

Cherry Chatter



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EDITORIAL

IT'S TOUGH OUT THERE BUT LIFE WASN'T MEANT TO BE EASY!

Great, but who said that—Malcolm who? Our kids have no idea and we are wasting our time trying to tell them how good or how bad things are in comparison to yesteryear. They can only relate to today and-----quite frankly I wish we were living twenty years or so ago! Life was much simpler compared to today and pressures from everywhere, especially work and families seemed to be less complicated. Perhaps I'm getting too old to be part of this anymore!

Money, or lack of it, seems to dominate every form of discussion these days especially in relation to our emergency services. Our local CFS are always beavering away at some project or another and a visit to our local Cherry CFS station recently revealed their "Santa list", that is, all the equipment and tools they need to do their work for us "their community" which is not supplied as standard items by the State Government via the ESL. Funny, their list had not changed a great deal although CFS members proudly pointed out that they, with our help, had placed heart defibrillators on both Cherry appliances and their first aid kits were the best in the hills by far!

While we as a community can belly-ache all we want about the Emergency Services Levy we do, I believe, have a responsibility to give that little bit extra we can afford to assist our volunteers whether they be CFS, SES or

Surf lifesaving. Our community, including the greater Blackwood district, recently raised over \$180,000 towards the new Sturt Group Tanker to be based at Cherry. The State Government, via CFS headquarters, provided an additional \$180,000 to ensure the CFS met the goal. Well done to all concerned!

Our local CFS are reluctant to keep asking but they have been asked to give us, "their community," a list of needs with pricing in future Cherry Chatter editions in the hope that locals may stump up some extra funds to help! For example they would like to be able to purchase a thermal imaging camera (TIC) to assist in identifying hot spots, in particular burning roots of trees that could flare up days after appearing to be extinguished. This was a problem experienced during the Sampson Flat fires from last season. The cost of a TIC is quite expensive but is something the local group believes would be of immense value to their efforts. It is out of reach at this time and is really only something they can hope to get through community support, not from the ESL. A big thank

you to the local gentleman who recently supplied a brand new fridge for the Cherry Base radio crew --- thank you

Hugo Bassett, Coromandel East



The local community groups and the council are putting on a local FAIR at the oval on October 10th. Put this in your diary as it will be a great day. Also we are looking forward to getting your ideas for work that the council could do in our district.

RAINFALL REPORT

September Rainfall for July 2015

Rainfall for July 2015	138.2
Rainfall for July 2014	177.6
Average Rainfall July	128.6
Rainfall July 2015	511.4
Rainfall July 2014	620.2
Average Rainfall July	540.8

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 9th at the Macks' Articles to be received 5th of each month

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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

NEXT MEETING will be on Monday Nov 9th---Guest Speaker on our program has cancelled and I am currently negotiating a replacement.

HILLS FAMILY FAIR (October 10th) ---The Garden Club will have a plant stall at the Fair. Call in and say hello, discuss your garden successes and problems, and maybe purchase a bargain at our stall.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Have you ever tried growing your own native trees from seed? It is really quite easy!

Let's say you would like to grow a particular Eucalypt, first collect some nuts from the tree, ones that are mature but not dead (which would have dispersed their seeds) , put them in a paper bag in a warm position even on your dash in the car is a good spot. After a few days the seeds will emerge with a lot of frass and it is hard to tell them apart. Don't worry you can scatter the lot into a small pot of potting mix. Sift a little potting mix to cover

them ever so slightly and then apply a light cover of very coarse sand or fine gravel (washed). Place the pots or tubes up off the ground and in the sun and keep moist. Depending on the variety they may take 2-6 weeks to appear, they may need protection from the sun on really hot days, and should grow strongly through the summer. It is a good idea to prick them out to leave the strongest in each pot or tube and they will be ready to plant out when about 150mm tall.

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM's can be a bit dry and not so entertaining but our capable Vice President Melva Bruce and Secretary Shirley Callaghan put together an entertaining segment for enjoying after we concluded the business and elections. Our President who was not able to attend was re-elected and a vote of thanks was given for all his hard work, his enthusiasm and perseverance in finding us speakers each month. We had no trouble in nominating a new committee. Members were encouraged to look out for good speakers and let Ray know.

In "What's going on in your garden?" we mostly related facing the same challenge - weeds, weeds, weeds. There was good feedback about the farewell which was enjoyed at the Duck Inn for one of our long standing members who is heading off to live

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

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and garden in warmer climates!! The garden related quiz which followed the AGM business, raised the competitive spirit in us and laughter and hilarity was shared when the answers and the results were read out. We all learned something new.

The plant auction and supper held lovely surprises too.

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 district history displays

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

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greeting Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Usually I would complain about the rain, but it is much needed, as well as hopefully some follow up rains for the next couple of months if we are to get some decent hay.

Last month we discussed getting your trusty steed to park. Sometimes this seems like it is going along alright, until you go to mount up. If his 'park' or standing still has any weak spots in it, it could show up here. Some of the behaviour may show up as moving away, stepping forward or back. Every time he does this and you have to start over again (especially if you are using a mounting block), he is rewarding himself and will be more likely to repeat that behaviour. Before you know it, he will be avoiding the mounting procedure every time you try to mount. Some simple strategies can be used to improve this. Firstly ensure that he is used to the long whip for stepping back or forward. If he steps forward, you can pressure the reins to step back and if he steps back, as some will do when you take up the reins, you can tap him on the rump to signal forward (as you might when float loading). Making sure that he knows this will definitely help. If he has the habit of swinging his hindquarters away from you, you can train him to bring them towards you. In hand, no saddle, just a bridle, take up the rein contact lightly and with your right hand and long whip, reach over the other side of his rump and give 2 light taps for him to leg yield towards you (he does



need to know how to yield to do this). If he doesn't react immediately, increase the frequency of the taps and immediately cease when he obeys. Depending on the horse, this may take many repetitions, but he will eventually do this lightly and immediately. When you have achieved this you can then bring in a verbal cue such as 'here'. Now you say 'here', then tap with the whip for him to move towards you. Your timing is important here as it always is with all signals we apply in training, but done well will give great results. If you find that it is still difficult, line your horse up parallel to a rail so he is less tempted to swing away. Make sure that you are safe when doing this. The point is that you bring in the new cue first – this is the word 'here', so that eventually he will come towards you without the whip. Until this is really consolidated, he may just associate this with the area where you have trained him. As he becomes more consistent ask for the same response in different areas. Say you start in an arena,

then move to different parts of the arena. Finally the aim is to be able to train him to give you this response anywhere, anytime. Hope this is of help, yours slimly, Hamish

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
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CFS NEWS

From the fire shed: Start bushfire planning now!

Living in Cherry Gardens only has one drawback—the summer threat of devastating bushfires! Every year the CFS and other emergency services start 'promoting' preparation and cleaning up, sometimes I think, to deaf ears because we tend to harp on about the same message year after year! It's a bit like saying prepare for an earthquake or repent now before it's too late—too late for what?



last moment, as the police will have roads



closed and you may become trapped!

At the Cherry CFS shed we have a DVD on the recent Canberra fires. It's scary stuff and we hope to have a night shortly, where local residents can call in, view the DVD, and see the new tanker—yes, you are reading correctly!

The new Sturt CFS Group BW13 CAFS appliance will be arriving at Cherry, where it is to be based, around the third week of September. Our members are becoming excited as the new appliance is not just a water tanker carrying 13000 litres, but has a compressed air foam system controlled by an in cab operator via a joystick and remote front of cab delivery system, where we can pump 26000 litres of foam onto the fire front or a home we are defending. Very similar to the fire appliances at Adelaide airport!

Keep your eye on the A frame sign in front of the station. Plans are afoot to have the new BW13 in Blackwood on Saturday morning, on display for everyone to see.

While we have your attention the Cherry Gardens Brigade is looking for new members, male & female, both as operational fire fighters and as base radio operators and operational support roles. All ages and fitness levels are considered as we have fire-fighters from the age of 16 right through to our oldest active member who is 71 years young. Call in to the station on a Monday night from 7 pm or call 0438 559616 for further information.

Your local Cherry Gardens CFS.

CHURCH NEWS

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Our People

A church is not a building it is the people not the structure. Our members are committed people committed to their faith and committed to maintaining a place of worship and learning their faith in Cherry Gardens. We are rich in the talents, our members include a builder, architect, scientist, doctor, teachers, and farmers, nurse, musicians, secretaries and homebodies who all help in making the church function well. It is a caring, loving, and forgiving group that allows us to punch above our weight. We are a prayerful Church the church praying for individual members and also, with permission members of the community.

Every week 18 - 22 members participate in our worship service, an activity in Cherry Gardens that has been going continuously now for 166 years. We are now an older group of people as our families have grown up and left the area. Times have changed when only a few years ago we had a youth group of around 20 youngsters. We do have a smaller group of members that are 40 to 50 years of age. Given our situation we welcome all people including younger families.

In our church service we sing some of the beautiful words and music of the old hymns but also the modern choruses. We have a fine music team and visiting musicians so the Clavinova and sometimes violin or the oboe provide wonderful music for meditation much to the delight of our members. Preaching is Bible based, there is great diversity in preaching. We have our Pastor Margaret Seyfang who is supported by people from different walks in life. This broadens our knowledge of our faith. We are spoilt for choice and that is a delight.

Being a smaller church everybody has at least one task. The talent we have decides who



does what but there are those tasks like cleaning, maintenance, gardening etc that, are picked up as well.

So we are an active group that enjoys being a member of the Cherry Gardens community as well as providing a place of worship and learning.

Community Carols gains support again Onkaparinga City has granted Community Carols \$550 for this years Carols, allowing us to feature Old Mac Donald's small animal farm again. We are pleased with this as it was well received last Christmas.

Cherry Church Contacts:

Pastor: Margaret Seyfang
Ph. 0404 008 372

Chairperson Congregational Council:

Alan Dube ph 8270 3264

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Prim Dube Ph 8270 3264

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos.

They took aspirin, Bex, ate blue cheese, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or any cancer.

Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention the risks we took hitch-hiking. As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags, or in the back of a Ute. We drank water from the garden hose, or a bubbler and NOT from a bottle. Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC, or Subway. Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on the weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death! We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this. We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy Toffees, Bubble Gum and some 'crackers' to blow up frogs with. We ate copious biscuits, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with heaps of sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

Out of school we would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was out looking for us all day. And we were O.K. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams. Or fruit boxes and ball bearings and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. Our bikes had back pedal brakes, but only for as long as the chain stayed on. We built tree houses and dens and played in creek beds with matchbox cars. We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY, No video/DVD films, No mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them! We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents. Only girls had pierced ears! We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever. You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time... We were given air guns or cap guns, and catapults for our 10th birthdays. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the back door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them! Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet! RUGBY and CRICKET had try outs and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! Getting into the team was based on MERIT

Our teachers used to hit us hard with canes, straps and gym shoes. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law! Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla' and 'Lotus' We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL! And YOU are one of them! CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good. Can you remember these times too?



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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, blackberry spraying and brush-cutting of tracks to assist access to difficult to reach infestations began.

Scott Creek Conservation Park (west) Almanda Creek System

This very important spring-fed system has had all the peripheral and upstream infestations of blackberry sprayed in both East and West tributaries. Tracks have been slashed into some of the dense upper areas to assist further work later this summer. During the survey Slender Twig-rush, *Baumea gunnii*, Rare for SA, was discovered which is the first time it has been recorded in the Park. The Ruddy Ground-fern (*Hypolepis rugosula*), Rare SA, was also found during spraying. This fern had not previously been recorded in this part of the park before and is known only from a few small populations in Scott Creek CP.

Downstream a track has been slashed close to the creekline on both sides to allow access to this permanent creekline which is predominantly a Silky Tea-tree/Manna Gum (*Leptospermum lanigerum*/*Eucalyptus viminalis*), vegetation association now endangered in the MLR. Many rare and uncommon water loving plant species grow here but were slowly being swamped by blackberry. Friends Group working bees are targeting this area removing blackberry, introduced mint, water cress, introduced grasses and medics. An extensive *Erica* infestation has been eradicated at the headwaters of Almanda Ck.

Viminaria Creek

At this stage, all of Viminaria Creek system, which was in good condition with scattered blackberry re-growth throughout, has had follow-up blackberry spraying. During the survey a new population of the State Vulnerable Water Blinks (*Montia fontana*), was discovered. There are only two other populations in the Park and this is the largest. Yorkshire fog grass is encroaching on this site and much of it has already been manually removed by the Friends. A nearby infestation of the sticky weed Stinkwort, (*Ditrichia graveolans*) has also been eradicated.

Bushrat Creek System

Initially, tracks were slashed up the middle of the targeted area of creekline as the blackberry infestation is very wide. Blackberry spraying has been carried out with the mid section of creekline being left until the end sections have recovered and begun to regenerate. Several side creeks were also treated. A significant section of this creekline is a Manna Gum Woodland over Silky Tea Tree, both of which are rated as Vulnerable in the MLR. Much of the tea-tree was swamped by blackberry with no likelihood of recruitment; many plants are senescing and would have disappeared in the next few years.

On the nearby North Bushrat Ck, Friends and a contractor have slashed tracks through blackberry and freed up populations of many small, uncommon & rare bog plants. Regrowth willows have also been treated. Contractors have made good headway on a very large infestation of *Erica* just above this creekline.

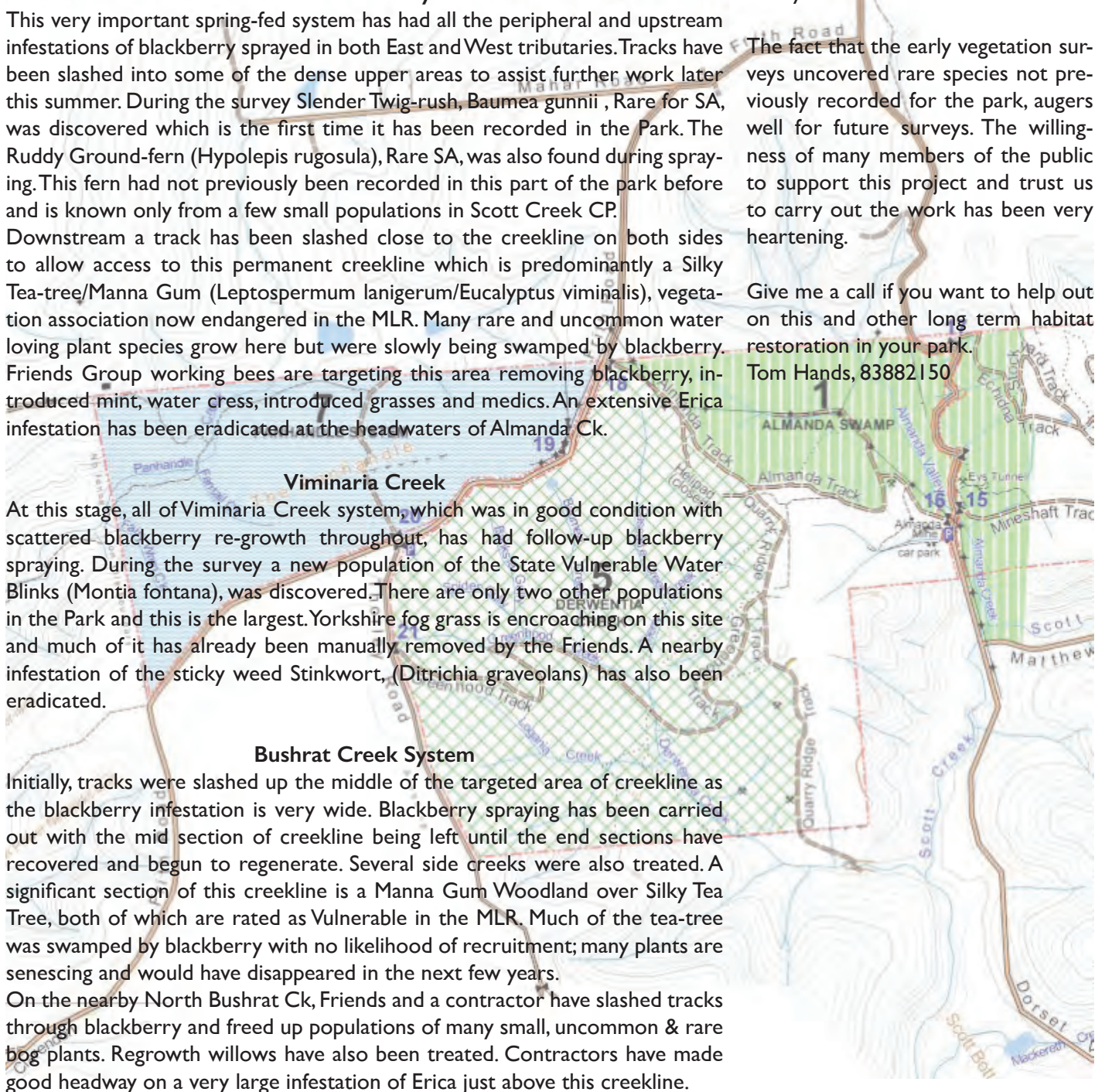
The Friends have found this project to be a very rewarding one from several aspects. We have had great support from DEWNR and NRM staff from the outset and they have found extra funding to assist us in achieving our initial goals and beyond.

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

IBCG Netball Club

We are now into finals. 14 teams played in the semi finals on Saturday with 9 still in. A great effort by our 11 Div 1, 15 Div 2, 15 Div 1 green and B.1 teams who all finished 4th. Next Saturdays preliminaries will see our Courier League, A Grade gold, C.2, 17 Div 1, 15 Div 1, 13 Div 1, and 13 Div 2 all playing.

Straight through to the grand final on Saturday 5th September for A Grade green, A.2 and C.1

Junior presentation day will be held at the clubrooms on Sunday 13th September at 4pm. All are welcome. Our senior presentation evening will be catered for by our sponsor 'Instyle catering' at the clubrooms on Friday 11th September for a sit down meal. Pre booking is essential.



IBCG Football Club

End of the minor round has come and gone and unfortunately our two senior teams missed out on the finals.

Our Under 15s have finished 3rd though, with the double chance, so hopefully a good finals campaign is coming up.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the club this season, it was a difficult season and the weather wasn't exactly great, but the support we received was amazing as always.

One last event we have coming up is for the AFL Grand Final. Always a great atmosphere to watch the big game with cheap drinks, lunch, sweeps, and



the footy on the big screen. As always, keep an eye out for details of this day on our Facebook page.

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

16th July

Div. 3: Cherry Gardens 6 (20)

Summertown 6 (19)

Div. 4: Cherry Gardens 0 (0) (F)

Summertown 12 (0)

23rd July

Div. 3: Cherry Gardens 7 (25)

Upper Sturt 5 (17)

Div. 4: Cherry Gardens 1 (6)

Upper Sturt 11 (27)

30th July

Div. 3: Cherry Gardens 10 (32)

Summertown 2 (12)

Div. 4: Cherry Gardens 3 (11)

Summertown 9 (24)

6th August

Div.3: Cherry Gardens 3 (13)

Scott Creek 9 (29)

Div.4: Cherry Gardens 12 (0)

Aldgate 0 (0) (F)

13th August

Div.3: Cherry Gardens 2 (9)

Mylor 10 (33)

Div.4: Cherry Gardens 0 (1)

Mylor 12 (27)

20th August

Div. 3: Cherry Gardens 7 (26)

Summertown 5 (24)

Div.4: Cherry Gardens 3 (7)

Summertown 9 (21)

The Division 3 team is in the finals, starting on 27th August. Best of luck.



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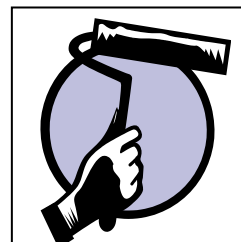
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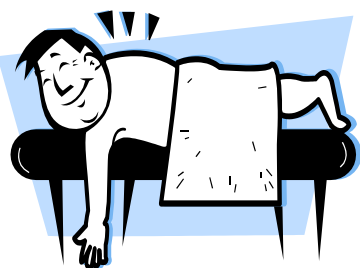
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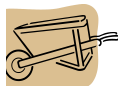
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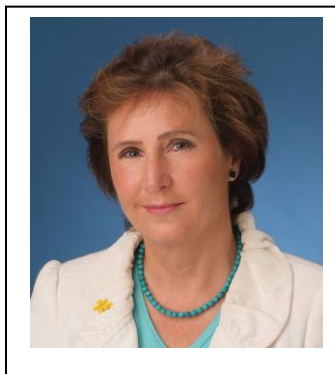
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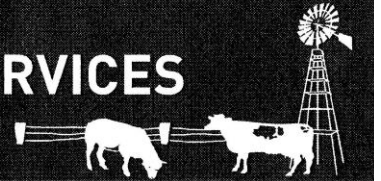


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