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# **EDITORIAL**

We were recently informed by the Onkaparinga Council of a number of projects planned for Clarendon over the next 12 months. It was suggested that the Cherry Chatter readers might find this of interest.

# The email reads:

'As part of the 2015/16 budget process approved by the City of Onkaparinga, the following projects are scheduled for Clarendon in the 2015/16 financial year, total approximately \$525,000 and include;

- Clarendon Grants Gully Road street-scape upgrade, works in the western end of the township have been completed. Works at the eastern end of the township (final stage) in the vicinity of Potter Road have commenced and will include installation of a pedestrian footbridge over the creek. A number of issues with the footbridge installation have been resolved with installation now anticipated in September 2015. This final stage of the street-scape project is valued at \$425,000 and includes footpath improvements along a defined section of Potter Road, pedestrian crossing on Grants Gully Road, bridge approaches, landscaping and signage
- New picnic furniture for the park

- opposite the Clarendon bakery, \$30,000
- Clarendon Bowling Club design of an office/storeroom
- \$20,000. Funding for the resultant building works will be a consideration for a budget allocation in 2016/17
- Clarendon Hall public toilet design, being part of a broader project valued at \$55,000 to develop designs for 3 public toilets across the city
- Onkaparinga River habitat restoration \$33,000 for the section adjacent to the Clarendon recreation ground.'

This is certainly a large investment in our neighbouring township and made us consider how we might be able to secure some investment in the Cherry Gardens district in future years. If you are passionate about our district then please write to us with your proposals on what infrastructure projects you would like to see done in the coming years.



# RAINFALL REPORT

# Rainfall for June 2015

June 2015	41.0*
June 2014	152.0
Average for June	130.2
End of June 2015	373.2
End of June 2014	442.6
Average to the end of June	412.2

<sup>\*</sup>Driest June since 1979 (41.0)

### **CHERRY CHATTER COMMITTEE NEXT CC MEETING** Don Watton Next meeting will be held on Wednesday Deputy Chair Peter Macks August 12th at the Hall/CFS Articles to be received 5th of each month Editorial Team: Don Watton, Paul Heck Bev Watton Secretary Treasurer/Ads Margaret Macks - pmcmacks@bigpond.net.au Newsletter Paul Heck 0410470309 Vicki Kirss 83882261 Postal Address: 409 Cherry Gardens Rd., Cherry Gardens SA 5157

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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.

# JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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2 to 4 only Phone Ph. 8270 1874

Blackwood: Darren of Kruse Legal - Ph 82781779

JP's work at no charge, so please call first to book an appointment

# MINTON FARM

A magnificent echidna specimen was run over on Ironbank Road one night. She was kindly assisted by many community members immediately who organized towels, box, transport and a phone call from a neighbour to say it had arrived at our gate! One of the lovely benefits of living in a semi-rural community where people care about each other and our wildlife. It gives you back your faith in humanity!! A week later, just on dusk I returned the echidna to the local area where she had been hit by the car. I had a look earlier in the day to select a beautiful patch of quality bush and wondered about going into the valley. Per chance just as we pulled up, I saw a man walking his dogs in the scrub and I asked if we could enter his property. He had 33 acres with many echidnas, and obviously we had one of them! What a treat....beautiful habitat bathed in golden rays from the setting sun and even a termite mound in the vicinity. She was very aware of being back home, holding her head up high and smelling the air nonchalantly. We are so lucky to have such quality habitat right at our doorstep.

It looks like Spring is in the animals diaries as on its way already???? My beautiful girl (wedge tail eagle) has been running and playing with her mate on the ground, which is an unusual behaviour for her. To add to that, she has collected sticks, happily arranged them in a tree and carried them around with her placing them on her food or up onto perches. It's lovely to see her so happy. We collected sticks for her and she watched with sweet interest as I arranged them into a platform for her to work from. She blows me away with her intelligence and beauty. Even the two wild wedge tail eagles chose to come and spend time with her, sitting high up on the 20' high enclosure posts to preen

themselves and communicate together. The galahs are checking out the nest boxes down in the paddocks and the eastern rosellas are chittering and chattering excitedly already.

Although I've enjoyed the quieter rescue period of winter, I look forward to the warmer air to arrive in Cherry Gardens, along with its wildlife!

Minton Farm operates solely on donations, volunteer input and community goodwill.

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# **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

# Hills Family Fair

Location: Cherry Gardens Ironbank

Recreation Ground

Date: Saturday 10 October Time: 1.30 – 7.30 pm

Activities: Car boot sale, Bubble soccer, CFS tug of war challenge, interactive games and activities for the family, face painting, Jellybean Train rides, camp oven cook off, displays and distant biotecame by the terms.

trict history bus tours

7.30pm – outdoor cinema on the oval (movie to be advised)

# **OVER THE STABLE DOOR**

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Hopefully we have had some rain by now. It certainly has been a dry start to winter. Further down the track, this may mean lower crop yields, making hay scarcer and consequently dearer! And the prices never seem to go back down that much either! If you are cropping your own, you may be lucky, but if you have to buy in, then it might pay to plan ahead now and source a reputable fodder supply.

If the weather has not been kind to you, or you are time poor due to such ordinary things as a job, family etc., some in hand work can always be useful. There are probably 3 main areas you can look at for you in hand work. Firstly that your horse will stop from the lightest of signals from the lead rope ( you don't need to use a bridle for this), that he will also go forward from the lightest of signals too and lastly that you can get him to 'park' or stand still. Best to do these little exercises in a safe enclosed area with as few distractions as possible. When I say the lightest possible pressure that means on a scale of I - I0, that the pressure you exert on the rope is around 1. Start facing your horse, a bit to the side (for safety), rope in left hand and long whip in the right. Place the whip just behind the girth (where your leg would be under saddle) and give a light tug on the rope, followed immediately by 2 light whip taps if he doesn't move forward. While you are doing this, keep the whip in place, so that he doesn't associate just the sight of it with moving



forward, as you only want him to do that when you ask. Having said that, ensure that the horse is habituated to the whip before you start this exercise. If he does wriggle around etc., just keep the whip lightly in place until he stands still, then you can remove it. A wither scratch and 'good boy' is a great reward for him. If he is delayed or heavy in his responses, you can increase the rope pressure (very quickly) and follow up with whip tap. Also ensure that as soon as he responds to your signal in just the smallest way, that you release that pressure. When you have him light and obedient, you now need to change sides and repeat on the other side. Good practice for handler as well! Also make sure that you pressure the rope before you make the step forward, as you want to train the pressure cue, not the sight of you walking. The reason for this is that there are times when we move around the horse, but we don't want him to move, ie. When we train him to stand still, or when tacking up etc..

The same principles apply when asking him to stop. A vital component of all this lies in your timing. Being able to immediately increase pressure when he is delayed and then releasing that pressure when he responds correctly will ensure good solid training. When you train park, or standing still, again you can start facing him and take a step back. If he steps towards you, give him a light whip tap just below the knee. Here you are aiming to just put his foot back to where it started. It is not necessary to do multiple steps. After a few repetitions he will get the idea, and you will be able to step back and around him without him moving. You can then take this deeper by coming at him from a 45 deg. angle at a little run (be careful to stop before he tries to move away). Eventually you will be able to walk quite a distance away while he stands. Remember to reward with a scratch (this lowers heart rate) and a verbal 'good boy'. When he has standing still down to a fine art, you can play around with showing him novel objects. These can include coloured tarp, bags or anything you wish (within reason). Remember to introduce new things gradually, stepping back before he reacts - you have to be able to read his body language quite quickly. It can help to have an assistant here and make sure you are still in a safe area. Eventually he will be able to tolerate these things touching him and be able to perhaps walk on them and stand still on them as required. Safe riding and happy munching, Hamish.

# **CFS NEWS**

really hope you're keeping yourselves warm

and dry in this cold and wet weather. It certainly feels like its been colder and wetter this Winter than has been for many seasons past, as I have heard many people attest. We are lucky enough to live in locations that has 4 distinct seasons and this is just one of them. As you know our most prominent season is our Summer months and no doubt you are probably really looking forward to them, when they do eventually roll around.

Summertime also has of another obvious influence on our landscape; bushfire danger season. It may seem like I'm pushing a point here and I guess that I am, but it is vital to start your

preparations for the coming Summer

The leaves on all but the most stubborn deciduous trees have well and truly fallen, so clean them up, away from your house and sheds and clean them out of your gutters and the valley lines of your roof. Trim the branches from overhanging trees away from your roof and from the access points into and out of your property. It continuously amazes me to see so many driveways have trees right up to their edges and even growing in the run-off gutters, with grass growing well under them. Trees growing right alongside your driveway may fit your car, but I can almost guarantee that it won't fit a fire truck and if we can't get in then you'll be on your own. All this is going to be potential fuel to a bushfire, so reduce or remove it.

Same goes for sheds and any other structures around the property, including any structures for livestock, like chook sheds, kennels, stables, etc.; clear the grasses away from the back of the walls and clean gutters and roof-lines of leaves and debris.

It doesn't take much, but it does take a bit of planning and consistent work now and in the coming months to make your property safer for Summer. Remember the Sampson Flat fire of last year? Don't let our district become exposed to the same risk, do your bit now.

Paul Heck, Cherry Gardens CFS

# **GARDEN CLUB**

eetings 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 August 10th will be the AGM. for our Club. All positions become vacant so there are again opportunities for members to become involved in the running of our Club.

Annual subs (\$12) are due on the night.

Following the elections will be an 'easier' Quiz Night.

# GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR AUGUST

It is now a great time to establish or replant Agapanthus. They are difficult to dig up because of their extensive root-run, but this can be made easier by spading 150mm deep all the way around the perimeter of the plant and then slowly levering it up with a fork. Large clumps can be separated by forcing two forks into the middle and levering outwards, continue to break it down until you have groups of 3 or 4 plants. Plant these out at your earliest convenience and don't forget the snail bait!

Perennials such as Chrysanthemums, Salvias, Gaura, Easter daisy, Cat mint, and Sedums should be cut down to ground level to encourage new spring growth. Later this month you can begin to plant out seedlings of Phlox, Petunia, and Portulacca.

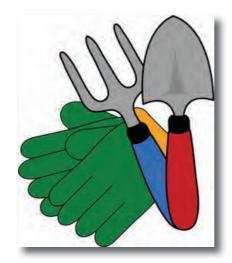
In the vegetable garden it is not too late to plant Rhubarb crowns; seed-lings of Broccoli, Cabbage, Lettuce or Spinach

You may still want to chance a few Strawberry runners.

Our time with speaker Simon Luke of historic Balhannah nurseries on May II was exceptionally helpful to those aspiring to grow their own fruit trees successfully. His presentation showed us everything from the way they propagate their fruit trees right through to the end product. It gave us images of recommend fruit trees for various applications. Luke also demonstrated pruning of new trees which he stressed over and over must be done correctly at planting to ensure the correct growing pattern and shape for the future of the tree.

We were able to purchase some special dwarf peach trees among others which he had pruned in demonstrating this, at a very reasonable price. Several visitors and new members attended and everyone was looking forward to our winter warmers evenings.

Cherry Gardens Garden Club June 2015 really "warmed us" through and through.



The theme was Winter Warmers and we started early with a shared tea of a selection of soups homemade by committee members which we ate at tables in the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church Hall. Judging from the level of conversation everyone was having a great time. Soup and crusty bread was followed by a selection of homemade sweets and cheese platters.

We then returned to our seats to view a lovely pictorial presentation by Shirley of the trip which some of the members made to Singapore last year. Specifically we viewed the "Gardens by the Bay" which was simply spectacular, being a very large very well presented garden. One member commented ".....three days would not be enough to take it all in!" An amazing

feature of the gardens is the massive metal art structures or "Trees" reaching up to 52 metres in height, doubling as solar energy collectors.

It was definitely enough to wet all our appetites to participate in future Garden Club trips.

Our Chairman Ray Wise really excelled himself in choosing speakers for July. We had a lively programme and 3 of the speakers were from our own Garden Club.

The programme was opened by a last minute - very lovely - ring in!! Jacquie from the Aberfoyle Hub Library enthusiastically told of a children's gardening event she and Sophie Thomson are planning for 29th September. They are quite convinced that our children if properly introduced to gardening and the joys outdoors of "green instead of couch potato – screen" will go a long way to saving our world environmentally.

There were three in-house speakers. Microbiologist Michelle gave us a great presentation of her work in cutting edge innovations in making wines and gave us a quick scan through the history of wines from 4000BC through to an introduction to two Apps. An Adelaide University Waite App for wine recording and tasting for the lay person and one to use the arboretum to its greatest potential were an eye-opener.

Self-declared gardening obsessive Liz introduced us to every type of gardening resource from books to multimedia methods of accessing worldwide garden clubs, talks, articles and YouTube - from around the world. We are all clamouring for her links.

We also had a great introduction to Alpaca farming from Glenys our Treasurer – they are sometimes humorous, sometimes endearing, the job is sometimes daunting but there is expert help available, vets, shearers etc. We enjoyed her display of gorgeous warm and soft articles she has made.

### **LOCAL SPORT NEWS**

# IRONBANK CHERRY GARDENS TENNIS CLUB

Our club which is based at the Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground is affiliated with the Hills Tennis Association and has teams playing in Saturday junior and senior competitions and also midweek night competitions (Tuesday & Wednesday nights). These competitions will start again in early October with nominations needing to be in by early September. We are always looking for new players, so if you're interested in playing or would like more information about the competitions you can E-mail the club at IBCG@bigpond. com or call Steve Williams 0432 182 527 for juniors or Phil Battersby 0417 215 647 & Graham Bate 08 8270 3041 for seniors

# **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

18th June	Div. 3:	
Cherry Gardens		9 (29)
Summertown		3 (15)
	Div. 4:	
Cherry Gardens		0 (0) (F)
Summertown		0 (0)
25th June		Div. 3:
Cherry Gardens		1 (11)
Scott Creek		11 (35)

# FRIENDS of SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK

ALMANDA PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT - July 2015

This is the first report for this Project, which began with a concerted Crowd fund-raising effort last year. With this very important and ambitious project, we hope to achieve, not just the restoration of native habitat to these creek systems but create a model for other Friends Groups and private land managers, for the way it can be achieved.

By carrying out detailed surveys using a system called 'BushRAT', regular, future surveys will then be measured against the baseline surveys. This will allow us to see gains, losses or no change to native vegetation, weed cover/density and bird and mammal numbers. Every aspect of this project will be monitored regularly to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Since the fund-raising ended, the Friends of Scott Creek CP have organized biodiversity surveys of three of the eight targeted creek systems.

Once the surveys were completed, black-

# berry spraying and brush-cutting of tracks to assist access to difficult to reach infes-

tations began.

The Friends have found this project to be a very rewarding one from several aspects. We have had great support from DEWNR and NRM staff from the outset and they have found extra funding to assist us in achieving our initial goals and beyond.

It is great for morale when we are able to see our aspirations turned into on-ground actions. Without this concerted effort and increase in funding, many of these ecosystems would have gradually disappeared under blackberry or Erica. Intact systems are increasingly rare and local extinctions become a reality without active intervention

The fact that the early vegetation surveys uncovered rare species not previously recorded for the park, augers well for future surveys. The willingness of many members of the public to support this project and trust us to carry out the work has been very heartening.

Give me a call if you want to help out on this and other long term habitat restoration in your park.

Tom Hands, 83882150

# LOCAL SPORT NEWS - contd Div. 4:

Cherry Gardens	8 (21)
Aldgate	4(12)
2nd July	Div. 3:
Cherry Gardens	4 (16)
Mylor	8 (27)
	Div. 4:
Cherry Gardens	I (5)
Mylor	11 (26)
9th July	No matches this week

# Natural Resources, Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges

Three new field guides just published are a great way to discover the special flora of the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges region.

The chilly days and frequent rain of winter bring with it a proliferation of fungi throughout the hills, with the star attractions highlighted in the field guide Fungi of the Adelaide Hills.

Native orchids too are now starting to appear and most can be identified with the help of the colourfully illustrated Common native orchids of the Adelaide Hills.

The guides are a collaboration between Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges' NRM Education team, together with the Native Orchid Society of South Australia and the Adelaide Fungal Studies Group.

One instantly recognisable fungi in this chart is the poisonous Fly Agaric, which is easily spotted by the bright orange cap sprinkled with white spots. Forestry SA has just published an updated guide to the common plants of Kuitpo and Mt Crawford forest reserves with the assistance of a grant from Natural Resources AMLR. The guide features dozens of photos of the flora from these beautiful forests in the Mt Lofty Ranges.



# **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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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### SURVEY OF MT LOFTY RANGES SCENIC BEAUTY

The Mt Lofty Ranges are among Australia's most beautiful areas and are enjoyed by many residents and visitors. Its lovely landscapes are the key to its popularity. With the support of the World Heritage Bid for the Ranges, I am carrying out a survey to measure and map its landscape quality. The results will inform and assist the Government, councils, land owners and other bodies in their planning, management and promotion of the region.

The survey comprises a set of photos of the region and involves rating them on a I-I0 scale of landscape attractiveness. The value of the survey depends on having as many people as possible participate.

I invite you to participate by rating the scenic quality of the scenes.

No qualifications or experience are required and the responses will be anonymous. It is open to anyone 18 years or older. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. If it is inconvenient to do it now, I suggest you put it aside to return to, or send it to your home email.

You can indicate at the end of the survey if you would like to see the results.

To participate simply enter this website link or if you are viewing this online just click the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5TKXM93

Please share this with anyone else that you think might be interested to participate.

If you have any questions about the project you can contact me by email: lothian.andrew@gmail.com Thank you for your assistance in this important project.

Dr Andrew Lothian Scenic Solutions

# **CHURCH NEWS**

In recent months the Cherry church has been considering its history and involvement in the development of the life of the Community. For example through the church activities and associations many families have been established by the marriage of young Cherry Gardens people and partners from outside the area. They



grew the Community and its culture. Some examples of these types of linkages are: -

- Lewis and Paddick
- Scroop and Watchman
- Jacobs and Sorrell
- · Brumby and Golder
- · Frith and Morgan
- Hobbs and Steer
- lacobs and Donnell to name but a few.

If anyone has information about similar connections the church would appreciate it for our archives. We have an A3 scanner and can scan valuable material and return it to you promptly. Our contact is Alan Dube at P.O. Box 488 Blackwood SA 5051 for hard copy of photos and documents or electronically on dubes@internode.on.net

# **Delightful News**

Recently we have been informed that we have been granted \$1667 to allow us to furnish our History Room in the church. We will be buying a lockable map cabinet for storing large documents like the original deed for the transfer of the land from Mr. Field in 1849 to the church and old preaching plans; a four draw lockable filing cabinet, working table and a display cabinet. Security is an important issue for us so that our valuable records and documents will be kept for posterity and in the longer term fireproofed. This is a boost to our effort to establish a base for our materials, and eventually open

### SA POLICE

Dear Resident

As a result of police concerns about the number of serious crashes in the South Coast Local Service Area, we are running a dedicated road safety operation targeting local hot spots during the month of August.

Since January 1, 2015 four people have been killed and eight seriously injured on roads around the townships of McLaren Flat, McLaren Vale, Kangarilla, Cherry Gardens, Clarendon and Willunga. There have been a total of 94 crashes on these roads in the seven month period.

The targeted operation, called Alleviate, will focus on crash hot spots and the fatal five:

- · Drink and drug driving
- Speeding
- Seat belts
- Distraction (particularly the use of mobile phones)
- Dangerous road users

Operation Alleviate will run from August I to August 3I using intelligence, local knowledge and resources to target dangerous drivers. This will be targeted saturation policing and police make no apologies for targeting drivers who do the wrong thing. While police are working hard to bring the road toll down, we can't do it alone – we need community help. Road safety is everyone's responsibility. As a community, we need to talk about road safety and the tragic loss of lives.

In the same way that Neighbourhood Watch, School Watch and Taxi Watch provide opportunities for the public to contribute to the overall wellbeing of their community, Traffic Watch encourages road users to report unsafe behaviour on the roads.

We encourage the public to report unsafe driving practices to us by calling 131 444. Together we will make our roads safer.

Thank you for your assistance.
Paul Bahr
Superintendent
Officer in Charge
SOUTH COAST LOCAL SERVICE AREA

# **CHURCH NEWS - contd**

the room for the community to inspect and research their relative's names and their activities in the church and community. If members of the community want to join our group and help we would welcome that.

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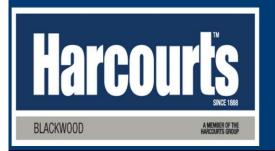






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