

Cherry Chatter



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EDITORIAL

Lance Corporal

Herbert Clarence Burford

My five year old started asking questions after ANZAC Day last year. "Was your Great Grandpa a soldier"? I took the opportunity to explain who my Great Grandfather was. I was only very young when he passed away, a lot of my memories are tales told by his children and grandchildren, and I now pass these tales on to his Great Great Grandchildren. Prior to PaPa, as we called him enlisting, Herbert Clarence Burford was a runner with the Adelaide Harriers. For a little bloke he held his own on the track, being quite the sprinter. This was probably of great assistance when dodging enemy fire and shrapnel.

Today as I gathered, chopped and stacked wood for the oncoming Cherry Gardens winter. I was taken back to tasks my Great Grandfather had done as a supply officer at Gallipoli, one of his several tasks whilst on board the SS Derfflinger prior to landing at the cove, was to stack and bundle wood to keep the troops warm.

Enlisting on September 12th 1914 in Adelaide, he then transferred to his unit one month later. Departing for Melbourne on the 22nd of November he then embarked on the HMAT Berima leaving Melbourne three days before Christmas 1914. Aged 22, Lance Corporal Herbert Clarence Burford of the 1st Depot unit of Supply, in the 11th Australian Army Supply Corp. was off to war!

I have the great privilege of looking after my Maternal Great Grandfathers



war diaries. Anzac Day has always stirred emotion within me particularly when I found a quiet place to read them. The handwritten cursive, in both fountain pen ink, and carefully etched lead pencil stencilled with great care and attention. Written whilst sitting in a muddy dug out; shrapnel and artillery fire surrounding him like a swarm

of angry bees conjures graphic images in my mind that terrify me; yet make me incredibly proud of my Great Grandfather, and all those whom have fought for our freedom.

Some of his diary writings:

Saturday 24th April 1915

Left Lemnos Island. We went out of the harbour early passing a fleet of transports and warships, about 100 or more. Sailed around the coast and dropped anchor in a small bay with 2 other steamers. Strictest silence - no lights. Cruisers are flitting about without lights. Infantry have tried to sleep for 4 hours. They go into action in the morning. Everyone is looking forward to tomorrow.

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RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for March 2016	49.0
Rainfall for March 2015	21.2
Average Rainfall for March	38.4
Rainfall end of March 2016	147.8
Rainfall end of March 2015	70.8
Average to the end of March	95.7

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NEXT CC MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th of May 8pm at the CFS shed.
Articles to be received 5th of each month

Sunday 25th April 1915

Bombardment - Under Fire 1st Day

Woke to the sounds of the bombardment. Rigs firing all around. Infantry 3rd Brigade went ashore. Heard they had a bayonet charge as soon as they landed. Saw 3 dead and about 12 wounded. Warships are letting them have it to our left and front. One shell landed pretty close. Bombardment is awful. Later, shells dropping around us from Turkish batteries. We moved off very slowly, to us, and anchored in a bay. Head aching through the noise. Had a concert in the evening to try and liven us up – very tame.



Monday 26th April 1915 2nd Day

Woke to the Boom. Had a good sleep. We moved off and have anchored just where we were yesterday. The warships were giving the Hills a terrible bombardment. We may land today. Looks alright, I don't feel a bit queer although yesterday a shell went between 2 troopships about 200 yards away and it seemed goodbye. Steamed away to an island for the night.

Tuesday 27th April 1915

Bombardment Turkey, Dardanelles 3rd Day. We have landed under hot fire, things are lively. Working for the Base Depot under shrapnel fire – lively. A lot of wounded coming down. 10th Battalion badly cut up also the 3rd Brigade. Have landed 2 barges of stores. Slept in the open about 5 yards from the sea under cover of a stack of ammunition. Risky but better than nothing.

Wednesday 19th May 1915

Heavy machine gun fire and rifle fire all night, about the heaviest I have heard. Heavy and fierce bombardment at sunrise this morning. Expect this is a last effort. A Red Cross unit has just left with about 40 wounded aboard. Shrapnel is falling around pretty thickly this morning. In fact we have had a couple very close as I write. Two heavy shells falling about 100 yards away. I feel pretty rotten, the screeching sound of the shells has got on my nerves. Bombardment lasted till

10.30am. Dressing station blown up. South Depot Blown up, bar a few stacks.

Thursday 20th May 1915



Bad shrapnel. South depot received a bad time. 8th & 9th Lt Horse arrived tonight, 4,5,6,7 arrived today all look well. We were up at 2.30 am to unload a barge and they had to stand by in full fighting order from 6 till 10.30 pm making a very heavy day ordered to be ready at a moment's notice, expect prisoners tonight. Heard they had an armistice for 6 hours to bury their dead but they started to collect rifles instead.

Friday 21st May 1915

Shrapnel fire. White flag flying on point and a Turkish Major came in under flag of truce. Very nice uniform and good looking. Camp packed up and had to remove stores while in the water. Turk was taken back at nightfall. 8th & 9th Light Horse came through today. Saw a lot I knew, Barker, Barrett, Robins, a lot more. Things are very quiet up in the firing line. Saw a submarine today.

Armistice Monday May 24th 1915

Trip to the island is off. Raining and very muddy this morning. Saw a party go out to bury the dead this morning. Armistice all day. 3000 Turks buried. Holloway came to dinner today. Very downhearted but looks well. Sent a mail away to home and Marge. 2 prisoners gave themselves up. Firing started straight away as soon as the armistice was over. Rather fierce rifle fire during the night.

Wednesday May 26th 1915

HMS Triumph was torpedoed about two miles away on our right this morning. We saw the boat keel over and gradually sink. All steam boats rushed to the rescue and a fleet of torpedo boats came in from Point Hellen at full speed, making an imposing sight. A few shots were fired but I don't think they caught the sub. We have no warships here now except the torpedo boat. 4th reinforcements arrived this afternoon under shrapnel fire. A couple

killed and a few wounded. Saw an aeroplane drop bombs on the Turks today.

Saturday June 5th 1915

Cape Helles

Weather perfect, found out I was still alive on looking at my shirt heavy rifle fire last night. Corp Bond found on hill, very ill, brought him to my dug out and stayed there all day. Only one charge today and very quiet, although heavy fighting on the left flank and a trench was taken.

Monday August 16th 1915

Sent mail home. Put in charge of sand bags on the beach. Went for a swim and just had time to dive under the pier when a shrapnel burst; killing 1 and wounding 3 just 5 yards from me. Wescott was very white when I came back up, he thought I was gone. I received two splinters of steel, one in the toe and one in the hand and very small scratches. Had hardly a wink of sleep.

My Great grandfather departed Gallipoli December 13th 1915 to go on to Egypt, then Marseilles and Rouen in France. Papa returned to Australia 8th November 1918 home after the war with all limbs intact and with a lease on life that only surviving the atrocity of war could provide. He was lucky! Nothing I could tell my daughter could ever convey the reality, conditions, fear, and desperation, those brave soldiers and personnel endured through the years. I hope she will never have to find out.

I am so grateful to all these brave ANZACS and all those who have served, allowing me the opportunity to have my daughter ask me the question.



Lest We Forget
Clay

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GARDEN CLUB

NEXT MEETING

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

Monday 20th June (Start time is 6.30) Winter Warmers where we have a meal of soups, bread, cheeses, and desserts followed by a gardening quiz.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As one who has suffered Ross River Virus more severe than most people have, and in view of the terrible effects of Zika virus although I know they don't expect our mosquitoes to carry the Zika virus, yet I wish someone would remind every rainwater tank owner that it only takes a teaspoon of Paraffin oil which will disperse on top of the tank water and not affect the taste or be detectable at all, to smother beastly mosquitoes wrigglers and give about four months freedom from wrigglers!

Regards

Kath Jones, BCom., Adv.Dip.Acct.

At our March meeting we enjoyed a very well researched presentation by Eileen Hardy "Friend" of Wittunga Botanic Gardens including photos from "Trove" - among other internet resources. We gained a most interesting insight into the Ashby family and their very hard and comprehensive work in establishing the 14.5 hectare beginnings of the lovely gardens now devoted to wildflowers of Australia and South Africa, which we enjoy today. From 1925 they planted an amazing variety of Apples, Pears, and many other pome and stone fruit, which flourished on virgin land around Shepherds Hill Road at Blackwood - thanks to their hard work and abundant borehole water delivery, until growing population of the area rendered the water insufficient to sustain orchards. Leaving the farm, orchard and garden work to his family, which often included his sisters visiting from England, Keith Ashby travelled by motor car in the 1920's, often alone, as far afield as Western Australia, collecting native plant specimens and publishing and illustrating many books on the subject. He also collected specimens in South Africa establishing that section of Wittunga gardens. We were left appreciating the generous and valuable gift Keith Ashby donated for the enjoyment of the people of South Australia.

Once again some rare and unusual plants and produce as well as great bargains were later auctioned amidst lively hilarity. This was followed by a delicious and sociable supper.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS

Plant Broccoli, Cabbage, Lettuce and White Onion seedlings. Sow Peas and Broad Beans. plant out crowns of Rhubarb - you can divide your own if you have a crowded plant.

If you have mushrooms appearing in your garden or paddock - don't be tempted as they could give you a very upset stomach or worse. Just because someone else has tried them without any reaction does not mean they will be OK for you!

Divide and plant Agapanthus, Crinums, Day Lilies, and Liliums. Sow Marigolds under wet newspaper as they need complete darkness to germinate. Plant out Pansies, Poppies, and Polyanthus. Remove diseased (black spot) leaves from your Roses and bin them to discourage problems next year.

SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY - CHERRY GARDENS

Friday 13th May, 7.30 -10pm.

Cost: Per Person: \$5.00. Please BYO basket supper.

Cherry Gardens was first settled in 1838, shortly after the colony of South Australia was founded. Cherry Gardens was a farming community until quite recently and has a rich history. At this Spotlight on the history of Cherry Gardens evening you will hear recollections from some residents recorded 20 years ago and information about the Alamanda Silver Mine and other interesting snippets about our districts history.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Hopefully Autumn chores are on the way – paddock conditions as in weed control and maybe slashing where there is any long rank grass. Horses tend not to graze on this material and so it grows even longer. After slashing, the debris will just add to mulch in the paddock and promote better new season's growth. Check for wear and tear on rugs, repair or replace. If your steed is lucky enough to have a shelter/stable, check for spider webs and 'critter' nooks and crannies and clear up. Stables can be quite dusty areas, with bits of sawdust and hay collecting in corners where there are cobwebs. Cobwebs can be quite flammable, so best to clear them away at this time of year.

Many of you will have purchased a horse at some time or another. How many times has it happened that after a week or even a month or so that odd bits of behaviour have begun to appear? The supposedly quiet horse that you viewed has become quite a different creature. When looking to purchase there are a few things which help to lessen the chance of finishing up with the wrong horse in your paddock. Firstly, you need to be very clear in your own mind what it is exactly that you want in a horse. Certain breeds are better suited to certain activities. If it is your first horse then things like cost of keeping, buying the right gear and fitting thereof, the impact on your family life, the amount of time available (especially in winter), where you are going to keep it, allowing for veterinary costs, shoeing or trimming,



worming, rugging and so on, to mention a few. Once these are reasonably sorted and you have found something to view and have spoken to the vendor, make sure you take someone with you who is more knowledgeable than yourself – two heads are definitely better than one here! This person can also video the prospective horse and you can review it later together. Ensure that there will be somewhere safe for the horse to be shown. 'Just down the road' is not good enough and not at all safe. It can help to arrive a little early, or at least ensure that you can see the horse caught, groomed, feet picked up and saddled. You will probably see at this time how well the horse ties up. Take a good look at the condition, especially the state of the feet. The state of the property can also be guide to the attitude of the owners too, as in fencing, rubbish lying around, condition of the other horses etc. Make sure that the owner rides the horse first for you in all paces. Is it ridden in a simple snaffle or wearing all sorts of hardware? Does it stand still for mounting and can the owner ride the horse on the buckle

in all paces (no contact). Your knowledgeable friend may then ride and give you an assessment and then have a ride yourself if safe – if not, walk away! Other things you would expect in a reliable mount would be that it will load willingly on to a float (you can ask for a demo), can be lunged quietly (again you can ask for a demo of this too). It is not recommended that the horse would weave, crib bite, wind suck, buck, bolt or shy. Ask about these things, because the vendor will often only tell you what you ask or what he/she thinks you want to hear. Depending on your intended activity, check whether the horse is reliable in traffic, can be ridden alone and in company, behind and in front and any other personality quirks. Ask what the worst thing that the horse does. If possible ask for a trial, taking into account that there risks on both sides and some owners will not want to risk their horse leaving the property until sold. Or you could come back for a second or even third ride. Do not be pressured into buying just because there is 'someone' coming later that afternoon. You have no way of confirming this and it could be a ploy to force you into making a wrong decision. If the horse gets sold, so be it. There will always be another one out there! Finally, an added expense, but one which can save you many dollars and heartache later, consider a vet check. Preferably use a vet which does not normally treat that particular horse. These are just a few suggestions, the list is very long, but hopefully I have covered a few bases for you.....

Safe riding and happy munching, Hamish

CFS NEWS



Will you join your CFS?

Well, we have escaped another year free from major bushfires within our response and nearby zones. Your brigade did provide crews for the Pinery and Mosquito Hill fires which keeps us ready to respond locally whenever needed.

Keeping our skills honed to facilitate responses at different times of the year always remains a challenge from structure fires to motor vehicle accidents as well as providing appropriate emergency rescue and rendering first aid, all a part of the challenge! Many locals think the CFS is just a bushfire response brigade. While

summer firefighting is extremely important it remains only a small part of what we do.

At Cherry Gardens our members come from a very broad and diverse group. We have police officers, nurses, builders, truckies, semi and fully retired, uni students and general "dogs bodies" who just work in any area. We are in general all time poor but we can always raise a crew in five minutes and be on the road responding to assist you, our community who always support us.

We have over the last few months lost valuable members to relocation both in SA and interstate. We are always on the lookout for new members. Our station not only supplies crew for three applian-

es but also a group base radio communications team on a fortnightly rotating roster. Ages of our members currently sit at our youngest at seventeen and our oldest at seventy two!

Will you join us? Call the number on the attached flyer and we can arrange for you to come to the station for a tour and no obligation discussion.

See you soon. Brian Sims

Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade



CHURCH NEWS

On 26th March, Cherry Church celebrated 167 years of continuous service to the Cherry Gardens district. On June 19th we celebrate the opening of our new building, incorporating the hall and our newly refurbished vestry/crying room, now called the Heritage Room, where items of historical interest to the church and the local community will be securely stored and available for anyone who is interested, to look at.

We have been greatly blessed in this new venture by the generosity of many people, and it is the church's desire that this new facility is available to become an important part in the life of the local community.

We give thanks and praise to God for His goodness and faithfulness to the Cherry community over so many years.

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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.



MINTON FARM

I received a call from the Santos workers at the mines at Cooper Basin. They had found a large bird of prey with an injured wing and wondered if we would help him. I agreed so they organised to get it to Moomba airfield. There was no other transport there as it was a fly in/ fly out mine site! It arrived the next day via Ross Air standing on its wing very depressed. I stabilised it, got it on pain relief and it almost immediately started feeding in a darkened room. It was a juvenile Swamp Harrier that had just left the nest. An x-Ray showed no breaks but a badly bruised shoulder. It had been placed into our 30' long raptor flight facility with its wing strapped for support and in two weeks that will be removed and we will see if he can fly again, then work out how to get him back to the Cooper Basin!!!!

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Please bring a basket supper, tea and coffee will be provided, and you will have the opportunity to make a gold coin donation to the hall maintenance fund on the night. We look forward to seeing you there.

Having replaced the Hall roof last year, the Hall floor has recently undergone a restoration. The original jarrah boards were starting to splinter and show their age, and have also been the subject of some water damage over a number of years. The water barrier placed along the front of the hall by Onkaparinga Council, and some work done by Committee members to better run off storm water has allowed the boards to settle over the past few years, and the contractor can now repair, sand and polish the floor. We are delighted with the result.



CHERRY GARDENS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Teams play on Thursday nights.

For more information regarding table tennis contact:

Gwenda Frith – 8270 1116 or

Edie Brooks – 0407 798 418

The Table Tennis season is fast approaching. Anyone interested in playing Table Tennis for Cherry Gardens please contact Edie on 0407798418.

Matches will start in the first week of May.

- Divisions 1 & 2 play on Tuesday nights
- Divisions 3 & 4 play on Thursday nights

Hope to see you there



IBCG Football Club

Hello to our local community - footy season is here and what a way to kick it off with wins in both A's and B's in round 1 against our neighbours Mt Lofty!

Our local community is very welcome at our Club, we really enjoy having you around and being part of an active vibrant community. If you have the chance to come up to training on a Thursday night, why not pop in and watch the boys train and while you are here you can have a meal prepared by our Club Stalwart and Club person of 2015, Alby Morgan.

While you're at the club introduce yourself to Alby, shake his hand and say thank you, people such as Alby are worth their weight in Gold.

Don't forget to pick up a season program which are available in the clubrooms

Unfortunately our juniors did not fare so well in the first match of the season but were very much improved upon last year and are aiming to make finals this year. A big thank you to our Junior coaches who are guiding our young ones and helping them grow into great young men.

Our Minicolts coach is Craig Lidstone, Junior Colts Nic How and Garry Campbell and our Senior Colts are mentored by Ben Dunbar and Darrin Baldock.

Socially we kicked off the season with a Pizza and Band night at the clubhouse after the matches which was well attended and great fun.

Our next event will be "Ladies day" in round 4 on the 30th of April so join us at the CGIB Recreation Ground (our home ground and Thunder Park to our supporters) for another great day at the footy. Thunder Park will be turning Pink! We will be raising awareness of Breast Cancer and collecting donations for the McGrath foundation who fund Breast Cancer care nurses. We encourage all our supporters to get up to the club, make it a great day and give generously.

When you walk your dogs at the oval please consider our players and clean up any presents your pet may leave behind, it's not a pleasant experience for our players when they encounter your pets surprises while they are training or playing. Thank you for considering our players health. To help users of the oval we are arranging for a doggy bag dispenser to be installed near the oval entrance in the near future.

Hope to see you at Thunder Park soon

Go the Thunderers !



IBCG netball

We will be starting again with a few of our teams playing Saturday 30th April, and the majority starting Saturday 7th May. This season we have put in 21 teams (7 seniors and 14 juniors) ranging from Courier League down to under 9's.

Numbers are high, with many new faces at the club, and we look forward to a great season.

Over the summer break Brendon Osborn recoated our top courts with a slip resistant surface, which we hope will be a lot safer to play on. Thank you to Rob Edwards and Scott Treloar who will again be instrumental in upgrading our spectator areas this year.

Thanks also to our continuing major sponsor from 2015 - Mortgage Choice Adelaide Hills and new major sponsor for 2016, Blackwood Fitness (24 hour).

Finally, many thanks must go to The Hon Jamie Briggs MP for his assistance in securing a grant to resurface our bottom courts at the end of this season.

Jenny Pearce, 0414 370284

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Belair still retains much of its early history, with Old Government House and the heritage gardens attracting many visitors to the Sunday and public holiday tours.

Celebrations will continue throughout 2016 and include Grey Box Day (May 1 – seedlings to take home, plus walks and rides with rangers), guided walks (April-October), SA History Festival (throughout May), Nature Play's Cubby Town (July 21 and 22), Open Day (September 11) and other events. Full details: http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/Find_a_Park/Browse_by_region/Adelaide_Hills/belair-national-park/park-anniversary

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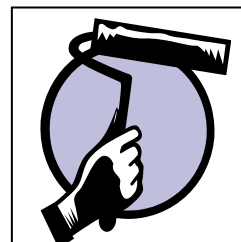
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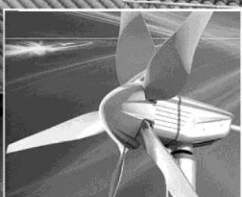
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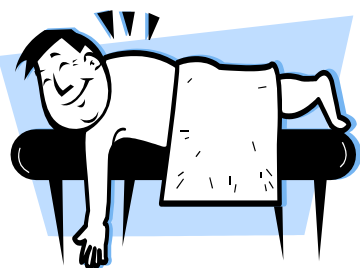
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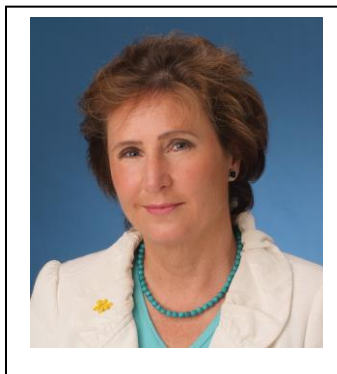
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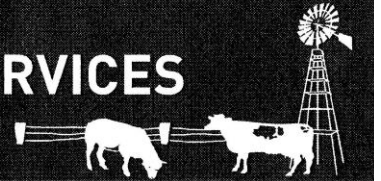
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