

Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

EDITORIAL

Happy 2016 to everyone in Cherry Chatter world! Hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year holiday period (seems a long time ago already). In our last edition we reported on the Soldiers Memorial Park maintenance and upgrading that the council was doing late last year.

Previously after restoration and relocation of the monument, the park was re-



dedicated by the Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga, on 13 October 2002. As reported last year,

the council cut down the "Lone Pine" tree that was planted at that rededication ceremony by Jack and Margaret Jacobs whose family had donated the land for the Memorial Park that was originally dedicated on 13th October 1923.

We have been in contact with the council and requested an explanation on why they would have done this. Their response initially was unsatisfactory however eventually they accepted that the communication from the council in regards to the work they carried out should have been better and done before the work commenced. Decisions were made by the council without any consultation with anyone in the community and that has resulted in not only the removal of the Lone Pine but also the removal of other significant trees that were planted by locals over the last 90+ years.

For example another of the older locals informed us that he had planted an Acorn, which came from the Queens gardens in

England, during WWII and was a significant Oak Tree of around 75 years of age and the council also cut this down for no apparent reason. We are extremely disappointed that what should have been a rejuvenation of the memorial has turned out to be far more destructive than was required.

We have requested an official apology from the council to those directly affected by the work carried out and asked that they review their processes to ensure this lack of communication never occurs again with work carried out by them.

We believe that the replacement "Lone Pine" they have planted should be a more significant and older tree and they should have made arrangements for a dedication ceremony to have taken place at time of planting. We may make arrangements to do this at the next ANZAC Day service. If you have any comments or feedback please write to us and we will pass on to the council.

ANZAC Day

A reminder to everyone to put in their calendar the ANZAC Day ceremony at 8.30am on April 25th at the Soldiers



Memorial Park immediately followed by the BBQ breakfast at the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there. We are providing a large PA this year so that everyone can clearly hear the service.

Santos Down Under

So how many residents knew about the Santos Down Under coming through Cherry Gardens this year? We found out only days beforehand and sent out an email to all those residents that have given us their email address. Those of that were aware stood out on Cherry Gardens Road in anticipation of the peloton passing by and the party mode that took place with many amateur bike riders coming through in front of the teams, all the support vehicles, police motor bikes, helicopters and finally the bike riders who whisked past in a few moments and then everything re-

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RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for January 2016	76.4
Rainfall for January 2015	48.0
Average for January	27.9
Rainfall for December 2015	10.8
Rainfall for December 2014	14.2
Average for December	40.6
Rainfall for the year 2015	723.8
Rainfall for the year	769.8
Average yearly Rainfall	920.7

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting is our AGM, 8pm Thursday 10th of March at the Macks home 409 Cherry Gardens Road
Articles to be received 5th of each month

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:-

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

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

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GARDEN CLUB

February Meeting

A very welcome group of Kangarilla garden club members joined us for the wonderful privilege of hearing well known and respected gardening guru and columnist, Malcolm Campbell share his knowledge and experience of FERTILISERS. He made a valid point which I personally and probably few of the other guests had never considered; Adelaide and environs soils are mainly alkaline. Many of our exotics need acid soil but many brands of pot-

ting soil have added fertilisers which are more than necessarily salty and also release their nutrients when the temperature is high. Bags sit in storage until sale and then in our unlined sheds releasing bursts of nutrients and so by the time we put our tender little new plants into them they quite possibly have an unfavourably high salt content as well as excess nutrients. He suggested seeking out and buying high quality non-fertilised potting soil and firstly adding weak nutrients and

then bringing nutrition up to normal strength regularly as the plants grow. He also made the point that locally manufactured organic and other fertiliser brands would/are/should be made to suit our soils. We should try seeking those out, one of which is manufactured not far from Adelaide. The rose society catalogue endorse this brand.

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HALL NEWS

The Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall held its Annual General Meeting at the hall on Monday 8th February. Member for Fisher Nat Cook and City of Onkaparinga Councillor Marion Themeliotis joined Hall members at the meeting. Members present, and by proxy, unanimously approved two important Matters for Decision. These were:

1. Adoption of revised Rules of Association. The current Constitution was registered in the 1950s when the Hall was first built. While it is still legally binding, it does not meet the current requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. The Committee had obtained pro-bono legal assistance in preparing a revised document.
2. Change of Name: When the idea of a hall at Cherry Gardens was first mooted, a fund was established to raise the necessary finance. The name adopted was Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall Fund Inc. as it was at that stage a pool of money for the project. Now that the hall has been built, it is appropriate to change the name to Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall Inc., dropping "Fund" from the name.

The Committee will now go through the process of formalising these changes over coming months.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Nikki Chinner	Kathy Meister
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OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

We are well into the New Year, having had a hot and dry beginning. For the next few months there will be little pasture growth, so our equines should be looking at the best right now. Those who are not so good doers, or long in the tooth (pardon the pun!) may start to drop off in condition, so keep an eagle eye on those waistlines.

On the other side of the coin there are also those fatties who no matter what retain their ample waistlines. The hard part is when you own a mixture of the two and keeping the balance. After the recent rains, some clover has started to come through and this too can be potentially lethal for the 'fatties'. These are the ones who need to be on dry, plain feed if kept at pasture. When this is difficult, slow feed hay-nets can be helpful, as they keep the equine occupied whilst slowing down his intake. Horses have evolved to continually graze, from 16 – 18 hours a day. Once we start to manipulate this, problems can arise. Their gut is designed to almost continually be processing some food. The saliva produced when eating dilutes the stomach acids, so when their intake is restricted, say by yarding, the acids are



not being diluted and the horse can be at risk of gastric ulcers. This can also be exacerbated by the yarding when it entails separation from other horses. By keeping the feeding regime as close as possible to what is natural for the horse, we can keep him healthier and happier.

Last letter I mentioned road 'incidents' with riders. Well another incident(s) has come to my notice, this time on the part of a rider. Usually riders are the ones concerned with their and their horses' safety when using the road; this time it was the rider who was not using due care. The horse was observed trotting and cantering along the bitumen on Cherry Gardens Road. Apart from the obvious damage this would be doing to the horse and his legs, the danger that this young lady was placing herself in,

not to mention motorists and other road users is beyond comprehension.

A sudden fright can cause the horse to skid quite easily and lose balance and bitumen is not exactly forgiving. In this day and age, horses and traffic do not make for a safe mix. Sometimes riders have no choice but to use parts of the local road where the traffic is quite fast. It is helpful for all to use common courtesy, giving way when in doubt, using a bit of common sense. (this applies to all types of road users). Let us hope that no one is ever hurt!

Time to start checking winter rugs and making repairs! Safe riding and happy munching, Hamish.

CFS NEWS



As some of you already know, in December 2015 Cherry Garden CFS received the new Sturt BWC 13 CAFS Tanker the first of its kind in the state. CFS are paying close attention to this appliance, as it is anticipated that each region in the state will at some stage receive a tanker just like this one. Cherry Gardens CFS and the Sturt Group would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping us to raise the funds to purchase this tanker which has already demonstrated its value on the fire ground.

Sturt BWC 13 CAFS Tanker has already assisted at 2 major fires around the state, the Pinery and Mosquito Hill fires. The tankers CAFS system was used with great success to extinguish large shed fires (full of various farming equipment), and also significant

hay stack fires. These fires would normally have taken 34 fire fighting appliances days to completely extinguish, but took the tankers CAFS system only a few hours to extinguish. It was also successful in fulfilling its other role as a water tanker, getting into tough terrain and filling up those appliances already on the fire ground.

The tanker has also actively participated in responding to incidents around the Sturt Group area. It has assisted in extinguishing a house fire in Coromandel East, and also tackling 2 smaller grass fires in the group's area. The Sturt Group is also organising a public demonstration of the tankers fire fighting capability, which everyone will be welcome to come along to watch and is anticipated to be in May 2016.

As we have experienced a cooler period in February with some much needed rain fall, it is important to remember that the Fire

Danger Season doesn't finish until the 30th of April 2016. It is important to be Bushfire Ready, have a plan that everyone in the family is aware of and sticking to it. It is also your responsibility to ensure that your property is prepared for any bushfire emergency.

Finally, we would encourage you to come down on a Monday night and have a chat with us at Cherry Gardens CFS, about any concerns or questions you may have.



CHURCH NEWS

Precious times

What we see in children is sheer joy. Most children have a very sunny outlook on life. It doesn't take much to make them squeal with delight. You need your camera ready when they see a butterfly or a puppy running towards them, and for that trip to the zoo, when they see some of the animals for the first time. That joy quickly passes to their parents and anyone lucky enough to be near those children. Isn't it sad that as adults we lose so much of that joy? Try never to lose that sense of wonder and amazement.

How much do we appreciate the children that come into our family? So often they can be our greatest teachers. They are completely innocent, unafraid – telling us off without a blink of an eye. If you are a smoker, has your child told you that you shouldn't be smoking? When you go through a yellow light have they blurted out that you should have stopped?

When we play and spend time with our children, what do you hear and see which blows your mind for a six? - the kindness that they show to their friends, or the child with a disability – a child that is different. All those things which you have tried to teach your children. The greatest thrill for us is to see or hear how they did understand. They are wonderful moments when you see older sons carefully teaching younger brothers how to kick the football, or ride a bike, or see a younger sister carefully plaiting an older sister's hair.

I see these as God - given moments that leave an indelible print in your memory. That is what Cherry Gardens church is all about. We want moments when we can come alongside the people in the community just as Jesus asked us to love one another John 13:34



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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.

GARDEN CLUB (continued from p.2)

In addition to the normal risk of possibly too high salty nutrient depending on the type of fertiliser, burning in even adult plants could be increased by the elevated salt level of our soil by use of fertilisers not geared to our alkaline soils and the Adelaide higher PH water. Rain water is best. He also mentioned that there is a brand of soil wetter which specifically will not increase the PH of the soil. He also stressed the advisability of carefully reading the list of elements on the packaging (which is missing from so many commercial potting mixes in this country) to assess the least Phosphate and salt content. Maybe as gardeners we could put pressure on manufacturers to communicate this information

NEXT MEETING 21st March

Eileen Hardy from Wittunga Botanic Gardens will talk about the history of the gardens and the Ashby family who donated the land.

APRIL meeting will be the 11th

Bev Manthey from the Hills Basketry Group will talk on how we can use our garden plants to weave creative and utilitarian pieces.

GEORGES GARDENING SUGGESTIONS

It's not too late to plant late varieties of tomatoes and it will help to extend your harvest into winter, however the fruit won't be as large or the plants as healthy.

Beans, both bush and climbing can still be planted as they enjoy the hot weather and provide wonderfully nutritious greens.

Broccoli and cabbages can go in now but keep them moist in the hot weather and mulch when they have a bit of size to them.

Winter and some Spring flowering bulbs can go in now, remember to buy or order your bulbs early to ensure quality and get the varieties you want.

Why not try some Hollyhocks- there are even double flowering varieties available now!

While the soil is still warm it is a good time to plant Citrus and Native trees from now on.

more clearly?

Malcolm kindly judged our tomatoes entries for our annual tomato challenge choosing on several criteria; the entry by Veronica Charles plate of bright orangey red medium sized heritage tomatoes with irregular yellowy stripes was successful. Our congratulations to her!

The bidding at the plant auction afterwards was fast and furious for the wide range of unusual and familiar plants which were contributed for by members.

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

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



The Friends have been pretty busy during the summer period, taking advantage of some of the milder weather, which was mixed in with the usual heat. There was also some good rainfall that has resulted in freshening up the bushland and encouraging the rapid growth of weeds like Blackberry and Boneseed.

Working bees have taken place in several parts of the park, removing woody weeds including Erica, Broom, Boneseed and Blackberry. All of these weeds are declared under the Natural Resources Management Act, which means they are prohibited from sale in SA and there are control measures that land managers are required to undertake. Additionally, Broom, Boneseed and Blackberry are all listed as Weeds of National Significance.

The Friends have 25 years' experience working in Scott Creek Conservation Park, gaining a great deal of knowledge and skills in weed management, restoration of bushland and creeklines, and the habitat requirements of our native fauna. Anyone wanting some advice in these matters is welcome to come along to any of our working bees, where they can see what we do and pick up some hints.

We meet at Almanda Mine car park on Dorset Vale Road at 9am for all working bees, and then drive to the area in the park that we are going to work in. Working bees generally finish up around 12.30pm. All work in the park is cancelled if a fire ban is announced for the Mount Lofty Ranges, or if the forecast temperature for Adelaide is 36°C or above.



Bird banding is another of our regular activities in the park. Supervised by our A Class bander, Don Reid, bird banding is undertaken at various locations in the park once or twice a month. Mist nets are set up around dawn each day of the weekend and checked regularly throughout the morning for any birds that have flown into them. Any birds captured are given

a leg band with a unique number on it. Several measurements and their weight are recorded, and then they are released. All records are lodged with the Biological Databases of SA.

On the bird banding front, we have had a good start to the year, with 46 birds netted in our first foray in January. A highlight was a male White-browed Scrub-wren, which was banded in September last year at another location over 1.5km away from where it was re-captured, quite a trip for a little bird. While the numbers were down on our second venture, we got some good variety and several more re-captures.

Contact our secretary Don Reid on 8388 2123 if you have any questions or want to get involved in any of the Friends' activities. For more information about the Park including a downloadable walking trail map, go to www.friendsofscottcreek.org

Peter Watton, Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park

March Programme

Tues 1-----Working Bee
Erica, above Almanda Swamp
Sat, Sun 5, 6-----Bird banding
Gate 7, 7:00am
Sun 13-----Working Bee
Blackberry near Blackwater Dam
Thu 17-----Social Lunch
The Artisan, Blackwood
Sat, Sun 19, 20--Bird banding
Gate 13, 7:00am
Sat 26-----Working Bee
Broom, top of Panhandle

April Programme

Tue 5-----Working Bee
Salvation Jane, Yorkshire Fog, Powerline Gully
Sun 10-----Working Bee
Blackberry, Upper Mackereth Creek

MINTON FARM

We've had an interesting time with rescues ranging from tawny frogmouths, kookaburras, swans, Yellow tail black cockatoos, blue tongue lizards, sleepy lizards, koalas and possums to wedge tailed eagles! Keeps life interesting?? We've clicked over 10,000 rescues in our hospital now, not counting any rescues performed through website, Facebook and phone assistance to the public.

The Quiz Night instigated, organised and run by Smallacombe Real Estate Mitcham was completely sold out and was a huge success, raising much needed funds for the injured and orphaned wildlife here needing help. Thank you to all who were involved in any way. We are deeply grateful to you all.
Best regards, Bev Langley
www.mintonfarm.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I was walking my dog up at the Cherry Gardens/Ironbank oval last week and as I usually do, take my 'doggy doo' bags with me because invariably our dog will do his 'doo doo' on the oval.

Imagine my disgust when I noticed there were many other doo's on the oval that hadn't been cleaned up by the dogs' irresponsible owners. I think there would have been at least 4 or 5 just around the

perimeter on the actual oval.

This is a local sporting oval where our children, brothers, sisters, friends and families play, run and get out and about on.

If you are one of these irresponsible dog owners who just 'can't be bothered' cleaning up after your dog, imagine for a moment that you're running around the oval and you accidentally slip on, or onto one of these doos. Imagine the feeling of dis-

gust you would feel. You might then realise that if you had actually cleaned up your dogs' mess, it wouldn't have happened. Please be a responsible dog owner.

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turned to normal and it was as if nothing had taken place. All over for 2016.

If you send us your email address we can keep you informed as we did those that have already advised us.

Frank Smith Reserve

This Reserve is located in Coromandel Valley at the bottom of Ackland Hill Road. A Drone Flying club has been issued a permit to operate their drones in the Reserve with the condition that they must cease all drone flying and associated ac-

tivities while horses (with/without riders) are present. The Tom Roberts Horse Trail runs through this area and the club must ensure that their activities do not conflict with users of this trail.

COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERNET SAFETY AND SCAMMERS

At Compute Your World Morphett Vale we are still seeing at least one person per week being targeted by scammers pretending to be "Technicians" calling residents. Once you give 3rd party access to your computer (which you may not know you are doing at the time), people install programs on your computer that monitor every move and keystroke you do on your computer stealing your personal details.

They will start the phone call by saying they are either from Microsoft, Telstra, or other major companies or telling you your Computer is sending out messages and they are calling to help you fix the issue.

NO Computer Technician will EVER call you to warn you about your computer sending out messages or viruses. We strongly suggest you take the following steps to protect yourself.

Be alert to the fact that scams exist. When dealing with uninvited contacts from people or businesses, whether it's over the phone, by mail, email, in person or on a social networking site, always consider the possibility that the approach may be a scam. Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or emails – delete them: If unsure, verify the identity of the contact through an independent source such as a phone book or online search. Don't use the contact details provided in the message sent to you.

Hang up on phone callers offering assistance to fix any computer issues. They will call up pretending to be anyone or tell you your computer is sending out messages.

Beware of any requests for your details or money. Never send money or give credit card details, online account details or copies of personal documents to anyone you don't know or trust. Don't agree to transfer money or goods for someone else: money laundering is a criminal offence.

If unsure, hang up on the caller. If you have an account with the company in question, call the company back to make sure you are 100% speaking to the company or call your local Computer Technician for advice.

The ONLY time you should give a Technician Remote Access to your computer is when you are the one calling your local Computer Technician for help or assistance.

If you believe you have been scammed, or infected. Disconnect your computer from the Internet. Call your local Computer Technician for further advice.

For more information visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

Clarendon Historic Hall Museum

The Historic Hall Museum will again be open on the last Sunday of each month in 2016. Sunday 28 February (1-4pm) will be the first open day for the year. If you are interested in the local history of Clarendon then it is well worth a visit.



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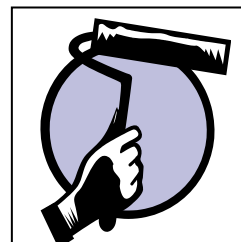
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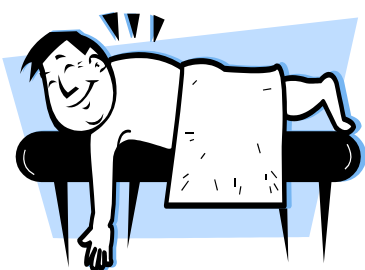
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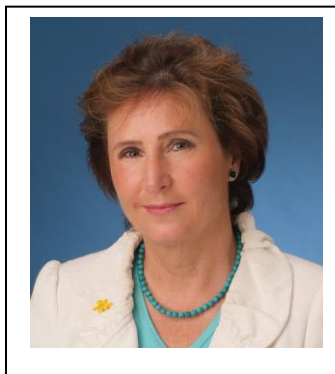
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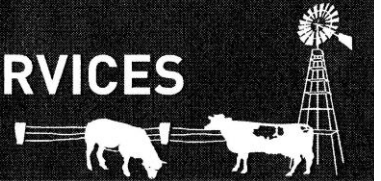


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