

Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

EDITORIAL

The second in the series of 'Spotlight on Cherry Gardens History' nights was held at the Cherry Gardens Hall on Friday 29th May. The functions are organised by Trevor Conlon of the Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust and our own Don Watton, and 42 people attended. (Coincidentally, this is the same number that attended the first function in October last year, but not all the same people).

A number of people spoke on the



night and answered questions relating to their recollections. Max Ricks spoke about the farming background of the area, and the later rezoning where the land was subdivided. He also related that he ran a small shop at one time, so successfully that he had to stop because it took up too much of his time! Bev Langley talked about Minton Farm, how she became involved in animal rescue and how the name came about.

Paul Heck, CFS Captain, gave the history of the Service from the early days, when local fire-fighting consisted of strategically placed 44 gallon drums of water, knapsacks and wet bags around the district. If a fire oc-

curred, the church bell was rung and the locals made their way to the fire, armed themselves with the water and bags, and fought the fire. He also talked about the Cherry Gardens airstrip, which supplies the water bombers, and the new Bulk Water Carrier which is to be delivered and stationed at Cherry Gardens from later this year.

Following supper Betty and Jim Frith gave some background to sport and sporting facilities in the area, talking about the early cricket and football grounds and the founding of the Recreation Ground. Coral Gooley's talk was about the local school and the Headmasters. She had the names of all the Headmasters of the school.

Shirley Trevena provided some background to the Scroop family. Thomas Scroop was transported to Port Arthur for 7 years for stealing a gentleman's handkerchief. Following his release in 1844 he came to South Australia, married and had 10 children. His story was amazing as if he had not been transported then he likely would have died a pauper in the UK.

All speakers on the evening were re-

corded, and their information will be later transcribed as a record of the meeting, and it is hoped that a booklet will be produced summarising the Cherry Gardens History. The first meeting in October was also recorded, so none of the information will be lost.

It is planned to hold further functions, and we will keep you informed of upcoming dates in the Cherry Chatter. Local people are encouraged to attend these evenings; they provide an interesting history of our area, usually some good humour and an opportunity to meet other locals.

RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for May 2015

Rainfall for May 2015	150.8
Rainfall for May 2014	98.2
Average Rainfall for May	115.1
To the end of May 2015	332.2
To the end of May 2014	290.6
Average to the end of May	282.0

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 8th at the Mack's
Articles to be received 5th of each month

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:-

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GARDEN CLUB

Meetings are held at the Uniting Church meeting room, 87 Hicks Hill Road Cherry Gardens at 7.30pm usually on the 2nd Monday of the month. Other excursions and garden visits occur on an ad-hoc basis.

Supper is provided and we have lucky door prizes. Visitors are most welcome.

Contacts are:- Ray 8383-6011 or Shirley 0403 801 916

NEXT MEETING

Monday July 13th will be a Freebies Night where entrance is free and members bring along an item for the auction table but it is not auctioned, instead they are raffled. There will be 3 speakers from within our club speaking on their interests in gardening.

REPORT FROM WORKING BEE

Some time ago our Club decided to help the victims of the Sampson Flat Bushfire, as well as those who lost their homes many also lost their gardens. The Stirling Garden Club is also involved. We held a working bee in Ray's shed on the afternoon of Tuesday May 12th where thirteen members potted up over 400 plants, shrubs and trees of many different varieties. It was a very social but industrious afternoon. We were fortunate to have a trailer load of potting mix donated by Peats Soils of Willunga.

The plants will be distributed from Mt Pleasant Primary School in early Spring.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR JULY

The old maxim of "Prune in June" doesn't necessarily apply to Cherry Gardens, particularly in relation to roses as I believe July is a more appropriate time. By July rose bushes should have lost most of their leaves, gather these up from under the bush and put them in your green bin as they may have spores of black spot within, DO NOT compost them! On a fine day without any forecast rain is a good time to prune. Try to reduce the size of the bush by a third, taking out any old or dead wood and crossed or inward facing branches. Carpet roses will respond to quite severe treatment with the hedge shears, or even a brush cutter! All prunings should be put in the green bin as well.

Now is a good time to plant new roses. If you are replacing a rose do not plant it in the same spot unless you dig out about a wheelbarrow full of soil and replace it with some new soil.

Pete's Mulching Tips

Eucalyptus Tree Trimming Creates Great Mulch. A recent effort to save some remarkable trees on our property has resulted into a great insight into the benefits of creating your own Eucalyptus mulch.

What a great idea with the resultant trimmings from the eucalyptus trees creating great mulch – low cost, clean mulch! Nothing wrong with it – after all wood rots to become part of the soil eventually.

- low cost

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



JULY

Bec Kirss
Amy Watton
Caroline Chenoweth
Sarah Pillar
Judith Terrell
Robert Whiteford

- clean
- contains no weeds
- most likely won't contain pesticides/herbicides

Worried that eucalyptus leaves and wood will kill your plants? Don't be. Perhaps only if and when you unthinkingly dig raw un-rotted wood into the ground can this turn plants yellow and may kill them as the un-rotted wood will rob soil of nitrogen as it rots. Of course this can happen from any chipped wood or leaves so for best results let the mulch compost a bit and leach out any tannin etc before putting on the gardens beds. Remember not to dig the chips into the ground. Mulch is after all a covering so let it lie on top and allow it to slowly decompose and add goodness to the soil. During this time eucalyptus mulch will significantly add greatness to your soil.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

www.communitywebs.org/Coromandel-CommunityCentre/

For information on Coromandel Valley history, events and more, go to;
www.coroalive.org.au, Trevor Conlon - Ph 8270-5686 or David Wyatt Ph 8270-4400

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners! Well, still into winter, along with that cold, wind and rain. I hope everyone has been able to keep that weight on their equines. Sometimes in this weather, when there may not be the incentive to get out there and ride, your trusty steed may go for more than a week without having the rug taken off. If you are unlucky, there may be a nasty surprise lurking under that rug. Especially with an older horse, who can lose weight quickly and finds it so much harder to put it back on. It is a good practice to at least check under the rugs at least once a week in case things get out of hand.

Last month I referred to the horse's weight. If you don't know what your horse weighs, you can purchase a 'weight' tape measure from a local saddlery. My owners have both weighed me (and my mates) on weighing scales and measured us. The tape measure method is a pretty reliable guide to within 10 – 20 kg. What's is really important, is the change of measurement. My owners generally measure us once a month, especially from late summer



through autumn and into winter. The bottom line is that the 'horseman's' eye will tell you, but it's nice to have figure to keep for records. Speaking of records, it's also a good practice to keep a record of worming, teeth and shoeing too. Oh, as well as the costs!

Did you know that horse parasites and worms since the 80's have been becoming more and more resistant to the active ingredients in the worming pastes? The old method of changing the active ingredient once every 12 months is no longer so reliable. One thing that can really help with your worm control is to regularly pick up all manure. The benefits are multiple,

as it keeps the paddocks clean too – there always seems to be someone who wants some for the compost heap! Horses are very selective eaters, preferring the shorter, sweeter grasses. They will avoid those areas with manure, as the grass grows long and sour. Eventually the paddock finishes up looking very patchy, with areas of long, lank grass and other bare eaten out areas. A worm count can be done (no longer such a cheap option, especially if you have many horses). The cost now is around \$70. Again the 'horseman's eye can tell you if a horse is wormy, but it is not 100% reliable. If you have been doing all the manure pick up and worming regularly and your horse is sluggish and disinterested for no other apparent reason, it is probably advisable to get a vet check to put your mind at rest if nothing else.

Plenty of food for thought! Funny, that word keeps popping up in my mind! Happy and safe riding from the slim and trim me.

Hamish.

CFS NEWS



We are preparing for the arrival, some time this coming September, of the new Sturt CFS Group Tanker, which will be housed at and responded by the Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade. The fire station is a 3 truck-bay station, which currently has 2 FTS800 Isuzu dual cab fire trucks, so by adding the Sturt Group Tanker to the line up will not only give Cherry Gardens CFS a 'full house' but also will provide valuable additional resources to our capacity, not just within the Cherry Gardens district, but right across the Sturt CFS Group response area. An additional benefit will be that we will add 4 extra places

to our prescribed volunteer base, which means that we are encouraging people, who are willing and able to join the Brigade, to seriously consider it.

The colder winter weather has allowed us to focus on our training, with some additional training being done on the skills required to deal with vehicle accidents, covering advanced first aid and the specific hazards that we encounter at these types of incidents, like;

- leaking fuel and differing fuel types
- arcing/shorting electrics
- undeployed air bags
- trapped and injured vehicle occupants
- downed power lines, etc.

We've also been going through our chainsaw training updates as well as a whole raft of other skills, like driving, Breathing Apparatus (BA), physical training, etc., so there's always something happening every Monday night

and on some of the other nights during the week.

One of our next projects is to construct a system to hold all the turnout gear that our crews must wear whenever they go out on a job. Currently we are using a series of wall hooks and peoples boots are on the ground under the hooks. We are going to have to design and build an integrated solution, so that every member has a labelled spot where their gear can hang and where their boots can be stored, up off the ground. There's been quite a bit of brain-storming amongst the members and we've narrowed the designs down to just a couple that we can afford and will probably build ourselves. All in all we are planning on making sure that the station will be in tip top shape for the new tanker and we will keep everyone informed when it arrives, as we plan to celebrate that event. Stay warm, stay safe.

Paul Heck, Captain

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Jacob Patrick Murphy: 27/12/96 ~ 17/01/2015



January the 17th 2015 for most was a day to relax and unwind after a busy week at work. For our family it was the most horrific day of our lives. On this day our wonderful son Jacob was tragically taken from us.

At 12:58am his car left the road and collided with a tree opposite the Cherry Gardens Hall in Cherry Gardens.

There was much speculation, 'was he speeding', 'did he swerve to miss an animal' etc. We now know that he had an Anaphylactic reaction to the venom of a Hopper (or Fire) Ant. The police surmise that this ant was in his clothing and stung him while driving. You see Jacob was Anaphylactic to nuts but he was never tested for other allergies.

Our family would like to thank the many people who have made this time a little more bearable. A big thankyou to Andrew, the first person to be with Jacob after the accident, for his understanding and kindness to us in the days after the accident.

The Cherry Gardens CFS for looking after our son. The community for their wonderful support, flowers, meals and kind words.

Most of all though we have to thank the Police Major Crash investigators, Stuart and Tammy who have handled Jacobs case from day one. They have been absolutely fantastic, coming to our home or ringing us daily then week after week with information and support.

These Police Officers have a very tough job, seeing the most horrific scenes and meeting people at their worst. Their professionalism has been outstanding and we appreciate the time and effort they have put into the investigation.

Christopher, Tresche, Ethan and Oscar Murphy

It is now clear to us that everyone who has a history of reactions to an ant bite should be tested as you too could be Anaphylactic to Hopper ants and the reaction time can be very fast (just a few minutes).

Jacob was a very bright, wonderful boy who would do anything for his family and friends. He was just beginning his adult life, commencing study at Adelaide Uni, doing a double degree in Engineering and Finance. His death is a great loss to this world.

Editors Note:

Hopper; Jack jumper; jumping jack ant – *M. pilosula* species complex (pictured above) – There are at least five different species of this ant located in South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, ACT, NSW and Western Australia. This group is responsible for about 90 per cent of anaphylaxis in Australia.

Hopper ants are quite common throughout the Adelaide Hills. If you are anaphylactic then you may also have an allergy to these ants. There is a test available if you wish to confirm such an allergy.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe type of allergic reaction. Anaphylaxis occurs after exposure to an allergen (such as foods, insects or medicines), to which a person is already extremely sensitive. It results in potentially life threatening symptoms, including:

- difficulty/noisy breathing and swelling of tongue
 - swelling/tightness in throat and difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
 - wheeze or persistent cough and chest tightness
 - abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting
 - confusion, loss of consciousness and/or collapse
- In some cases, anaphylaxis is preceded by less dangerous allergic symptoms, such as:
- swelling of face, lips and eyes
 - congestion and watering of the nose and eyes
 - hives or welts on the skin
 - headaches, anxiety, flushing

Anaphylaxis to Hopper ant stings is not rare. In areas where Hopper ants are common, surveys have shown that between 2 and 3 per cent of people have had generalised allergic reactions, and in around half of these people the reactions can be life threatening. Deaths from Hopper ant stings and anaphylaxis have occurred in Australia, with several recorded cases in recent years.



LOCAL SPORT NEWS

Netball Club news

Why not come out and watch your local talent? The majority of senior matches will be home on the following dates:

Sat 27th June

Sat 18th July

Sat 1st Aug

Sat 15th Aug

The local Netball teams are doing well this season. Below is where each teams standing is so far.

Courier League	top
A Grade gold	top
A Grade green	second
A2	third
B1	second
B2 green	fifth
B2 gold	eighth
C1	top
C2	second
17.1	top
17.2 green	sixth
17.2 gold	seventh
15.1 gold	second
15.1 green	third
15.2 gold	fifth
15.2 green	eighth
13.1	third
13.2	second
11.1	second
11.3	fifth
9.2	

IBCG Football News

Past the halfway mark of the season now and we've had a very good run of results of late. All junior teams have managed to notch up some quality wins and the senior teams, after an injury plagued start to the season, are now approaching full strength and looking towards finals action. The highlight of May being our A Grade knocking off the reigning Premiers Echunga.

We'd love to see the local community get along to our games and see your footy club in action. Our Recreation Ground is a great place to spectate, so get along, grab a drink, a feed and support the Thunderers teams.

Upcoming Home Games;

18th July – v Torrens Valley

1st August – v Mt Barker

And remember, to stay in touch like us on Facebook or visit www.ironbank-football.com.au



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

Results

21st May	Div. 3:
Cherry Gardens	3 (18)
Scott Creek	9 (27)
	Div. 4:
Cherry Gardens	12 (27)
Aldgate	0 (3)
28th May	Div. 3:
Cherry Gardens	1 (10)
Mylor	11 (34)
	Div. 4:
Cherry Gardens	2 (6)
Mylor	10 (24)
4th June	Div. 3:
Cherry Gardens	2 (12)
Summertown	10 (30)
	Div. 4:
Cherry Gardens	5 (14)
Summertown	7 (18)
11th June	Div. 3:
Cherry Gardens	7 (25)
Upper Sturt	5 (19)
	Div. 4:
Cherry Gardens	3 (8)
Upper Sturt	9 (21)

HALL NEWS

The Hall is again this year selling tickets in the People's Choice Community Lottery. Please contact me on 0433 656 803 if you would like to purchase tickets and I will arrange to get them to you. If you are able to take a book of 10 to sell to friends and relatives that would be appreciated.

Alternatively you can buy online at www.communitylottery.com.au and nominate the Hall as the beneficiary. There are some great prizes and we will benefit from the full \$2 ticket purchase price for each ticket sold by us, or sold online where we are nominated.

Bill Semple

Chair

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COMMUNITY NEWS - Protect yourself from phone scams

Local residents are reminded to be vigilant following reports of scam phone calls falsely claiming to be from the Australian Taxation Office.

The scammers are targeting residents with a scare campaign accusing them of tax fraud.

The callers typically ask for money to be sent via wire transfer or risk being issued an arrest warrant. They may also ask for people's financial and other personal details to access their money and use this information to commit other scams.

Many people have reported to SCAM-watch that messages have been recorded on their answering machines asking them to call back later. The telephone number provided is (02) 6100 3027 and they ask you to call during office hours to discuss the matter further. However, the telephone number has no connection with the Australian Taxation Office or any other state or commonwealth department.

ScamWatch has warned residents to be on guard. If you receive a phone call from someone demanding that you pay a fee or risk being arrested, hang up and do not respond.

If in doubt, don't use the contact details provided; ask for the caller's name and phone them back through the ATO's switchboard on 13 28 69.

You can report scams to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) online via <http://www.scam-watch.gov.au> or by calling 1300 795 995.

If people think they may have fallen victim to this particular phone scam, contact the ATO on 13 28 61 (8.00am–6.00pm, Monday to Friday) or my electorate office on 8398 5566.

MINTON FARM

I visited my dear koala Mandy now at Cleland for Easter. Oddly enough after raising her from 400 grams for over the past year and at the risk of being anthropomorphic, I felt I should take her flowers



or chocolates or something????? (Just like visiting my elderly parents in their nursing homes!) She jumped over to the branch near me. She quietly gazed deep into my eyes for a while. I rubbed her lovely little pot belly, held her hand and sang a Rod Stewart song to her and she folded her arms into her belly and lowered her head in complete oneness. There were no words, just to be was enough and irreplaceable! (Despite my husband's voice saying "Now I've seen everything - unbelievable!"). I'm so glad she is safe, warm and well fed particularly with the current weather conditions.

Water Bird

We received a little black chick water bird several weeks ago, from the Adelaide Koala Hospital that was supposed to be a coot. I was advised by a keeper at Cleland that it was actually a Dusky Moorhen. As

it has grown, its legs and toes became longer and more slender and its body has become purple!!!!it grew into a beautiful Purple Swamp Hen after all!! I released him back at Memorial Drive where he was hatched. Dicken' he didn't know where he was and how to behave in the wild. He couldn't wait to get into the water and absolutely vanished in seconds into the reeds!

There was a family of them grazing on the banks. Wouldn't it be amazing if that was his family as well?

Community Lottery

We are thrilled to announce the first tickets available online for the early bird buyers of the People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery. 100% of sales by Minton Farm is returned to us.

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- Once off candy bar offer – two choc tops for \$6 (plain only)
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- Valid to May 2016.

You can buy them online by visiting www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/mintonfarm-animal-rescue-centre

Make a difference

If you just can't contribute, that doesn't mean you can't help: you can donate goods to support the animals: The kangaroos and wombats need hay, chaff, goat meal, goat pellets, apples, carrots, corn, weetbix, rolled oats and muesli. The birds need small parrot mix or cockatiel seed. The possums need any tinned fruits and vegetables, fruit bars and sweet baby foods like apples, custards, yoghurts.

CHURCH NEWS

About our Church...

'Our little history group'. We started our little history group 5 years ago. From the beginning we sought help from History SA. Their advice was based on the size of our team and of the amount of space we had available. They suggested we focus our efforts on research and collect only photographs and documents.

The reason for this is for ease storing and display. All of our information is stored electronically so we can search for people who want to know about their relatives etc. Our other aim was to collect only the history of the church and its involvement with the community.

Our little team is Alex MacFarlane as general backstop and as a source of information about Cherry Gardens and adjoining districts. Our researcher is Darryl Dyson who trawls through information collects and stores photographs and documents. Lyle Seyfang also stores photos and has a copy of Darryl's records as a back up. Alan Dube is an advocate to raise support for equipment and furnishing our history room. We are collecting current and past history and if anyone has documents or photographs and willing to contribute them we would be delighted. We would scan them and then return them. Some recent discoveries are an enquiry from a NZ lady who believed a relative was married in the Cherry Church and another was if the deed of title for the transfer of the land to the church existed.

Earlier this year four people were wandering around the church as we were having morning tea and we asked them in for tea and enquired about what they were looking for. They were after some evidence that their relative was married at Cherry Church back in the 19th century. We have no records before 1926 all the beautiful hand written minutes were destroyed in a fire supposedly in a safe suburban area! So faced with this request and some names Darryl did some research and found that Harriet Gardener married Phillip Le Maistre on the 2nd of May 1861 at Cherry Church. The NZ people



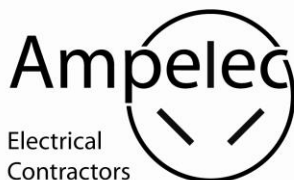
were delighted and we have pasted a little history in the gap between 1849 and 1926. Another matter we wondered if there was a record of the original transfer of land to the Church in 1849. To our surprise there was an Old Records Title Office. It was all you imagine, dusty papers on desks and files everywhere. It was a different world and time moved slowly there. The staff were very helpful we saw the original deed that was on vellum all blotchy and unintelligible. That was disappointing but to our surprise, they had an old transcript beautifully hand written, which was what we wanted, and they had a copy for us. So that has been filed with much satisfaction.

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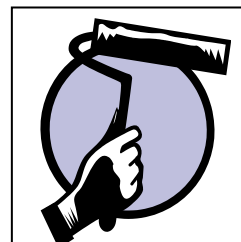
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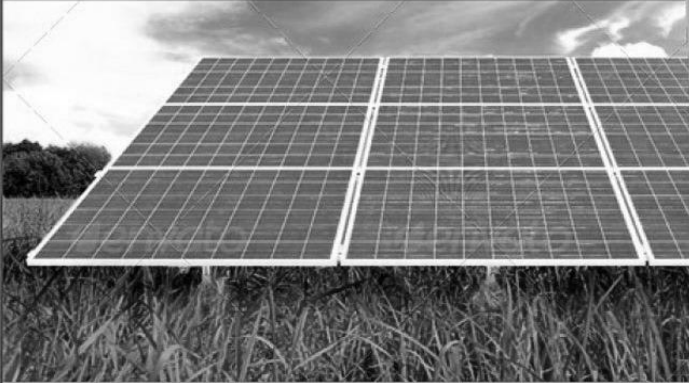
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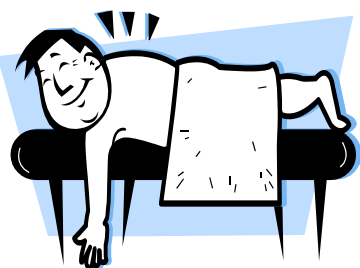
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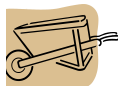
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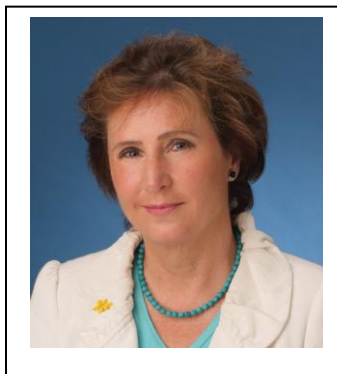
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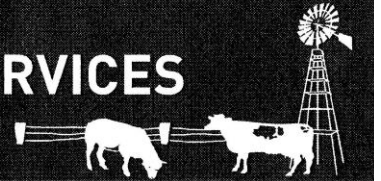


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