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EDITORIAL

Simple, sustainable, low-waste living ... at 9 Degrees Celsius

9 Degrees Celsius is the name of a tiny farm in Cherry Gardens, where a small family of three has decided to make a home, and lead a more simple, sustainable, and low waste lifestyle. On just half an acre, the family is trying to raise chickens, grow their own produce, and tread as lightly as possible on the Earth. In order to document their journey, and encourage others to live a more environmentally conscious life too, the family is sharing their experiences, successes, and failures, on their Facebook page and blog @9degreescelsius, and now also here in the Cherry Chatter newsletter.

The following article was first published on a blog called "The Good Life with Amy French", dated 3rd October 2017. Part I is featured in this edition of the Cherry Chatter, with part 2 to feature in the next Cherry Chatter.

Is it possible to really live a zero waste life? Our experience so far ... (part 1)

We love the sound of a zero waste life – no rubbish, no waste, no personal contribution to landfill, and of course the obligatory photo of a small Mason jar with just a few non-recyclable or compostable items. We've all seen those photos, and to be honest we really admire people who've been able to do this, people like Lauren Singer from 'Trash is for Tossers'. However, unlike Lauren who not only lives a zero waste life but has made a living from inspiring others to do so too, we're still in the process of getting there. This is why, like the popular Facebook group, we call it our 'Journey to Zero Waste', because it really is a journey as much as it's a destination. Two years' worth of waste, generated by Lauren Singer, from Trash is for Tossers (Image source 'Trash is for Tossers' website).

We're not exactly sure when our journey began, but we do remember taking on a 'plastic challenge' when pregnant with our daughter. We saved all the disposable plastic we used for a week, and at the end of the challenge were confronted by an overflowing laundry full of plastic bags, take away containers, water bottles, coffee cups ... you name it, it was there. It was a real eye-opener, and made us consider the disposable nature of modern living. Following that challenge, we didn't make any changes to our lifestyle in terms of our purchasing decisions, but we did at least become vigilant about separating out our recyclables from our rubbish.

Another time that stands out on our journey towards zero waste, was when our daughter was about two years old; she was quite sick, and needed one of us to stop work and stay home with her until she was better. With just one income, money for new clothes was short, but we up-cycled old quilt covers, tablecloths and even curtains into clothes for our daughter. There's no doubt our daughter was one of the best dressed kids at playgroup during

this time, and what's even better, is lots of these clothes were then passed on to friends' children, so the original fabrics were used at least three times before going to landfill.

Our daughter Ruby, wearing a homesewn dress, up-cycled from a vintage tablecloth.

Around this time, we decided to upgrade our backyard, and grow our own vegetables and herbs. Shane grew up in the country, and tells stories about his Dad's garage being lined with big fat pumpkins, and his dad being able to grow anything - even in the Australian outback. Shane's Dad is now retired, but he still grows a fierce vegetable garden. Shane inherited his Dad's green thumb, and for a number of years our diet was supplemented with home-grown vegetables like tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, and beans, as well as a variety of herbs. One of our favourite memories is of our

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RAINFALL REPORT

October 2017	47.4
October 2016	152
Average for October	72.3
End of October 2017	845.2
End of October 2016	1262.7
Average end of October	830.5

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HALL NEWS

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Hall News

We are again delighted to make the Hall available to the Cherry Gardens Church for their annual Carols Night, to be held on December 19th. The Hall was overflowing last year, and I am sure the Church is again expecting a great attendance at this very popular annual event.

See the Church News in this edition for more information, and we hope to see you there.



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Meetings are held in the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church, at 7:30pm on the 2nd Monday evening, from January to November

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On 9th October, CG Garden Club enjoyed learning from speaker Rex Liebelt, chairperson of Strathalbyn Poultry Club, about keeping backyard poultry. He is a multi-skilled, very busy man, being a show judge, convener of multiple country shows etc.

Rex introduced his four 'girls', bringing each interesting hen to rest quietly on a green tablecloth on the table at the front. They were all impeccably quietly behaved until the largest, a Wyandotte,

started to appear a bit concerned and moved, almost overbalancing off the table, and mildly unsettling the other three, but not for long. The black Polish hen, with her ropey cream feather beret over her eyes, was the quietest, resting down on her elbows the whole evening.

A third of our members keep backyard hens, and another third have had them at some stage. We learned that in caring for hens, a well known brand of the appropriate pellets, keeping cages clean, regular dusting and spraying their cages for mites and provision of greens and scraps all add to their quality of life.

The "What's Happening In Your Garden?" segment was sometimes hilarious, but always most informative. The auction produced some great bargains, the supper afterwards deliciously diverse!

The scheduled Rose Challenge had to

be postponed until November, due to the delayed flowering season this year.

On Monday 13th November Chris Graham, the SA rep for Plant Growers Australia spoke to us about perennials and in particular new releases (which can also include improved old favourites). She explained the process that the company undertakes before releasing a new range of plants. This includes sourcing the plants (sometimes from overseas), trialling the plants so that they are able to confidently recommend them for Australian gardeners, propagating them in their own nurseries and then placing them for sale in retail Nurseries.

Propagating is sometimes done using tissue culture to ensure identical outcomes — useful if people are planting within a particular colour scheme in mind. Part of the process also includes label design, advertising

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Back in June I mentioned that I was having a problem with a sore bottom when floating because I was sitting too far back, pooing in my tail and generally making a complete mess of my rear end so that it was red raw. Solving the problem took a while as the weather was not all that pleasant for going out and we hadn't found anything that worked. We tried various types of tail bandages, tying up shorter, padding the tail bar and so on, but without success. Recently we had a 2 day clinic and after the first day my bottom was again raw – so my owners lowered the tail bar by 10cm so that I could put my tail over the top (wearing a tail bandage). Since my bottom was already sore there wasn't a huge difference, but it definitely wasn't any worse, so we are quietly optimistic that it is problem solved. Some floats have a recess in the top line for putting tails over, but that is generally in the taller floats and for bigger horses than myself - yours truly being only 15 hands. By next issue I should be able to confirm whether it has really worked (hooves crossed!).

It's been a late start to summer, so time to be getting all that brush cut-



ting done around stables, sheds and fence lines. There have already been some early sightings of snakes, so make sure there is nowhere for them to hide close to your horses. At least by keeping all traffic areas as clear as possible, you can reduce the chance of snake bite. Piles of wood, or sheets of iron can also be good snake homes, so clear them up if possible. Unfortunately with horses, chances of survival are slim as our owners are not usually around when the horse is bitten, and by the time we are found it is too late. Snakes as a rule would prefer to keep out of our way, so keep your horse areas such as yards, maybe in the favourite shady spot, any areas close to watering spots, dams or baths clear, clean and tidy.

A couple of months back there was a talk in the Cherry Hall about dung beetles. Such an informative session. Those little critters do so much good work. If you notice that piles of manure seem 'alive' or have been broken down, then that is very likely due to dung beetles. What these little fellows do is take nutrients down into the soil, improving soil texture and quality. They also eat fly larva, so this keeps the number of flies down during summer. And they also help to control the horse worm population. So if you have noticed any of that kind of activity in the piles of dung, don't pick up your manure straight away, but leave it for 2-3 days so the beetles can do their job. There are different types of dung beetle too, ones which are active in the winter and others which are more active in the summer. If you are using a worming paste on your horses, some of these pastes are not dung beetle friendly and will kill them off. So look for a brand which is beetle friendly. If your paddocks are not showing any evidence of dung beetles, they can be bought. On the night there was a book available called 'Dung Down Under', an excellent and informative read. Or you can go onto www.dungbeetlesolutions.com.au. lust some homework for you all!

Happy munching and safe riding! Hamish

CFS NEWS

Fire Danger Season
Dates for the 2017-18 Fire Danger Season will be declared and gazetted in October/November 2017.

The CFS Chief Officer has declared the following dates. They are published in the Government Gazette and the Public Notices section of The Advertiser prior to the declared date.

Restrictions on fires under the Fire and Emergency Services Act, 2005 will apply throughout South Australia from the date listed below.

Mount Lofty Ranges: I December 2017 - 30 April 2018

Fire on Government Reserves **ForestrySA**

You cannot light any fires on ForestrySA land, including Forest Reserves, between I November and 30 April in any year.

For further information contact ForestrySA Ranger staff on 08 8521 1700

Department of Environment Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) Fire Bans

- You cannot light a wood fire in parks during the Fire Danger Season. Some parks have year-round bans on wood fires.
- All open fires, liquid fuel and gas stoves are banned in all parks on Total Fire Ban days as declared by the Country Fire Service (CFS) and broadcast on the radio. Parks may be closed to visitors on Total Fire Ban days. Contact the CFS Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361

Fire Restrictions

DEWNR imposes fire restrictions to ensure the safety of visitors using the reserves, and to protect the reserves and neighbouring properties.

For information on fire restrictions in National Parks. Wildlife

Reserves and Wilderness Proteceas contact DEWNR

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Prescribed burns

DEWNR conducts prescribed burns as part of its fire management program. Prescribed burning is the controlled use of fire to a particular area of landscape. The aim is to strategically reduce fire fuel hazards in areas of South Australia's parks and reserves. Contact DEWNR for more informa-



CHURCH NEWS

A RECIPE FOR CHRISTMAS

Ingredients:

I cup of CHRISTMAS
I tablespoon of YOU
I handful of LOVED ONES
I pint each of LOVE, SHARE, GIVE
(EMOTIONS)

Instructions:

Mix together, stirring in the emotions each day, rather than just on the day of Christmas.

Be kind to others, and to yourself. Store unused portions immediately and use whenever needed.

Wishing everyone the blessings of the Christmas season from all at Cherry Church.

Special Events in December: Tuesday 19th – Community Carols at the Memorial Hall – children's activities at 6.30pm, Carols at 7.30pm Sunday 24th 9.30am Cherry Church – Service of Readings and Carols Monday 25th (Christmas Day) 9.30am Cherry Church – Family Service.



Sunday 31st No Service at Cherry – all are welcome at Clarendon Uniting Church for their 10.30am service.

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

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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 PACKS

If you are new to the area and have not yet received a welcome pack, please contact the editor at cherrychatter@yahoo.com with your address.

GARDENS CLUB - contd.

brochures and website, as well as the reps networking within the industry to ensure the sellers have good "local" knowledge to pass on to their customers. Chris' presentation provided a very informative and interesting insight into the plant industry — what takes place before we take that wonderful plant home and find just the right place for it in our home gardens.

Chris then talked about the beautiful plants that she had brought along on the night; new releases such as the "Princess Lavender" collection- including the Fairy Wings range, the stunning foliage of the new release Euphorbias and fantastic Salvias with their long lasting and brilliant range of colours, just to name a few. As a keen gardener herself, Chris was able to offer some valuable suggestions about successfully positioning plants, suitability for a water wise garden and growing tips.

Last year PGA sold a staggering 35,000 Hellebores and in 2014 won both plant and product of the year for The Princess Lavender.

Plant Growers Australian also donates a percentage of proceeds from sales of some ranges to charities, for example in the Salvia "Wishes" range, they donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation Australia.

In an incredibly generous gesture, Chris gave, on behalf of PGA, all the plants she had brought with her to our regular auction table, with the club to keep the proceeds.

As our guest speaker for the night, Chris judged the annual rose challenge which was won by Edith Thomas who received a certificate from the club. The Cherry Gardens Garden Club would also like to sincerely acknowledge the very kind donations that we received from Coles Supermarket in Blackwood, and Bunnings at Noarlunga - their

generosity in supporting local community and in particular our recent bus trip to Anlaby House was greatly appreciated by the club.



FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK

The Friends have just published a new booklet, Scott Creek Conservation Park, a South Australian Biodiversity Hotspot, which provides information about the Park and the Friends group that has dedicated 27 years caring for it...so far.

The booklet is beautifully bound, with 110 pages of information, photographs and quotes, and has been compiled by a talented group of volunteers from within the Friends of Scott Creek CP.

The introduction was written by the group's inaugural President, Tom Hands, who led them for 25 years from their first meeting in 1990. There is a summary of the Park's history, focussed mainly on its varied uses since European settlement, before eventually being declared a conservation park in 1985.

There are pages of information and colourful photographs of the animals that can be found in the Park, including the birds, mammals, invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians, which are interspersed with similarly spectacular photographs of the vegetation in which they live, including many wildflowers and fungi.

Towards the back of the booklet, there is more information about the Friends group and its activities, including bush regeneration, tubestock planting, bird banding, public walks and displays. Some before and after restoration work photographs show some of the success stories achieved by the group and provide inspiration for the future. Finally we have some poems written by our very own resident poet, Donella Peters, and a basic map of the Park showing the main access tracks through it.

This booklet is a tribute to Tom, who together with the rest of the Friends group, dedicated many years to the protection and restoration of Scott Creek CP. Copies can be purchased by contacting our secretary (see details below) for just \$15 a copy, if you are able to collect it in person, or \$18 including postage and handling. Numbers are limited, so get your order in quickly.

Our AGM was held on Thursday 16th November at the Cherry Gardens CFS. After a brief meeting that dealt with the formalities, PhD student Petra Hanke provided an interesting talk about Superb Fairy-Wrens, which she has been researching within Scott Creek and Cleland Conservation Parks. In addition, Isabelle Redmond attended the AGM to launch our above new

booklet, and we all got to see the video produced as part of our presentation at the State Community Landcare Conference, which was held at Clare in September.

Peter Watton

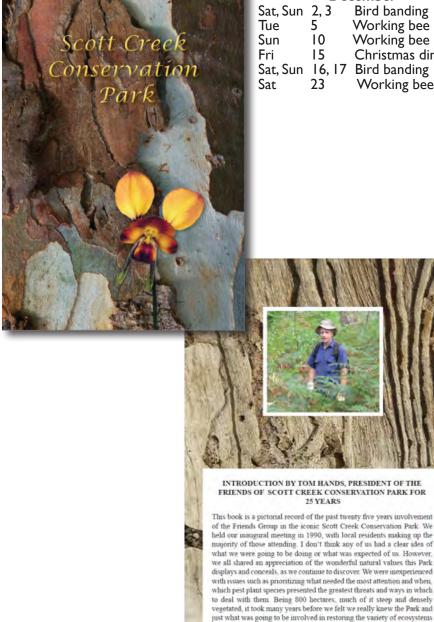


During summer, all working bees meet at the earlier time of 8:30am at Gate 16 Almanda Car Park Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet weather).

friendsofscottcreek.org.

Programme of activities December

Sat, Sun 2, 3 Bird banding Tue 5 Working bee 10 Sun Working bee 15 Fri Christmas dinner Sat, Sun 16, 17 Bird banding Sat 23 Working bee





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daughter making fresh 'basil sandwiches' to snack on (that is, basil leaves folded up and wrapped in more basil leaves), and being able to name everything in our herb garden at just three or four years old.

As our daughter grew and started school, and we were both working again, we found ourselves in the strange situation of being quite well-off financially, but feeling unsatisfied personally. We were surrounded by a lot of 'stuff', but much of our time was spent watching TV and mindlessly scrolling through social media — we weren't really engaging with life or each other. Thankfully, we decided to make some changes, beginning with going TV-free, and including selling our home so we could start a new, simple and more sustainable life 'on the land'. In reality, we actually just moved 10 minutes up the road, on to a halfacre of land, but it may as well have been a hundred kilometres away, it's so different.

During this time, we also became aware of Bea Johnson and her 'Zero Waste Home' movement, and we started to implement her 5Rs Hierarchy:

- I. Refuse what you don't need
- 2. Reduce what you do need
- 3. Reuse what you consume
- 4. Recycle what you cannot Refuse, Reduce, or Reuse, and
- 5. Rot compost the rest.

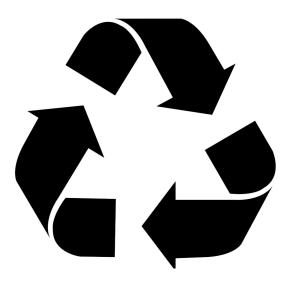


It's been more than a year since we started our new life on our tiny farm that we call 9 Degrees Celsius, and we're still in transition – it's not easy to leave behind a lifestyle you've known for decades, even when your values and beliefs lead you elsewhere. We're still contributing to landfill on a weekly or fortnightly basis, but our contributions have significantly reduced, and we now have a much greater understanding about how

damaging our contributions are. As we learn more, work out ways to better implement the 5Rs, and overcome challenges like a lack of time, energy, and money, we're sure we'll continue to reduce our waste, and get closer to that zero waste goal.

Thanks for taking the time to read part I of this article, and thanks to the Cherry Chatter for allowing us the space to share our journey.

Bonnie and Shane, from 9 Degrees Celsius.





MINTON FARM

Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre wishes all the residents and friends of the district a wonderful Christmas season. It has been a delight to assist you and we look forward to being of service to you next year. Best wishes, Bev and Glenn Langley





CHERRY GARDENS IRONBANK RECREATION GROUNDS

IBCG Football

So the football season for 2017 has closed but we are already preparing for the 2018 season. The committee has already appointed coaches for all teams except our new U16 Junior Colts side, and it is very good to see that in line with one of our key values "play local, be local", we have appointed all coaches from within our current ranks.

In 2018 there will be two additional boys junior football teams with the U18's and U16's sides. In addition the two female football sides will now be incorporated within a new Hills Football League female football competition. So as it stands right now we will be fielding two female football teams (Open Women and U16), two seniors men's sides, three junior boys teams (U18, U16 and U14's), two modified rules kids teams (U12's and U9's) and we will coordinate two Auskick programs at Coromandel Primary and Hawthorndene primary schools. It will be a big year for us.

Pre-season training has already started for the female teams on Monday nights and the men and boys will be starting from the end of November.

The club had its AGM on November 1st which was well attended, and a

new committee was elected that will lead the club in what should be a very exciting and busy year.

Some of the key positions and the committee members are:

- President: Paul Langman 0419831772
- Vice President: Don Watton 0417865044
- •Treasurer: Nigel Downes 0408815517
- •Secretary: Joel Bawdon 0401740086

The club is very grateful for the support we get from all the other sporting codes that play at the Recreation Ground, and from the local community and there is always the open invitation for you to come to the club any night to watch the teams training, Thursday night when meals are served

and teams selected, and on weekends when we have home games.

The boys and men's team play on Saturdays and the female footy is on Sunday.

If you are at all interested in being a part of the club, then we are always looking for local players and local volunteers to help out with the many jobs that need to be done, so that we can play football each week. Finally Sponsors are very important for our club and if you are interested in being a sponsor then everyone at the club would be very grateful to hear from you. Our email address is info@ironbankfootball.com.au and you can call anyone from the committee, drop in on Thursday night training or message us on facebook https://www.facebook. com/IronbankFC/



ONKAPARINGA COUNCIL NEWS

With the weather heating up and summer fast approaching it's a great time to let you know about our new corporate approach to discouraging balloon use at council run/supported events and council land/buildings.

Balloons released on purpose or accidentally, and released kilometres inland or at the beach, all eventually come back down to earth, and end up washing down the storm drains, and into our creek systems and oceans, where they can then be eaten or entangle precious wildlife.

There are plenty of fun alternatives to balloons for parties and events, and lasting ideas for memorials, and we're encouraging the use of these instead.

To help spread the word we've created a brand new brochure for residents that will be available by the end of this week in our offices, centres and libraries, plus a link to a webpage and an e-version of the flyer that you'll find attached. We're also working with the Events and Permits teams to ensure the message carries through to our major upcoming events, and any summer event requests. This is a great opportunity for us to lead by example, so please encourage your colleagues, management committees, building users and residents to get on board.

Please give me a call if you'd like more information, or to chat about this or any part of our approach to marine debris education.

Tracy Fulton

Environmental Sustainability Projects Officer

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EDITOR'S NOTE: What a great opportunity for some entrepreneur/designer/inventor to come up with a 100% biodegradable balloon. We can then have the enjoyment of kids (and adults) playing with balloons, yet not creating an environmental challenge!

BALLOONS ARE PRETTY...



Why are balloons so bad?

Released balloons all eventually fall back down to earth as litter, where they end up on land or washed down the storm drain, into our waterways and out to the ocean, where they pose a threat to wildlife.

Deflated balloons are often mistaken for food by animals and marine life, ultimately proving fatal in most cases. Inquisitive creatures, such as birds and dolphins, are attracted by bright colours or shiny objects and can mistakenly ingest balloon litter.

In addition to the danger caused by consumption of balloon litter, animals are also at risk of becoming tangled in the strings and ribbons used on the balloons. Wings, flippers and fins can all easily become entangled, leading to serious harm or loss of life.

Balloon companies advocate that latex balloons are biodegradable, but tests have shown that even after being buried for four years, they can still be identified, and in that time, there are plenty of opportunities for wildlife to be harmed.

Fun alternatives for parties

There are many alternatives that can be used to make celebrations feel more festive. These can be made at home, creating even more entertainment for the family in the lead up to a special event.



Lasting ideas for a memorial



For more inspiration visit www.balloonsblow.org



Our approach to balloons

The City of Onkaparinga is moving away from using balloons at council-hosted events. We are also encouraging those participating in events with council or on council land, to consider using alternatives to balloons.

More information

For more information about the council's stance on balloons, please contact our Environmental Sustainability team on 8384 0083 or email sustainable@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au



LOCAL BOYS DOING IT IN A DRESS

Two local boys from Cherry Gardens, Seb (10) and Flynn Angus (7), recently helped raise more than \$300,000 for charity, by wearing dresses to school in place of their usual Craigburn Primary School uniforms.

On Friday 29th September 2017, students at Craigburn Primary School held a "Do It In A Dress" event, fundraising for the One Girl charity. Money raised from such events is used to educate disadvantaged girls in developing countries, who would otherwise remain uneducated due to their gender.

Craigburn Primary School aimed to raise \$900 – enough to educate three girls. However, on Wednesday 20th September 2017, Australian Conservatives Senator, Cory Bernardi, condemned the "Do It In A Dress" charity event, accusing the Department of Education & Child Development (DECD) of "gender morphing" and "social engineering" – seemingly without having first checked the facts.

For anybody who missed it, Sen. Bernardi's Twitter comments caught the attention of comedian Josh Thomas, who then shared the school's charity event on social media, and donated \$2,000 himself. Following this, the "Do It In A Dress" event gained considerable publicity and momentum, and the school was flooded with donations from across Australia, totalling more than \$300,000 ... 330 times the original fundraising target. It would seem Sen. Bernardi was the unwitting "helping hand" the school needed to achieve and surpass its fundraising goal. Seb and Flynn's Mother, Belinda Angus, said the boys "didn't even bat an eyelid" about the fundraiser involving them wearing dresses to school, and commended all the students for "being mature enough to rise above all the political drama, and trying to make the world a better place".

Seb – whose grade 5 class took primary responsibility for the event – described the experience as "a good opportunity to learn about other countries, and some of the challenges people from these countries experience". Seb was especially affected by stories of young girls being married at just 12 years old, and becoming mothers at just 12 or 13 years old, without having had any formal

education.

When asked how he felt about the One Girl charity, and the "Do It In A Dress" event, Seb said that he felt proud to have been involved, and "so happy that more than 300 girls in Africa are now going to get an education". Seb denied wearing a dress to school had been a negative experience, instead maintaining it was just part of the event, an event he was glad to have been part of.





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Aldinga Beach 11 Central Way

Noarlunga Centre Ramsay Place

Willunga St Peters Terrace

Woodcroft Community Centre 175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale

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GO WILD AT WILFRED!

Sunday 10 December, 12.30–4.30pm Wilfred Taylor Reserve, Wheatsheaf Road Morphett Vale

The City of Onkaparinga is hosting a free family fun day for all to enjoy! There will be a free BBQ and lots of fun for the kids including native animals, cubby building, nature play activities, \$7 train rides and much more! Information will also be provided on a proposed regional nature playground for this site, so come along and have your say.

More information

To find out more on the proposed regional nature playground and to complete the online survey, visit www.onkaparingacity.com/communityengagement

For further enquiries, contact Kosta Livaditis, Project Leader on 8301 7249 or email kosta.livaditis@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

REYNELLA EAST PARKRUN LAUNCH

Saturday 16 December, 8am Wetlands on Byards Road, Reynella East

Healthy Active Lifestyles Onkaparinga (HALO) are supporting Parkrun, a weekly 5km timed community group run or walk. Parkrun is co-ordinated by volunteers, it's open to everyone and is free to participate. Set your alarm for each Saturday morning and enjoy the great community spirit of Parkrun!

Other Parkrun locations include Christies Beach and Aldinga Beach.

Register now

You must register no later than 6pm Friday,

ahead of your first Parkrun event. Visit www.parkrun.com.au

Please note - you only have to register once.

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Make this Christmas extra special for children living in our city, by donating to the Mayor's Christmas Tree.

Unwrapped gifts, for children 0–18 years, can be donated from Monday 27 November to Friday 15 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 sent to the Southern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service, Anglicare at Morphett Vale, Christian Care and Support Centre at Aldinga Beach and the Salvation Army, Morphett Vale for distribution to children in need.

For more information, contact Wendy Goulding, Office of the Mayor on 8384 0666 or email wendy.goulding@onkaparinga. sa.gov.au

WHAT'S ON @ ONKAPARINGA LIBRARIES

Aldinga Library – 8384 0022 11 Central Way, Aldinga Beach Hub Library – 8384 0100 Hub Drive, Aberfoyle Park

Noarlunga Library – 8384 0655 Hannah Road, Noarlunga Centre

Seaford Library – 8384 0044 Grand Boulevard, Seaford

Willunga Library – 8384 0006 St Peter's Terrace, Willunga

Woodcroft Library – 8384 0050 175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale

To book or to find out more information about events at your library, phone, drop in or visit www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries

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Children's Conversations

Woodcroft Library and Woodcroft Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, in partnership with Together in the South, are hosting the following events to collect the voices of children on their feelings around being safe, healthy and ready to learn. All participants must be residents of the City of Onkaparinga.

For ages 1-4

- Friday 24 November, 10am-noon
- Friday 1 December, 10am-noon

Watch the ever popular Blast Off show, have your face painted and let a therapy artist guide your child through an art therapy workshop.

For ages 5–8

- Wednesday 20 December, 2–4pm
- Thursday 21 December, 10am-noon

Tell it like it is, in our 'Tell it like it is tent'. Plus explore the world of cool tech and construction gadgets.

Bookings essential.

Hour of Code

Monday 4 December, 3.30–4.30pm Woodcroft Library

Learn coding skills for the LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 robotics kit or Dash the Robot, to navigate around our obstacle course. Ages 8+.

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Code Club

Mondays, 3.30–4.30pm (during school term from January 2018) Aldinga Library

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Summer Reading Club (SRC) 2017-18

This year's theme is Game on! Spend your summer school holidays on an exciting discovery of different games in books, plus more fun activities to join in. Register at your local Onkaparinga library to receive a free SRC pack and a detailed listing of all the free activities on offer. Participants will receive a book prize at the end. Suitable for primary school aged children.

Check out the national SRC website for additional activities, plus opportunities to win more prizes. Visit www.summerreadingclub.org.

SRC launch activities

- SRC launch Seaford
 1–8 December, during opening hours
 Seaford Library
 - Drop in to Seaford Library to sign up and collect your SRC pack. No bookings required.
- SRC launch Noarlunga Friday 8 December, 3–4.30pm Noarlunga Library

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- and fun on our dance machine. Ages 5+. No bookings required.
- SRC launch Willunga
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 - Collect your SRC pack and enjoy games and bubble fun with Mr Oopy! Ages 5+. Bookings essential.
- SRC launch with Games2U Woodcroft Saturday 16 December, 1–3pm Woodcroft Library

Games2U are transforming the library into a mega laser tag zone! They will also bring a giant hamster ball and their online gaming truck. Ages 5+. Children must wear closed in shoes to participate.

This event is a LOCK IN. Parents can leave children over 10 at the event and collect them at the end. Parental supervision is required for children under 10. Any parents wishing to stay are welcome.

Bookings essential.

Make a digital Christmas greeting

Monday 18 December, 12.30–4pm Hub Library Book your group in for a 30 minute session with our green screen movie studio and create a Christmas video to share with family and friends. Dress up if you like, but remember green can't be seen! Children under 8 must have a parent participate. Please obtain an information pack from the library.

Suitable for all ages. Bookings essential.

For a full list of school holiday activities including many free drop-in activities, pick up a brochure from your library.



SA's largest metro council commits to climate action

has become the first SA council to join the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership, a ground-breaking network of Australian councils committed to tackling climate change.

Professor Tim Flannery, Climate Council Chief Councillor, says: "South Australia is one of the nation's renewable energy leaders, from state level right through to local government.

"Onkaparinga joining the Cities Power Partnership will bring some of that great SA energy and know-how to the network."

The addition of SA's largest metropolitan council means that the Cities Power Partnership now has council members in all Australian states and territories.

Onkaparinga Mayor, Lorraine Rosenberg, says: "Joining the partnership will build on the work we're already doing to minimise our council's impact on the environment.

"Through a range of measures, including the introduction of

solar power at 24 council sites, we've already achieved a 30 per cent reduction in emissions.

"We're also installing LED lighting across our city that will save a further 2200 tonnes in greenhouse gas emissions each year."

Mayor Rosenberg said joining the Cities Power Partnership makes the council part of a national solution.

"We'll be able to share expertise and knowledge with the other member councils. This includes the work we've done locally as part of the Resilient South project with Marion, Holdfast Bay and Mitcham councils.

"Local government can't sit on its hands and wait for solutions to come to us from other tiers of government or external organisations; we must build capacity together and develop our own ways to tackle climate change," Mayor Rosenberg said.

Launched in July 2017 by the Climate Council, the Cities Power Partnership enhances and accelerates local government



Through the introduction of solar power at 24 council sites, including the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre (above), council has already achieved a 30 per cent reduction in emissions.

action on emissions reduction.

Councils taking part are asked to make five climate action pledges, from reducing transport emissions to increasing the uptake of renewable energy.

Thirty-five councils, representing 200 towns and cities and over three million

people from across Australia, have already signed up to the program.

A further thirty-five councils joined in November, making it one of Australia's leading local government climate action networks.

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