER

With Christmas almost upon us, maybe you haven't secured a Christmas tree yet, why not try a real living specimen that will last for years. My choice would be a native variety such as a Woolly Bush [Adenanthos], a Callitris Pine or even the rarer Wollemi Pine. Select an upright plant of reasonable size- it can survive inside for about three weeks then needs to be gradually introduced to outside the house where it will spend next year until Christmas rolls around for 2017.

Don't allow the tree to dry out, but if by chance you do, immerse it in a large tub of water which has had some seaweed extract added and leave it to soak for an hour. Potting on to a larger pot will encourage growth but only increase the size gradually each year or two.

Bright flowers are also a welcome sight at your entrance at Christmas time, this can be achieved almost instantly with some "potted colour" available at nurseries and large hardware stores.

Even though we have had a particularly wet spring don't forget to keep the water up to all areas from now on.

Your summer vegies should be enjoying the warmer weather, encourage them with fortnightly applications of liquid fertilizer.

It is not too late to plant a second crop of your favourites whether they are beans, tomatoes, cucumbers or corn.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Latest news on my hoof abscess – in total it took over 6 weeks for the abscess to disappear. Probably due to the recurring bouts of rain, keeping everything damp (including my foot). Anyway all seems to be well now, thank goodness. The hay is looking good in the paddock (too good!), now all we need is some good drying weather so that heavy vehicles can get onto the paddock. Seldom do we ever get a happy medium as far as weather is concerned.

Summer comes with risks for horses with snakes out and about, so get busy with the whipper snippers and clear away long grass around sheds, fencelines and watering points. If mowing, avoid windy or very hot days in case of flying sparks if you strike any stones/rocks. By now it is probably too late to do any weed pulling (there has been a lot of cape weed this year). However the spread of weeds can be slowed down by slashing or cross grazing. That means using some sheep or cows for a short period of time to eat them down. If possible, rotate your stock from paddock to paddock, enough to keep a small amount of ground cover without going down to bare ground. Bare ground is ideal for more weeds to take hold and there



is the added risk of your horses ingesting dirt/sand as he grazes. This will compound the risks of the horse getting colic and is not good for him mentally as he has evolved to eat 18-



20 hours a day. Even when he is not eating, his stomach is still secreting acids for breaking down fibre, which is fine if there is fibre in his belly, but when there isn't, those acids can give rise to colic and/or ulcers.

It can become a fine balancing act between those of us (me!) who are good doers and those who struggle to keep the weight on (like many thoroughbreds). It would be hard to go wrong with maintaining your horse's weight with the plainest (but good quality) meadow hay. My owners sometimes resort to soaking my hay to get rid of extra sugars and this seems to work for me. Even with laminitis, when a horse needs to be removed from pasture, limiting his feed with soaked meadow hay is probably the safest way to go (that is a whole other story!). Hopefully all winter coats are gone now and your equines are looking fantastic. Happy munching and safe riding, Hamish



Rebekha Sharkie MP

Federal Member for Mayo

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Making Mayo Matter

CFS NEWS

his summer is going to creep up on us and already friends are complaining their fire prevention preparations are way behind the eight ball. Yours truly agrees and a reminder in the last few days are fires already in NSW where their fire season usually commences four or so weeks before ours. We watched News TV the other night as residents battled flames in their backyards dressed in shorts, flip flops (you are not allowed to call them thongs in NSW). In hand were the trendy water bottles, mobile phones but no hats or protective gear battling flames with a garden hose! We would hope Cherry residents are smarter and all of you have an old suitcase packed with broad brim fire resistant hat, wrap around sealed goggles, smoke mask, heavy woollen coat and loose pants. All clothing must be loose to prevent heat transfer through to your skin. Try wearing a tight fitting pair of jeans next to your next campfire and you'll get my drift!

The Cherry Gardens CFS Open Day held recently resulted in five new Fire-fighters and one new Comms Member indicating they wanted to join our ranks. Great news but we could do with more firefighters. Can you help? A big thank-you to those of you who support our fundraising by leaving cans

A big thank-you to those of you who support our fundraising by leaving cans and bottles at the old fire shed. The majority of this money goes towards equipment such as Heart Defibs, we now have one on each of three appliances, and just lately money has

been allocated to installing a Drafting Practice Tank of 22500 litres capacity. Portable pumps



and appliance pumps can now be tested without us leaving the Station. A great time-savers!

A big thank-you is also due to our Cherry Chatter team who seem to be always prepared to support your CFS financially with donations for the bigger purchases. A Heart Defibrillator for the new Tanker was recently provided!

CHURCH NEWS

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The hidden Christian meaning behind the words of the song

From 1558 until 1829, Followers of the Roman Catholic faith in England were not allowed to practise their faith openly. During that era, the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written as a kind of

secret catechism that could be sung in public without the risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a sacred reality.

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ

The two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments

Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love

The four calling birds are the four Gospels

The five gold rings recall the Torah (Law), the first five books of the Old Testament

The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation

Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit

The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes (Matthew 5)

Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5)

The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments

Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples

Twelve drummers drumming symbolise the 12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed Wishing you all the blessings of the Christmas season from Cherry Church.

COMMUNITY CAROLS

The Community Carols will be held on the 21st of December at 7.30pm in the Memorial hall. As well as Carols we show case local talent with the Cherry Gardens men's poetry group, the Sherrahs a gospel and country music group and soloist Rebecca Nelson.

There will also be the usual generous free supper.

Old Mac Donald's small animal farm as entertainment for the children goes from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. See you there!

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As many locals may be aware, the NBN Co is installing a new 40 metre tower at the oval to deliver "Fixed Wireless" NBN to Cherry Gardens. This will eventually mean that the local copper loop from the Coromandel Valley or Scott Creek exchange to your house will be de-commissioned and you will be forced to cut over to the wireless NBN for both internet and telephone. An aerial will be installed by the NBN Co on your roof - *if* you have a good enough line of sight (and therefore signal strength) to the new NBN tower at the oval. See the NBN Co fact sheet: http://www.nbnco.com. au/content/dam/nbnco/documents/ fixed-wireless-factsheet.pdf

A good tool to work out your line of sight (LOS) can be found at this website: http://www.solwise.co.uk/wireless-elevationtool.html

Remember to add the height of the NBN cannisters at +38.5m and your roof + aerial is probably +4m If you don't have a good enough line of sight, either because of trees or because of the valleys, then you will likely end up on a satellite NBN service. These services have similar speeds, but the data allowances are generally restricted

to "peak" and "off-peak" times. "Off peak" is between IAM and 7AM. So, for the same amount of data, you will pay much more for satellite NBN and get data when you are asleep! To make this tangible, our family with 2 teenagers uses around 150GB per month on a 200GB \$69 per month Internode ADSL plan, much of which is used on streaming Netflix and ABC iView and NOT between IAM and 7AM! The closest plan satellite NBN plan would cost us \$199 per month, and only give us 60GB of peak time data. Effectively we would be getting one third of the data, for 3 times the cost. So, I'm desperate not to end up on a satellite NBN service. See the satellite NBN plans on offer here; https://www. finder.com.au/broadband-plans/satellite-broadband

By way of comparison, the residents of around Stirling and Blackwood are receiving fibre to the node NBN (FTTN) which keeps the copper network and deploys many small green cabinets around the community with fibre back to the exchange. This means the copper runs are much shorter and there are no line of sight issues. The data allowances are more generous

on FTTN. Clearly, our low population density in Cherry Gardens means that this technology was not considered economical.

Recently, our family was without internet for 31 days because of a Telstra cabling fault that eventually only took a competent Telstra technician 30 minutes to fix.

So what to do? I was preparing to lobby our local Federal MP (Rebekha Sharkie on Rebekha.Sharkie.MP@aph. gov.au) for the same FTTN NBN that Blackwood and Stirling residents will receive. But after our recent experience, bypassing the ageing copper infrastructure with wireless NBN is looking more attractive. I think we might just get line of sight, although there are few gum trees that might need a trim first.

As a first step, you should do the LOS test to see what your chances are. If you don't have line of sight to the oval, be prepared in 2017 (perhaps 2018) for paying much more and getting much less data than the good people of Stirling and Blackwood.

Darren Kruse

SPORTS NEWS - News from the Recreation Ground

Football

The Footy season is behind us now but there is still much going on!

Two major grants are underway for significant upgrades to the Oval facilities, with Grant applications there are no guarantees, but we have one in for a significant upgrade to the spectator facilities and another just lodged to upgrade our changeroom facilities.

The Changeroom upgrades are required to cater for female football, YES! You read correctly, Female footy is coming to Ironbank Cherry Gardens football club in 2017! This is an exciting move for our club and the required steps to get Female Football up and running are already well underway.

If you know of anyone who is interested in playing or being involved through training, coaching, managing etc please contact our Female Football Director Vanessa Medder on 0410 470 290 to register your interest and hopefully support.

We will have a come'n'try day soon so watch this space and Facebook for more details. Interest has been strong already so we are looking at two teams for 2017 I x Junior and I x Senior.

Our Senior Presentation dinner was held on Fri 4th Nov at the Blackwood Golf Club adjacent to the oval. It was later than we really wanted however since the season finished there have been many other events that have made it difficult to find a slot.

The results for the 2016 season were:

A grade

B&F Sean Baker
B&F R/up Will Muirden
Coaches award James Cross
Best team man Scott Walter
Most Consistent Michael O'Sullivan

B Grade

B&F Chris Morgan
B&F R/up Craig Ottoway
Best New Talent Elliot Schipper
Most Consistent Chris Morgan
Most Improved James Muirden

C Grade

B&F Caleb Grigg
B&F R/up Jack Light
Best New Talent Luke Fisk
Most Consistent Charles Gran
Best team Man Ben McGowan

Sporting Life Inductees: 150 games for the club Chris Schneider Chris Thomas

Club Person of the year

Mark Hann

We wish our fellow sports represented at the Rec Ground, Cricket, Netball and Tennis every success this summer and look forward to a successful 2017 for everyone.

Bruce Heithersay President IBCGFC

NETBALL NEWS

Summer netball is well underway at the courts each Thursday night from 4.30pm until 8.30pm. There are 6 teams in each division – U11, U13, U15/17 and seniors and games will be played until 8th December before breaking for holidays and back again 2nd February 2017

Di Morgan is working the kitchen so come in and say hi and grab yourselves a home cooked meal.

The AGM and Registration night will be at the clubrooms on Wednesday 8th February 2017. Commencing at 5pm with the AGM at 7.30pm.All welcome.

Jenny Pearce IBCG President

The Cherry Chatter is also on Facebook, so please 'Like' us... www.facebook.com/
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TENNIS NEWS

Ironbank Cherry Gardens Tennis Club

Summer Night Tennis

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 senior competitions and also midweek night competitions.

The HTA summer midweek night competitions will start in the middle of January and are played on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7pm. The season usually runs for about 10 weeks and is a mixed doubles competition with teams consisting of 2 men and 2 women. Nominations for the summer season need to be in before Christmas. We are always looking for new players, so if you're interested in getting your own team together or joining one of our existing teams or you would just like more information about the club and competitions you can E-mail the club at IBCG@bigpond.com or call our

President Graham Bate 8270 3041 or Secretary Phil Battersby 0417 215 647



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FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



Well, another year has almost passed and, after some pretty wild and wintery weather, things have warmed up pretty

quickly and now it appears summer is back again.

As expected, plenty of rain followed by warm weather results in an astonishing growth rate in many plants, but particularly in grassy and other herbaceous weeds. There has also been rapid growth in many woody weeds, including Blackberry, which looks like it will have a bumper year, but also means it will be able to be treated earlier this season.

The Friends group had its AGM in November and, following the formalities, those attending were provided with an entertaining and informative talk by Dr Martin Breed titled "Restor-

AGISTMENT WANTED

I am looking for agistment in Cherry Gardens for my Welsh Pony mare. She is well behaved, good with fences but needs a small to medium paddocks with a yard for the night.

I will totally care for her. All manure picked up and I am respectful of land owner's privacy.

References available from current agistment place where she has been for $5\frac{1}{2}$ years.

The property where the pony is currently agisted is being sold in the near future.

Please phone Chris on 8388-2099 Evenings only.



ing and conserving South Australia's flora in the face of climate change". Discussion included seed sourcing for restoration under global change, weed management and monitoring techniques. The evening concluded with a very enjoyable supper.

Anyone wanting information about the group or wanting to get involved in any of the Friends' activities should contact our secretary Don Reid on 8388 2123 or go to www.friendsofscottcreek.org

Peter Watton

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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).

Programme of activities December

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Tue	1	Working bee
Sat & Sun	3, 4	Bird banding
Sun	12	Working bee
Sat & Sun	17, 18	Bird Banding
Sat	24	Working bee
January		
Tue	3	Working bee
Sun	8	Working bee

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.

WELCOME TO...

The Cherry Chatter committee wish to welcome Keir Hietanen who has recently moved into the Semple's home on Cherry Gardens Road.

MINTON FARM

What an incredible season it has been. Spring is the great un-doer of many an animal rescuer, due to the volume of rescues received and the huge work load. This was the busiest I have seen in 30 years due to the severe weather. Dozens of ringtail possum joeys came to grief because of the high winds and wet conditions. Baby birds were not only blown from the trees, some complete with their nests, but many came into care because the whole tree fell over containing their hollows! In addition to the possums, have been kangaroo joeys and koala joeys, some found in street gutters of flowing water in a very poor state, but with the help of our wonderful Intensive Care Units, have all survived. Our garage sale was again a wonderful success, thanks to all those who supported it by donating goods or through attendance. Thank you. The money raised will be used to improve the food storage facilities to keep food dry and clean. I look forward to providing the community with our free community service next year and hope you all have a safe and fulfilling Christmas.



Many thanks, Bev. Langley 0422938439

www.mintonfarm.org

https://www.facebook.com/events/366641297059947 check out our Untamed Exhibition here.



City of Onkaparinga

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Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre

Aberfoyle Park

The Hub, Aberfoyle Park

Willunga

St Peters Terrace, Willunga

Woodcroft Community Centre

175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale



GOOD CHOICES: POSITIVE AGEING EXPO

Friday 7 April 2017

To coincide with World Health Day on Friday 7 April 2017, a Positive Ageing Expo will be held over two locations – the Noarlunga Leisure Centre and Rotary Park at Christies Beach. It supports the 2017 theme of Depression: Let's talk, which aims to combat the stigma surrounding mental illness, in particular the contributing factors and devastating effects that loneliness and depression can have on the wellbeing of our older population.

The expo will help change the perception of ageing by encouraging our older residents to lead healthy lifestyles and be actively involved in daily mind, body and spirit activities.

Expressions of interest

Any local groups, clubs or organisations that provide health, fitness, social and/or wellbeing programs and services that target older people, are encouraged to contact Justin Ifould, Community Development Officer, Ageing Communities on 8384 0120 or email jusifo@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au to get involved.

Expressions of interest close at 5pm on Friday 27 January.

ARTS WAREHOUSE, A \$70,000 GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in providing artist studios to practising artists and creative industry arts businesses? Well, a \$70,000 grant over a 3 year period is now available. The primary purpose of the grant is the provision of low-cost artist studios in a collective setting, to provide functional, accessible, adaptable and maintainable facilities.

For more information, contact John Braun, Contracts Officer, at Johbra@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au or visit www.onkaparingacity.com/arts

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Make this Christmas extra special for children living in our city, by donating to the Mayor's Christmas Tree. This annual appeal will help make children smile this Christmas.

Gifts can be donated from Monday 21 November until Friday 16 December by placing them under one of the Mayor's four Christmas trees.

Tree locations:

- Aldinga Library
- · Aberfoyle Hub Library
- City of Onkaparinga Noarlunga office
- Woodcroft Community Centre.

Donated gifts will be forwarded to Anglicare at Morphett Vale, Christian Care and Support Centre at Aldinga and The Smith Family for distribution to children at Christmas.

For more information, contact Michelle Wooldridge, Office of the Mayor on 8384 0666 or email mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP 2017-18

The City of Onkaparinga supports a range of festivals, events and projects which benefit our communities. In 2016–17, we awarded more than \$511,000 in grants and sponsorships to support local groups, not-forprofit organisations, schools and businesses.

Save the date - opening soon!

The 2017–18 funding round opens on Monday 30 January, so start preparing your applications. Please refer to the individual grant and sponsorship guidelines at www.onkaparingacity.com/grants for closing dates and standby for news about new business grants!

For more information, contact Jan McIntyre, Grants and Sponsorship Officer on 8301 7334 or email janmci@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Onkaparinga Youth Committee invites nominations for the 2017 City of Onkaparinga Youth Recognition Awards.

The awards are an opportunity to acknowledge young people aged 8–25 in the following categories:

- Personal Achievement
- · Contributions to the Community
- Learning Success
- Employment Achievement.

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 16 December 2016. Nomination forms are available at www.onkaparingacity.com/yra

For more information contact Briony Gorton, Administration Officer, on 8384 0697 or email brigor@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA TENNIS CHALLENGER

31 December - 8 January • Happy Valley Tennis Club, Aberfoyle Park

Enjoy nine days of Australian Pro Tour tennis in your own backyard. This event helps players move up the rankings, right before the Australian Open, so get behind them!

For more information visit www.onkaparingacity.com/apt



Female Footy

An exciting development for the Ironbank Cherry Gardens Football Club!



In 2017 the club will play a Senior's team and Junior team. The Junior team will likely be an U16's however all female players should register their interest so we can determine the level of interest and adjust our plans if needed. If you would like to play, help out, or know someone who is interested, please provide the club with your details so we can keep you informed on upcoming dates and important information.

We will hold a "Come and Try" session for all interested players on December 13th between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. All players, volunteers, parents and anyone interested in female football will be welcome. Kellie Gibson from SANFL will run a basic training session so come and have a go!

There will be a sausage sizzle, a drink for the players and the clubhouse will be open and club officials available to answer any questions.

Please contact and let us know if you are coming along, would like to register or just get more information. Hope to see you there. Contact details are:

IBCGFC Female Football Director - Vanessa Medder on 0410470290

IBCGFC Vice President - Don Watton on 0417865044

or email info@ironbankfootball.com.au

THORNBURY PARK - THE PASSING OF AN ERA

This land is part of an original Land Grant to B.F. Lloyd, whose occupation was an Engineer.

He then went to India to do constructions work for the British Government. He returned to S.A. and built the original and present homestead between Marshall Road and Cherry Gardens Road, in valley complying with the Indian style for coolness.

His interest in mining is accounted for by the old mine hole and various depressions on the land. He was the son of a Clergyman dedicated to St. Johns Church of England Coromandel Valley and often preached there.

B.F. Lloyd had five children, four girls and one boy, who were tutored by a Governess in a small building on the farm. Four married and one lived on the farm all her life. Among Benjamin Furney Lloyd's other talents he was a butcher, carrying on the business for a number of years, having a smoke house built for curing hams etc, plus a cellar which had in-built pickling troughs and heavy beams for hanging carcases etc. This cellar is still in existence although starting to get in bad repair at the entrance.

The offal from the slaughterhouse was boiled in heavy cast iron coppers of some 60 gallon capacity to feed pigs, one of these old coppers is still in existence and has been very useful for watering stock over the years. However, at the turn of the century this business was relinquished and a vineyard was planted (25 acres in all) this being one of the main sources of income for a number of years, although a large number of railway sleepers were cut on the property by hand on pits dug for this purpose, many of these pits are still in evidence today.

The whole of the property has been cleared by hand which in later years was built up to 550 acres from approx. 200 at the turn of the century. Farm produce and firewood was carted to Adelaide in a wagon drawn by 2 draught horses, also lambs and sheep in loads of 8 or 10 taken from the farm to North Terrace, in this wagon to be sold at the Abattoirs. The wool

clip in 1889 being 3 bales.

The slopes of the hills that were not too steep were ploughed and crops were planted for hay which in the early days was cut by hand and tied into sheaves and sometimes carted as loose hay and stacked and later cut into chaff using a chaff cutter powered by a horse driven gearing known as a horse works.

With the event of the passing of Benjamin Lloyd in the early 1920's the management was taken over by his son Aylmer Furney Lloyd, a man who had a lot of foresight and an extremely active brain. As other properties became available, the original property was mortgaged and these were purchased bringing it up to its present acreage.

The famous "Thornbury Park" Border Leicester stud was started in 1929 with 10 acres purchased from A. Terrill, Rutherglen Victoria, and I ram purchased from Yulkuri Pastoral Coy, also about that time an Illawarra Shorthorn stud was started with some cows from Smyths, Salters Springs and a bull from Botts, Murray Bridge River Glen (Gems Royal) some very good cattle was bred from this stud, one bull taking championship ribbon in Mr Pleasant Show. This stud was dispersed in 1942 when activities were given way entirely to sheep as the vineyard was also cut out and the land put back to pasture.

Much work had got under way by this time to improve pasture; clover and ryegrass had been planted and heavy dressings of superphosphate had been put on also. Much time in exterminating rabbits which always caused a problem, a lot of trapping, ferreting, shooting and hundreds of warrens were completely hand grubbed to eradicate them and finally with the help of myxametosis they became a rarity.

This all proved to be a big asset as the stocking capacity increased from 550 sheep and 12 cows plus 3 horses in 1947 to some 1600 sheep by the late 1960's, as trace elements when introduced made pastures generate out of

all expectations.

In 1946 Ayler Lloyd imported a ram from William Youngs Skerrington Stud in Scotland to mate ewes from "Thornbury Park" stud which had grown steadily in numbers but with little significance in style or quality. This was met with immediate success as the style and quality of this ram was stamped on all his progeny. This followed by the importation of 3 ewes in lamb from the same stud in Scotland in 1949, really put the "Thornbury Park" stud in fine stead as stud rams and ewes were exported to South Africa, New Zealand where both ewes and rams won championships, Victoria, N.S.W, also championships, Western Australia and many to breeders in South Australia. This Border Leicester stud was dispersed in 1964, when the property was engaged solely in wool and fat lamb production, the wool clip being 73 bales in that year.

Two great achievements being the eradication of acres of blackberries which were hand sprayed with a knapsack spray, much of the water being carried ¹/₄ mile to replenish knapsack, this project started 1942 and lasted some 10 years.

The other, some 10 acre, bracken fern on a steep slope. This was mowed for a start with a sythe in 1964 and cut some three and four times a year. After two years it became too thin to mow so was pulled by hand for the next two years, when it was finally eradicated.

Ayler Lloyd passed away in September 1970 at the age of 93, his sister Ava Lloyd who lived and worked on the property for 88 years before illness took her to a Nursing Home where she spent the last 6 years of her life, passing away February 1976 at the age of 94 years.

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