

Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

EDITORIAL

On Wednesday March 11th the Cherry Chatter and Cherry Gardens Community Association have their AGM at the Cherry Gardens Hall.

Now I know that the very thought of an AGM sounds boring and scary but I can assure you that the Cherry Chatter is not like that. We start the evening at 7.30 with drinks and nibbles and a chance to chat with the current committee and others that come along.

The business part of the evening starts at 8.00pm and will be followed by a committee meeting to put together the next edition of the Cherry Chatter.

As we head towards our 25th year of publishing the local Cherry Gardens newsletter we are seriously looking at our viability, at the interest level from locals and how we can continue to be relevant as the world changes from print copy to online media. If you would like to be a part of the Cherry Chatter family and give us your advice and maybe help in this process then we would love to hear from you. Coming along to the AGM to see what we do and to see if you feel comfortable with us would be a great start. We are a no pressure team that enjoys each other's company. If you would like to do something for our local community then the Cherry Chatter could be what you are looking for. Give me a call to discuss or come along and meet us. My phone number is 0417865044 (Don).

ANZAC Day Service

A reminder to all residents that there will be an ANZAC Day service at the Cherry Gardens Soldiers Memorial Gardens at 8.30am, on 25th April, followed by a breakfast and community get together at the Memorial Hall. With this year being the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing we hope that residents will come along and share in this remembrance service and community event. Part of our service remembers those local men that made the ultimate sacrifice. Hope to see you there.



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RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for December 2014	14.2
Rainfall for December 2013	31.6
Average Rainfall December	40.6
To end December 2014	769.8
To end December 2013	892.8
Average to end December	920.7
Rainfall for January 2015	48.0
Average Rainfall for January	27.9

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday AGM March 11th at the the Hall.
Articles to be received 5th of each month

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:-

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

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GARDEN CLUB

Meetings are held at the Uniting Church meeting room, 87 Hicks Hill Road Cherry Gardens at 7.30pm usually on the 2nd Monday of the month. Other excursions and garden visits occur on an ad-hoc basis. Supper is provided and we have lucky door prizes. Visitors are most welcome. Contacts are:- Ray 8383-6011 or Shirley 0403 801 916

PROGRAM 2015

Our TOMATO CHALLENGE is on this night - so bring along your best tomatoes.

Next meeting on March 16 our speaker will be Marilyn Kuchel who has had a long association with Open Gardens Australia, is a media presenter and educator. Her topic will be "Designing and planting a Mediterranean garden"

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS

March is the time to purchase Spring bulbs - get in early to get the best range.

Trim your Agapanthus of all the spent flower heads.

Sow sweet peas into well prepared soil (traditionally St. Patrick's day - 17 March)

Fertilize lawns just before it is about to rain or water it in.

Plant winter veggies - seeds of cauliflower, broccoli, kale and salad greens into punnets, and carrots and swedes direct into soil and keep damp.

Continue to harvest veggies to encourage continued cropping.

This month watering is VERY important. Don't wait until plants are stressed before you water. Replenish mulch if it is thinning in places. Water under the mulch if possible. Still water if we have rain (unless we are lucky enough to have a downpour) Try to complete your watering early in the morning. The middle of summer is not a good time to be transplanting unless you are confident of several cooler days.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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

www.communitywebs.org/Coromandel-CommunityCentre/

For information on Coromandel Valley history, events and more, go to;

www.coroalive.org.au, Trevor Conlon - Ph 8270-5686 or David Wyatt Ph 8270-4400

Community Notice Recreation Ground AGM

The Recreation Ground committee is responsible for the overall management of the facilities at the oval for all the sports clubs. The AGM is on March 18th, at 7-30pm and all positions are up for election. This year the president is retiring, so we need a new president.

All residents and members of the public are welcome. The clubs have been very successful and there has been a considerable investment in the facilities in the lead up to the new football and netball seasons. Now is an exciting time for our clubs and the recreation ground in general and if you are interested in being involved and a part of the club come along and join in.

Condolences

The Cherry Gardens community extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jacob Murphy who was tragically killed in a car accident opposite the Cherry Gardens Hall in January. "Forever young, forever loved, forever a brother, son and friend to many"

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greeting Fellow Equines and Horse Owners! Hope everyone had a lovely carrotty munchy Christmas and New Year.

I always count on getting a few extra carrots over the festive season – I'm pretty sure they won't put any weight on me! My owners have managed to keep my weight down to just under 500kg. My regime is to be yarded overnight all year round now to keep things under control, plus I am ridden at least 3 days per week. Not extra hard, but enough to keep everything 'ticking over'. By having regular attention my owners are able to keep an eye on any changes in my physique. I must say that I enjoy the attention anyway, it's great to hear my owner telling me what a handsome person I am – does wonders for the ego! We equines are social creatures by nature and we do crave that interaction with not only our paddock mates, but our human carers. It helps to keep us relaxed and gives us something extra to look forward to during the day. What we love especially is that scratch at the withers (we do it to each other in the paddock), but if there is a hu-



man handy, that will do too. 'Good Boy' followed by a wither scratch is especially rewarding. It actually lowers our heart rate, so when being ridden, if we get something right, it's great to be rewarded in this way. When we relax, then we even perform better too. So it's a win-win for horse and rider and so easy to do.

Hope you all have your fire action plans in place for this summer. I know this was mentioned in the last article, just consider this as a reminder! Check gear for dryness and splitting and discard anything looking suss. Try to store gear in a reasonably cool area – please not a tin shed or the car

boot. Synthetic gear, including saddles with fibreglass trees do not store well in hot places. The tree can be permanently warped if kept in such conditions. Saddles should be laid horizontally on a saddle rail/rack, or if on the floor, stand saddle on the pommel with cantle uppermost. Do not lay flat on the floor. Bridles should hang on a round shape such as an old baked bean tin or proper hanger (from Horseland or Bonnetts) so that the headpiece doesn't get a sharp bend in it. Have an inventory of all horse gear in case of fire. In fact, keep a couple of copies say on the computer and a hard copy at work or in the car. Doing an inventory is also a good way of sorting through exactly what you do have and need and what you don't want or don't need (a bit scary really). At least you will be prepared for most eventualities.

Looking forward to a rewarding and enjoyable New Year. Any horsey queries, please direct them through editor, Cherry Chatter.

Happy munching to all
Hamish. xxx

CFS NEWS



Cherry Gardens CFS has been quite busy since the last issue of the Cherry Chatter was published. The Fire Danger Period has well and truly kicked off with the fires in the lower north, early on, a number of fires on the Fleurieu Peninsula and then the really major fire at Sampson Flat. The Cherry gardens CFS Brigade did a total of six 12 hours shifts, to that incident with a full crew each time, starting on the Friday night, through Saturday and Sunday, day and night shifts, with a break on the Monday and Tuesday (when interstate crews provided some much needed relief) before going out again on the Wednesday, ahead of the change that brought the very welcome and relieving rain.

It has been a major task to ensure that we had enough available crew back here to be able to deal with any potential local incidents while still being

able to respond crews to the Sampson Flat fire. Our local Air Support crews were also kept busy, as they too were providing back up and support.

I would like to thank all of the Cherry Gardens CFS members for all of their great effort and work, as well as acknowledge the very warm and generous support that so many community people have shown us throughout the fire and since. We really appreciate it.

One thing I would like to highlight is that we have, once again, been lucky that we were not directly impacted by the devastating Sampson Flat fire, so take this as a well intended omen that you need to be prepared and stay prepared for bushfires in the Adelaide Hills and do not become complacent. Preparation for bushfires is not something that you can do on the day and is not something that is done on just one day in the year ahead for the Fire

danger Period.

We have had a range call-outs since Sampson Flat, some minor and some quite tragically significant, but all of them are keeping us on our toes.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome those of you from our community who have answered the call and have come along to inquire about joining the Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade as we are always keen to have new local members.

If you're interested in lending your support and thinking of becoming a member of your local CFS Brigade then just come along on a Monday night and take a look, no obligation, from 7pm onwards. All welcome.

Paul Heck
Captain, Cherry Gardens CFS

CHURCH NEWS

Community Carols were a great success.

This year the attendance at the Community Carols was 111 which, was a goodly number given the size of the population of Cherry Gardens. With the support of Onkaparinga City we had the funds to present Old Mac Donald's small animal farm. Their Farm has small animals that have been selected to cope with patting and being cuddled. Feedback was very positive and probably contributed it to the rise in numbers for 2014 Carols.

The Community Carols has an aim of encouraging local talent and this year Lucas Hails sang to the Children in the Tableau of the Nativity scene a song that he composed. Lynette Whellan and John Pemberthy played the oboe and piano respectively an instrumental arrangement of "Away in a manger" and "Have yourself a very merry Christmas" which was made popular by Judy Garland. The Cherry Gardens men's poetry group read "The fire at Ross's farm" written by Henry Lawson which is a great story. There was some fun in a power point presentation that was done by Llewellyn Hails prodded by his mother. It was based on the twelve days of Christmas song and each day was about the activities in the Cherry Gardens Community with a funny slide representing each, like the Cherry Gardens Club clubbing!



The Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg gave a greeting to the audience and in the light of the terrorist attack in Sydney and the murder of four children in Queensland, which can be overwhelming sad, said that there is good in community and organizations like the CFS, sporting clubs, and

church etc. are the glue of society and they generate friendship, happiness and hope. She instanced that individuals can lift our spirits as well an example was that a Cycle shop owner gave 15 new bicycles to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal. Max Winter gave a mini talk about Peace not the peace that comes after wars but the peace that Jesus gives which is the best peace for living happy and fruitful lives.

We thank Onkaparinga City, the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall and the Cherry Chatter for their kind support.



HALL NEWS

We have had signage erected on the new Eastern wall of the Hall, to promote the Hall and provide a phone number for bookings. It is the Committee's hope that this will raise awareness of the Hall.

Newly elected State Government member for Fisher, Nat Cook, has indicated that she would like to hold an information / feedback session at the Hall with local people. We are aiming for the 22 April, and will provide more information in the next edition of the Cherry Chatter.

Spotlight on Cherry Gardens

The City of Onkaparinga is currently conducting a review of the 20 Community Halls in the Council area. (The Cherry Gardens Hall is one of 4 not owned by the Council, but we receive an annual grant.) I have received a number of survey forms, along with reply paid envelopes.

If you would like to participate, please call me on 0433 656 803 and I will arrange to get a form to you. The forms were to be returned to Council prior to 27th February, but we have been given an extension to Friday 13th March. All responses must be received at Council by that date.

Alternatively, you can complete the survey online at: <http://onkaparinga.opinio.net/s?s=1231>

Bill Semple
Chair

COUNCIL NEWS

Cherry Gardens celebrating community and family life

A session is being held to discuss opportunities for initiatives that celebrate community and family life in the Cherry Gardens area.

Tuesday 10 March 2015

6-7.30pm

Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall

Light supper provided

We are seeking ideas from community members and local groups for a local family friendly event in 2015. From this session a working group will be established to assisting in the planning and delivery of an initiative that celebrates and highlights the strengths of the Cherry Gardens area. This will be supported by a City of Onkaparinga, Community Development Officer.

To register your interest or for more information please contact Ali Hilton, Community Development Officer - Youth on 0400 279 328 or alihil@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

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LOCAL SPORT NEWS

CRICKET NEWS

The cricket season is past the halfway mark and so far all is going to plan, well except for the rain on Saturdays!! Our A Grade are sitting 2nd on the ladder and looking strong for a finals appearance. The C Grade is just outside the top 4 due to a couple of unlucky results including a tie, and two losses that came down to the final over.

The real positive for the club has been the inclusion of an Under 10 team in the T20 Blast program. A Cricket Australia initiative, being run on Monday nights involves teams from all the Hills clubs with mini games, skill games, live music, food, etc. It really is a tremendous atmosphere out there and the kids have a 'blast'.

On Sunday 1st Feb we held our annual Crackers Cup, a 20/20 game between the Cricket and Footy clubs held in honour of the late David 'Crackers' Pole. As always it was a great day, with music, food, drinks and we were treated to an awesome game. Coming down to the last ball the cricket team needed a 4 to tie the scores up but fell just short handing the footballers back to back victories and tying the ledger up at 3 a piece.

We also have a club reunion for the 2004/2005 premierships and also anyone who has ever played for the club. This is being held on 7th March 2015 at 7pm at the club. Contact Andy on 0414754415 for details.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Well season 2015 is fast approaching for the football teams and it looks set to be another exciting year ahead.

The senior program is out on the track already and Jars has the boys clocking up the miles. A few new faces join our squad including Cameron Hitchcock formerly of Port Power.

Our junior teams haven't quite started yet but we did have our Registration Day on Sun Feb 15th at 5pm at Ironbank Cherry Gardens Oval. We cater for Under 9s through to 17s so come along and get a feel for what a great family club we are. There will be senior players there on the day to take the kids through some drills and fun games.

Off the field, our brand new weights shed is so very close to being complete with the finishing touches being applied. A big BIG thanks to the Cherry Chatter who donated some money which allowed us to purchase a complete set of weights. I'm sure we will all put them to great use.

To keep in touch with all that's going on at the club, visit our website www.ironbankfootball.com.au and like us on Facebook – 'Ironbank Cherry Gardens Football Club'

Ironbank Cherry Gardens Tennis Club

The Ironbank Cherry Gardens Tennis Club is greatly saddened by the loss of one of its players, Jacob Murphy, as a result of a car accident. Jacob was a much loved and well respected member of the club. He will be missed by all members, especially the Div.1 boy's team with which he played for four seasons. Our sincere condolences go to Chris, Tresche, Ethan and Oscar.

In remembrance of Jacob, the Club will have a perpetual trophy in his name which will be awarded to a junior who demonstrates the same values as Jacob did both on and off the court.

Our 2014/15 Saturday season is now nearing completion with most of the teams still a chance to make the finals. We wish all the players the best of luck for the remainder of the minor round and also for those teams that do end up making the. It will be good experience for our new juniors playing in the mixed Under 10 competition and are currently sitting in 3rd position. Our other teams competing this season are Boys Div1 (5th), Boys Div3 (4th), Girls Div3 (4th), Senior Doubles Div1 (3rd) & Senior Doubles Div3 (3rd). We also have 5 teams playing Hills Tennis summer mixed night competition on Tuesday & Wednesday nights with mixed results. All teams are having a good enjoyable hit in what is generally a fairly social competition.

If anyone is after information about our club or tennis in the hills please contact our President Graham Bate 8270 3041, Secretary Phil Battersby 0417 215 647 or e-mail the club at ibcg@bigpond.com

NETBALL CLUB NEWS

Ironbank Cherry Gardens are a Club of Excellence

Congratulations to Ironbank Cherry Gardens Netball Club from the Hills Netball Association, who were announced as the winner of the 2014 Club Excellence Award at the recently held Netball SA council meeting.

The Club Excellence Award is awarded annually and is based on a particular Club's performance in an Affiliated Association. Points are awarded for premiership wins in particular grades and for the number of coach accreditations and umpire badges gained during the year. Ironbank Cherry Gardens Netball Club received a substantial cash prize for winning this award and their efforts in promoting club excellence within their Club are to be commended.

Pre season training for seniors 17's and 15's is now well under way.

Senior trials have been held, and junior trials are being held on Sunday 15th march

17's and 15's 10am to 11.30am

13's and 11's 11.45 to 1pm

We will again be holding a senior netball carnival on Saturday 11th april

We still have some vacancies – especially in our 9 and unders

New players are encouraged to come out

MINTON FARM

The following edited article was taken from the abc.net.au/adelaide website and presented here by permission of the ABC

Sampson Flat bushfire wildlife cared for by an army of volunteers near Adelaide
89I ABC Adelaide By Brett Williamson

Hundreds of volunteers and not-for-profit organisations have banded together to care for the large number of native animals injured in the recent bushfires near Adelaide.

For one volunteer, 21-year-old Di Pearson, it was a case of finishing her role fighting the fire with the Lobethal Country Fire Service (CFS) crew then going straight into the ranks of the South Australian Veterinary Emergency Management (SAVEM) teams to help affected animals.

"There was basically nothing left at the areas where we were going out to at the start, no feed left, no boughs left for any of the koalas." The site is a lunar landscape of grey ash and the charred trunks of burnt trees.

By the time they were allowed access, many of the injured animals were in such poor condition that the only option was to humanely euthanize the severe cases on location.

Fellow SAVEM volunteer and operator of the Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre, Bev Langley, said koalas were the hardest hit. "The koalas were just sitting there suffering, and there was no way of relieving that without putting them out of their misery. "It was just too cruel to keep them going," Ms Langley said.

Hope was found within every untouched corridor they discovered within the fire grounds, with a collection of animals sheltering in unburnt patches. "Whether the CFS dropped some stuff out of a plane or whether they squirted the grass so they had somewhere to go; they were not burned at all," Ms Langley said.

Local vets and medical centres have been quick to donate excess goods to the rescue centre. "I think it has brought the best out in a lot of people," Ms Langley said.

The joey was recovering well, with burns to her rear legs healing, but was unlikely to be released due to its young age and the likelihood it would not be able to integrate into a new mob. "It is very a big responsibility to do the right thing by that animal," Ms Langley said.



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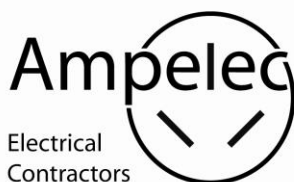


For Ms Pearson and Ms Langley, the days since the Sampson Flat bush-fires began have been filled with searching the grounds for injured wildlife and caring for two orphaned kangaroos and two baby possums.

As part of another voluntary role, this time

with the Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre, Ms Pearson is currently caring for five possums and one kangaroo, with a second kangaroo now in her care from the Sampson Flat fires. Two possums and a joey would remain in the care of the rescue centre until their conditions improved.

Ms Langley said the older possum was beginning to thrive, but the younger of the two was suffering from the affects and stress of the fire. "The burns are healing beautifully, but in herself, the stress of it has taken a toll." She was confident both would recover and would be relocated to an area close to where they were found when they are healthy.



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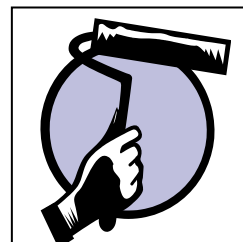
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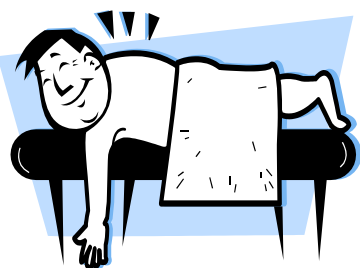
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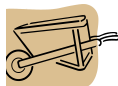
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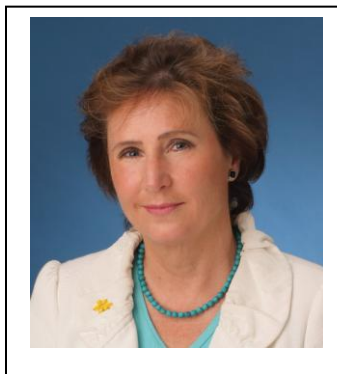
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