

Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

EDITORIAL

Well summer is a distant memory, Daylight savings has finished, we are one month into autumn, the footy has started and Cherry Gardens is a beautiful place as always! There always seems to be so much going on that the year just marches on and is a bit of a blur. I am sure you will have noticed that the winter sports teams are now training and matches start in a couple of weeks now that all the pre-season trial matches are done. Both the footy and netball clubs have a full set of teams and are hopeful of a fun and successful season. This year is the 30th anniversary for the footy club and there are a lot of activities planned. Don't forget that there are meals at the Rec ground clubrooms every Thursday night (after training) and after the games on Saturday's.

The CFS continues to train every Monday night (visitors and new members are always welcome) and even though the fire season is drawing to a close we must continue to be vigilant as it is still very dry. Cherry CFS has been busy this season though fortunately not locally. They have supported the fires throughout SA and had volunteers work at the Tasmania fires. In addition to the fires there continues to be the other work such as car accidents, fallen trees, animal rescues etc.

Will there be an election in July? If there is then you will be able to vote at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall.

Minton Farm continues to be in the news doing their great work rescuing and caring for those animals that need their support. I also noticed an article in the Blackwood times where a Cherry resident, Raelene was talking about their dog who was injured during a near miss car accident (heavy braking to avoid a Kangaroo). Their dog, Wilbur was wearing a collar and was tethered in the car but under the heavy braking the collar hurt Wilbur's neck (all fixed now). It is a timely reminder that dogs are required to be tethered when in a car and to avoid a similar injury they should always be wearing a harness which distributes the load evenly on their body rather than their neck.

Did you know that Cherry Chatter now has a facebook page? Check it out if you want to be kept up to date with what is going on in our community <https://www.facebook.com/Cherry-Chatter-1714727318741396/>



ANZAC Day 2016 is coming up shortly and we hope you all can join us at the Soldiers Memorial Park on Cherry Gardens Road at 8.30am on April 25th for the service and then please share some time with us and friends at the Memorial Hall after the service for breakfast. Breakfast is just a gold coin donation and everyone is very welcome. We will be using a much better PA this year so everyone can hear

the service clearly.

May 13th will see the 4th in the series of 'Spotlight on Cherry History' at the Memorial Hall from 7.30pm. Again all welcome and the evening will include some locals talking about aspects of the history of Cherry Gardens. There is a BYO basket supper and it is a great time to learn more about Cherry.

In the continuing follow up on the council work being done at the Soldiers Memorial Park we met with several of the council representatives at the Park on Wed 23rd March to put our case to them on their complete lack of community consultation as to the plans and work that they ended up carrying out. The meeting was a little frosty to start with but progressed well with the council apologising for their lack of communication and the "inadvertent" removal of the Lone Pine along with at least one other significant Oak tree that was over 80 years old (although the council believes that the oak may have been dead – this is still being followed up).

The council has assured us that they have put in place new processes to ensure that nothing similar happens when work such as this is

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RAINFALL REPORT

February 2016	22.4
February 2015	1.6
Average for February	29.4
End of February 2016	98.8
End of February 2015	49.6
Average to the end of February	57.3

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NEXT CC MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 10th April at Clayton and Kerry's home at 5pm followed by a BBQ.
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

NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th April

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

Monday 9th May -- Kate Delaporte from Waite will discuss the development of miniature Eucalypts with a view to their use in the cut flower trade.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS

Broccoli and cabbage can continue to be planted as well as Peas, Broad Beans, and leafy veg. such as Silver Beet. Root crops too - Onions and Swedes need warm soil to get them started.

French Marigold make a splash of colour to your garden but also provide a natural pest deterrent to other plants. Try them as a border to other flowers or vegetables, the older varieties are better than the newer hybrids which are less effective.

Try some Stocks or Snapdragons, complete your bulb planting, it's not too late for Sweet Peas.

Fertilise your deciduous fruit trees as soon as you can and water in well

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



HALL NEWS

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OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

A little update on my new paddock mate William. As I said previously, Will came to us with a lot of history (read baggage), which as time has gone on has shown up in many ways. He is a sensitive fellow and at first was scared of his own shadow. This has improved as he has settled in, but he is one of those horses who tends to be suspicious rather than curious when presented with something new – a lot of homework to be done here! His stop and go signals to start with were erratic, delayed and very heavy. When a horse shows these types of responses (or lack thereof), there is always an element of crookedness too. Often this shows up when leading, with the human being barged into, feet trodden on etc.

The first thing to tackle was Will's stop and go, which has been addressed. It has improved markedly, but is still work in progress, as these responses deteriorate in a different environment. His straightness has also improved, especially under saddle. In the beginning it was nearly impossible for him to go on a left circle. He was a different horse on the right rein, much calmer and more even in his bend. After some careful observation of Will under sad-



dle and when asked to slow down, he would put his head vertically in the air and was very difficult to stop.

He was in a simple egg butt snaffle, but it was decided to put him in an extremely light mullen mouth (straight bar) plastic bit. The change has been amazing. It appears that the normal bit was causing him quite a degree of discomfort, whereas he is much more comfortable with the light straight bar. Because the discomfort has been removed he has slowed down a lot and is starting to develop a rhythm and learn to be relaxed. His rehabilitation will probably take about 18 months to 2 years, as progress is slow, but thorough! More updates as we continue...

Safe riding and happy munching, Hamish.

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carried out on land not owned by the council and they have agreed to work with us on any future work to be carried out here in Cherry. One of the council representatives informed us that the council was very excited at the diversity and unusual trees that are established within the park including some Sequoia (American Redwood) which are very rare and others that they have not been able to identify yet and are consulting with the Botanical Gardens on. The council have agreed to look into some of our suggestions to improve the Park including plaques on each of the Golden Cypress for each of the fallen soldiers from the district, irrigation for those trees that appear to be suffering a bit with lack of water during the hot summers, improving the drainage and hopefully moving the Telstra sign that is right in front of the main gate.

Hopefully in the long term the Memorial Park can provide a place for reflection in a peaceful and easily accessible environment for all of us to enjoy.



CFS NEWS



NOW RECRUITING

CHERRY GARDENS CFS BRIGADE

Do you live in the Cherry Gardens, Aberfoyle Park, or Chandlers Hill area? Ever wanted to help out your local community but weren't sure how?

Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade is now recruiting women and men for;

- Volunteer fire-fighters (Ages 18+)
- Volunteer radio operators (All ages)

No fire-fighting or radio operation experience necessary, as all the training is provided in-Brigade and by SA CFS. Training is held weekly, on Monday nights, from 7pm sharp

This is a great way to join with a close-knit group of people and to give back to the community in a vital and fulfilling way.

Interested? Just come along on a Monday night, from 7pm to introduce yourself and take a look at what we're doing, ask some questions, get a guided tour of the fire station and the range of equipment used, or just call 83703600 and speak to the Sturt CFS Group Duty Officer.

Please share this information if you live in Cherry Gardens, or the surrounding areas. Take a look at the Cherry Gardens CFS Facebook page and be sure to 'Like' their page to continue to receive and 'Share' more recruitment updates.

The SA CFS serves communities through dedicated volunteers, delivering professional fire and rescue services to outer metropolitan, regional and rural South Australia, so please consider joining the team and helping out.



CHURCH NEWS

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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.

MEADOWS VET NEWS

The Hendra vaccination for horses has recently been officially approved for use in pregnant mares. We are still waiting for the news that annual rather than six monthly boosters will be needed.

If you take your dog walking through the Kuitpo Forest or live where kangaroos can access your dogs please read the information below!

We have seen a number of dogs recently that have suffered from kangaroo attacks. The injuries have ranged from small lacerations to much more serious injuries to the skin and muscles of both body and limb areas. Even a small laceration caused by a kangaroo can result in a serious infection if left for 3 or 4 days. These infections can cause the destruction of the deeper layers of fat and muscles. If this happens often, involved surgery will be required to remove dead tissue and repair the wounds. We highly recommend that if your dog receives any scratch or laceration no matter how small from a kangaroo that you seek veterinary attention as soon as possible. These cases are definitely where early intervention can prevent serious and costly consequences!

Vaccinations and Titre Testing

The routine administration of vaccines in dogs & cats has been one of the most significant factors in the consistent reduction of serious infectious diseases. This approach has resulted in excellent disease control for infections that were once a major cause of death in our pets.

All vets agree vaccines are necessary; the frequency in which they're given though has recently been widely debated.

Vaccines that are used in Australia are largely safe – in the 36 years of being a vet Dr Greg Rodda has only ever seen a few minor reactions to vaccination. We are fortunate here in that we do not need to use some of the vaccines that are necessary in the United States such as Rabies or Lyme disease which can cause issues. There is no question that the initial vaccination course for puppies and kittens is vitally important as is their first annual booster. After this initial course research is showing that levels of immunity may remain at adequate levels for longer than previously thought. Some owners now are requesting Titre Testing to test levels of immunity before their pets receive an annual booster.



Previously a significant drawback in performing antibody tests was the cost and the time to obtain results. More often than not, titre testing required sending blood or serum to a lab which entails a relatively expensive test, with an answer from the lab obtained some days later. The costs involved in doing this was almost \$400 not a cheap exercise!

Good News!

We are very pleased that we can now offer a very economical alternative. We now have a rapid, simple, and cost-effective "in house" test that is especially useful to determine if a pet requires additional vaccination. This may save the pet unnecessary vaccination. It can also help determine the vaccination status of a pet with unknown vaccination history as well as can help determine if a pet has received immunity from a vaccination. Results are available within 20 minutes.

WARNING: Titre testing is testing the immunity level at that specific point in time and there is no guarantee as to how long that existing immunity will last. There are some vaccinations that still need to be given annually such as Canine Cough as the Duration of Immunity is still relatively short compared to the Core (DHP) vaccinations. Also you will need to check and comply with the requirements of a boarding kennel or cattery if your pet is going into boarding.

One of our vets will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have during your pet's annual health examination.

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FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



Following the relatively mild weather of February, we received a burst of hot and humid weather to start off March as we farewelled summer and welcomed autumn. Once again there was some patchy heavy rainfall through parts of the area, which may result in some of the cool season weeds, like annual grasses and broad-leaf weeds, plus Bridal Creeper and other bulb weeds, getting an early surge of growth.

Whilst the early March hot weather saw the cancellation of our first bird banding outing for the month, late in February we had about a dozen of the Friends gather for a visit to Laratinga Wetlands in Mount Barker. We took a leisurely stroll around the wetlands, spotting some 52 species of birds, with a good variety of waders, water and woodland birds. A couple of lucky members got to see a Crested Shrike-tit, which has a 'rare' conservation status in SA and is endangered in the Mt Lofty Ranges. We were told that there was a youngster in the area and so were on the lookout for it. Other good finds included the Blue-billed Duck (SA rare, MLR vulnerable), Australasian Shoveler (SA rare, MLR rare), Pink-eared Duck (MLR rare) and Buff-banded Rail (MLR rare). After the walk, we adjourned to a local café for morning tea before going our separate ways.

Working bees have continued unabated (except for fire bans!), concentrating on follow up of woody weeds like Erica, Broom and Blackberry. Unfortunately one patch of Erica we worked on is well beyond the capacity of volunteer working bees, considering we need to also work in other parts of the Park, and so we will endeavour to get some contractor help with it. The ability to raise funds to engage contractors to undertake primary clearance of large weed infestations is a crucial part of managing the Park.

The Friends' Almanda Project, which has been mentioned in previous Cherry Chatter editions, is a long-term project based on sustained fund-raising through donations and grant funding applications, which aims to restore eight headwater creeks of the Scott Creek sub-catchment. The funds raised enable us to get contractors in to do a lot of the "heavy lifting", while the Friends' group does much of the follow up that is required to ensure the pest plants do not take over these creeklines again.

The Project aims to restore our native wetland vegetation, helping protect and increase the quality of habitat for 26 state threatened plant species and two state threatened ecosystems. In addition, eroded stream channels will be stabilised and improve water quality for down-stream users.

On Sunday morning 17th April, the Friends are planning to showcase the Almanda Project at their Annual Autumn Walk. We welcome anyone who would enjoy a walk and finding out a bit about what we do, but the walk will be especially valuable to those with a specific interest in creekline rehabilitation, or a more general interest in our natural areas, so join us for an informative walk around one of the key Project areas, followed by BYO morning tea.

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

All working bees meet at 9:00am at Gate 16 Almanda Car Park Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet weather). In the case of visiting our bird-banding activities, it is best to phone Don Reid (co-ordinator) the day before to ensure it is going ahead and to find out the specific location.



March Programme

Thu 7 - Social Lunch,
The Artisan, Blackwood 12 noon
Sat, Sun 19, 20 - Bird banding
Sat 26 - Working Bee

April Programme

Sat, Sun 2, 3 - Bird banding
Tue 5 - Working Bee
Sun 10 - Working Bee
Sun 17 - Autumn walk showcasing Al-
manda Project, Gate 16 Almanda Car Park
9:30am start
Wed 20 - Social Lunch
The Essence, Stirling 12 noon
Sat 23 - Working Bee

May Programme

Tue 3 - Working Bee
Sun 8 - Working Bee
Sat, Sun 14, 15 - Bird banding
Buff-banded Rail spotted during our Feb-
ruary walk around Laratinga Wetlands at
Mount Barker

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
W. www.mintonfarm.org
Ph. 8270 1169

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Joke

A couple who work at the circus go to an adoption agency however Social workers there raise doubts about their suitability. The couple produces photos of their 50 foot motor-home, which is equipped with a beautiful nursery. The social workers then are doubtful about the education that the child would get.

"We've arranged for a full-time tutor who

will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills." they explain.

Then there are doubts about raising a child in a circus environment. "Our nanny is an expert in paediatric welfare and diet."

The social workers are finally satisfied. They ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"It doesn't really matter, as long as he fits in the cannon!"

SPORTS NEWS

Ironbank Cherry Gardens Tennis Club

Our 2015/16 season has now ended. Two of our Saturday senior teams and one of our junior teams played in the finals. Unfortunately our senior Div 1 Doubles team lost to Onkaparinga and our Div 3 Doubles team lost to Summertown in the first week elimination semi-finals. Our Div 3 Girls' team (Irulan Murphy, Caitlin Mitchell, Sophie Fraser & Bella-Rose Watts) finished fourth after the minor round and went on to record excellent wins in both their Semi and preliminary finals. They went on to play in the grand final and were very competitive being narrowly defeated 3 sets 27 games to 3 sets 23 games by a very strong Summertown team which had finished as minor premiers. We'd like to congratulate the girls for the way they represented the club throughout the season and for the exceptional effort they put in during the finals.

The Club held our presentation Night on Saturday the 19th March and we'd like to thank all the players and family members that turned up to make it an enjoyable night. The trophy winners for the season were:

Senior Awards

Div 1 Doubles – Mens-Hugh Griffin & Womens-Alice Gorman

Div 3 Doubles – Mens-Paul Mitchell & Womens-Elizabeth Lay

Div 3 Men's Traditional – Ollie Williams/Finn McIntyre – Joint winners

Junior Awards

Div 3 Girl's – Best-Irulan Murphy, Coaches Trophy-Caitlin Mitchell

Div 10 Boy's – Best-Oscar Murphy, Coaches Trophy-Patrick Murray

Club Awards

Athol Morgan Trophy – Eleanor Peirce

Jacob Murphy Trophy – Sophie Fraser

The 2016/2017 season will start in October (Usually after the long weekend). The club has teams playing in the Hills Tennis Association in Saturday senior and junior competitions and also Tuesday and Wednesday night competitions. We will circulate information prior to the start of the next season but If anyone is after information before that 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



Cherry Gardens Ironbank

Recreation Ground

Winter Sport is coming to the Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground now that the Tennis and Cricket seasons have wrapped up. Meals are served each Thursday and Saturday night except for special functions and everyone is welcome to join us. For all the programming of Netball and Footy matches and functions please go to the clubs' websites listed separately in the Cherry Chatter.

In recent years we've seen an increase in Dog activity within the recreation ground facilities. While we encourage dogs in the grounds, we would ask that owners please clean up after your pets. We are investigating installing doggy bags on site but in the meantime please bring a bag with you when you visit.

Our car park improvements are almost complete with unique line markings recently installed and the SCIBs cricket club soon to plant out the garden beds. This should alleviate some congestion and lack of parking on busy Football Club home games.

At our recent AGM we identified the need for more local involvement in our recreation ground. We have local resident committee positions available which have no official tasks other than to attend our monthly meetings and share your views. If you would like to be involved please contact me as listed below.

Lastly, our facilities are funded by our sporting clubs with no direct council contribution. Supporting our local clubs will in turn assist them to improve our facilities. So become involved so that sport and recreational activities thrive in the area!

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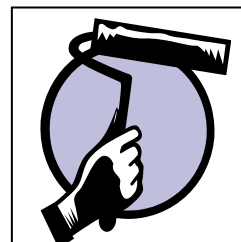
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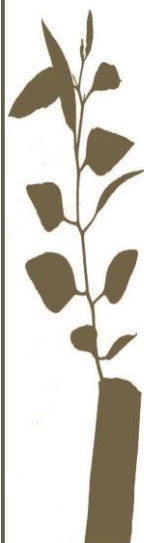
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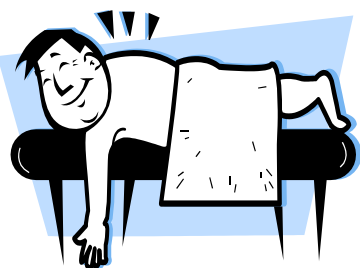
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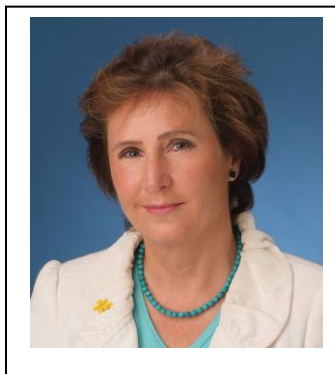
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