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#### **EDITORIAL**

'hanks you to all those who attended the Community Dinner held at the Hall on 30th June. We had a capacity crowd, (packed to the rafters!) and judging from the feedback, everyone had a great time.

Catering was again handled by the Texas Bull Machine. The meal was delicious and the beef was sensational! The night again included entertainment, this year featuring a tribute to the Everly Brothers. Some said they had not heard of the Everly Brothers, but knew nearly all the songs.

The dinner is a great opportunity for the Cherry Gardens Community to get together and share an evening, and it was very rewarding for the hard working Committee to see such a great response.

Get out your diaries, because we have another get together opportunity. We will again be having the Community Campfire, this year on Saturday 25th August from 5pm to 8pm.

This has been a popular function and we would like to see you there.

Apart from a blazing fire there will be a sausage sizzle, soup and damper, red and white wine and we hope the CFS will again be there showing their trucks to any kids (big or small) who are interested. Bring a packet of marshmallows to toast if you wish.

See you there.



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#### August

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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

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#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday 13th August A.G.M. - all positions become vacant. Annual subs \$12 are due on the night. Followed by an interesting gardening quiz

Monday I Oth September - Amanda Reynolds from Green Platypus Gardens speaking on garden design and permaculture

#### GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS AUGUST 2018

If you missed pruning your roses or fruit trees in July they can still be done, however don't prune Winter flowering rose Lorraine Lee, which should be done in November. Fruit trees can even be pruned once the flowers are fully out!

Hydrangeas should be pruned now before new growth appears.

Bulbs are starting to bloom now - it signals that it is time to set up the slug and snail offensive against all those daffodil bud-chewing pests. Some bulbs can become expensive slug food, so if you are keen to reduce your dependence on poisons why not try using

sharp sand around your tulip, daffodil and other bulbs - slugs and snails avoid the sharp sand!

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Plant Asparagus crowns, beetroot seed, carrot seed, lettuce seed and seedlings, potted strawberries and spinach seed.

In the flower garden, later this month, plant seeds or seedlings of alyssum, carnation, African marigold, petunias and portulaca.

If you love gladiolus as much as Dame Edna, remember to plant the bulbs 100 days before you would like them to flower.

Spray stone fruit trees at bud-burst with a copper based spray to manage fungal and mite attack.

Fertilize citrus now with a specific citrus fertilizer.

Camellias, camellias, camellias...how

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#### **OVER THE STABLE DOOR**

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners! Into winter now with some much wanted rain. The paddocks will be sprouting several varieties of weeds with that moisture. The best way to manage it is to get in early (if you haven't got around to earlier spraying) and start hand pulling. (A hand picker is a useful tool here). A short time, a couple or few times a week, can help to make a big difference. Capeweed and Salvation Jane are amongst the easiest to hand pull, as well as some of the thistle varieties. Others like dandelion and dock can be harder as they tend to have a long and stubborn tap root. Even if you can take off the top bits to prevent them setting seed can help. One of the most obvious problems with these weeds (commonly called broadleaf) is because they do grow from a broad base, and they literally out-compete with the more natural grasses. Over time they can completely take over what was once a good grazing paddock. Taking a regular stroll around your grazing land can keep you in touch with what is happening at ground level. Things can change from year to year. There are



some not very nice imported weeds such as Chilean needle grass which can infest your land. Unfortunately these weeds do extremely well in our climate, so if you see anything in your paddocks that looks new or you can't identify, take a sample in a plastic bag to the NRM board in Mount Barker and/or give them a ring and see if you can get it identified and take appropriate measures. The staff are very helpful and if need be, can come and inspect your paddock to help with any concerns.

Owning a horse also comes with the responsibility of being a land carer. We all want the best for our horses, whether it be nice safe fencing, or love-

ly weed free paddocks. It can be a winwin situation with a little extra effort. If your land is too degraded, sometimes it is more efficient to put your horse out to agist while you set about rejuvenating and improving your land (this could take 12 months), but the effort is worth it and will save more time and money in the long term. The added advantage of doing this means that it opens up the opportunity to completely reassess your block and maybe move fence lines, gates, loafing areas, work areas and watering points. Remember what may work for your neighbour may not work for you as each plot of land comes with its own issues such as soil types, slopes, rocks, bogginess, vegetation, aspect etc. As always, plenty of things to consider, but all, for the long term good, for you your horse and, to the value of your land.

I continue to maintain my weight (Yay!). The next few months may be telling. We shall wait and see....happy munching and safe riding everyone.

#### **CFS NEWS**

We hope everyone's winter is going well and it is good to report we still have been relatively quiet at the time of writing this article. This can rapidly change and we are training hard to stay prepared.

Last month I wrote of structure fires and the situations we could face in such an event. We were responded recently to assist other CFS brigades in neighboring areas, both north and south of Cherry Gardens. These incidents had all the challenges previously mentioned - securing water supplies, determining entry/exit points for the structures, smoke causing a lack of visibility internally, as well as breathing hazards externally. It is well worth spending some time with your families considering what to do in the event of a house fire - it is a time to act calmly and quickly to ensure your loved ones all leave safety. Most importantly, if you ever escape from a burning/ smoke filled building never return inside (and stop others) Once everyone is out you are all safe and there will be nothing inside that is worth putting your life at risk.



The warning siren (pictured) is sounded at the Cherry Gardens station at 0800 every Friday to ensure it remains serviceable. This was an automatic function but currently it is done manually by our members. Although we aim to do this every Friday, there may be some days missed due to other commitments. If there is a local Cherry Gardens fire emergency, the siren will be sounded at that time to warn the area, otherwise there will be just the short test at 0800 on Friday. The Ironbank CFS brigade uses their siren to respond members to call outs, so those who live closer to Ironbank will hear a siren more frequently.

It is great to have a number of new members who have joined us, and they are currently going through basic training in order to become qualified firefighters. The aim of the



brigade is to achieve this before the next fire season in order to be at full strength and ready for all events. They are a great group and we welcome them to the CFS world.

Thanks again to all who donate cans and bottles. It is a great source of income for us and really does make a difference – we have been able to fund many improvements to our brigade and it is great to have the community working with us.

The Cherry Chatter is a major supporter of our brigade, so congratulations on the new look on-line initiative. It will provide a much improved and up to date way to provide information to our community

and we look forward to contributing in the future.

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#### **CHURCH NEWS**

87 Hicks Hill Rd, Cherry Gardens 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.

#### 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.

#### **GARDEN CLUB (contd)**

gorgeous they are, and what a lot of history, facts and figures we absorbed when our expert camellia speaker, Kevin Bowden, ably supported by his equally enthusiastic wife Anne, shared with us his quite phenomenal knowledge of camellia facts, figures, types, names, characteristics, their breeders, growers, and gurus, acquired in the course of a lifetime of growing camellias, with us. More latterly Kevin has gained even greater knowledge through travelling the world, participating in camellia conventions, conferences and visiting famous camellia nurseries. We lapped up the amazing amount of knowledge and tips he gave us. For example Camellias need well drained, acid soil to flower well and are much more resilient as regards pruning than most people give them credit for. Kevin is Chairman of the Friends of Stangate House where the Camellia Society are tenants. It was truly wonderful to view Kevin's interesting and colourful presentation, accompanied by his rich commentary, of the history of the Gardens from the arrival of the Thomas family in South Australia on 3/1/1836 through until 1966 when Gwenyth Thomas's donation to the National Trust, of the house, and 7 and a half hectares, which had been the summer residence of Edwin Thomas. Mayor of Brighton.

Work began on the gardens in 1977

when pine trees were cleared and 45 tons of stone for retaining walls arrived. Each year in September, the Azalea bank growing in one of the beds, supported by one of those walls, is a spectacular sight.

Since then, as well as hundreds of new seedling camellias, many fully grown plants have also been transplanted to the gardens, when the opportunity of are open to the public every Tuesday, as well as every Sunday in September. Volunteers are always warmly welcomed.

The display flowers of the month were appropriately, some beautiful camellias brought from her garden by our Treasurer.

We did not have the customary auction at the end but there was a great



acquiring these from donor's estates and/or redevelopments have arisen. For example, The Camellia Society bought 300 camellias from the estate of David Max Schultz probably SA's foremost Camellia grower.

Groups of dedicated volunteers developed and maintain the gardens which

table of donated giveaway plants, garden paraphernalia and books, and of course.... an even greater table of ....supper!

#### **ONKAPARINGA COUNCIL AWARDS**

#### 2018 EVERY GENERATION ONKAPARINGA AWARDS NOW OPEN

These awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements and valuable contributions that people of all ages, cultures and abilities make to positive ageing in our communities.

Help us share these achievements by nominating now.

#### **Nominations**

Nominations are invited from any individual, group or organisation wishing to recognise people, community groups or clubs that:

- have made a significant voluntary contribution to positive ageing which benefits local communities
- are inspirational role models that instil pride in local communi-

ties

- have reached an outstanding level of achievement in any field including arts, media, entertainment, Indigenous and cultural services, sport and recreation, environment, education and technology
- are involved in intergenerational initiatives which bring together both seniors (ie individuals 50 years of age or older) and younger people in purposeful mutually beneficial activities.

#### **AWARDS**

Categories include individual, group and intergenerational. Nominees and award winners will be recognised at an event to be held in October.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available:

- http://www.onkaparingacity. com/ego
- at our council offices –
- Aldinga Beach, Noarlunga, Willunga, Woodcroft and
- Aberfoyle Park
- by contacting Community Administration on 8384 0697

Nominations close at 5pm Friday 10 August.

For more information contact Justin Ifould, Community Wellbeing Officer on 8384 0120 or email Justin.Ifould@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

#### **MINTON FARM**

Hi all. I recently attended the biannual Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference in Sydney. I took seven volunteers from Minton Farm, the majority of who were young ladies who had finished their honours at University last year and have come to Minton Farm to gain practical wildlife knowledge and experience. They all were highly engaged and motivated by the experience. The species covered included micro bat rehabilitation, echidna, raptors, koalas, bobtail skinks, possums, marine mammals, turtles, magpies, tawny frogmouths, joeys, and cockatoos to name a few. Topics included pain management, impact of stress, diseases, fracture management, cataracts in kangaroos, volunteer programs, brain and spinal injuries, legislation, welfare, impacts on mental health, raptor rehabilitation, genetic biodiversity, feed guidelines, anaesthesia, satellite tracking, anticoagulants, biosecurity, wound management, and the art of imping.( repairing damaged feathers)

Top Professors and Doctors shared their extensive knowledge to over 400 participants from Australasia. In addition to this, was the ability to buy extensive publications on wildlife diets, and rehabilitation as well as the medical and practical equipment such as silicon teats, heat producing pouches, minute scales for weighing tiny ani-

mals/birds in order to give the correct doses of medications and feed.

One of the most interesting talks was about echidnas by Peggy Rismiller. Echidnas are one of the most resilient creatures that can withstand temperature changes and can tolerate Co2 levels up to 12%. This means they will survive better than humans to the world's changes. They have been recorded in Tasmania to have gone into torpor, in response to attack for instance, and recorded 2 degrees body temperature with a breathing rate of only I breathe per minute! Impressive survivors! They are very good swimmers and use this to keep cool on warm days. They breed from April to August, 22 days after mating they produce an egg which hatches after 10.5 days of incubation. The baby weighing only 231 micrograms, spends 52 days in pouch. (It takes 8 new born puggles to weigh the same as a 5 cent coin). The baby clings to the mother's hair on her belly with its well-developed front arms, and has no teat to attach to. There are two milk patches that the puggle suckles from. After that the mother returns to a specially dug nursery burrow for only two hours every 5 days to feed them! Consequently wildlife rehabilitators should not warm the puggles in care, but keep them between only 20-29 degrees. Housing for burrow

young should be maintained at 15 to 20 degrees max, to allow the young to lower their body temperature and go torpid between their 5 day feeding period. Deviations from as natural as possible temperature and feeding patterns have resulted in death of the young. The next Conference in two years' time will be in NT.

Sincerely, Bev. Langley M: 0422938439 Please Vote and Donate to us at My-GivingCircle to help us share in \$50k' here - https://mygivingcircle.org/projects/50000-for-australias-favourite-charities/

Please buy a lottery ticket for \$2 - www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/minton-farm-animal-rescue-centre/

We're fundraising with Entertainment Books! – http://www.entbook.com. au/9a29076

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#### **CHERRY GARDENS IRONBANK RECREATION GROUNDS**

#### Football Club

Well, the Ironbank Cherry Gardens Football Club is now well into the back half of the season and it is really great to see that nearly all teams are having good success, and the club has quite a buzz around with players and supporters. The only team that has already finished is our U16 girls' team who unfortunately finished the season with just the one win, but a whole lot of enthusiasm. We are so proud of these girls in 2018, and as a club, we have a lot of work to do for 2019 as most of the girls will be too old to play next year. If there are any budding players out there, please get in contact with the club.

The senior women only have one more game in the minor round and will finish on top, and this means they go straight into the Grand Final which will be played on Sunday August 19th at the ALDI Arena, which is the old Thebarton Oval. We don't yet know what time the girls will be playing, but watch our Facebook page for the latest information. They are doing a training session there to get used to the oval next week.

Our A Grade men are second on the ladder, a couple of games clear of third place Nairne, and one win behind Kersbrook. They have 4 games left in the minor round and certainly look like they will be playing finals. A big loss for the A's is our ruck who did some serious damage to his knee, and is out for at least a year with a complete knee reconstruction required.

The reserves or B's, are on top of the ladder and also look almost certain to be playing finals this year. Last year they were unable to get past the first round elimination finals, so we are hoping they can get much further into finals this year. A couple of weeks ago the B's played at home against Birdwood for the Courier Cup which is played between the 2 top teams mid-season. They had a good win which is the first silver wear the club has had for a good few years. Well done to the B's.

The U14's are still just hanging on to 4th place but a couple of games behind 2nd and 3rd and hopefully will be playing finals although it is going to be

a tough ask against the much stronger Macclesfield and Nairne Bremer teams.

The U18's have had quite a few injury issues this year, but are still well placed in 4th albeit a few games behind the 3rd place Gumeracha, and look like playing in the finals.

The U12's is a new comp this year and we have struggled for numbers every week, but the boys and girls have been enjoying themselves and learning all about football. They have not won a game yet, the closest has been a draw against Mt Lofty.

A couple of weeks ago the Ironbank CFS along with Brett Scarborough (Freeflow Plumbing) and Rob Hayden, cooked up 2 lambs on a spit during the home games against Birdwood, and we all had a great feed that night. The players have had a couple of functions including a "Frat Party" in the tradition of the USA college shows, and joined up with the Netball Club for their "Blokes" day recently.

Coming up on August 4th at the club, is the annual Thunderball, which this year has a Miami theme.

Our home games are on every second week at the Recreation Ground and we would love to see locals come along and support the club, enjoy some good footy, and soak up the family friendly atmosphere that we encourage with all our supporters and players.

start at 6pm. All in all an enjoyable way to spend the day. There are only a couple of home games left this season, July 28th and August 11th so if you can make it to the club, then come and enjoy some good grass roots local footy. On Thursday nights we serve meals for the players, families and supporters, and locals are always welcome. There is soup, fish and chips, schnitzels, chicken nuggets for the kids, and lasagne or some other specials.

The football club has a new website and you can check it out here www. ibcgfc.com.au

Our Facebook page can be found here https://www.facebook.com/Ironbank-FC/ If you get a chance please check out this page and then "Like" us and follow what's going on!

Finally a big shout out to all our Sponsors including the Cherry Chatter which means all of you. Without our sponsors, we would not be able to operate as a football club, and I would recommend that you check out our website to see all our sponsors, and if you can use any of their services please click on the links and use them. Support those businesses that support our local community.

IBCG Football Club



The seniors play in the afternoons with the B's starting at 12.50pm and the A's at 2.30pm. After all home games, we put on meals in the clubrooms, and the player presentations



#### **MEADOWS VET NEWS**

June again has been a very busy month. We have seen a huge number of horse colics as well as hoof abscesses in both horses & cows. 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! The new range of dog coats has finally arrived! If you are looking for a reasonably priced dog coat please drop in! Please remember the new dog & cat laws are now in effect - all pets must be microchipped & all pets born after the 1st July must be desexed unless an exemption applies - ask us for more information.

If you are considering buying a horse or pony please get a pre-purchase vet check done! This investment can save you headaches, heartaches, money and provide you an opportunity to find the right horse to meet your needs and expectations. The expense of the pre-purchase exam will be small in comparison to the long term costs of keeping and caring for a horse es-

pecially if you end up with one with health problems!

Also if you are selling a horse we highly recommend you encourage your purchaser to get a pre purchase done to protect themselves! Why you may ask??? There are far too many stories now how someone has sold a perfectly good & sound horse but months later the horse may develop a condition or acquire a lameness - the seller is then accused of selling an unsound horse & often bullied into taking the horse back. If a pre purchase is conducted it safeguards the seller as well as the purchaser! If you would like more information on pre-purchase exams please contact us.

Just a note with regards to the costs involved in desexing a pet. Most vet practices greatly reduce the price of desexing to encourage pet owners to do the right thing and desex their pet. However there comes a point where the costs have to be weighed up with ensuring the best possible outcome for the pet. At our practice we only use the best anesthetic available—yes it is more expensive but the chances

of complications under anesthetic are greatly reduced. All animals are placed on monitoring devices being watched by a surgical nurse while the vet performs the procedure—this is the safest way to perform any surgery. All instruments and packs are sterilized before each animal, pain relief is also included.

Unfortunately many owners make a decision for their pets based on costs but are not able to really compare what they are actually receiving.

As well as preventing unwanted litters desexing can help to prolong your pet's life! There are a number of very serious medical conditions that can be prevented by desexing. The most common are Pyometra and mammary tumors in bitches and Prostate cancer and enlargement in males. Pyometra in bitches is not only life threatening but the surgical costs could be at least three times the usual desexing fees!

Go to our website www.meadowsvet. com.au or give us a ring if you would like to know more!

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editorial team.

My neighbour and I (Della Rowley and Fiona Bennett from 316 Ackland Hill Rd) have just cleaned up the litter lying at the side of Ackland Hill Road, from 316 down to Wildheath Rd. It took about 5 hours of work for 2 of us, thereby saving council hours quite considerably. What we picked up (8 sacks full) was probably left there for 10 years ...... coffee cups, wheel hubs, car parts, bottles etc. It makes the world of difference to see the road without litter strewn all over it.

There is also a lot of work still to be done on Ackland Hill Rd, to remove olives and other weeds on council land. It would be great to work on that and we'd gladly include other people who may be interested in improving the sight of Ackland Hill Rd.

Below is a picture of our 2nd Litter Warrior efforts. We went all the way down Ackland Hill Rd to Main Rd, Coromandel Valley. I was helped by a volunteer, Ann-Maree O'Connor, who read my post on Facebook. We collected 3 sacks full, consisting of a supermarket trolley, a letterbox, 3 wheel hubs, carpet and a lot of take away packaging.

We will continue up Ackland Hill Rd towards Iron Bank, and Cherry Gardens if we get more volunteers.

Please contact me (Della) on 0438 874 856 or email dellarow-ley@bigpond.com if you'd like to join us.

#### Regards Della Rowley

From Cherry Chatter: Congratulations Della, Fiona and Ann-Maree, for taking this into your own hands, to make our roads more attractive. Della hopes that others will be encouraged to volunteer, and it would be much appreciated, and might encourage others to clean up their own street front. Della says that with extra help they could continue cleaning up on Cherry Gardens Road.



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Nominations close 5pm Friday 10 August 2018.

#### **ENROL TO VOTE**

2018 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Council elections will be held in November this year. The following is a list of key dates for the elections:

- Council voters roll closes Friday 10 August
- Nominations open Tuesday 4 September
- Nominations close 12 noon Tuesday 18 September
- Distribution of voting material 22 to 26 October
- Close of voting 5pm Friday 9 November

If you are already on the state electoral roll to vote within our council boundary, you will automatically receive your voting papers in the mail.

#### Council voters roll

If you are a landlord, business lessee or resident non-Australian citizen, you will no longer be automatically included on our council voters roll.

To enrol on the Council voters roll, visit www.onkaparingacity.com/councilelections or contact our Customer Relations team on 8384 0666.

As the election draws closer further information will be available about how to nominate as mayor or councillor and how to vote.

Authorised by Mark Dowd, CEO, City of Onkaparinga, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre 5168

#### **COROMANDEL VALLEY HISTORY WALK**

Walk trails, hear tales Thursday 6 and 13 September, 10am Watchman House, 360 Main Road, Coromandel Valley

Healthy Active Lifestyles Onkaparinga (HALO) and the Coromandel Valley and Districts National Trust invite you on a two hour guided walk through historic Coromandel Valley. This event is open to everyone and is FREE to participate.

#### More information

For more information visit www.onkaparingacity.com/halo Bookings required as places are limited.

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#### Onkaparinga delivers lowest rate increase since amalgamation

The City of Onkaparinga has delivered its lowest rate rise in 20 years following adoption of the 2018–19 Annual Business Plan and Budget on 3 July.

lected members approved a general rate increase of 1.85 per cent, equating to an average residential rate of \$1539 or a \$28 increase on average.

Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg has praised the outcome, saying council undertook a thorough review of all projects and services and worked hard to identify savings.

"This low rate increase is the result of complex financial balancing, making hard decisions and establishing long-term strategies we've been working on for a number of years," Mayor Rosenberg said.

"Council staff have worked together to reduce the rate each year over the last four years, culminating in our lowest ever rate increase of 1.85 per cent for 2018-10'

The rate is also among the lowest delivered by South Australian metropolitan councils this year.

The \$197.7 million budget includes \$118.2 million for activities council is required to provide and \$49.1 million for additional activities that deliver broader community outcomes

A further \$30.4 million will be invested in new assets and significant upgrades.

Key highlights of the budget include:

- renewing roads and undertaking kerb works - \$17.3 million
- installing and upgrading footpaths across the city - \$1.9 million
- flood protection and stormwater management works - \$815,000
- providing grants and sponsorship opportunities for facility improvements, equipment, volunteer development and community events - \$482,000
- installing new cycling, shared path and trails infrastructure -\$900,000
- playground and reserve upgrades at Artie Ferguson Reserve at Kevin Street, Christie Downs – \$250,000, Sandow Crescent, Coromandel Valley - \$230,000, Whitney Crescent reserve, Seaford

- \$210,000, and Fonda Court Reserve, Christie Downs - \$65,000
- delivering the Australia Day Bush Fair and Christmas Pageant - \$71,000
- revegetating Port Willunga linear reserve - \$19,000.

"This year's budget, delivering more than 200 services and projects while delivering the lowest rate increase in our history, is a clear indication of the continuing value provided by local government to our communities," said Mayor Rosenberg

City of Onkaparinga CEO Mark Dowd said developing the budget is a complex task of balancing the future needs of a rapidly growing population, the community's current needs and reasonable rates.

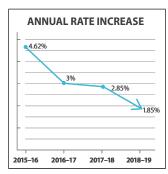


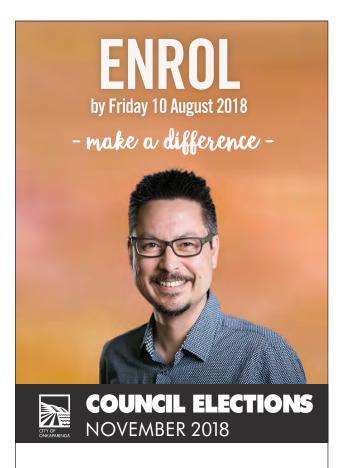
"Council has worked hard to deliver a budget that positions our city well for the future and ensures our communities have a range of high quality services that meet their needs," Mr Dowd said.

"Over the past four budgets we have identified \$5.3 million in ongoing annual operational savings, including almost \$1.8 million for 2018-19.

"These savings have been achieved through service reviews, reducing consulting budgets, productivity improvements and LED lighting savings."

To view the Annual Business Plan and Budget 2018–19 visit onkaparingacity.com





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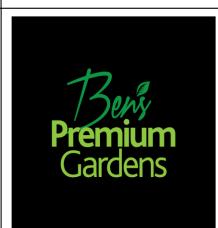
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