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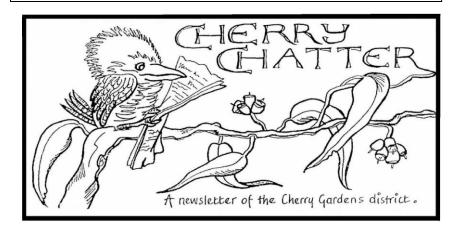
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### CHERRY GARDENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC INCORPORATING THE CHERRY CHATTER NEWSLETTER





So how is your Bushfire Survival Plan looking and how did it stack up in reality when you found out about the recent fire in Belair National Park? I've been

impressed with the number of people that I've spoken with who had a plan that they actually put into action. I suppose that the number of very high profile fires, both here in SA and across other parts of Australia, may well have acted as a motivation for people to get themselves organised. Let's hope so, because you won't get a second chance when a fire does come and hoping that it will 'all come together on the day' really is a hopeless fantasy. If you don't have a Bushfire Survival Plan they easily accessed on the CFS website http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare\_act\_survive\_2012.j

So far this 2013-14 Fire Danger Period has been one to remember, with early SA CFS deployments to support the RFS in the NSW Blue Mountains fires in 2013, followed on with significant fires here in SA in 2014; Delamere, Eden Valley, Bangor and of course the recent and very close incident in Belair National Park. This has been along with a whole bunch of local jobs that are the norm for this time of year, like 'tree downs', smoke sightings, bin fires, grass fires, vehicle accidents/fuel spills, fixed alarms, 'assist other agencies' and most recently flood support, pretty much all of which our own Cherry Gardens crews have been out to. I will admit that we have been stretched this fire season. The size and extended nature of these fires has meant CFS and other support personnel have had to be on more than one extended deployment to try and put them out. We'll all be glad when this Fire Danger Period comes to a close.

We are continually striving to improve our own resources, as you may well be aware already if you have received a letter asking for support. You will understand that we are fund-raising in order to purchase a 10,000 litre tanker, which would be stationed at our own Cherry Gardens CFS fire station. If you haven't then you can simply go to the Sturt CFS Group website and follow the link <a href="http://www.sturtcfsgroup.org.au/appeal/">http://www.sturtcfsgroup.org.au/appeal/</a> to make a Direct Deposit. We are really appreciative of the ongoing support that people are giving us, with the bottles and cans that are being dropped into our recycle bin (that has helped us secure the defibrillators for our fire truck) and

hope that you will also dig deep for our Tanker Appeal. We're fund raising because we want to be able to ensure we have the required level of equipment to provide emergency fire cover for our community, so please help us to help you.

Paul Heck



## THE CHERRY CHATTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 12th of March at 8pm at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall

All articles to be received at least 2 days before.

#### RAINFALL REPORT DECEMBER 2013



Rainfall for December 2013 31.6
Rainfall for December 2012 13.2
Average rainfall for December 40.6

Total rainfall for year 2013 892.8

Total rainfall for year 2012 923.8 Annual average rainfall 920.7

#### RAINFALL REPORT JANUARY 2014

Rainfall for January 2014 21.6 Rainfall for January 2013 14.2 Average rainfall for January 27.9



#### **LOST DOG**

We have lost our dog Sooty from midday Thursday 2nd of January in the Scott Creek Conservation Park and if anyone has seen him, our numbers are Ann 0421797309 or George 0448438556.

"Sooty"



### Tree appeal to help scorched land

South Australian environmental organisation Trees For Life has started an appeal to help landholders affected

by the recent bushfires revegetate their land.

Trees For Life is calling for registrations of interest from people who want to help landholders by volunteering to grow and plant native seedlings for their properties, and from any groups, businesses or organisations who want to help with financial or in-kind support.

An estimated 450 bushfires engulfed parts of the State during the January heatwave, burning more than 445,000 hectares as well as destroying livestock and at least 15 homes.

The main areas affected by bushfires were Rockleigh, Eden Valley (which burnt at least 30,000ha) and the Bangor region in the southern Flinders Ranges, as well as Ngarkat and Billiat in the Murraylands, the Far West Coast, the Riverland and Fleurieu Peninsula.

"Every year Trees For Life helps landholders throughout the State plant native vegetation on their properties and we have been devastated to hear just how badly affected not only some of our own members have been, but so many others throughout the various regions," Trees For Life chief executive Greg Boundy said.

"We know that so much of the focus in the coming months will be helping people rebuild their lives after having lost homes, livestock, thousands of kilometres of fencing, valuable farming equipment and structures like sheds. But we also know how hard it must be for them to look over now blackened and charred pastures and trees that were once green and full of life."

Mr Boundy said as well as landholders properties, nature too had taken a big hit.

"Majestic red and blue gums that have withstood all before them for generations lie burnt out and collapsed across fields. Shelter for fauna is gone, shade and food now elusive, fauna losses extensive. Recovery will take time and it will be very interesting to watch how resilient the Australian bush is. But without a doubt, our help will be needed."

"Trees For Life has the resources, the experience, the contacts and the enthusiasm to help. And we're sure there would be many people out there in the community who also want to help but aren't quite sure how. This is their chance to play their part."

Mr Boundy said a contribution as small as \$20 would buy all the materials needed to grow 50 trees. A \$65 contribution would cover the cost of tree guards and stakes. Trees For Life also would work with volunteer growers to ensure landholders received their full tree quota.

Trees For Life has set up a register for people interested in growing native seedlings, taking part in planting events or those able to help the revegetation project with financial or in-kind support. They would also like to hear from landholders who have been affected by the bushfires, and need or want to be part of the project.

Please phone the office on (08) 8406 500 or log onto <a href="https://www.treesforlife.org.au">www.treesforlife.org.au</a> for more information.

(Cherry Chatter will be donating \$200 towards the Trees For Life appeal – Ed)

As we go to print we note with sadness the passing of Frank Jacobs. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Margaret and the Jacobs family.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Dear Cherry Chatter**

Thank you for your kind donation of Food for our Emergency Relief Services. Your gift of generosity was much appreciated and

allowed us to help make many lives that little bit easier especially during the Christmas Season.

The Marion Salvation Army Community Support Service has been operating for just over eleven years and in that time we have seen a great need in this community. We have been able to help many hundreds of families and single people with food vouchers, clothing, household goods, bedding, furniture and donated food throughout the year.

We would like to thank you for your kindness and concern for others, please accept our grateful thanks.

Yours sincerely
Greg Varidel
Manager
Community Support Services
Marion Salvation Army

We received a letter from Shirley Holland who believes that her late husband's family were early settlers in the Cherry Gardens to Clarendon area.

These early settlers were James and Hannah Holland and arrived in South Australia from Plymouth in 1854 and lived in the district until 1892 when they moved to Victoria.

Shirley would be grateful for any information that we may be able to provide so if any of the Cherry Chatter readers can help please let one of the committee members know.

- Ed

#### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:-**

- The 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.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Remember to check out what's on at the Coromandel Community Centre by visiting their website: www.communitywebs.org/CoromandelCommunityCentre/

#### **Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust**

Here is a brief outline of some of the excellent autumn activities open to the readers of Cherry Chatter and surrounding districts.

The Gamble Cottage and Garden will be open 2-4pm on Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>, as too will the Winns Bakehouse Museum.

#### Coro Valley & District National Trust cont.....

Spotlight Sessions continue on Friday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-4.30pm, at the Coromandel Community Centre. Special speakers will be from the Blackwood Action Group (BAG), and their Blackwood History Sub-committee. Admission \$5.

#### Guided Walks;

The Coromandel Valley walks combine a comfortable walk through beautiful settings with fascinating stories of people and places. Afternoon tea included. Cost \$15 pp Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, Guided Walk, (Southern), start 1 pm Weymouth Oval. 3 hour duration

Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Guided Walk, (Northern), start 1 pm Frank Smith Park, 3 hour duration.

The program extends through April and May as History Month progresses.

Contact for these and other coming activities; Trevor Conlon, Phone: 08 82705686

Email: ntcoro2 @bigpond.com

#### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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#### HALL NEWS

At the Hall AGM on 3rd February all Seal Holders retained their positions, and Office Bearers elected were Bill Semple (President), Veronica Jones (Secretary) and

Julie Semple (Treasurer). Edie Brooks is again a Committee member.

The Committee would welcome anyone interested in ioining the Committee.

You may have seen that the Committee committed funds to the replacement of the eastern wall last year, at a total cost of over \$19,000. The current project is to replace the hall roof, estimated to cost up to \$20,000, but understandably our funds are now seriously depleted.

To assist our fundraising, you will see from the enclosed flyer that we will again be conducting a sausage sizzle on State Election Day 15<sup>th</sup> March and also holding a cake stall. This year we will also provide a tin for donations, and would appreciate any donation you may wish to make on the day to assist with our fundraising.

Also, if anyone is able to donate cakes or ingredients for the stall please contact me on 0433 656 803 so that we can make arrangements to collect them.

Thanks, Bill Semple

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#### **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 www.cherrychatter.org.au

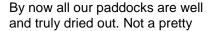
#### **NEW FAMILIES**

The Cherry Chatter committee would like to welcome two new families to the district .....

WELCOME TO the Ryan and O'Connor families

### OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!





sight, but there will be areas of bare ground showing up, either due to traffic or just lack of ground cover. Spare manure can be collected and spread over these areas. In the next month or so a soil test would be useful to discover the state of your paddocks. Many weeds will grow in areas which are deficient in trace elements such as iron etc. Remember that what grows in the ground also feeds your horse. So if your paddocks are deficient, then so is their feed. Once the soil test is done, and you know what is either lacking or surplus, then you can hire a contractor to 'top up' the various elements. Here in the hills the soils tend to acidity and the usual action is to add lime. But that is not the whole story as various trace elements may be missing. It is best to get all this done either late summer through to autumn, before the full winter hits. Your paddocks will benefit and so will your horses. Also don't forget to ensure rugs are all ready for winter.

Some thoughts on training... Most 'horse' people use a system called 'negative reinforcement' in training their equine. There is another system which follows 'positive reinforcement' (clicker training uses this). These terms can be somewhat misleading, as negative actually refers to the removal of something (in this case, pressure), not something bad. Positive refers to adding something (mostly food), not just something good. Both systems have their merits and downsides. What both systems have in common is that it is the timing which is absolutely crucial. With negative reinforcement we apply a pressure to the horse, either via the reins to the mouth, or by the legs to the body. This pressure is applied until we get the required response. Once applied, the pressure should not be removed until the response is achieved. However, once that response is achieved, the pressure must be removed immediately. Simply put, it is the pressure which achieves the response, but it is the removal of that pressure which TRAINS the response. The same applies with positive reinforcement, in that as soon as the response is achieved, then the food or whatever reward is offered IMMEDIATELY. Frequently horses who are head shy, pull, buck, rear, don't tie up etc have some gaps in their training where the timing of signals has been inconsistent. It is usually the human who is at fault. Consider that the misbehaving horse is merely giving an incorrect response, because he just doesn't know which is the correct one. Careful retraining in hand (and then under saddle) covering the qualities of stopping, going, turning, parking (standing still) will improve the horse's responses. If you are not able to do this yourself, get someone skilled to do the retraining for you. If possible get them to show you how and what they doing.

Plenty of food for thought here! Hamish

DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR ARTICLES THAT HAMISH COULD DISCUSS OR GIVE INFORMATION ON??? Email Cherry Chatter at <a href="mailto:cherrychatter@yahoo.com">cherrychatter@yahoo.com</a>

To see all of Hamish' past articles, please go to our website <a href="www.cherrychatter.org.au">www.cherrychatter.org.au</a> and click on the "Newsletter" link.



### CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

Meetings are held at the Uniting Church meeting room 87 Hicks Hill Rd Cherry Gardens at 7.30pm

Supper is provided, we have a lucky door prize! Visitors are most welcome—first visit free then \$5 per meeting.

Membership is \$12 per year and \$4 per meeting

Phone Ray on 8383-6011 or Lyn on 0400 290 521

A great Christmas break up lunch was enjoyed by all on the Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December.

After our Christmas break we had a full house on 10 February to hear our guest speaker **Michael Keelan** an experienced horticulturalist, radio FIVEaa presenter and regular contributor to 'SA Gardens' Magazine. Along with great gardening information and humorous quips, Michael shared many tips for rejuvenating our gardens after the heatwave. He was very expansive in answering our questions which true to a pattern he has noticed over the years included of course Citrus questions and Tomato questions!

Michael also judged our Tomato challenge choosing for taste. The lucky winners (who tied in first place) were the Calluses with their tasty Grosse Lisse beauty and the Parslows very sweet Tommy Toe truss cherry tomatoes. The monthly members plant auction went well including a very popular half dozen eggs!

#### 2014 GARDEN CLUB PROGRAMME

**MON 17 MAR: Tina Verey** from the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Diggers Garden shop, is also a tour guide for Botanica World Discoveries.

**MON 14 APR: Alan White** is from Antelco a SA company that manufactures micro irrigation components, including 'shrubblers'

**MON 12 MAY:** A speaker from the **Bromeliad Society** (To Be Confirmed) Bromeliads for sale.

**TUE 16 JUN:** Winter Warmers A meeting with a difference – we start at 6.30 with soup and crusty bread followed by delicious dessert then to watch Magic Harvest, a DVD by Tori Moreton.





#### ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW, I LEARNED IN KINDY

Robert Fulghum's book, with the above title, lists what he regards as the most important lessons he learned for life.

**Cherry Church cont....** He has several academic degrees but still thinks kindy's lessons were most important. They include:

- Share everything
- Play fair
- Don't hit people
- Put things back where you found them
- Clean up your own mess
- Don't take things that don't belong to you
- Say you're sorry when you hurt someone
- Wash your hands before eating
- Flush after use
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you
- Live a balanced life
- Learn some, think some
- Draw, paint, sing and dance
- Play and work each day
- Take a nap in the afternoons
- Watch out for traffic
- Hold hands, stick together
- Learn from the little plant in the plastic cup Its roots go down and it grows up We are all like that
- Goldfish, hamsters and white mice die And so do we
- Wherever you go , look!

If you're over five, treat this as a refresher course!

Want to find out more about our church?

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#### **Cherry Church Contacts**

**Pastor –** Roger Waldron Ph 8270-5812 **Chairman Congregational Council** Alan Dube Ph 8270-3264

Pastoral Contact Joan Button 8370-4947



Happy 2014 to all!!

We had a nice break and are now full steam ahead due to the hot weather bringing in a myriad of rescues. This year we will be selling the Channel 9, Take 9 Movie Deals from April and Telethon Home tickets mid-year, as our major fund raisers as well as a Garage Sale around October if you want to donate any goods for that we can store them in our fund raising shed, which will be concreted by then hopefully!



We had a tiny little koala arrive that was found sitting alone in a garage, covered in prickles and dog saliva with hair pulls where the dogs' tooth came out of it. She weighed 400grams, and we called her Mandy. After

rehydrating her she took formula in a syringe with a teat on it for a couple of weeks but wouldn't touch gum leaf. One day she would not settle and was calling and agitated even after her feed. I offered her some gum leaf and she grabbed it with her hand and ripped at it with her teeth, so eager to eat. She had obviously rehydrated enough to begin eating again, and she hasn't looked back, gaining 100grams in one week...dear little girl! She has started drinking from a bottle and taking larger volumes, so things are looking good for her.

A young lady stood at the front gate and said "Will you take a joey?" She produced a tiny, traumatised western grey joey and told us the horror story of what had happened. A group of young men took their motor bikes out for some fun to chase down and kill kangaroos!!! They got the joey from the dead mother's pouch and stuffed it into an esky where they left it all day whilst they finished their fun, then phoned the girl to ask "Do you want a joey?". She collected it and brought it straight here. Rfour has recovered exceptionally well and is feeding beautifully and devouring Weetbix, Muesli and chaff, whilst luxuriously laying on Doonas kindly donated by Sheridans!

All the best, Bev

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#### CHERRY GARDENS IRONBANK RECREATION GROUND NEWS

Don't forget you are more than welcome to call into the clubrooms on Thursday or Saturday nights. We have \$10 meals on Thursdays and most Saturdays and the bar is always open!

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

#### **TENNIS CLUB**

#### **FOOTBALL CLUB**

The big news at Thunder Park this football season is the appointment of former Adelaide Crow, Andrew Jarman, as the senior coach. Andrew brings with him a wealth of

experience from playing at the elite AFL level, to coaching in the SANFL & WAFL , and Division 1 Amateur League. He understands grass roots football and is very passionate about it.

Andrew's appointment is a major coup for the club and

will raise the profile of our club and the league which has everyone involved excited about the upcoming season. The Thunderers will be a fit and skillful side that focuses on running and delivering the footy to a team mate. Our

**Football Club news cont....** pre season commenced in mid-November so we are now 3 months in and all the boys are looking in better shape at this time in any other preseason.

We are also improving the facilities around the clubrooms. Over the next couple of months we plan to construct a BBQ shed adjoining the clubrooms, blue board and render the front of the clubrooms, install sliding doors to the clubroom, erect a weights and storage shed behind the club, improve the visitors change rooms, and complete the car park upgrade once we have a solution to the septic situation. It is expected the septic will have significant upgrade during March so we can bid farewell to the current mess.

Our first home game will be on April 5<sup>th</sup> against Hahndorf with u13s kicking off at 8.45am and games through to the A Grade starting at 2.30pm. We will again be fielding junior teams from u9s through to u17.5s. If you or your child would like to join the Thunderers please call our senior director, Glen Turner on 0427 836 957, or our Junior Director John Rosman 0412 637 205.

See you at the club in 2014!

#### **NETBALL CLUB**

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

If you are turning 7 years old in 2014 or older you are eligible to play for season 2014.

#### **Upcoming dates:**

Junior Registration Day Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 at 10am followed by our AGM at 12 noon.

#### **Feathered Friends**

A strange pair of incidents in Cherry Gardens are now part of my memories.

About ten years ago, I was bringing my wife home from a medical appointment before the birth of our youngest child. We were on the fringe of Cherry Gardens coming up Ackland Hill Road when a Magpie decided to literally wander into the path of the car. We heard no real noise, and in the mirror saw no sign of the daredevil left behind, sadly concluding that we must have hooked it underneath the car. Arriving home at Ironbank I walked around the front of the car to witness our friend perched indignantly on the inside of the bumper and grill assembly. There was no way for it to get down and out from where it had obviously jumped when the car went over it, so with the bonnet up I used a broom stick to encourage it out via the engine bay. Finally, a ruffled but basically uninjured member of the avian world jumped out and strutted away. Move forward that ten years, and this week I am doing my 80 kilometres per hour along Cherry Gardens Road on the way to work. An adventurous Crimson Rosella decided to dive in front of the car. The resultant dull bang led me to assume there was one less bird in the world, and due to a corner I had no chance to check the rear view for feathers. When I stopped at the office in Morphett Vale to inspect any damage, I was greeted by a rustling noise and a pair of eyes sitting in front of the radiator. After opening the bonnet, my aggrieved crimson friend forced his way out the top of the chassis and flew

away, apparently none the worse for his twenty minute windy ride at the front of the car.

What odds to have done this once, let alone twice, and what about the physics of a car hitting a bird without injuring it.

They breed them tough in Cherry Gardens.

Craig Stevens

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Following on from the letter from Bob Such to Council regarding traffic around the Rec Ground.

Dear Dr Such

#### Recreation grounds usage – Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens

Thank you for your letter dated 11 September 2013 regarding the usage of the recreation grounds on Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens at the Intersection with Ackland Hill Road. I can advise that your comments have been considered.

It is acknowledged that one particular paragraph in our correspondence dated 25 November 2013 was worded incorrectly. The paragraph should have read that our investigations suggested that there are approximately nine events held during the year which attract sufficient visitors to the recreation grounds to require 'overflow' parking outside the grounds along Ackland Hill Road.

The off street parking available within the grounds is adequate for the general day to day use of the grounds for various sporting activities and training sessions and therefore these are not relevant to the road and traffic conditions on Ackland Hill Road.

If you would like to discuss this matter further please contact Steve Day, Traffic Investigations officer on 8384 0666 or <a href="mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au">mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au</a>

Yours sincerely

Steve Matthewson

#### **Acting Chief Executive Officer, City of Onkaparinga**

(I encourage some healthy discussion from the general public with regard to the comments from Council above. Do you believe there are only approx. 9 annual events at the rec ground that require outside ground parking? Photos with dates would prove otherwise I think - Ed.)



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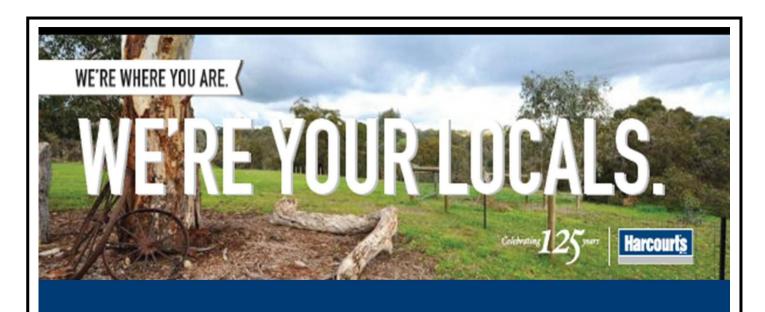
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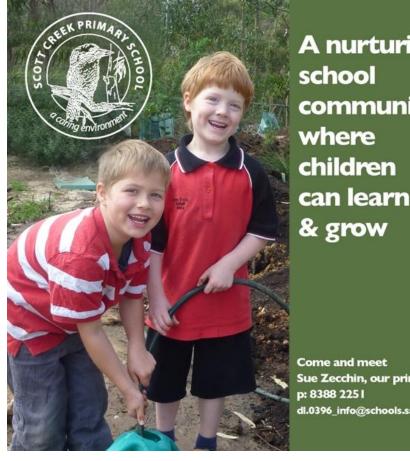
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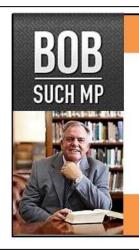
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