

# Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

## EDITORIAL

We built our home in Star & Arrow Rd Cherry Gardens in 1984 and enjoyed Telstra mobile coverage throughout the house and over our property until late last year. All of a sudden before Xmas friends started complaining I was hard to get and my phone was diverting to my wife when she was out and about. Not happy about that!

The penny clicked when having a few tipples with our neighbours, who had just installed a mobile booster supplied by Telstra at no cost, to boost the weak signal. Great they said, did you know that the recent installation of new 4G aerials at the Cherry Gardens CFS Tower had resulted, due to weight issues on the tower, the contractor was forced to lower the transmission aerials which included our 3G. No wonder our once excellent coverage was now very marginal fading in and out!

Easily fixed, I'll just ring Telstra and get one of those boosters which provided our neighbours with 3 bars of coverage compared to our half a bar or zilch depending on where you are on the premises. WRONG---during lengthy discussions with Telstra complaints and my pointing out that the perfect coverage supplied for over 32 years no longer existed and our four users, relied on our mobiles for notification of CFS fire calls, they couldn't give a hoot. The supervisor even suggested we contact their competitors knowing well that there is no Optus or Vodafone coverage at our address.

They were quite happy to sell me a booster for \$1830 and when I tried to negotiate by offering to pay half they relented with a counter offer and said I could pay off \$900 over two years but the other \$930 was cash up front! WOW, what a deal---thanks Telstra---for nothing!

Sorry Telstra, but your service stinks

as well as the attitude of your complaints staff. There's no Win -Win with you and I can assure you your attitude will cost your business in the long run. I've already heard from locals of similar problems. I can only say "good luck"

Brian Sims - 0438 559616 - if you can get through!

## BELAIR NATIONAL PARK - memories project

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of Belair National Park, you're invited to share your favourite family memories in this wonderful park.

We're on the look-out for photos, mementos and stories to feature in a public exhibition next year. The Belair Memories project is a great way to remember and share with others what we love best about the park, with memories often spanning several generations and going back many years. Submissions to the Belair Memories project close 18 June, 2017.

By providing your photos and stories you agree to this material being used on DEWNR websites, in social media and at the Belair Memories public exhibition.

You can share your stories, photos and memories of Belair by:

Email  
belairnationalpark@sa.gov.au  
please keep photos under 5MB in size  
Mail

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Social media

share your memories on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, using the hashtag #Belairmemories

Email or post your submissions, or use the hashtag #BelairMemories on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Click here for more information.

**Next meeting of the  
Cherry Chatter is the AGM:  
7th March at the Macks' home  
409 Cherry Gardens Road.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for December 2016	75.0
Rainfall for December 2015	10.8
Average for December	40.3

Rainfall for the year 2016	1378.5
Rainfall for the year 2015	723.8
Annual average Rainfall	922.9
2016 Rainfall was a record.	
Previous record in 1923 was	1373.5

Rainfall for January 2017	72.2
Rainfall for January 2016	76.4
Average for January	57.2

## NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting is the **AGM** 7th March at the Macks home 409 Cherry Gardens Road.  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**Articles to be received 5<sup>th</sup> of each month**

Vicki Kirrs 0412 364 180

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## HALL NEWS

### CHERRY GARDENS

#### MEMORIAL HALL FOR HIRE

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#### Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau

At the February meeting of the Clarendon Branch of the SA Agricultural Bureau the guest speaker was Russel Schrale, General Manager of Strategic Fundraising and Marketing for Zoos SA.

Zoos SA operates the Adelaide and Monarto Zoos and are a conservation charity with a 138 year history of operation in our state. Russel gave a brief history of the organisation, its goals and the future direction, with a particular focus on the exciting developments at Monarto Zoo.

The Bureau meets monthly at the Clarendon Community Hall. It is an open meeting, and welcomes anyone wishing to attend.

For further information contact the President, Tony Fagg on 0438 836 661.

Belinda Angus is a local qualified Personal Trainer, and will be conducting Group Fitness classes at the Hall.

Below is a bit more information on class types, times etc. Please contact Belinda on the number shown if you are interested, and we hope the local classes are a success.



#### Are you BUSHFIRE READY?

A free 1 hour information session run by the CFS will be held at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall on Sunday 12th March, 12pm. Free Sausage Sizzle from 11:30am.

The session will touch on bushfire behaviour, recognizing and acting on fire danger days, emergency kits, home and property preparation and bushfire survival plans.

We've had a very forgiving Summer this far, so why not take advantage of it and get your family and property prepared, it might just save your lives!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

Nikki Chinner	Ray Wise
Trina Howlett	Kerry Hughes
Matthew Linn	Nick Villios
Denis Perry	Lyn Walker
Rachel Pillar	
Chris Crichton	
Kelsey Tarabini	
Jennifer Meister	
Chelsea Sims	
Kathy Meister	
Abigail Weir	

#### Nuno Collage Felting Workshops at the Hall

Jean Gauger (USA) is holding two wonderful nuno collage felting workshops in Cherry Gardens in March.

2-day Scarflette / shawllette workshop 25-26 March 2017. Beginners or intermediate. Covers the fundamentals of nuno felting along with some unique techniques that top felt makers use: dreadlocks, ruffles, eyes and edges.

3-day Butterfly Beauty: 3-in-1 butterfly shawl / skirt / tunic, 27-29 March. Make a stunning nuno Butterfly Shawl that can also be worn as a skirt or, with a slight change, can be made into a tunic. Learn to exploit qualities of fine merino wool, silk hankies, tussah silk, bamboo and novelty yarns, and how different wool colours will change the colour of your silk.

Small groups in great facilities with lots of workspace. Delicious lunch included.

For details, prices, and discounts see [www.e-vocative.com](http://www.e-vocative.com) or phone Moira on 8388 2371



#### BELINDA ANGUS

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#### GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Come and join us for some group fitness fun at the **Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall** (next to the CFS)! All ages and fitness levels are encouraged, with classes priced at just \$15 (discounts apply to upfront term payments).

Monday	6:00pm	Leg Conditioning
	7:00pm	Metafit™
Wednesday	6:00pm	Belly, Booty & Biceps
	7:00pm	Metafit™
	7:45pm	Upper Body Smash
Friday	9:30am	Full Body Friday

**BOOK NOW - PLACES ARE LIMITED!**

Please note, there are no crèche facilities.  
Classes run in accordance with public school term dates.



## OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Hope you had a festive Yuletide and New Year. It is a quite a season for Queensland-like weather so far (ie. warm and humid). The grasses in the paddock are not drying off as quickly as my owners would like, which means they are having to keep to the medium intensity horsekeeping system. Basically this means locking me and my paddock mates up every night to restrict our daily food intake (especially mine!). By the end of last winter I was down to 477kg and looking very trim. I am now touching close to 500kg and my owners are desperately trying to keep me below that mark. As well as being yarded overnight I go into out 'Jenny Craig' yard for an hour or 2 during the day. Usually one of my mates is in there with me as he likes his food too. We can see all the others (3), so we don't really get stressed about being locked up. My owners have one of those weight tapes and



measure me on a daily basis. It is pretty accurate to within 10kg or so and is a useful tool to have.

Those of you who ride the local Tom Roberts Trail may notice from time to time fallen trees or places where the track has become overgrown. This is not safe for the horse, rider or the passing motorist. If you see anything needing attention, the best way to get a response from council is to take a photo (everyone is so good at that these days) of the problem area and send it in to council. They are generally pretty good at responding when informed this way. Of course this in-

cludes walkers, people with dogs etc so is not limited to just the equine fraternity. On the subject of safety, don't forget to wear boots, safety helmet and highly visible clothing when out on the road. Also remember to thank those motorists who slow down when passing. Good manners cost us nothing and hopefully will encourage the same response from that motorist next time around. If you have had your helmet for a while, best to check the date on the inside. Manufacturers recommend replacing a helmet every 5 years (bin it!), or even 3. If you have a nasty accident resulting in a head injury and your helmet is past its 5 year date, you may not have much luck with the insurance company! When buying, check that the helmet is Australian Safety Standards Approved. There is usually a sticker on the inside and the outside to verify this.

Safe riding and happy munching, Hamish.

## CFS NEWS

Sitting here today pondering the content of this learned article, I'm in the process of deciding whether to get a jumper or tough it out, as the day must get warmer. Currently 12.3 degrees vs an Adelaide forecast of a balmy 25 degrees, brrrrr. Today, Feb 6th, provided 35mm of beautiful soaking rain overnight, now projects 40 degree temperature in two days followed by three days at 37 degrees! Who said summer was over! Look on the bright side, friends in Austria have been dealing with minus 16—22 over the last few weeks---that's cold!

As our paddocks green up, which normally happens in May, locals, quite naturally, start to relax in relation to the Bushfire Threat. Summer, what there's been of it, has been all over the place while our friends on the Eastern seaboard are coping heatwaves one after the other. We cannot relax and the CFS urges all residents to NOT become complacent in relation to bushfires until seasonal conditions change permanently! This week's upcoming weather is a timely warning---summer "aint over yet" and it takes only a few days of hot weather followed by strong northerlies to place the area under extreme threat!

The Cherry Gardens siren has sounded several times in the last few weeks

alarming residents who naturally wonder where the fire is. We apologise for the false alarms and are doing everything we can to track down the fault which appears to be a faulty pager message from Adelaide Fire. The siren is tested every Friday morning at 0800 hrs and is then only sounded to indicate a bushfire within the Cherry Gardens District. If you hear the siren check the CFS Information Hot Line and activate your Bushfire Plan, should there be a fire.

Your Cherry Gardens Brigade has now exceeded 106 callouts since July 1st last year and our Communications Operations Support Team are well over 130 callouts year to date, despite sharing the load with the Belair Team on a week on/week off basis. These calls are well ahead of previous years and records look like they will be broken by June 30th.

Six new firefighters have joined in the last month or so and Comms have a couple of new members. We remain undermanned and if you are considering joining please pop in on any Monday night at 7pm for a station tour and a no obligation chat. You will be most welcome.

The mighty STUG BWIIC, the Sturt Groups compressed air foam tanker based at Cherry Gardens, has been busy

assisting firstly the Metropolitan Fire Service at the Edinburgh Maxi Plas plastics fire and only a week later the

\$15 million plus Bowmans Hay Shed fire. The Bowmans fire was extinguished in four days when it could have burnt for a week or more. The STUG can take a lot of the credit in putting that fire out so quickly and working in extreme heat for three days---well done to the three crews involved!

One recent local fire involved a pile of green waste which ignited due to spontaneous combustion. Fortunately weather conditions were mild and the pile was quickly extinguished. Please be careful stockpiling green waste which can over-heat and ignite.



## CHURCH NEWS

On Wednesday December 20th, the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church hosted the annual Community Carols event at the Memorial Hall. Approximately 150 people attended, including politicians Mrs. Rebekha Sharkie and Ms. Nat Cook and City of Onkaparinga Councillor, Mr. Darryl Parslow.



The animals from Old McDonald's farm gave children a 'hands on experience'. Other highlights were face painting, live nativity tableau, learning about and decorating the Christmas tree, a wonderful performance by local group, The Sherrahs and the reading of a meaningful, locally written poem by the Men's Poetry Group.

The evening concluded with a wonderful supper provided by members of the church.

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

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Stolen and Recovered

A recent break-in in broad daylight resulted in the homeowner pursuing the male and female intruders and obtaining a registration number.

Police caught the suspects and returned chainsaws and various other implements stolen from the unlocked shed.

Be vigilant and **LOCK UP YOUR GEAR!!**

### Requesting a service from Council

In recent discussions about lack of maintenance of horse trails in the area it became apparent that many residents are not aware that it's possible to make an online request to Council for work needing to be done.

The request form can be found at:

[http://www.onkaparingacity.com/forms/request\\_form.asp](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/forms/request_form.asp)

This is suitable for requesting action on just about any area of Council responsibility, from reporting dumped rubbish or graffiti to asking for trimming of roadside vegetation or removal of fallen trees. It's important to be as geographically accurate as possible, so use adjacent letterbox numbering or if a photo is taken with a smartphone, GPS coordinates can be copied from the 'properties' section of the data associated with the image.

It is also important to keep a copy of the request, with dates and any reference numbers issued by Council. If a job is not done within a reasonable time these are necessary for staff to track a request or can be forwarded to the elected members asking them to follow up.

### Onkaparinga Council

We are currently taking registrations for the Onkaparinga Business Directory which will be publicly promoted by Council to business and residents.

Register your business today to be one of the first businesses we promote.

Register your business online: [http://ow.ly/  
SxNq308B0qs](http://ow.ly/SxNq308B0qs)

## 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.





### Football Club

Happy New Year to our local community, although we are missing our footy, there is still much happening at the Rec ground, with the success of the Netball Fast 5's concept, the SCIB's going well and tennis active too, there is always something going on.

Footy training has started and there is much enthusiasm in the group this year. We have nominated for Div 2 and this has had the effect of reinvigorating many of the players and volunteers at the club which should lead to a successful year.

It was great to see the kick off of the AFL Female footy competition but you won't have to go to Adelaide Oval to see female footy, it is happening right here at our club. We are fielding

two sides, an under 16 Junior side and an over 16 Senior side, we have some good players registered so if you are interested in playing, come along from 5pm for Juniors and 6pm for Seniors on Mondays and introduce yourself. It doesn't matter if you haven't played before, we can teach you the skills needed and with some experienced players in the sides you will learn quickly.

We love the support we get from the local community and would really appreciate if you can support us in a tangible way. Memberships are available and on sale now, you can elect to become either a full member or social member and enjoy the benefits that come with it (see advertisement for more info.) A small contribution from



**IRONBANK CHERRY GARDENS**  
FOOTBALL CLUB

you can make a huge difference for our club, so I encourage you all to consider joining us as a member.

In the next edition of the Chatter we will publish our social calendar for the year (we are finalising some dates right now) so keep an eye out for it and you will be able to lock in some dates in your diary to join us at the club for a great night or day out.

Go the Thunderer's in 2017, bring it on!

### MARION RIDING CLUB

Located in the Shepherds Hill Conservation Park

We have a lot of exciting things happening during March & April : Marion Riding Club!



On Sunday, 5th March we have our first rally for the year and if you are thinking of joining our club then this is the perfect opportunity to try before you buy! We will be having a bit of fun this year with some novelties and games to kick start the year.

We will also be holding for the first time a Natural Horsemanship Clinic with Pauline Lower on the 2nd April. You will get a 90-min session in groups of 4-5 riders with Pauline where you will be learning techniques both on the ground and under saddle that are fundamental to producing a well-trained saddle horse as well as develop a great partnership with your horse.

For the rest of March & April we will holding the following rallies

- 12th March – Flat School & Pole Exercises
- 19th March – Flat School Instruction with Lisa Darrel
- 26th March – Formation Ride, Followed by Ride out Through the Park
- 2nd April – Natural Horsemanship Clinic with Pauline Lower
- 9th April – Handy horse and obstacle course fun day
- 16th April – NO RIDE – EASTER LONG WEEKEND
- 23rd April – Dressage Test Practice
- 30th April – Kuitpo Forest Ride

You can download a full copy of our rally calendar via our website at [www.marionridingclub.webs.com](http://www.marionridingclub.webs.com) or on our Facebook Page – Marion Riding Club

We welcome all age groups and levels from beginners to advanced and young/ green horses to our old faithfuls.

If you have any queries you can email Amy at [amy-leigh17@live.com](mailto:amy-leigh17@live.com) or via the MRC Facebook Page.

We hope you see you there!

### NETBALL NEWS

Winter season 2017 commences late April however in the meantime there is a lot of work to be done before teams take the court.

Registrations will be online via My-Netball and these will be open from Wednesday 8th February 7-30pm.

Tunics and warm up tops will be available for trying on (in the main club rooms) each Thursday from 4pm and orders taken. Other arrangements can be made by emailing Jenny Pearce ([ibcgpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ibcgpresident@gmail.com)).

Summer netball continues each Thursday night from 4.30pm until 8.30pm. Meals are available so come in and say hi and grab yourselves a home cooked meal.

Jenny Pearce

IBCG President





We are all aware that we have been receiving some very unpredictable and extreme weather events over the last year.

In particular, there have been a number that have included strong winds and heavy downpours.

As you would expect, most people judge these events based on their impact on our lives. There have been power cuts, from the one caused by tornados in September, which led to a blackout of the entire state, to several local ones that may have been caused by branches or trees bringing down powerlines and infrastructure. Roads can be blocked and property damaged by the strong winds, including roofs, sheds and fencing.

Heavy rainfall can also create havoc. Sometimes individual homes are flooded while other times whole streets or suburbs can be affected. There may be land slips and erosion caused by flooded creeklines. There has also been some hail damage caused.

We must pay tribute to the tremendous help we receive from our emergency services, especially the volunteers in our local SES and CFS. Even when their own lives are being disrupted by these extreme weather events, they go out of their way to help others. We need to keep this in mind and ensure we don't make frivolous requests or demands on their time.

In addition to the extreme weather events, we have had a very wet year, and it seems that we may be heading for some sort of record rainfall this summer as well.

So, what does all this mean in our natural environments?

Not surprisingly, the extended rainfall season has resulted in good growth of weeds within our parks. We are finding that, with a few warmer days scattered amongst the days with rainfall, a lot of weed seed in the soil is germinating and growing to a size that most will survive through to next winter. This will result in a greater number of weeds that will require treatment come next spring and summer. When there is a hot and dry summer, often many of the seedlings that germinate in spring will die before the following winter.

Of course the other side to this is that native vegetation has also responded very well to the extra rain, and it is expected that this year should be particularly good for a lot of the lilies and orchids.

Last Cherry Chatter I provided some

information about a prescribed burn that took place in Scott Creek CP late November 2016. Visiting the burn area this February it was obvious that the wet weather has resulted in masses of both weed and native plant growth, and it will certainly be a challenge to keep on top of the weed management for the staff from the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. The last thing the members of the Friends group want is to have to divert our time away from our regular weed control activities across the whole park to attend to a problem created by the burn.

On a positive note, some of the threatened species mentioned in the January edition of Cherry Chatter have shown very strong regrowth, including the nationally critically endangered *Veronica derwentiana* ssp. *homalodonta* (Mt Lofty Speedwell). The state rare Bassian Thrush, a secretive bird that forages in leaf litter on the ground for small invertebrates and worms, has also already been sighted within the area of the prescribed burn.

Most of the damage caused by the extreme weather events, including the strong winds and downpours, are less obvious, unless a tree or branch falls across one of the management tracks in the park, or one of the tracks gets eroded by the heavy rain.

The main worry for our wildlife is when an old tree with large hollows falls, as it can take hundreds of years for a tree to get to an age where it can provide a hollow large enough for a bird such as the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo. However, the tree will continue to provide habitat for other native animals once it is on the ground, and for this reason it is very important to leave fallen timber in the park as habitat, and not remove it for firewood. Generally the gap in the canopy will also provide the opportunity for another eucalypt seedling to establish and become the next generation of hollow-providing tree.

Peter Watton



Mt Lofty Speedwell plant

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

From March, all working bees back to regular starting time, meet at 9:00am at Gate 16 Almanda Car Park Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet weather).

## Programme of activities

March		
Sat & Sun	4, 5	Bird banding
Tue	7	Working bee
Sun	12	Working bee
Wed	15	Social lunch
Sat & Sun	18, 19	Bird banding
Sat	25	Working bee
April		
Tue	4	Working bee



Bassian Thrush



## GARDEN CLUB

### NEXT MEETINGS

Mon. 20 March Associate Professor David Paton from the University of Adelaide will speak on woodland recovery and the dangers of wildlife on the environment.

Mon. 10 April Warwick Pybus popular identity from Coromandel Native Nursery will speak on recent releases of native plants suitable for your garden.

### GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR MARCH 2017

It is time to divide strappy plants such as Dianella, Kangaroo Paw, and Lomandra. Lift clumps with a fork, cut into smaller clumps with lots of healthy sections, remove dead leaves, cut off the top half and re-plant.

Propagate evergreen perennials and shrubs e.g. Abelia, Budlea, Camelia, Geranium, Choisya, and Viburnum. Take hardwood cuttings 15cm long, cut below a node, remove tip, remove leaves from bottom 5cm and insert into propagating mix.

It is time for Hyacinth and Tulip bulbs to go into the 'fridge for 6 weeks in readiness for planting.

Now is the time to prune Spring flowering roses such as Lorraine Lee

### Who lives in there?

Have you ever walked through your local park and wondered what lives there? Or perhaps you've noticed nesting boxes high in the trees and thought little of it?

The Growing Data Foundation has come up with a brilliant idea to use modified nest boxes to find out more about the small birds and animals living near urban areas.

The group has received a Community Action Grant of \$4650 from the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, which will purchase nest boxes and sensors, as well as establishing a website.

Images plus motion and temperature data from inside the boxes will be captured to provide real-time information on which boxes are being used and the birds and animals using them. Nesting boxes can be expensive and it's often hard to know whether they're being placed in the best locations and which species are using them. This project aims to take a lot of the guesswork out of that and increase the effectiveness of nesting box projects.

A small demonstration at a site in the Adelaide parklands will begin in February.



The special nesting boxes will transmit data to a repository for storage, analysis and publishing online. Passers-by will also be able to access the information from the nesting boxes via their mobile phone – tiny Bluetooth beacons located on the nesting boxes will broadcast a web page address where the latest information on the nesting boxes can be found.

## MINTON FARM

The Centre has continued to receive an interesting array of rescues. A Nankeen Kestrel chick was flown down from Challenger Goldmine as it was found on a 45 degree day, on the ground. The chick was raised for two weeks to the stage where it was flying and able to tear its own food up to eat. It was flown back to the mine 800kms from Coober Pedy once again. It flew off strongly where its family was also present. Unfortunately it was found again hiding under a car and not coping. The rescuer brought it back to the Adelaide Airport where we once again collected him. We will keep him in care until he is more capable.

People's Choice online Lottery Tickets are now available. To help kick-start our online ticket sales, Community Lottery tickets will be available online only until 31 March, and all tickets will go into the early bird prize draw in addition to their entry into the final prize draw. This year's online-exclusive early bird prize is a Toyota Yaris Ascent 1.3L Petrol Auto 5 Door Hatch valued at \$20,337 supplied by the Platinum Lottery Partner, CMI Toyota, and we'll draw one lucky winner on 5 April. Just go to this link to purchase and the tickets will be emailed straight to you!

[www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/minton-farm-animal-rescue-centre](http://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/minton-farm-animal-rescue-centre)

At the Rescue Centre this year we aim to provide hot water to the food preparation area to assist the volunteers to hygienically clean all the animal's dishes in hot water instead of the cold water for the past 30 years! Subscriptions are now due and still remain at only \$30. Payments and donations to either account of Minton Farm Rescue Fund at any Bank SA or by direct debit to: BSB 105 078

Account 056 591 840. PayPal and eftpos payments are also accepted.

Thank you for your invaluable support to continue our free community service to rehabilitate and release wildlife. Bev Langley 0422938439 [www.mintonfarm.org](http://www.mintonfarm.org)

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**Aberfoyle Park**  
The Hub, Aberfoyle Park  
**Willunga**  
St Peters Terrace, Willunga  
**Woodcroft Community Centre**  
175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale

# ONKAPARINGA NEWS



## COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARIES AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

### HAVE YOUR SAY

An electoral representation review for the City of Onkaparinga is underway to determine whether the community would benefit from any alterations to the composition and ward structure of Council and to ensure fair and equitable representation for all voters.

Council, after reviewing the public submissions on options presented in the first stage of the review process, proposes that the principal member of Council continue to be a mayor elected by the community, and that the number of elected members be reduced.

We now invite you to give feedback on Council's two preferred options for the future of the city's elected member representation and ward structures.

### You are invited to make submissions in regards to:

- OPTION 1 – 6 wards with 2 councillors in each ward, a total of 12 councillors.
- OPTION 2 – 5 wards with 3 councillors in each ward, a total of 15 councillors.

### View the options paper

Copies of the Representation Review Supplementary Options Paper are available on our website or you can view a hard copy at our Customer Service offices.

- Noarlunga Centre, Ramsay Place
- Aberfoyle Park, The Hub
- Willunga, St Peters Terrace
- Woodcroft Community Centre  
175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale

## Submit your feedback

- Complete the online feedback form at [www.onkaparingacity.com/communityengagement](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/communityengagement) or pick up a copy from a Customer Service office (see locations above)
- Send your written submission to –  
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- Or email your written submission to –  
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Consultation closes on Friday 3 March 2017.

Any changes to the electoral structure of the City of Onkaparinga will apply at the next local government election in November 2018.

## More information

Contact Therese Brunotte, Senior Governance Officer on 8384 0666, email [repreview@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:repreview@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au) or visit [www.onkaparingacity.com/communityengagement](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/communityengagement)

## GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Onkaparinga offers a wide range of funding opportunities to help stage festivals, events and projects which benefit our communities. For the 2016–17 financial year, through our various grants and sponsorship programs, we have awarded more than \$511,000 to support local groups, not-for-profit organisations, schools and businesses.

Applications for the 2017–18 funding round for the following, are now open:

## Grants

- Community Grants
- Public Place Improvement Grants
- Community Training and Development Fund\*
- Environment Grants
- Every Generation Onkaparinga Grants
- Local Heritage Incentive Scheme\*
- Minor Capital Works and Facilities Grants.

## Sponsorship

- Tier 2 – Festivals and events
- Tier 3 – Community events and Christmas and carols events.

## New business grants\*

We are also introducing three business grants funded through the ON Business Partner Program. Grants up to the value of \$3000 will be awarded in the following categories:

- start-up businesses
- marketing and communications
- digital innovation projects.

## Applications close on Monday 20 March.

\*Applications for these grants are open all year. Please refer to the individual grant guidelines for full details.

## How to apply

Guidelines and application forms are available from [www.onkaparingacity.com/grants](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/grants)

## More information

A list of frequently asked questions is available from [www.onkaparingacity.com/grants](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/grants)

For more information, contact Jan McIntyre, Grants and Sponsorship Officer on 8301 7334 or email [janmci@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:janmci@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)

## ACTIVATE RAMSAY PLACE

4 February – 27 April

Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre

Ramsay Place will again come alive with a series of fun, innovative and vibrant activities and events as part of Activate Ramsay Place.

The 2017 program of events kicked off in February and aims to attract people to the area and make Ramsay Place a welcoming and vibrant place for all. An outdoor cinema, a multicultural festival, family fun days, puppet shows, a busking festival, pop-up youth arts space, a circus performance and a fringe program dubbed Round Pegs Square Holes are just some of the events and activities on offer.



All events and activities are free.

Ramsay Place is nestled between Colonnades shopping centre, the Hopgood Theatre and our council office at Noarlunga Centre.

To view the calendar of events, visit [www.onkaparingacity.com/ramsayplace/activate](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/ramsayplace/activate)

#### More information

Contact Wilson Ndung'u, Community Development Officer – Youth on 8384 0535 or email [wilndu@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:wilndu@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)

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When the weather heats up, many of us head to the coast and spend time around some of the beautiful beaches in our region – and who can blame us? However, we would like to remind all visitors of the coastal hazards when on, under or nearby cliffs, especially after damage caused by storm events late last year.

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## ON BUSINESS PARTNER PROGRAM

The ON Business Partner Program supports local businesses of all sizes to thrive and grow and provides opportunities for businesses to benefit from partnership and collaboration. The first phase of the program was launched in December 2016 with new offers and initiatives going live throughout 2017.

### DISCOVERY SESSIONS

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Thursday 23 February, 2.30–5pm

McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre  
Main Road, McLaren Vale

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### SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

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### MORE INFORMATION

Keep up to date with all business related opportunities and new offers as they go live through the ON Business Partner Program.

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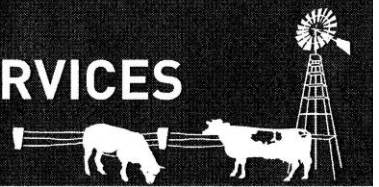


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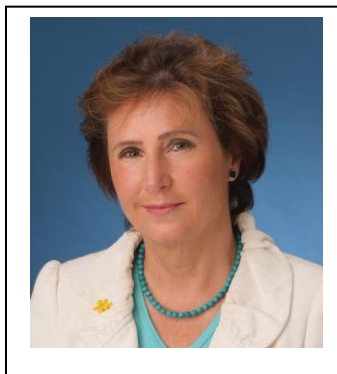
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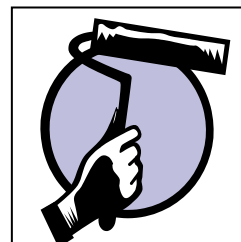
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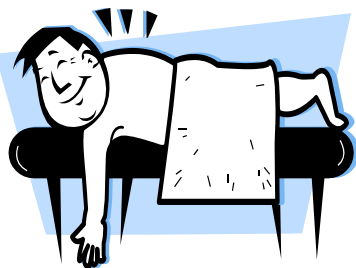
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