

# Cherry Chatter



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## EDITORIAL

### ANZAC DAY 2015

The article Paul Heck wrote in the Cherry Chatter about the impact of war on the German people sparked an idea for something we could do to mark 100 years since Gallipoli. We could sponsor an essay competition with categories for Primary, Secondary and Tertiary students, and a general category for the public where people submit ESSAYS ON WAR with the best in each category being published and sold. The book launch could be on ANZAC day next year.

They could be family stories (see example further in the issue), or accounts of the aftermath of war, like refugees, land mines, repat hospitals, PTSD and how it is treated, experiences of visiting places like Ypres, the Somme, Pearl Harbour, Gallipoli, the river Kwai, Kokoda etc. We could offer prizes of say \$150 in each category. The Committee could set up a judging panel. We would have to limit each essay to maybe 2 A4 pages with pics. We could publish an on-line version.

It would complement the existing book on the lives of Cherry Gardens servicemen. I know of two other people who have interesting stories to tell other than bi-

ographies. Please add your ideas. I would be willing to sponsor one of the prizes and do some judging and editing. What do you think? Jim Richardson

Readers of Cherry Chatter, the committee has considered Jim's idea around local stories and would like your thoughts as to whether there are any people out there that would like to share their own personal, family or general stories that we could judge and offer a prize and then publish all the stories next year in the 100th anniversary of ANZAC.



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## RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for June 2014	152.0
Rainfall for June 2013 *	130.2
Average Rainfall for June	130.2
Total to the end of June 2014	442.6
Total to the end of June 2013	333.0
Average to the end of June	412.2

\* Rainfall to the end of June 2013 was the same as the average. Very rare.

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## NEXT CC MEETING

Wednesday 13th of August at the Mack's  
Articles to be received 2 days before

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

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## HALL NEWS

Some of you may have seen the 'thermometer' in the Notice Board in the porch at the front of the Hall, reflecting our progress toward our roof replacement target. I am pleased to say that we are approaching the half way mark of our \$20,000 target.

I am also very pleased to inform you that the City of Onkaparinga has approved our Minor Capital Works Grant application in the full amount of \$5,000. This will be a great boost; we collect the cheque at a Presentation Ceremony on late July. Thanks to those who have made a donation to the 'Sheet of Iron' project. If some more are able to respond to this appeal, we should be able to commence the roof replacement as soon as the weather allows. Of course, a donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Keep warm, Bill Semple

Hall President 0433 656 803

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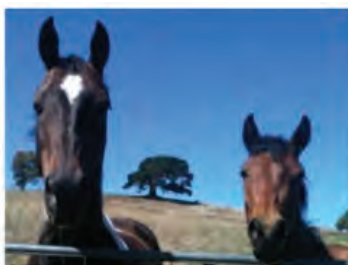
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Kylie Porter-Wright

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Charlotte Poker

## CC - 10 YEARS AGO

August 2004, edition #138. The headline of 'Cherry Chatter in crisis talks' takes me back to the time when the council decided, as part of their budget cuts, to stop supporting the printing of the Cherry Chatter at the council. We then had to negotiate with local printers and this then resulted in us increasing the advertising rates and we eventually secured an annual Grant from the council. In other news the rainfall for winter 10 years ago was well in excess of the average (just as it is this year). The Hall was busy with Yoga, Table Tennis, Quilting Club and Garden Club keeping the Hall in constant use each week. There was the Babysitting Club where locals helped locals so we all had a night off each month. There are a few names that are no longer living here including Kaye Baxter, the Tippet's, The Thomas's and more recently the Gaughwin's.



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## OVER THE STABLE DOOR - with Hamish

**G**reetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners! Plenty of rain has fallen since I last spoke to you. Paddocks all green and the grass starting to thicken up.

If there are some broadleaf such as capeweed and jane that you have missed, they can be hand pulled quite easily now. Other alternatives may be to slash or cross-graze with sheep and cows (neighbours may come in handy here). One pesky weed in the hills is dock, which will grow in poor soil, deficient in iron. It is devilish hard to pull out, except in the wettest areas. Each plant will produce literally thousands of seeds, so if you haven't got around to spraying it, you may be able to pull it, or otherwise at least cut off the main stalk which produces the seeds. It can help to take an old chaff bag (or two!), or something similar with you into the paddock to collect this stuff. That's the thing, our paddocks don't just look after themselves, they do need to be maintained. The hard work actually does pay off, although it

is never a quick fix. Those who have made the effort will tell you that it is all worth it. It can even get to the stage of light maintenance, but one can never be complacent. It helps to have a five year plan, since these things tend to take some time.

Having a five year plan also gives you some flexibility with time, money and family commitments. Sitting down and drawing up goals, prioritising areas needing work, what sort of work and how much money needed to achieve those goals. For example, it may be that fencing needs replacing. This sort of goal needs money, but can be done in a relatively short time. If you are changing fencing, it may pay to take a good look at the terrain on your property.

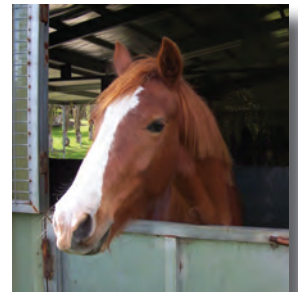
There may be areas which are unsafe/unproductive for livestock. These can be fenced off and revegetated with shade trees and valuable understory for birdlife. That one exercise could be your first year goal. While you are at it, keep a record of money spent

and what on. If your property seems to have too many problems, there are plenty of courses to do which will be of enormous help. Things like weed and pasture management, property planning and so on. Contacting Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt. Lofty Ranges will be able to pass on most information to the confused landholder. They offer free workshops and free field days. There is a Natural Resource office at Lobethal.

Hopefully more about training next month, this weather has not exactly been conducive to riding!

Still keeping my trim and lovely self, despite a little less exercise. Must be the cold keeping the fat off.....happy munching and safe riding,

Hamish.



## CFS NEWS

**W**ith the close of the 2013-14 reporting cycle we now have access to the data that has resulted from the many Incident Reports that have been submitted by the Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade, for the last 12 months (1 July 2013 – 30 June 2014).

The number of incidents reflects the high work load that we experienced in that 12 months and also reflects the diversity of the incident types that we respond to. This data also reflects the work ethic and dedication of all of our members, including the many operational and operational support members, along with those who play an equally critical role in Air Support at the Cherry Gardens CFS airstrip.

I would like to say thanks to all our CFS Brigade members for their hard work and dedication. They have all been an integral and important part of the vital, ongoing and proud history of emergency services to the Cherry Gardens and wider communities and feel it is a privilege and an honor, as

Captain, to be able lead such a committed team.

Training also continues unabated throughout the winter season, as does our on-going fundraising efforts, that so many locals continue to support.

### Cherry Gardens CFS Incidents 1/07/2013 - 30/06/2014

Assist other agencies	2
Building fire	3
Combustible/flammable leak	2
Grass or stubble fire	8
Investigation (burnoff)	2
Investigation (smoke)	4
Minor fuel or oil spill	1
Other assistance	2
Scrub and grass fire	10
Tree down	25
Vehicle accident / no injury	15
Vehicle accident rescue	3
Vehicle accident with injuries	7
<b>Number of incidents</b>	<b>105</b>
Total number of hours	1,577
No of primary responses:	27
No of secondary responses:	78

**S**iren testing, is one of those things that are also a part of our local tradition, but we have made a small change to that schedule recently. The testing has usually been done at 8 pm on Monday nights, when we are normally training in the fire station. We have decided that we will now test the siren on Friday mornings at 8 am, which will bring us in line with all the other Brigades in the Sturt CFS Group. The siren will run for approx 30 seconds and then wind down and like all our other equipment it also needs to be run and checked regularly to ensure its on-going servivability.

### 80th Anniverssary 1934 - 2014

This year the Cherry Gardens CFS will celebrate a significant milestone and will be hosting an afternoon tea, from 2-5pm, on Sunday 12 October. We would love to see as many locals, friends and families attend as possible, so please keep that in mind and join us on the day. **RSVP** to [cherrygdnsccfs@internode.on.net](mailto:cherrygdnsccfs@internode.on.net), so that we can plan the catering.



## CHURCH NEWS

**WHAT A BOOK !** How many books do you know which were written over a period of 1600 years by 40 different authors that tell one coherent and consistent story? The authors of the Bible came from 19 different backgrounds and occupations. Luke was a Physician, Matthew a tax collector, but the gospels they wrote tell of the same people and events. And Matthew and Luke both list the 62 generations from Adam to Jesus. And yet with the aid of the Internet (e.g. ancestry.com.au) most of us struggle to trace six or more of our own generations. What a remarkable book and one of its consistent themes is to describe so accurately the human condition. We humans are a riddle, capable of so much good and evil. (see today's news for examples). The Bible starts in Genesis describing paradise lost and ends in Revelation with paradise regained, a future event. In the middle is the cross of Christ providing a bridge for those who want to get across. The first three chapters of Genesis also mention the rivers Tigris and Euphrates which are still there in Iraq today. So is the river Jordan where Jesus was baptised. Abraham began his journey from Ur and the British archaeologist Sir Leonard Woolley has found the site and excavated some of what remains. And pilgrims daily visit Bethlehem where Jesus was born. They go to Jericho where Joshua fought his famous battle. They cruise the Nile beside which Moses was found as a baby. And battles are being fought today in Damascus where Paul was heading when he was confronted by Jesus and his life was changed forever. Real places and real people. Not a book of fiction. It is also not a book of science. The Old Testament includes history, poetry and prophecy. The history is His nation's story. The poetry includes the psalms and proverbs. The prophecy is also His Story, the coming Messiah. The New Testament includes four gospels about Jesus' life. There are letters to the early churches. And Revelation describes the culmination of all things. The Bible may not be fashionable today

but it contains a message that is as relevant today as it was when it was written, because while technology has changed, human nature remains the same.

**A**t the recent AGM our Chairman Alan Dube presented a comprehensive report of recent church activities. It was made so lengthy by the many people to whom we owe thanks. As an example the Garden Club have been very generous in donating the new rainwater tank, putting down the concrete foundations on which it stands and creating the garden that surrounds it. They also gave generously towards an air conditioner for the new meeting room. This was matched with a grant from Council and a private donation to give the room some (soon to be installed) modern heating and cooling:- way beyond the dreams of the pioneers who established the church 165 years ago. On a sadder note he announced that our Pastor, Roger Waldron, is standing down. This is due to his health, which took a turn for the worse after a nasty fall, when he broke some bones in his hand. He has been a fine example and he and his wife Barbara have visited those in need and given us mature leadership during their time at Cherry. We hope they will continue to call the Cherry Church home. Joan Button also resigned as Pastoral Care contact after ten years. Her role is taken by Prim Dube. Alan said that while we benefit from so many visiting speakers, it is fitting that four of our number go out and preach to small congregations in Ironbank, Upper Sturt, Mt Pleasant, Prospect, the Mallee and the Riverland. Sharing resources is one way small churches can benefit and it provides a varied diet of teaching that would be hard for one person to sustain. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who come and give us meaty sermons to get our teeth into. He gave a sincere vote of thanks to all who have helped the church during the building construction, now almost complete. Alan also mentioned the progress that



is being made in establishing our Heritage Room where, with advice from a member of History SA, we have defined what to keep and how to store and display it. Some of the results of this work were on display when the Jacobs family reunion was held recently. There is still much to be done to complete what we have begun over the past two years, but it has been two of the most productive years in the history of the church in Cherry Gardens.

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If someone new has moved in near you, call a committee member to deliver a Welcome Pack. All new residents also receive a gift, courtesy of the Cherry Chatter Committee. Welcome Pack information is also available on our website at; <http://cherrychatter.wordpress.com/about/>

## MINTON FARM

Hello to all our supporters. We've kept ourselves busy during the cold, wet winter by cementing pathways through the enclosures to the birds of prey enclosures and the poultry runs as well as completing the fund raising shed with a concrete floor and lovely new shelving for books, clothes and bric a brac! We are in the process of displaying goods ready for a garage sale which we will hold in warmer weather and would welcome any items in good order that you would like to donate to raise funds for the animal rescue Centre. We had a Mum ringtail possum with two tiny, pink pouch young. She came in from Blackwood Vet with a split bottom lip and was taken back to her territory and released after a week of R & R here. She would have been happy to scamper off into the bushes in her own territory again to raise her twins. Another adult ringtail possum was brought herein a very debilitated state, with pale gums and blood in his mouth. He absolutely blossomed whilst here, putting on weight, growing beautiful fur, eating well and being very active. He looked a picture of health in no time and was returned home during lovely mild weather to fulfil his role in our environmental

biodiversity. Good luck to him. A set of ringtail twins were also returned to their territory, as well as a juvenile brush tail possum this week, after they met with misadventure! I had a tawny frogmouth come in that I took to the vets for an X-ray because of a swelling in one wing. It wasn't hanging down but the bird didn't fly. The wing bone was broken but had calcified together again whilst I had it strapped. She has started flying up onto perches and across the aviary once the strapping was removed, so it looked like the bones had calcified and strengthened the break. Amazing!!! In another week she was strong enough to go home to her family! A tiny and frozen cold koala came in weighing 850 grams. She was found on the ground with no mum and very unhappy with her ears down low, which means she was miserable. What a night it was to be out in the cold alone! I'd never had such a starving baby koala before! Matilda bit, tore and ripped at the teat to get the formula as she was soooo hungry and took 20mls without stopping. I gave her another feed about 11pm. She slowly felt better after a feed, toileting and feeling warm and safe snuggling on her teddy. I reckoned it would take a while to get her confidence and calm her down to feel safe again. I hate to



think what hell this little one had been through! She was a different person within 2 days, happily munching leaves and eagerly drinking her bottle and she hasn't looked back! Thank you to everyone that supported the Channel 9 Telethon Distinctive Home and Land Lottery last year. It was a huge success and a major fund raiser to support the Animal Rescue Centre. This year we will be selling the Channel 9 Telethon Distinctive Home and Land lottery tickets again for a furnished home at Playford Alive, valued at over \$450,000 or \$250,000 cash. Donated by Distinctive Homes, Playford Alive, Taste Furniture and Supreme Kitchens. Second Prize; \$20,000 cash. Book Buyers Prize; \$10,000 cash. At Minton Farm Animal Rescue Centre we assist all species of wildlife needing to be rescued, rehabilitated and released. Recently we have had a large volume of koalas coming into care. Consequently, this year we are fund raising to improve our facilities for koalas. We hope you are able to assist us with this much needed, worthwhile cause. Why not buy your tickets online at [www.mintonfarm.org](http://www.mintonfarm.org) Thank you for your support!"

Thank you, Bev. Langley

## LOCAL SPORT & RECREATION GROUND NEWS

### Ironbank Cherry Gardens Tennis Club

Interested in Playing Tennis? If you are interested in playing either Saturday morning junior tennis, Saturday afternoon senior tennis or midweek night tennis please contact us as soon as possible as.

The club fields teams in the Hills Tennis Association with the season starting in early October for night & Saturday senior tennis and mid October for Saturday junior tennis. We will also be running Hotshots coaching groups during term 4 for any young children (5yrs+) wishing to try tennis.

You can e-mail us ([IBCG@bigpond.com](mailto:IBCG@bigpond.com)) with you or your family's details and which competitions you're interested in or alternatively contact one of the people below.

Saturday Junior Competition (17&Under on 1/10/2014) & Hotshots Program  
Steve Williams 0432 182 527 or 8339 3484

Senior Competition (Saturday & Night)

Phil Battersby 8388 2439 or 0417 215 647

Open/Registration Day - Sunday 24th August

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## LOCAL SPORT - contd.

and have a hit of tennis.

Don't forget you are more than welcome to call into the clubrooms on Thursday or Saturday nights. We have \$12 meals on Thursdays and most Saturdays and the bar is always open!

## GARDEN CLUB

Cherry Gardens Garden Club meets every second Monday of the month (unless a public holiday, in which case it meets the following Monday), at the Church on Hicks Hill Road at 7.30 p.m. Members advise of their doings in their gardens, and ask/answer gardening queries. This is followed by an auction of members' pot-plants, bulbs, fruit etc to raise money for the club. Phone Ray on 8383-6011 or Lyn on 0400 290 521. MON 11 August: 'Freebies Night' another meeting with a difference – bring something for the auction table but it will be given away by lucky draw. Free admission. Speakers on tips and tricks for your garden. MON 8 September: A speaker from the Begonia Society T.B.C. MON 13 October: June Taylor well known media presenter from TLC herbs in Aldinga will give us some tips on growing herbs. T.B.C. also tonight is the Rose Challenge May Meeting Notes Featured speakers at May's meeting were Bev Masters, Ron Masters and Peter Hall from The Bromeliad Society, who brought us a colourful, exciting range of Bromeliads to see and touch! It was quite obvious how passionate they all were about this exotic and sought after plant. The power point presentation was quite breathtaking at times. My favourite was Sunset Warrior – How could a plant be so radiant? When asked how she watered her beautiful display of 350 Orchids featured in one of the pictures Bev said "By hand that..... way I keep in touch with how they are going". That said most Bromeliads need little care and do not often need watering especially in cooler weather. Several Bromeliads were for sale and there were some giveaways as well. The auction provided us all with cheap and interesting plants to plant out at home. The supper providers outdid their forerunners with several savoury and sweet delights. Next month's pre meeting soup supper will be great. June Meeting Notes Although it was cold and misty outside, yet June's garden club meeting was a real winter warmer as we all shared homemade soup and supper made by various

members. Our plant auction went as well as ever with some great bargains. Once the meeting's business was over we enjoyed watching Tori Moreton's thought provoking DVD "Magic Harvest". Starring Lola Houbein with Tori and residents of Huntfield Heights and Aberfoyle Park she shares her passion for home grown, wholesome food and her concern at the rate at which South Australia and the world as a whole are losing rich arable land to real estate. There were many examples of ways in which groups of people even those who do not own their own land could participate in shared community gardens. A backyard can produce most of one family's fresh vegetables and fruit - if planned and worked correctly. Lola is already well known to local gardeners as the author of the acclaimed book "One Magic Square".

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## CC - 20 YEARS AGO

August 1994, edition #29  
The editorial discussed the use of "jargon" and "buzzwords" of the time and Rob Walker was ready to scream if he heard anyone else talk about "mindset" or "headset". "Absolutely" was the word of the day. Rainfall was very much below average, in fact it was close to half the average and the CFS even had a call out to a woodpile fire in July! The Hall was deciding what colour to paint the exterior and I seem to remember that the chosen colour was somewhat of a disaster (it is looking good now).  
The CFS had a Ladies Auxiliary back then and who could forget the Monster Mushroom Compost Sale that took place back then (arranged by Rob Edwards) to help raise funds for the local CFS brigade and the Ladies

## TRAVELOGUE

Cats It seems that everyone in Greece loves cats. On a recent holiday in Crete, ostensibly to look at the impressive archaeological sites, a lot of our time was actually spent talking to and for that matter photographing cats in a variety of poses. And although nobody seemed to be actually owning them, all the cats we saw were obviously well fed and cared for. We would occasionally see small plates of food left outside, and many of the houses in the villages had small, cat sized holes cut in the otherwise secure window gratings. The best accommodation we saw was that someone had taken the trouble to make a two-story house out of a couple of olive oil cans, with the downstairs occupied by mother and kittens and upstairs by what appeared to be father. In Turkey cats were obviously an important part of the community, and we have a lovely picture of a totally unconcerned cat strolling through an Istanbul mosque. It was therefore a bit sad on our return to Australia, to find that cats here are generally kept inside, or at least out of public areas - but I suppose it's necessary in order to preserve what little remains of our native wildlife.

Miray



## CC - 20 YEARS AGO - contd

Auxiliary presented a fashion parade in September. In this edition the Cherry Pickers (kids section) had some jokes and the winners of a colouring competition had their winning entries published.



On a sad note this month we have had to say farewell to Dr Roxanne Harvey! Unfortunately for all of us her partner had to move to Brisbane for work commitments. For some strange reason she didn't like the idea of just letting him go to live & work up there by himself! We certainly wish them both the very best! Hopefully soon we will be able to make an announcement as to Dr Roxanne's replacement. If there are any vets out there wanting to join a great practice please let us know! In the meantime we have Dr Donna Sayer & Dr Kellie McGuire helping us out a few days a week. Both vets are very experienced in the field of small animal medicine & surgery. We have already had some lovely feedback from clients! We are seeing a lot of colics lately! It is important to remember that horses still need to drink adequate levels of water during the cold weather to prevent dehydration & subsequently colic. Sometimes if there are dental issues this can make drinking cold water painful. It is a really good idea to get your horse's teeth checked to prevent this from happening! However if you are going to book Dr Greg to do this or for any other dental work please book ahead as he is very busy at the moment! We believe pet insurance can be very worthwhile to have in certain circumstances. For clients who have more than one pet it just becomes uneconomical! We have also been told that one company has recently increased their premiums by over 40%!!!! For our clients only – if you would like to avoid a situation where an unforeseen emergency results in financial pressure this might be of interest to you! We are getting more & more of our clients paying money into their accounts & building up a credit balance. This money is never lost & can be refunded unlike pet insurance premiums!

We are encouraging you to make an appointment with your senior pet for a check up. Did you know that as our pets age they are prone to diseases common to their senior human counterparts such as dementia, diabetes, heart disease, kidney and liver failure, endocrine disease, cancer and

arthritis? One of the most common conditions we see is a kind of dementia called cognitive dysfunction syndrome, or CDS. CDS is a syndrome associated with brain ageing. It leads to changes in a pet's responsiveness, learning, memory and can cause anxiety with age. Following are the most common signs of Dementia in dogs:

- Getting "lost" in corners or on the wrong side of a door
- Pacing or anxiousness
- Loss of Housetraining
- Doesn't greet family members as before
- Barking for no reason
- Loss of appetite
- Sleep irregularities
- Doesn't respond to voice commands as before

For dogs suspected of having senior dementia, we may prescribe medications, diet or supplements that may be helpful



with common signs. Some dogs are helped with Adaptil to reduce senior dementia-anxiety. Others can be helped by using Hills b/d a specially formulated prescription diet that contains high levels of antioxidants. As these diseases can go unnoticed in the early stages, preventative health care is very important. For all pets over 7 years old we recommend 6 monthly health checks and annual screening tests (blood and/or urine tests). We do it for our own pets so why wouldn't we recommend that you do it for your pets too?

Finally some reminders!

- Arthritis tends to become worse with cold weather – please talk to us if your pet is showing signs of arthritis so we can recommend the best way to keep your pet pain free!
- We now have the Australian equivalent to Lubrisyn available! This product is Hyasyn and is the same formulation containing

mainly Hyaluronic Acid which is one of the best ingredients for joints!

- Clients who don't have pet insurance that if you would like 12 month payment plan on a large vet bill, we now offer VetPay! Any payment plan must however be organised prior to work being done!
- Advance Bonus Bags are available for a short time! You can get up to 15% free—this is a great saving!
- We have a great range of warm comfy beds and warm coats to keep your dog cosy this winter!
- Horse owners please ensure your horses teeth are checked regularly. One of the most common causes of colic we see through winter is caused by dehydration. This is often a result of reluctance to drink very cold water caused by dental problems!

Meadows Veterinary Centre – Phone 8388-3455 This is a 24 hour service

## OUR FAMILY AT WAR

New Zealand was about as far from the action in WW2 as you could get, and yet the war had a profound effect on our family. My mother's only brother Jim Stainton was a marine engineer on merchant ships during the war, taking farm produce to Britain to help the war effort. His ships were torpedoed twice and each time he was picked up by other ships in the convoy. But the news of the sinking came through long before word from him. He came home, married his sweetheart, they raised four bonny children and he lived on until he was 86. Dad's two youngest brothers both served in the army, Ken in Egypt, Greece and Crete and Ced in North Africa. When German paratroopers were dropped on Crete in their thousands, Churchill ordered the Allies to leave. There was not enough room to take them all on the ships he sent. Four hundred of them were captured on the wharf and taken to prison camps just across the border between Poland and Germany. When the war ended the guards opened

## OUR FAMILY AT WAR - contd

the prison gates and fled. They were terrified of the approaching Russian troops. Ken and his Kiwi mate spent three months walking across Germany and living off the land. They had no money. A Dutch fisherman took them across the channel to England where they spent time in hospital recovering from TB, malnutrition, and a variety of parasites. Back in NZ he married Aunt Mary and they bought a dairy farm. On ANZAC day they milked the cows. Ced came home with a severe bout of PTSD, but in those days it was called "shell shock". He was wounded and hospitalised twice, and invalided out eventually. He was naturally a shy, thoughtful, sensitive guy and the war was too much for him to handle. Back in NZ it was left to Grandma to nurse him back to health and strength. There was no counselling, medication or other specialised help other than the local GP. It took him two years to get back to work and in his forties he met a soul mate, Aunt Stella and they married. Some people can take a war in their stride. Our local truckie came back with a VC for leading many successful attacks on the enemy and personally stalking and shooting 33 snipers. He was shot through his shoulder but took the war in his stride. But not Ced. Dad's cousin Douglas didn't survive the war. It wasn't a bullet or bomb that got him but an injection that he gave himself. As an army doctor he was sent on a troop ship to India with instructions to vaccinate all on board. The practice then was to split each dose of vaccine between two people. The soldier he shared his with died within a week. Douglas lingered on with septicaemia but died back in England leaving his wife Nancy to raise four children aged 1-7. There were no antibiotics during that war and millions died of what are now curable diseases. And the atrocious conditions in the field and in the prison camps magnified the health problems. We were lucky I guess being half a world away. Food supplies were scarce. Meat and butter were rationed. Our car was up on blocks as tyres and fuel were only available for essential services. Building materials were often

unavailable. I started school in the last year of the war and we did air-raid drill once a week. When the bell rang we marched outside and lay down in trenches dug by the home guard. This included Dad and Grandpa who spent many week-ends preparing for the day when the Japs arrived. The atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki helped bring the war in the Pacific to an end, fortunately before the Japanese reached our shores. I remember the day the war ended. Mum was standing by the radio in the sitting room listening to the BBC radio broadcast with Churchill saying the war was over. There were tears streaming down her face and she was sobbing her poor heart out. I asked her what was wrong and she said "The war's over." "So..... why are you crying?" After I retired my wife and I visited Kanchanaburi and the river Kwai, Bayeux and the landing beaches at Normandy, Villers Bretonneux on the Somme, Churchill's war room in London and Douglas Richardson's grave in North Bovey, Devon, and other war sites to try to get a better understanding of the war from where the action took place. The one that affected me most was the underground hospital on Jersey built by the Germans and now a WW2 museum. The film footage of the war, the air raid sirens, the battle scenes and personal stories from people who suffered through it were emotionally overwhelming and I came out with tears running down my cheeks. It is staggering to think that with all our advances in technology we can't find a better way to solve our disputes than killing people who weren't involved in the dispute in the first place. Our family's involvement was because we lived in a British colony. If the Germans or Japanese had reached NZ before the Brits we would have been fighting on the other side. The war was a puzzle for me at age five. Seventy years on it still is. There has to be a better way to solve our differences.

Jim Richardson.

## THE THUNDERERS

Have you ever wondered where our local footy team got the name "Thunderers"? Well I was interested and decided to find out. I had heard rumours that the name came from some early preachers who did a circuit from Clarendon through Cherry to Ironbank in the 1800's whose sermons were given like "thunder". Another rumour was that someone's horse was named Thunder and it came from there. I asked a number of members at the club but all I could find out was that the Ironbank Cherry Gardens Cricket team was called The Thunderers long before the Footy club was formed in 1986 and the Netball team was called the Thunderets. So eventually I contacted Bill Watchman who was one of the founders of the Cricket Club (he thinks it was in the late 1960's) and his recollection was that in a discussion with Kevin Morgan on the coming together of the 2 cricket clubs being Cherry Gardens and Ironbank there was some rivalry on what the name of the club should be and whether it should be Cherry Gardens Ironbank or Ironbank Cherry Gardens. Bill (who was playing for the Cherry Gardens Cricket Club) suggested that that to avoid this the new club should be named something completely different and he suggested "The Thunderers Cricket Club". While the club in the end became the Ironbank Cherry Gardens Cricket Club the name Thunderers stuck and was carried over to the Football club when it was formed in 1986.







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**Mayo's young local sporting champions**

A number of young local sporting champions in Mayo have received grants through Round 3 of the Local Sporting Champions programme, to assist them in pursuing their sporting dreams. Administered by the Australian Sports Commission, the programme recognises the sporting achievements of young people who have represented their team at a state or national sporting competition throughout Australia. A presentation ceremony was held at my Mount Barker electorate office yesterday afternoon to recognise the achievements of the young athletes. The Australian Government initiative awards successful individual applicants \$500 to assist with the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment. The programme is available to young people, between the ages of 12 and 18, travelling more than 250 kilometres return to compete. The program is a rolling application process and I encourage all sporting groups and individuals that meet the eligibility criteria to apply.

Grant recipients for Round 3 funding include:

- Adam Gambles of Gumeracha, Futsal National Championships – U15 Team (Soccer)
- Alex Manly of Nairne, Junior Track World Championships (Athletics)
- Alexis Mason of Woodforde, Oceania Judo Championships (Judo)
- Bethany Koutsouridis of Woodforde, Football Federation of South Australia (FFSA) Futsal National Championships (Soccer)
- Emily Hodgson of Birdwood, 2014 Futsal National Championships (Soccer)
- Emma Hill of Willunga, Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (Volleyball)
- Fern Davies of Cherry Gardens, Australian Schools National Championships (Triathlon)
- George Campbell of Stirling, Australian Rugby Junior Gold Cup (Rugby)
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- Mabel Day of Oakbank, Football Federation of South Australia (FFSA) National Junior Championships (Soccer)
- Madeline Mark-Seymour of Ironbank, Thailand National Championships (Volleyball)
- Sarah Chappel of Mount Barker, Secondary State School Girls (Soccer)
- Sharee Merrifield of Houghton, Australian Age Championships (Swimming)
- Tyson Young of Victor Harbor, Australian Junior Athletics Championships (Athletics)

For more information about the program, please visit: [www.ausport.gov.au/champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/champions)

**NBN Co launches new satellite broadband services**

NBN Co has launched its new satellite support scheme, which will deliver broadband services to Australia's most remote premises.

NBN Co's Satellite Support Scheme (NSS) will allow up to 9,000 premises access to a subsidised satellite broadband service until the NBN's Long Term Satellite Service (LTSS) is made available.

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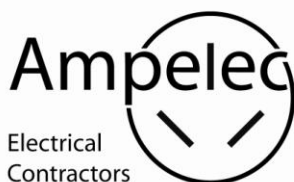
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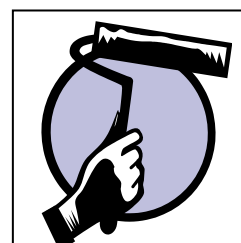
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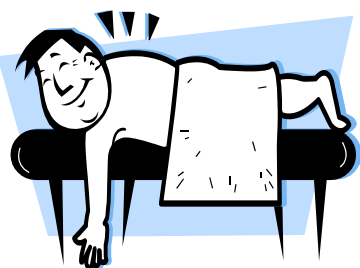
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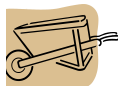
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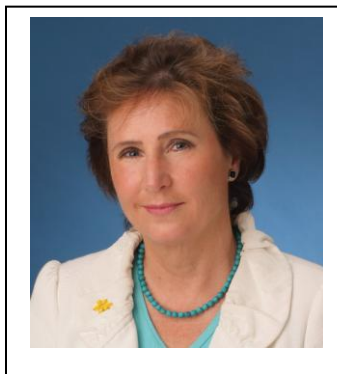
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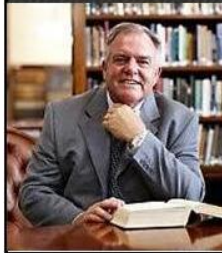


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