

Cherry Chatter



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EDITORIAL

Winter still has hold of us yet we already need to be thinking ahead to summer. The big wet this winter should and probably will result in strong growth in the grass and scrub which will likely then put us into the potential for a bad bushfire season.

So start thinking about this and put your plans into action to ensure your property is prepared and that you have done everything to ensure your home and property is ready.

At our Cherry Chatter meeting the other night we got into a discussion regarding the upcoming bushfire season and where would we go in the case of needing a last resort refuge. Looking at the CFS website it is clear that we are in no-man's land! They refer to a hierarchy system of what they refer to as "Bushfire Safer Places".

For our district we have few choices. Their recommendation for a "Bushfire Safer Place" which is where you should relocate to early on bad fire weather days is either Blackwood, Aberfoyle Park, Flagstaff Hill and Happy Valley. For Ironbank residents you should consider Blackwood or Stirling according to the CFS website. Basically the CFS recommendation is to leave the district and head to the plains!

If however you elect to stay and defend and get into trouble where your plans has failed then the CFS refers to "Last Resort Refuges". Unfortunately our district does not have such a place. The last resort refuges referred to on the CFS website are generally large open areas such as ovals and large buildings with plenty of clearance around them. They are few and

far between and the CFS makes it clear that these refuges only provide limited short term protection during a bushfire. The only CFS nominated refuge in our area would be the Weymouth Oval in Coromandel Valley however if your plan has failed and a bushfire is raging through our district one of the last places you will want to be is on the road trying to get to Coromandel Valley.

We have approached the council in previous years about nominating somewhere in the district for such a refuge however they refer us to the CFS and the CFS headquarters has not been able to recommend anywhere.

We also thought about the local oval however we were told that in the case of a firestorm the radiant heat from the surrounding trees would make this unsuitable. The Golf Course was considered however the building is unsuitable. The Memorial Hall was considered however there is insufficient clearance around it and no water supply, pumps etc.

On a bad fire day the CFS fireshed will be manned however it also is unsuitable as a refuge.

So the question then is what will you do? If the community is concerned about this issue then Cherry Chatter is prepared to invite the CFS and others to a public meeting so you can have your say and hear what they have to say.

In any case start planning for the coming season, trim the trees, keep a clear zone around your house, make sure you have a water supply and fire pump, ensure that there is good access into your property for the CFS vehicles and that you have a Bushfire Survival Plan. Use the CFS website to help prepare your plan! http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_bushfire/know_what_to_do.jsp

RAINFALL REPORT

Rainfall for July 2016	205.1
Rainfall for July 2015	138.2
Average for July	129.8
Rainfall to the end of July 2016	679.9
Rainfall to the end of July 2015	511.4
Average to the end of July	540.8

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting is Sept. 7th at the Memorial Hall
Articles to be received 5th of each month

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CHERRY GARDENS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Teams play on Tuesday & Thursday nights.

For more information regarding table tennis contact:

Gwenda Frith – 8270 1116 or
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- Divisions 1 & 2 play on Tuesday nights
- Divisions 3 & 4 play on Thursday nights

Hope to see you there!



Upcoming events at the Hall

On October 30th at 2PM there will be a **FREE CONCERT** at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall. The Cornish Association Choir with local guest artist Rebekah Nelson will be playing and singing a good mix of popular and well known songs. The concert will be followed by afternoon tea. This is an Every Generation Onkaparinga event.

Everyone is welcome.



GARDEN CLUB

Next meetings

Monday 12th September - Our Guest Speaker is Felicity Franks from Eco Waterlands discussing garden ponds - their design, installation and maintenance.

Monday 10th October - Sandra Stuart, President of The Herb Society of SA will talk on growing Herbs and Salvias.

It is our annual **ROSE CHALLENGE** on this night.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS for September.

The warmth and extra light of Spring brings plenty of flowers but also a lot of weeds. Hand pull the weeds before they have a chance to set seed. Use the weeds, and any organic matter you can lay your hands, on to mulch for the oncoming hot weather. Now is a good time to check your irrigation systems to ensure they are working properly.

Plant out African Marigolds, Alyssum and Snapdragons.

Sow Bush Beans, Beetroot, Lettuce, Radish, and Spinach.

You can still plant out Strawberries, mulch around the plants to keep the fruit off the ground.

Plant Citrus now in well-drained soil or on a mound for poor draining soil. Re-pot Cymbidium Orchids (usually needs to be done every 3 years), once their blooms have finished.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Soo much rain! Hopefully this will mean a good crop of hay come spring. Things to be looking out for in these wet conditions are thrush, greasy heel and seedy toe. As you can see they all involve the hoof or parts adjacent. Horses with white socks and underlying pink skin tend to be more prone to greasy heel. It appears mainly below the fetlock at the back of the pastern. The skin cracks and bleeds, forming scabs and is very painful. Horse often appears lame because the skin pulls and opens as the horse moves. Seedy toe is often seen in thoroughbreds with shallow hooves. There is a separation in the white line usually at the front of the hoof. This separation allows dirt, mud and infection to travel up through the sensitive layers of the hoof. The hoof will sound hollow when tapped and the horse may be lame. It is a very persistent condition and the gap must be cleaned out frequently along with careful trimming by your farrier. Thrush is an infection in the frog, caused mostly by horses standing in wet muddy conditions (such as we are having now). It is very smelly and there may be a discharge.



With all three of these conditions if you don't know how to treat them it is advisable to call your vet first. Meanwhile keep the feet as dry as possible. Horse owners have many of their own remedies for these conditions, so I am not recommending any specific treatments here.

Now, a little example of safety: A true story, names withheld. A family holidayed overseas. The mother and daughter (who both can ride), hired a couple of horses at a ranch and rode out with one guide. The ride began in the usual way, plenty of walking, then some trotting. The guide and the daughter got some way ahead and began cantering. The mother's horse speeded up, had a bit of a buck, dis-

lodging her and injuring her back. They were too far for any first aid to come, so the mother had to get back on the horse to get back to base. Luckily so far there are just a couple of fractured vertebrae, but worst case scenario is that she could have become paraplegic.

A couple of points here;

- If travelling overseas/interstate it pays to do a bit of research first to check out the credentials of any riding establishment.
- Check out first aid (if any); know what medical coverage you have i.e. travel insurance etc.

Your own horse may misbehave at times, but to pay out money to ride a strange horse whose history you have not the faintest clue about is highly risky. Many establishments are of course very reputable, but it pays to do your homework first!

Horseriding is inherently dangerous so safety is paramount in all that you do on and around them – happy munching and very safe riding.

Hamish

CFS NEWS



As you are undoubtedly aware, we have recently experienced significant adverse and inclement weather conditions that have caused issues for many residences in the district. These conditions have also kept Cherry Gardens CFS very busy, as we have already responded to 46 calls for help. These calls have ranged from tree related incidents, power outages, flooding, animals straying, and vehicle crashes.

There are a few basic things you can do around the home to limit the impact that these weather events can cause. This includes:

- Inspect and fix fences, roofs and gutters and remove loose materials;
- Clean gutters and downpipes

frequently;

- Seal cracks in building foundations and exterior walls;
- Keep any branches that are near your home and power-lines trimmed;
- Prepare an emergency kit and place it where you can find it easily;
- Learn how and when to turn off the utility mains such as gas, electricity and water;
- Keep your yard and balcony/patio free from clutter, e.g. move outdoor furniture to a safe location such as the garage;
- Bring pets and animals indoors or undercover;
- Park your car undercover and away from trees.

Once the weather event has passed it is important for the safety of yourselves

and families that you stay well clear of creeks, drains, causeways, fallen trees, power-lines and other damaged structures.

When driving under these conditions, be aware that rain and fog reduces your ability to see and greatly increases the distance required to slow down and stop. Remember that you will need about TWICE your normal braking distance. Use windscreen wipers, washers and dipped headlights; drive smoothly and plan your moves in plenty of time.

Interested in becoming a member of your local CFS? Call in to the station on Monday nights, from 7:30pm onwards, or call 83703600 for more information.

CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday 19 June, over 100 people attended Cherry Gardens Uniting Church to celebrate the opening and dedication of the church's new meeting hall and the refurbishment of their "heritage room".

With the church community first established in 1849, Cherry Gardens Uniting Church has witnessed to the local community for many years – and with these new building developments, it hopes to continue doing so for many more. Uniting Church SA Moderator Dr Deidre Palmer reflected on the church's history, noting her special connection to the Cherry Gardens community – she is the descendant of two of Cherry Gardens' founding families. Deidre gave a message during the worship service part of the opening and dedication event, speaking on the topic of "Community in Christ: Living Compassion and Hope".

The new church meeting hall was officially opened by Deidre after the worship service. Dr Alan Dube, the chair of the Cherry Gardens congregation, shared his reflections on the process of building the hall - how God had blessed the church in this process, and how the generous contributions and hard work of many had contributed to it being built. He spoke of the support from many small Uniting Church congregations, which was both humbling and a powerful expression of their faith in action. Many of the organisations and individuals who supported the congregation in this building project were present at the opening and dedication. Included were government officials, ministers and congregation members, lay preachers, and past church pastors. Members of the church's founding families, the Cherry Gardens Garden Club (who meets at the church), neighbouring churches in Clarendon, Upper Sturt and Ironbank were also present. Representatives from Habitat for Humanity, an organisation who helped significantly in the project, were also invited.

Beginning in 2012, the meeting hall building project replaced the church's 40-year-old tin shed with a modern facility including air conditioning, a deck area, kitchen, bathroom facilities, and multimedia. Although the project began with only a small budget, they have now managed to complete the build without accruing any debt.

The meeting hall and heritage room are welcome additions to the Cherry Gardens property, which is set in a lovely rural area. Already, the meeting hall has provided an ideal venue for retreats and training programs, and enquiries have been made about using the site for small weddings. This fits with the congregation's vision of seeing their property used by the wider community. The refurbished heritage room will be a valuable source of information about the ministry and life of the church community. This building project required a huge step of faith for the small Cherry Gardens congregation, but they have seen evidence of God's faithfulness throughout the process. The meeting hall and heritage room will help the congregation to continue living out their faith – looking for future ways of connecting with the community, and valuing the contributions of those who made these connections in the past.



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Services held on Sundays at 9.30am

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WELCOME

The Cherry Chatter committee would like to welcome the newly settled families who have recently moved into the Cherry Gardens area. We hope you love living here as much as we do.

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MEADOWS VET NEWS

It has been an incredibly busy time for everyone at Meadows Vet Centre. We have recently had a new computer system installed which has caused a few headaches but nothing compared to our IT person Mark from IT Networks. If ever you think you are having a bad day spare a thought for Mark – his car was one that was crushed in our car park during the



bad weather recently! Incredibly close call! The white car belonged to one extremely lucky lab courier who was in his car when the tree fell. He avoided serious injury by ducking down onto the passenger seat! Huge thanks to all of the CFS volunteers who attended so quickly. We were very sorry to see one of the volunteers end up with a broken foot as a small branch fell from quite high up. Certainly not a morning we want to experience again!

A few reminders for pet owners:

- Please ensure your pets are micro-chipped & that your details are always kept up to date! It is incredibly frus-

trating when stray animals are bought in (as a number were during our recent bad weather) & we have to send them to the pound as we have no way of knowing who the owner is! The owner will then incur fines that are much more than the cost of a microchip!

- Horse owners please ensure your horse's 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!

IBCG Football Club

Hello again to our local community, as you may well have noticed our new fence is now complete and looking great, it's amazing how it has lifted the look of the whole facility. Just the simple fact that the ball is often kept in the ground rather than running out of the oval under cars etc has improved the flow of our games and training.

Work has now started on a goal net at the southern end and will be complete in time for the next home game, this will have a positive impact on training and game days as well.

Facilities are important to a club and as most would be aware, to raise the funds for significant improvements such as this takes a lot of work by people behind the scenes. Ironbank Cherry Gardens Football Club would like to thank the Scott Creek Ironbank Cricket Club for their generous 50% contribution to the fence upgrade. The Onkaparinga Council, the SA Community Football League and the Football Club all added their contributions to make this much needed upgrade possible. The condition of the old fence was at the point where it was possible we may have been stopped from playing football on the ground, cricket will benefit from the upgrade as well because the ball will no longer roll under cars into the clubrooms or out onto Acklands Hill road unless hit for a big 6 !

We would like to thank our Contractor JBM Solutions and their team who most will agree did a great job with the construction, Thanks to Matt, Andy, Cobber, Michael and Brodie

Most importantly, we extend our thanks to Don Watton who successfully applied for grants and pulled the whole thing together, Don is a parent of one of our younger senior players, Tom Watton. Don is an active committee member and is a great person to have around the club, like most people who work hard for their communities and clubs they cannot do what they do without their families support so we would like to thank Bev as well.

On July 23 we held a celebration of our 30th anniversary as a club, held at Heathfield High School, it was well attended and by all reports thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

We have sparked some interest in putting together a publication to celebrate our history to date so if anyone can help us with old articles, photos, memorabilia etc., please let Don or myself know. We can scan or photograph anything you may have so you won't lose your precious memories we will just borrow them for a short while. All going well and dependent on how much help we can enlist, we hope to publish before the start of the 2017 season.

On the field the club is still going well, our current standings are:

A grade 8th	Senior Colts 6th
B grade 5th	Junior Colts 4th
C grade narrowly lost the semi final	Mini Colts 7th

With three games to go we have a good run home which should allow all sides to improve their position by season end, our B grade have cemented their spot in the top 5, C grade lost their semi-final to Blackwood who were bolstered by 5 permit players, the Senior Colts are one win out of the 5 and with good prospects in the next three games have a good chance of making the finals, Our Junior Colts should also improve their position at 4th and are eyeing off second place.

A special mention needs to go to our MiniColts, they are beating teams they lost to in the first round and being a very young side the playing and coaching groups can be very proud of how much this team has improved throughout the season, well done to Craig Lidstone, his support group and the team.

Our last home game is on Sat Aug 13th V Echunga so if you have been meaning to get out to the footy this would have been your last chance at home this year. If you did miss out then come out and support your local team next year!

Sat August 20th is our final minor round game which is an away game at Balhannah, In the evening our meals will be catered by Instyle catering, if you haven't had the pleasure

of trying one of Bisho's curries then be sure you don't miss out this time, please join us for a meal.

Best of luck to all the teams contesting finals, Go Thunderers!

Bruce Heithersay
President IBCGFC
0407 092 732

NETBALL NEWS

Netball

Wow IBCG Netball Season is quickly coming to the conclusion of the minor rounds. With 2 games to go we are excited to be heading into the final series with many of our teams. League and A1 Green and B2 Green and C1 girls are sitting top of the ladder. We are also excited to have the opportunity to have 6 teams making the finals with still with the possibility of 2 more teams making the finals. It has been a great year of netball for the girls seeing them all grow as netballers and building some wonderful friendships with in the community.

League has 1 more indoor game coming up on the 13th August at 6.30pm so come and support the team.

SUNA CARNIVAL 2016

Well done to the 6 junior teams who participated in the SUNA winter carnival. The weather wasn't the best but all teams made it into a great day.

Congratulations to 15.1 team for making it to the final sadly going down to Oakdale in the final game of the day. Congratulations to the 11.3 girls for also making it to the final and winning the Grand Final. A great game played by all girls in the team.



Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground has recently had a significant facility upgrade with the support of generous sponsors and government. The new oval boundary fence is in place with a 900mm high chain wire fence surrounding the oval and goal nets behind the southern end of the oval. This has dramatically improved the appearance of the oval and improved the safety for footballers who risked injury running into the deteriorated metal pipe fence. The fence should also stop most cricket balls from leaving the oval unless they take the aerial route. A big thank you to the Office of Recreation & Sport who supplied a grant to the Scott Creek Ironbank Cricket Club, the Onkaparinga Council who supplied a grant to the Ironbank Cherry Gardens Football Club, and sponsors/supporters of the football club who contributed to a "Go Fund Me" campaign. Bruce Heithersay, courtesy of JBM Solutions, provided a heavily discounted fence package and we would have not been able to

proceed without their generous assistance. Thanks to Bruce and JBM Solutions. Goal nets at the north end of the oval will be fundraised for next football season.

I would also like to thank the City of Onkaparinga for their recent support on various matters ranging from repairs to sleepers damaged in our car park, installing the doggy bags dispenser, and financial assistance with grants towards the fence and the completion of our huge septic upgrade. It is a privilege to have a community-owned facility that works together with council. Don't forget the clubrooms are open for visitors on most Thursday and Saturday nights with a bar and meals operated by the sporting clubs.

Cheers,
Matt Smith



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S/C I C Tammy Williams

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NBN Tower update

As reported a couple of months ago the Cherry Gardens Community Association lodged an objection to the Onkaparinga council regarding plans to erect a 40 metre Fixed Wireless NBN Tower next to the playground at the Recreation Ground.

While we all want and need a fast Internet in Cherry Gardens we believe that as a community we deserve at the minimum a fibre to the node connection rather than the inferior and controversial Fixed Wireless. The maximum expected speeds for download/upload with the Fixed Wireless is only 25/5 Mb/sec against Fibre which is 100/40 Mb/sec. The Fixed Wireless option is probably cheaper for NBN Co. BUT will only be available to those

households with a direct line of sight to the tower which means any house that is in a gully or on the wrong side of Cherry Gardens road then they will likely not be able to utilise this service. Also the wireless signal is affected by water molecules that attenuate the signal, whether in the atmosphere, the soil or in the trees. If there are a lot of trees with large trunks & lots of foliage between you and the tower then the signal will probably be significantly degraded. If the trees are sparse with spindly dry foliage then you will probably hardly notice any difference. As well as simple absorption type blocking of hills, ridge lines, metal roof buildings etc can also degrade the signal via reflection & refraction scattering effects. As I am sure most of us would realise

Cherry Gardens typically has a lot of moisture throughout many months of the year and we are in a heavily timbered region. The impact of this will be reduced speeds and in some places customers have found that their ADSL service was as good as or better than the Fixed Wireless.

So the council have now invited us to give a 5 minute presentation to the development assessment panel on August 25th at the council offices. We will update you in the next edition on the outcome of this presentation.

The editor

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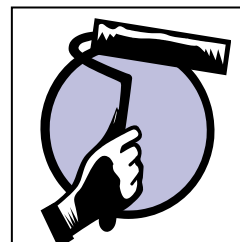
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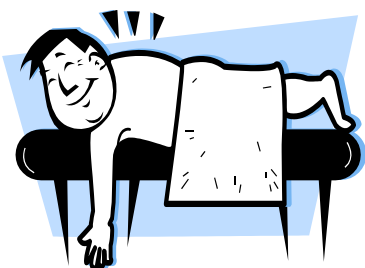


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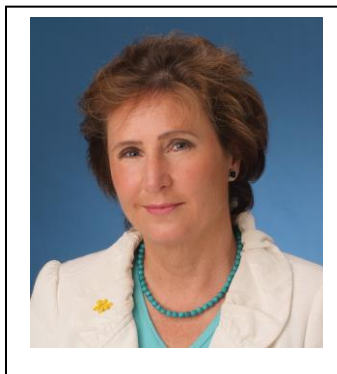
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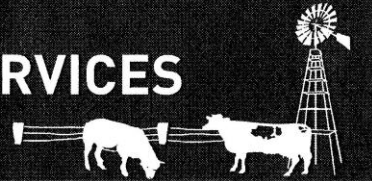
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