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# **EDITORIAL**

I am writing this on behalf of the Cherry Chatter committee as an UR-GENT request for assistance so our newsletter can continue on smoothly into the future.

As you are reading this newsletter, you may not realise that a considerable amount of effort behind the scenes goes into preparing it for your monthly enjoyment.

Currently, we have 3 people on the committee who make sure the monthly newsletter gets printed and into your hands on time. They are Paul Heck (InDesign expert), Vicki Kirss (visual co-ordinator and first editorial check) and Don Watton (final editori-

al check).

Previously I used to do it on Word, which was a bit more usbecause er-friendly more readily known, but it's not a 'proper' publishing program, so we moved on to InDesign for a more professional look as Paul volunteered, and he is the expert.

Our request is URGENT as our areas of expertise are limited and as Paul is our ONLY InDesign man, we have no backup if the need arises. No backup means no newsletter if for some reason Paul is unable to do it. We think it's important to share the load so no one person is wholly responsible for that particular job and we would like

to offer the opportunity to a community member to become a part of our committee.

Do YOU have the necessary skills, or desire to learn them, to be able to become a part of our Editorial

Do you know the InDesign program? Are you willing to learn InDesign? - At our expense of course.

Can you commit to a few hours each month to collate and be a part of the team who prepare the Cherry Chatter for print?

As you can see from the newsletter, it's not a huge job but does take a commitment. At the moment the actual newsletter preparation is left in the hands of one person, and that seems a bit unfair, especially as the whole of the Cherry Gardens community benefits.

So please consider, if you have some spare hours on your hands to learn something new, or use your current skills, and commit to helping out your local community.

Please contact a committee member as soon as possible, or email cherrychatter@yahoo.com

We are also looking for suggestions or contributions for our editorials so email any letters, articles or suggestions you may have to the editor at the above email address.

Vicki Kirss



# RAINFALL REPORT

July 2017	213.0
July 2016	205.1
Average for July	128.6
Rainfall end of July 2017	497.0
Rainfall end of July 2016	679.9
Average to the end of July	540.7

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### **NEXT CC MEETING**

Next meeting is at Bill Semple's on Tuesday the 5th of September at 7.30pm.

Articles to be received 5th of each month



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# **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:-**

Opinions and articles printed in the Cherry Chatter are not necessarily shared by the members of the Cherry Chatter Committee.

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# **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

# **SEPTEMBER**

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# HALL NEWS

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# **Community Campfire**

The first Community Campfire last year was a great success, and will become an annual event. This year it will be held on **September 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a roaring campfire to keep you warm, and if you need a bit more help, there will be soup, a sausage sizzle and red or white wine for sale to assist. We hope to see you there.

### **Car Boot Sale**

We are gauging interest in a car boot sale / garage sale to be held on the hall grounds on 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you are interested in purchasing a spot please call Bill on 0433 656 803.



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# **GARDEN CLUB**

Meetings are held in the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church, at 7:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening, from January to November

President: Ray Wise:

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Secretary:

Shirley Callaghan:

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# **Next Meetings**

# Monday I Ith September

A combined meeting with the Kangarilla Floral Art and Garden Club at Kangarilla.

Guest Speaker will be Coromandel East identity Kevin Western speaking

on Orchid culture.

### **Monday 9th October**

Rex Liebelt from Strathalbyn will speak on Backyard Poultry.

Tonight is our Rose Challenge.

# **GEORGE'S GARDENING SUG- GESTIONS for September 2017**

Fertilise Roses, fruit trees, and lawns this month. Look out for aphids on your roses.

Compost any weeds you pull and add some manure to the mix along with some shredded newspaper. At this time of the year compost activates more quickly with the warmth and should be ready in a couple of months if you aerate it.

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Pumpkins are a great vegetable to grow if you have plenty of space and will keep well into next winter if you store them carefully. (Winter is a good time for pumpkin soup!)

Keep Strawberries weed and pest free, add mulch and snail bait, and pick regularly to encourage more fruit.

Enjoy your Spring bulb display.

July 10th saw us chatting warmly over our annual winter warmers "soup and slice" evening. Ample

# **OVER THE STABLE DOOR**

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Have you ever noticed that disasters tend to come in, not ones, but twos or threes? Since our last talk I was mucking around in the paddock (full of joie de vive!) and did a complete somersault backwards. Because my owners actually saw me do this, they knew to check me out immediately. My back was very sore so they called in our physio. She stuck needles into me and gave me plenty of time off, so I am now just coming back into gentle work.

One of my other mates was not right either, so he was also checked out by our physio and he had some extra tightness through the loin area. His symptoms were not all that overt, but he wasn't happy when being ridden and was tense and jumpy, as you would be when in pain. So he too is on a light regime of lungeing for a week at the walk, then trotting the next week and all being well, being able to be ridden in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

As if this wasn't enough, our biggest paddock mate has suddenly developed an abscess in his near fore...Our friendly farrier (bare foot trimmer to be exact) was called in, and we dug around the sole looking for tender areas, couldn't get anything



to come out, but his foot was soaked in warm water and betadine, then poulticed, hopefully to help draw the abscess out. The only one of us who is ticking over is the old fellow (27) and he is going well! Luckily the weather is not all that 'riding friendly' at present so we haven't missed out on too much.

As winter rolls on however, we will be entering the next risky stage when the spring grasses start to show. At present our owners are using the 'medium intensity' management method, which basically means we are allowed out to graze during the day, but are yarded/stabled at night. The benefits here are that we are off the paddocks for around 16-17 hours a day and our feed is supplemented with dry fodder. The dry matter is important for our gut, keeps us warm (it generates heat

as it is digested) and mimics the natural grazing more. The winter grass has a high water content with not much nutrient at present, but come late winter to early spring, our owners will have to be extra vigilant, as we just love that extra sweetness, which also happens to be potentially deadly for us. This may mean more time being yarded, maybe an extra spell during the middle of the day as well as overnight. What also helps is keeping all of us reasonably fit. So even if you are not able to ride your trusty steed, a couple of lunges a week is a good way to help keep that fitness ticking over. Lungeing has a lot of other benefits too, such as bonding, fitness, suppling, training to voice commands, assessing (how the horse tracks up, is he even etc?). If the horse is not used to this, best to begin in short sessions at walk and trot only, say no more than 15 minutes. More about that next time!

Happy munching and safe riding, Hamish

# **CFS NEWS**

Many thanks To Fulton Hogan Constructions

The recent extreme weather conditions resulting in trees down and flooding has kept us busy this month. Coupled with motor vehicle accidents and several fire incidents our vehicles, equipment and training have been put to good use.

The Cherry Gardens Country Fire Service provides assistance not only in our area but also those around us and relies on support from the community.

Maintenance is a constant task to keep the appliances ready for action regardless of the type of incident; this is also a constant cost for new equipment and maintenance tools. It is with sincere thanks that we acknowledge the generous donation of \$2500 worth of equipment supplied by Fulton Hogan Constructions.

One of our local residents sought this grant from his company recognising the exceptional work the CFS does for

his family and that of his neighbours. Fulton Hogan provided Cherry Gardens CFS with a specific ladder, truck wheel chocks, petrol high pressure washer and industrial angle grinder. These items had been on the wish list since Christmas and so were a very welcomed addition to the fire fighting and maintenance equipment list. We now not only have some great new tools to assist us, but it will also en-





hance crew safety which is paramount. Pictured are Fire fighters Tamara and Ross with the new angle grinder and ladder, with Cherry Gardens 34P in the background. Once again we are very grateful and appreciative of the support Fulton Hogan Constructions has given.

In other news, the Cherry Gardens brigade was called on for extensive support in the recent Coolaroo recycle plant fire in Melbourne. This took us a long way from our normal operating area – more on that in the next edition.

Cheers



# **CHURCH NEWS**

As we enter the season of spring, with thoughts of new life, here are some tips from the Expert Gardener for planting your garden of life:

Plant three rows of peas:

- 1. Peas of mind
- 2. Peas of heart
- 3. Peas of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

- 1. Squash gossip
- 2. Squash indifference
- 3. Squash grumbling
- 4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

- 1. Lettuce be faithful
- 2. Lettuce be kind
- 3. Lettuce be patient
- 4. Lettuce really love one another



No garden is complete without turnips:

- 1. Turnip for meetings
- 2. Turnip for service
- 3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

- 1. Thyme for each other
- 2. Thyme for family
- 3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

Church website is <u>www.cher-rygardensunitingchurch.org</u>

Cherry Gardens Church 87 Hicks Hill Rd, Cherry Gardens Services held on Sundays at 9.30am

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Chairperson Congregational Council: Darryl Dyson, 0412 075 063

# Clarendon Branch of The Agricultural Bureau AGM

The Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau 122nd Annual General Meeting was held at the Clarendon Hotel on Wednesday 5th July 2017. The President Mr Tony Fagg welcomed the members and guests who attended then presented his Presidents Report as follows:

"On behalf of the Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau committee I would like to welcome everyone to the I22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau. This year we have been reaching out to others in the Clarendon community by having representation in the Clarendon Community Hall eNews and submitting an article in the State's Agricultural Bulletin.

This year we visited a local vineyard, small boutique winery, Clarendon Historic Hall and Adelaide Advanced Trees at Cherry Gardens. We also had a guest speaker who presented an overview of the planned changes to Monarto Zoo and we finished the year with a DVD night on the Champagne region of France.

I would like to thank the committee and members for their support to the continuation of the Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau." After a formal election process was conducted the following members were nominated and accepted their office positions;

President: Mr Tony Fagg (0438836661)

Vice President: Mr David Trueman

Vice President: Mrs Lyn Rogers

Secretary: Mr Bill Semple

Treasurer: Mr Gerrit Schrale

After dinner the President Mr Tony Fagg conducted an informal discussion about the proposed changes to the Onkaparinga Park and the impact it may have on the Clarendon Community.

Note: The Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau meets every third Thursday of the month at the Clarendon Community Centre from 7pm. An agenda will be drawn up over the next couple of weeks and displayed at the Clarendon General Store community notice board.

Tony Fagg - President

# **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.

# **WELCOME PACKS**

If you are new to the area and have not yet received a welcome pack, please contact the editor at cherrychatter@yahoo.com with your address.

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### **NEWS FROM THE RECREATION GROUNDS**

# **IBCGFC Football**

Footy finals are fast approaching and we can say that barring any disasters, we will be watching our club well into September for the first time for many years.

Every community or club has some hidden treasures, fortunately our local community has an abundance of them which is why such a newsletter as the "Chatter" is possible and cherished.

I'd like to take an opportunity to mention a few of our hidden treasures at Ironbank Cherry Gardens Football Club, this can be a bit risky because you can't mention everyone (it's an extremely long list) but some I'd like to acknowledge for outstanding efforts this year are:

Noel Morgan, Jason Wooley, Scott

Finn, Belinda Colledge, Andy Price, Brian Morgan, and someone well known to Chatter readers, Don Watton.

Our footy club is a much better club because these people are, and remain involved.

The days are getting longer and as the finals draw closer, the weather will improve too, so we invite all locals along to support us in our finals campaign. If you want to know where or when we're playing you can get the details from our Facebook page or the HFL website.

https://www.facebook.com/Ironbank-FC/

Hope to see you there!
Bruce Heithersay - President IBCGFC

# **TABLE TENNIS RESULTS**

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Division 3 July 18	
Cherry Gardens Redfins	0 (F)
Summertown Emus	12
July 25	
Cherry Gardens Redfins	2
Hahndorf Shinglebacks	10
Aug I	
Cherry Gardens Redfins	12
Scott Creek Wombats	0 (F)
Division 4	
July 20	
Cherry Gardens Ducks	4
Summertown Crows	8
July 27	
Cherry Gardens Ducks	6(15)
Scott Creek Bettongs	6(15)
Aug 3	
Cherry Gardens Ducks	11
Summertown Blue Wrens	1

The Division 3 team is in 5<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder, the Division 4 team is in 2<sup>nd</sup> position with just 2 matches remaining for the season before the finals.

# IBCG Netball Club - Cherry Chatter

We are now on the home stretch with finals commencing on 26<sup>th</sup> August and of course the GRAND FINAL hosted by Ironbank Cherry Gardens on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. Currently, our A grade, 15 div 1 green, and 11 div 3 teams are sitting in top spot. Hills League, B2 gold, and 15 div 2 gold second on the ladder and 3<sup>rd</sup> spot B2 green, B3, C1, C2, 17 div 1, 17 div 2 green, 11 div 1, and 11 div 2. There are other teams close and hopefully all teams will finish the season strongly and be able to represent the club in the finals series. Have you visited our new canteen? Kat and Luke are to be congratulated on their efforts in securing the new cupboards and benchtops for our club and organising various trades and items to finish it off. Thanks to our anonymous donor for much needed funds. Special thanks also to Gavin Chave (Summit Glass) <a href="http://www.summitglass.com.au/">http://www.summitglass.com.au/</a> who donated and installed the glass splashback.

Don't forget to book your tables for our 'Thunder Rock' quiz night on the 19<sup>th</sup> August, tables of ten at \$10 per person. We would love to see some "locals" on a table or two – book your table via email <a href="mailto:ibcgpresident@gmail.com">ibcgpresident@gmail.com</a>.

The netball club recently received an Onkaparinga Council grant for some outdoor exercise equipment. This will be placed near the courts for all the community to use. Dates for your calendars: Grand Final - Sat 9/9



# 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 Saturday senior competitions, and also midweek night competitions.

Saturday Senior Mixed Doubles and Traditional Men's and Women's competitions will start on the 14th of October with the Saturday morning junior competition starting on the 21st of October.

Midweek night competitions are played on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7pm. It is a mixed doubles competition with teams consisting of 2 men and 2 women (Start dates may vary but will probably be 3/4th or 10/11th of October).

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 <a href="mailto:IBCG@bigpond.com">IBCG@bigpond.com</a> or call Graham Bate(President) 08 8270 3041 or

Phil Battersby(Secretary) 0417 215 647.



### FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK

The Mount Lofty Ranges are in the temperate climatic zone of Australia, and September Ist marks the start of our southern hemisphere spring. Astronomically speaking, spring actually starts on or around September 21st, which is the spring equinox when day and night are of equal length, but we traditionally align our seasons with the beginning of the month to save a little confusion.

Spring is a wonderful time of the year to get out into nature. After a late start, winter finally arrived in July, bringing with it those chilly mornings and the wet and windy weather, but spring brings with it the promise of extra sunlight and warmer days and helps drag us out of our winter hibernation.

Scott Creek CP during spring is full of blossoming flowers and a multitude of life.

While there is something to see at all times of the year, spring is the time of year when a great many of our plants start to flower. From our tallest trees and the shrubs growing underneath them, to the grasses, lilies, orchids and the many tiny annual herbs in the understorey, there is so much to see.

At the same time, our wildlife starts thinking about starting a family. Butterflies and other insects appear from nowhere and we notice more birdsong in the air, as nests are prepared and courtship rituals commence. We may notice similar increased activity from other wildlife, like kangaroos and koalas, but many of our smaller mammals go about their business unseen, particularly those more active at night. Quite naturally with all this activity going on, September is National Biodiversity Month. We celebrate many aspects of biodiversity and the natural world this month, including National Wattle Day on the 1st, Sea Week from 4th to 10th, National Landcare Week from 5th to 11th, National Threatened Species Day on 7th and Bushcare's Major Day Out on 17th.

If you have never been to Scott Creek CP, now is the time to do so. Whether you like bushwalking, birdwatching or simply enjoying some fresh air and a picnic in the great outdoors, this park has so much to offer. As a conservation park, dedicated to the protection of wildlife and our native flora, dogs, horses and bike riding is not permitted, but there is still much to enjoy.

The friends group meet regularly to do some bush gardening, which helps restore the native vegetation in the park

and provides habitat for our local wildlife. We are always on the lookout for new members with an interest in being outside in nature and willing to join in our efforts. Our regular working bees only go for about three hours, and include a break for a cuppa and a chat mid-morning.

Come along and experience the benefits to your health and wellbeing that come with being in nature.

### Peter Watton

Anyone wanting information about the group or park, or wanting to get involved in any of the Friends' activities, can contact our secretary Don Reid on 8388 2123 or go to <a href="https://www.friendsofscottcreek.org">www.friendsofscottcreek.org</a>.

All working bees meet at 9:00am at Gate 16 Almanda Car Park Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet weather).

# Programme of activities September

Tue 5 Working bee
Sun 10 Working bee
Sat, Sun 16, 17 Bird banding
Sat 23 Working bee



Time for the group to relax after a morning removing tree guards from a revegetation area in the park.



# GARDEN CLUB ---> from p.2

food and an excellent collection of nostalgic presentations on the wall of all the trips, outings, coffee mornings, speakers and garden visits of the last few years which kept us glancing up from our meal, and our friends' faces as we exclaimed, or drew attention to one highlight after the other.

This was followed by a time of members' garden tips and tricks. Clever, helpful, inspiring, historical, modern, amusing and definitely enjoyable items were shared by members as their entry tickets were drawn out of the tin.

Here are some of them:

- After bulbs die back, secure plastic mesh over the spot to mark it and avoid planting over them, or turning over in error. Secured mesh under fruit trees is also good for protecting their roots from foraging chooks.
- Take apparently dead indoor plants outside - they often bounce back.
- Don't overlook the absence of Magnesium Nitrate (Similar to Epsom salts) (One level tsp in 10 litres water) as it is lacking in our soil and our fertilisers.
- Do grow your Chrysanthemums up through a layer of wire mesh – to prevent them toppling over.
- 5. To get Tomatoes growing earlier and faster an upended 2 Litre softdrink bottle makes a great greenhouse.
- 6. Prune winter Iris to the ground in Autumn for a better plant display in winter.
- 7. To prevent rabbits ringbarking young trees, wrap in plastic and tie with string.
- 8. Use disposable gloves under your gardening gloves to keep your fingers really clean.
- 9. At the end of flowering, cut hanging fuchsias back very hard to ground level, to induce vigorous growth at new season.

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### MINTON FARM

Six orphaned barn owl chicks were found in SA's Mid-North and rescued when their nest hollow was destroyed by a fallen tree. Thanks to Facebook, a woman was travelling from Clare to Adelaide and was able to collect them for me. I put them straight into the incubator with the humidity and heat cranked up. Finding six owls is extremely rare and had they not been rescued the chicks would have died from pneumonia. The new residents spent the night in a darkened incubator to mimic an owl's natural habitat. They were then removed and placed into a heated enclosure. All six are feeding well and will now be prepared for release — meaning they will be exposed to humans as little as possible. The chicks are fed using a hand puppet and a long pair of tweezers, to avoid them being imprinted upon humans and they will learn to fly in an enclosure at the farm. It will be at least a few weeks before the group is ready for release, and expected to be released together. We are now appealing for donations of frozen mice to feed the owls, and funding to build a large circular flight to strengthen the wings of these species to ensure a successful release. Mice can be purchased at most pet shops and dropped off at the Minton Farm Native Rescue Centre, 455 Cherry Gardens Rd, Cherry

We are also selling Entertainment books available at the Farm, online https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9a29076 or www.mintonfarm.org

Cheers, Bev. Langley. <u>www.mintonfarm.org</u>

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# GARDEN CLUB ---> from p.6

- 10. Don't waste your coffee grounds excellent mulch and repels snails too.
- 11. Urine diluted 1 to 5 is an excellent citrus fertiliser.
- 12. Dry out egg shells in a cooling oven at the end of baking, crush with rolling pin and sprinkle around plants to repel snails, or vitamise for worm farm food.
- 13. Cover compost with black plastic for winter warmth prevents rain washing nutrients out too.
- 14. Garlic growing under rose bushes keeps aphids away.
- 15. Hammer a perpendicular pipe into the ground a foot away from passionfruit trunk for deep watering prevents voracious suckering at soil disturbance.
- 16. To remove a branch from tree prune just beyond branch collar where branch connects to the tree trunk to induce it to form a callous over the scar.

We welcome visitors, new members and any who would like to share their tips and tricks with us during our members "What's happening in your garden" segment of the evenings.



# JOKE

A retired older couple return to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman has just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful, leggy, well-endowed blonde wearing a mini skirt with a skimpy halter top.

The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply.

"Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$55,000 asking price," said the older man. "Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$45,000 to the lovely young lady there. And if I remember right, you had insisted there was no way you could discount this model."

The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reached for a large glass of water.

"Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, didn't need any financing help, and, sir, just look at her, how could I resist?" replied the grinning salesman sheepishly.

Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man ...

"There you go," she said. "I told you I could get that idiot to lower the price...."

"See you later, Dad, Happy Father's day.

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### **MEADOWS VET NEWS**

At Meadows Vet Centre we are participating in a number of ways to promote better dental care. This initiative is part of a worldwide effort to reduce the incidence of the most common ailment in adult pets: oral disease.



According to veterinary research, 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats show signs of oral disease by the time they are 3 years of age! Signs of disease include:

- persistent bad breath,
- a yellow-brown tartar crust at the gum line,
- red and swollen gums,
- pawing at the mouth and face,
- bleeding, sensitivity to touch,
- changes in eating and chewing habits (often a reluctance to eat)
- depression (recognisable as listlessness).

Left untreated, pet oral disease causes significant pain through tooth decay and gum infection, and can pass damaging and even life-threatening bacteria through the bloodstream to the heart, liver and kidneys. Such scenarios are easily preventable with proper dental care. If your dog already has developed tartar & dental disease we now have the latest ultrasonic dental equipment that can transform your dog's teeth back to a healthy state. We also have digital dental xray unit as most dental disease occurs below the gum line where it just can't be seen!

Some products that will keep your pets teeth healthy include: foods such as Hills t/d & Advance, toys such as Dental Kongs, treats such as dental chews and raw bones as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste formulated for pets (please note human tooth-

paste can be toxic and should not be used!). Please ask us for the best and most appropriate products for your pets. During August we are providing free dental checkups with our nurses! Any dental check-up for small animals during August will receive some free samples of food designed to promote good dental health. Note that as dental health is so important all of our consultations include a dental check up as a standard procedure throughout the year!



Horses, ponies & donkeys should not be forgotten either! Dr Greg Rodda has had a special interest in Equine Dentistry for many years. He has attended a number of Post Graduate courses and workshops including ones held at The Colorado State University focusing on the latest Equine Dentistry techniques. Whilst in the USA he also purchased the latest equipment and has a "Power Float" designed for use solely by veterinarians to provide the best preventative care and treatment in Equine Dentistry for your horses. He has spent time in NSW helping other veterinarians improve their skills in this very important area and spent time on the standing committee advising the Australia Equine Veterinary Association on areas of concern in all aspects of equine dentistry.

It is highly recommended that dental checks are done every six months. This is



because it usually takes around six months for the sharp edges on the outside of the upper cheek teeth & inside of lower cheek teeth to reappear. We use computerised records to remind our clients when their horse's check-ups are due.

Please ensure your pets are microchipped & that your details are always kept up to date! It is incredibly frustrating 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 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!



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