

Cherry Chatter



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EDITORIAL

So welcome to 2019!

If you're anything like me then I am sure you will be saying, "Wow, where did 2018 go?"

The Cherry Chatter committee hopes that 2018 had a lot of good times, and good things happen for you, and that the New Year brings renewal and an even better year ahead.

As I write this now, I wonder whether it is summer or winter. One week ago I spent the day at the Adelaide oval sweltering on what was close to a 40 degree day and yet for the last 2 days it has felt like winter and Christmas is only just over a week away.

Not that I am complaining about a good rain in December but really it could have been warmer. So with all this in mind I am going to remind everyone that summer will be hot, and SA will have bushfires and probably catastrophic fire days.

The recent Bushfire Survival Plan Workshop day at the Hall was quite poorly attended so I guess that means that everyone who did not attend already has their plan in place and knows exactly what they are going to do.

- Where will you go?
- Which roads will you take?
- When will you go?
- What will you take with you?
- What will you do with your pets and/or livestock?

If you decide to stay and defend or you are too late to leave, are you prepared?

- Do you have a Bushfire Kit of everything you will need to protect yourself?
- Do you have a battery powered radio?

- Do you have a pump and water supply to defend against a fire?
- Remember that there is NO Last Resort Refuge in our district.

If all of this makes you think more seriously about being prepared then please check out the CFS website as there is a lot of information there, or visit the local CFS and talk to them and get some advice. **DO NOT BE COMPLACENT!**

https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire/bushfire_safer_places.jsp

Now what are your New Year Resolutions? How about volunteering for one of our many community organisations such as the CFS, Memorial Hall, The Cherry Chatter, The Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park or one of the Sporting clubs. I know that all of them would welcome your support and a few hours of your time throughout the year – and it feels good too!

Happy New Year Cherry Chatter Readers!



For those that attended the Remembrance Day ceremony, thanks for taking a small amount of time from your day to reflect on the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in WWI. It is the first Remembrance Day service we have had here in Cherry Gardens and a good number of people came and shared it with us.

RAINFALL REPORT

November 2018	74.2
November 2017	43.8
Average for November	49.5
End of November 2018	747.8
End of November 2017	889.0
Average to the end of November	880.0

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting 7.30pm February 12th at Bill Semple's home
Articles to be received 5th of each month



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Sunday Market

You would have seen that the Market planned for early December was cancelled. Unfortunately Eve, the organiser, was unable to give the time to organizing the event. We are hopeful that we can hold another sometime in the New Year.

Annual General Meeting

Members are advised that the Annual General meeting for the Hall, reflecting on the 2018 year will be held at the Hall on Tuesday February 26th. Members will also receive a Notice of Meeting prior to the AGM.

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB (contd p.5)

Meetings are held in the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church meeting room, at 7.30pm usually on the 2nd Monday of the month from February to November.

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NEXT MEETING - Monday 11th February - Paul Dipuglia from Neutrog will talk about the range of garden products manufactured at Kanmantoo

On 12 November Rodger and Jenny Argent from the Pelargonium Society shared with us their journey during which they developed their love for, and vast knowledge gained in, prop-

agating and showing Pelargoniums. As well as enjoying his talk, we were delighted that Rodger brought us 150 cuttings to propagate at home. In Australia, confusingly, these hardy, bright and resilient plants, are frequently referred to interchangeably and incorrectly as both Geraniums and Pelargoniums.

Rodger commented that one would seldom see or grow true Geraniums, and even more seldomly would they be for sale in nursery and retail outlets, as almost all the plants we see growing in gardens are probably Pelargoniums.

The following are the correct descriptions denoting the type of Pelargonium to which we refer:

- Zonal Pelargoniums – the soft furry round-leaved more common plants often referred to as Geraniums which sport a ring running around,

parallel to and a few centimeters in from the edge. This includes several sub-groups such as the ivy leaved trailing plants popular for growing in hanging baskets

- Regal Pelargoniums – the more sharply serrated leaved, stiffer trunked, showy flowered plants, less hardy than the Zonal

- Species Pelargoniums – such as Pelargonium Ardens which can be grown from tubers it produces. Species are the ancestors of many of the Pelargoniums that we see today and are numerous in number and variety. He stressed the need for annual pruning and “tip” pruning throughout the year to keep the pelargoniums compact and flowering nicely. The single most common cause of failure when growing Pelargoniums is over watering. Once established Pelargoniums handle harsh, dry conditions, making

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Well summer is upon us and along with the better riding weather comes several problems. Is nothing ever easy, you ask? The answer is probably no, but we can make things easier.

Here are some of the more common problems we have with our trusty equines and ways we can deal with them.

Firstly – the flies. It seems to be a good (!) season for them and they can make life cruel for a horse. Firstly look around his environment. Is there somewhere he can get out of the sun and into a nice shady spot. Trees, stable shelters, hedges or 3 sided shade areas can all help. Next it is wise to check him daily. Signs that the flies are becoming a real nuisance will be some local swelling around the eyes, with maybe some discharge. Bathing gently with a saline solution can bring some relief, as does cold tea. The tannin in the tea is both drying and soothing. There are also many kinds of fly veils on the market. They vary from string, leather to the all enclosing fly mesh type. The risk associated with any of these is that they can get caught on almost anything, so daily checking is recommended. There are also various types of fly repellent on the market – ointments or spray. It is not advisable to spray directly onto the horse's face. If you plan on riding you can spray the bridle itself (not the bit), or even the fly veil.

Now, rugging. It is slowly becoming more evident that in general our horses are over-rugged. Summer sheets work well in the heat, but the synthetic ones retain a lot of heat, which is not beneficial for your horse. Again regular checking is recommended. It is more important that he is kept comfortable than keeping his colour.

Greasy heel – is a skin condition, actually a type of dermatitis and/or inflammation of the skin. Now it often appears during winter, but in summer if the horse is hosed down regularly and not fully dried off, especially on the lower legs below the fetlock, then this is an ideal situation for greasy heel to thrive. Horses most prone to



this are chestnuts with white socks/stockings, but other colours are not immune. Most often seen on hind legs, but again it can appear all around. It can be very stubborn to heal, and the first signs may even include lameness. It generally appears at the back of the leg, just behind and down from the fetlock joint. The skin can crack and bleed and is exceedingly painful, hence signs of lameness. There are products



on the market to apply to this condition, but in the meantime, keeping the area clean and dry are your first moves.

Sunburn – as with the flies, ensure your horse has adequate shade and shelter. Use a summer sheet if necessary. This usually affects non-pigmented areas, especially around face and even the back. Horses on rich clover pasture can be more sensitive to sunlight. Keep them off any rich pasture and provide shade and shelter. Zinc cream is useful as a barrier and is soothing.

Bee stings – horses can have anaphylactic reactions to bee stings and you may need prompt veterinary assistance. Stings occur most often around

the face as the horse goes to drink. Bees often congregate around horse troughs, so they can be a risky area. Signs of a sting include local or general swelling all over the body. The horse will appear quite agitated (similar to colic) and restless. Firstly, keep him as calm as possible and gently hose him down all over until vet arrives.

Heat bumps – these often show early on in summer. They appear as a reasonably hard lump anywhere on the body which then develops a little crusty head and eventually heals over and disappears. Flies can become attracted to the bumps when weepy, so a bacterial anti-fly spray can be applied. Grass seeds – these can get stuck in the corners of your horse's eyes and in his mouth. With his eyes, if it is not easily removable, get your vet. In his mouth, grass seeds can burrow into the cheek flesh and cause abscesses and much discomfort. He will be uncomfortable to bridle, may show discomfort when eating and his breath will likely smell. Barley grass is the worst culprit. You may need to change feed or dampen it down to soften. Daily hosing out of the mouth can help in the interim, but again, the vet may be recommended.

Remember in all of these situations, if you are not sure what the problem or cause is, or if it persists, don't hesitate to call your vet.



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MINTON FARM

Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a happy Christmas Season with your family and friends. We have had a very productive time completing the circular bird of prey flight. It couldn't happen quickly enough late last year, as there were many rescues that would have benefited from exercising in it.

There were several tawny frogmouths of varying stages of development, as well as many kookaburras arriving from adulthood, down to pink skinned nestlings!

The most delightful was a peregrine chick from Saddleworth. It was rescued from being hit by semis on the Burra Highway! After a couple of weeks in care, we had him flying and tearing up his own food. He was returned to Saddleworth and was seen to fly off strongly and the uniting calls from him and his family were wonderful.

Returning the tawny frogmouth chicks to their families is such a bitter sweet moment after feeding them every few hours for weeks, you want the best for them and to be safe. Obviously we can't guarantee longevity in the real world but we can give them the best chance to survive possible by keeping them wild and getting their flight fitness to the highest condition. This is the purpose of the new circular flight. To enable the birds to have constant flight with several wing beats in the circular flight rather than up and back in an aviary.

We are happy to assist you at any time with rescues you may find.

All the best for 2019,

Bev and Glenn.

www.mintonfarm.org



FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



Anyone wanting information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, or wanting to get involved in any of the Friends' activities, can contact us on info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au or visit our very informative website www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au. You can also now follow us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp where you can find up to date information about our activities, including photos of our flora and fauna.

During summer, all working bees meet at 8.30am at the Almanda Car Park on Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet weather). To attend bird banding, contact the coordinator Don Reid on 83882123.

Programme of activities

January

Sat, Sun 19, 20	Bird banding
Sat 26	Working bee

February

Sat, Sun 2, 3	Bird banding
Tue 5	Working bee
Sun 10	Working bee
Sat, Sun 16, 17	Bird banding
Sat 23	Working bee



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CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB (contd from p. 2)

them perfect for growing in South Australia's Mediterranean climate. To deal with mites Success or Neem Oil extract can be sprayed under leaves. Rodger also shared the newest varieties namely Zonartics, developed by world renowned Australian hybridist Cliff Blackman from p. zonale and p. articulatum in an endeavor to produce a buttercup yellow Pelargonium.

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...Festival of Flowers on 28th April 2019 792 Grand Junction Road, Gilles Plain where there will be a few hundred Pelargoniums (as it is not the major flowering season)

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GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR JANUARY 2019

It may be prudent to re-check your watering system to see that it is working as it should, there may be some plants missing out. Re-mulch areas which have soil exposed by plants being removed. Deep soak plants BEFORE a heat wave strikes. Keep the water up to potted plants as they will stress during the hot weather - they may need to be moved to a shadier spot. Have someone to water your pots if you are away on holiday.

Prune any plants that have flowered late Spring or early Summer.

Tidy Wisteria by cutting back to the 4th or 5th bud.

Plant a few more tomatoes and sweet corn as they don't mind the heat.

Dig in compost ready for your first planting of winter vegies.

Harvest fruit as it ripens and clean up under the trees - apply a complete fertiliser Sow seeds of cineraria, stocks and poppies now, keep them damp and in the shade and they will be ready for a great winter show.

Seedlings of celosia, cosmos, sunflower and zinnia can be planted out with care them perfect for growing in South Australia's Mediterranean climate.

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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 cherry chatter@yahoo.com with your address.



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Happy New Year from your Cherry Gardens brigade!

It's hard to believe another year has passed by. It was certainly an eventful time for the brigade. In the past few months we've been fortunate to have a number of new members join us, both as firefighters and radio operators. With the fire season well underway it's good to have extra personnel to help us respond to whatever the season throws at us. We could still do with some extra members so if you've been thinking about coming along and checking us out, there's no time like the present. Our training is on Monday at 7pm and you'd be more

than welcome to just come along and watch to see if it's for you.

Our station has also undergone a facelift in the last few months, as you will see from driving past. The previous colour scheme and signage were getting old and it was time for a revamp. We're all extremely proud of the result and we've been getting compliments from far and wide.

In December one of our Senior Firefighters, Hayden Linggood, had the opportunity to travel to Queensland as part of a CFS contingent to help fight the local bushfires. From Hayden's account it was an exhausting but re-

warding time, and a valuable chance for him to hone his skills while assisting other fire fighters from around the country. Well done Hayden!

With the heat upon us it's important to remember your bushfire safety plan and we encourage you to check out the CFS website at CFS.sa.gov.au for lots of great advice.



MAX RICKS RECOLLECTIONS - A reflection of olden times (Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall) contd p.7

Soon after the end of the 1939-45 World War there was a move to upgrade the Hall. The Rechabite hall suffered a considerable amount of water staining on the walls inside and many residents considered that the hall was too small to cater for the growing number of people coming into the district. So it was decided that we as a district would build a new hall as a memorial to the local men and women who served in the recent wars. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Edwards who owned property in the centre of the district donated land on which the new hall could be built. It was with great enthusiasm that the residents joined in the formidable task of raising money to build the new hall. Games nights were arranged, sports days, cricket matches, queen contests, ugly man events, baby quests, many dances, sale of goods and anything which could be used to raise money. "Bug nights", were a great source of entertainment. As the fundraising continued the newly formed hall committee was busy getting plans together for the construction to commence. It was finally decided to build a hall 62.5 feet long and 40 feet wide consisting of a 50 by 40 foot floor space with a centre 20 by 12.5 foot raised stage area and the southern end with a 10 foot by 12.5 foot kitchen area on the western side and a dressing room of similar size on the eastern side of the stage. The building would be steel framed with the wall built with concrete blocks 4 feet by 3.5 feet using double blocks making a cavity wall with a galvanized iron roof. There would be one worker from the Gore-bat industries who made the blocks (Frank Johanssen) and a carpenter from Blackwood H.O. Winn (Bob) who had Laurie Brumby (local lad) as his apprentice. All the laboring would be done free of cost by the local people. Hundreds of tons of sand and screenings were carted onto the site by local carrier Charles Ricks who also carted the concrete blocks, all without charge. There were no tip trucks in the district at this time, so all the sand screenings and blocks

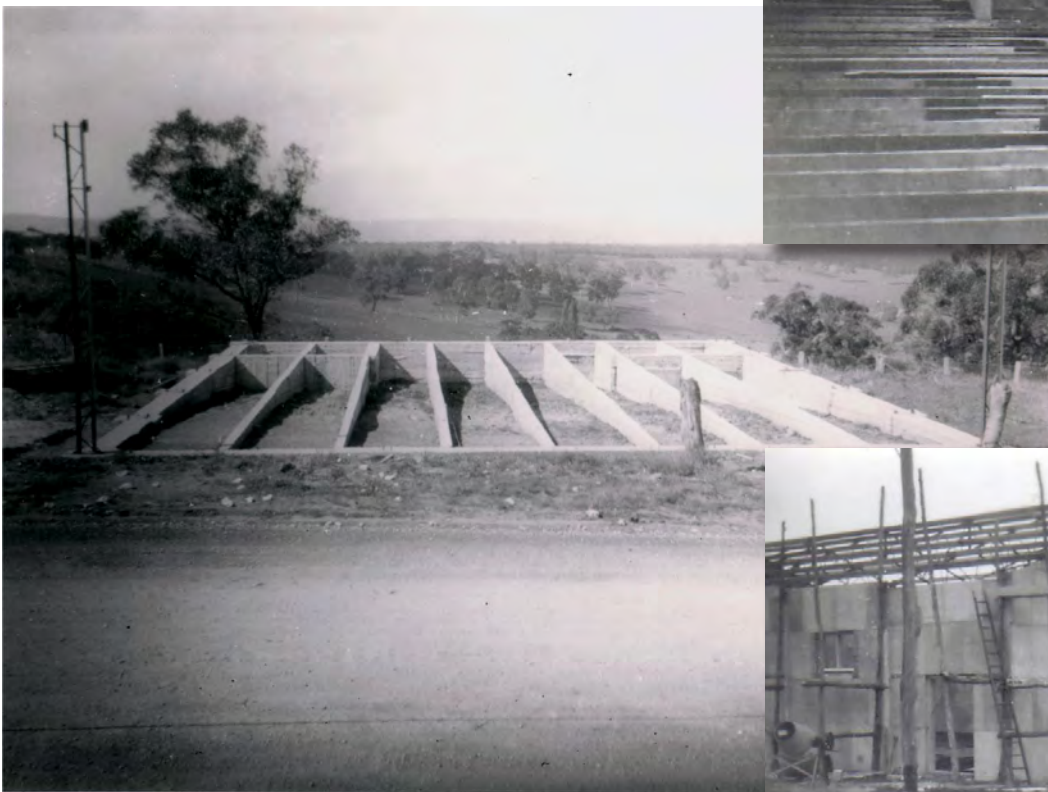
were unloaded by hand. The concrete foundations to support the floor and walls was all mixed on site and carted by wheel barrows. The 40 foot long steel frames to support the roof were erected by using a single centre pole to which was attached a heavy block and tackle and pulled up by hand using strong ropes. Local man and former engineer Ray Dunn was in charge of this operation. The floor joists were sawn from local logs of blue gum (*Eucalyptus Leucoxylon*) donated by the Jones family and sawn at the Meadows saw mills this timber is extremely hard and is white ant proof. The bearers were course sawn as green timber and this was stacked and air dried under the front verandah of the home



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of Isaac Ricks for about 12 months. Work continued daily and the local folk spent as much time as possible between milking cows and attending to essential home requirements. There were always teams available for the hall building to continue daily. As an indication of the intense involvement of the locals it was noted by knock off time one day that the kitchen woodwork was progressing well with the passing comment that all we need now was a sink to put in it. Next morning an anonymous envelope was handed in containing enough money to purchase a new sink. This was truly going to be the Hall that the local population built and paid for. By now the hall structure was complete the Jarrah floor had been laid and the electrical fittings had been installed by the Blackwood firm of Harold Edge and Co. Painting the hall inside and out, and the all the wood work around windows and fittings was time consuming but very rewarding. By now the Hall was ready for opening so on Saturday 24th March 1956; the hall committee chairman Lt. Col. Cliff Frith introduced the South Australian Premier the Hon. Tom Playford who officially declared the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall open. A grand opening ball was held on the Saturday night. At the time of opening there was no foyer or indoor toilets. There separate Ladies and Gentlemen's toilet blocks behind the southern end of the hall, these were constructed of reinforced poured concrete these facilities were superseded as funds were raised during the following years. Indoor toilets were then constructed in conjunction with the foyer in the 1960's, mainly through the success of the regular monthly dances which followed the opening of the hall.



CHURCH NEWS

On Tuesday 18 December 2018, The Cherry Gardens Uniting Church provided the annual Carols evening at the Memorial Hall. Thanks go to the church volunteers who distributed advertising, provided the supper, and helped in many other ways. Cherry Church is grateful for the generous support provided by the Hall Committee and the Cherry Chatter Committee each year. Thank you too to Rebekah Nelson, John Penberthy and Tabor Music who donated their time to provide the music, items and carols on the night.

The following is a bit more of our history leading up to our 170th Anniversary in March 2019.

During construction of the Church, from 1847 to 1849, £94.10.0 was received from the Treasury. The Colonial Government at that time was providing state aid to help construct new churches. The Church is not easy to find today, but even in the early times, local preachers walking from Adelaide sometimes lost their way, and on these occasions, Mr Luke Broadbent would take the service. The stone stables at the rear of the property were built in 1881. There are mines on three sides of the property, the oldest being silver mine shafts sunk during 1866-1868 across the road from the Church gate. Another is just over the fence near the Middleton graves. The Cherry Gardens School opened in 1859 and closed in 1970. This property later became the home and business premises of our former pastor, Revd. Christine Manning and her husband, Paul. Harriet Broadbent, widow of Luke died in her 98th year in 1892. There are many letters from Luke Broadbent, son of John Broadbent in Adelaide papers over the years on many subjects, and much commentary on those letters from other writers. Luke would often write as "A South Australian Bushman".

In an obituary to John Broadbent in 1901, it mentions him preaching his first sermon at Cherry Gardens in 1851 to 100 people, with most staying to the prayer meeting afterwards. There was a prayer meeting after most Church services in those days at Cherry Gardens. He went on to be a Methodist home Missionary and during his life held most lay positions available in South Australia. He did good work at Blackwood during the construction of the Southern Railway line, and afterwards at Kangaroo Island, Ardrossan, Franklin Harbor, Goolwa, Crystal Brook, Wilcannia, and Kingston. John loved to preach; wherever he went he preached, the Clarendon, Willunga, Kadina, Moonta, Port Adelaide, North Adelaide, Gawler, Mount Barker, Gumeracha, and many other circuits enjoyed the benefit of his ministry. Whilst on Kangaroo Island he went blind due to exposure, so the Home Mission Fund paid for him to travel to Melbourne to have successful specialist treatment.

Among the earnest and faithful workers in those early days were Henry Field, Isaac Jacobs, Luke Broadbent and William Brumby and Mr I. Jacobs, being Sunday School Superintendents. The zeal and fervour of the early settlers manifested itself in overflowing congregations, and it became imperative to add to the building. With their usual cheery optimism, the stalwarts of the Chapel, making light of obstacles, during the 1890s the first additions were completed and opened in 1895. Messrs Elijah and John Broadbent (sons of Luke Broadbent) laboured long and earnestly in the cause of religion, earning for themselves the names of "Sons of Thunder" by their vigorous preaching. As a result of the zealous labours of these and many others, the State has benefited far and wide in a manner that cannot be measured in material possessions.



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Services held on Sundays at 9.30am

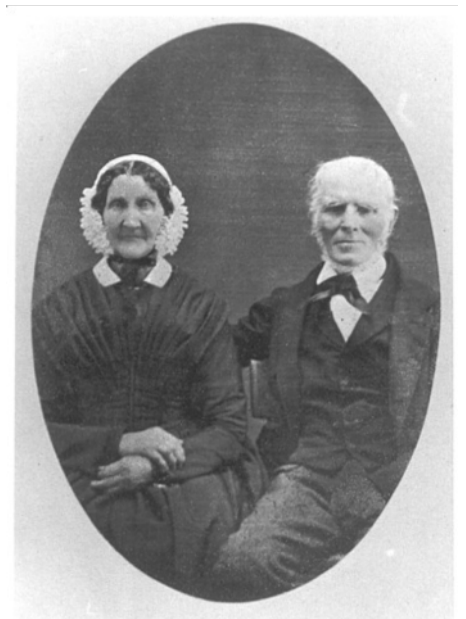
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RECREATION GROUNDS

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Cherry Chatter Community.

2018 has been an exciting and successful year for the Rec Ground and the 4 sporting clubs. With a number of clubs winning premierships this year and the participation growing in the netball and football clubs.

On 15th of December the Cricket Club, along with Cherry Chatter, had a Christmas Show following two T20 games that were played against the Aldgate Cricket Club. There were not quite as many kids around as usual for the Christmas Show but they all enjoyed Santa arriving on the Ironbank CFS truck and having the face painter do her work on them.

The clubs also used this gathering as an opportunity to have an official opening of the new Playground and play area. It was really good to see all the kids (and older young men) using the new area at the back of the clubrooms to play, and the little kids enjoying the new playground equipment. The playground was officially opened

by the Matt Smith, Bernie Sharrad and Andy Adams who each played a very important part in the planning, funding and project management for this playground extension.

Thanks also to those local businesses that helped make this a success, including Scott and Dawn from Moons Concreting and Brett from Freeflow Plumbing.



Ironbank Cherry Gardens Tennis Club

QUIZ NIGHT



Saturday March the 2nd at 7:30pm
Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground

Everyone's welcome, get together with family, friends or team mates and organise a table (up to 10 people). These nights have always been good fun, so come along and support the club. As the club is licensed and bar facilities are available, no drinks will be permitted to be brought into the club.

Cost is \$10 adult, \$5 Children (Under 18yrs)

For more info or to book a table, e-mail the club at IBCG@bigpond.com or contact Graham Bate (8270 3041) or Phil Battersby (0417 215 647)



CFS - CHERRY GARDENS AIR OPERATIONS SUPPORT



Cherry Gardens Air Operations Support

Hi Cherry Chatter Community and Happy New Year

On Dec 9th the Air Support group held the annual training day for all members. This is where we officially open the season and refresh our skills and get our accreditation ready for the fire season ahead.

As it happens we have already had a couple of calls out and one support role for the Milang fire a couple of weeks ago. This year the training was held just for our brigade and we had the one aircraft there and each member of the brigade was required to demonstrate their capability to fill the aircraft and understand the safety needs when working around these aircraft.

Everyone passed and we are now all ready for the season although, as with all volunteers, we are hoping that we are not required.

There were a few spectators and everyone who turned out saw some spectacular drop runs by the aircraft as it demonstrated the different techniques it can employ when tackling a fire front.

If you hear aircraft buzzing around the district then it is very likely we are open for business and supporting this important part of the CFS firefighting group.



ONKAPARINGA COUNCIL NEWS

From Geoff Eaton – Onkaparinga Councilor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their confidence in both Marion Themeliotis and myself by voting for both of us as the two councilors for Thalassa Ward in the recent local government elections. We obtained some of the highest number first preference votes for councilor candidates during the election across the City of Onkaparinga. I received 1873, whilst Marion received 1702 first preference votes.

The election has resulted in a new Mayor Erin Thompson and 7 new councilors, with a further 4 being re-elected and one other returning to Council after a few years break.

Since the elections I have been busy undertaking induction training, attending our swearing-in ceremony and many community and staff events. The first meeting of the new Council was held on Tuesday 11 December where we voted in favour of not electing a deputy mayor. At that meeting I got the strong sense that the newly elected group will work well together. I was appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee, and Australia Day Awards Committee.

I am currently focusing on the needs of the Cherry Gardens and Coromandel Valley areas of this ward and so that I can provide an opportunity for residents to meet with me and discuss local issues. I have set a time with the Aberfoyle Hub Library between 10.00 am and noon on the fourth Thursday of each month, commencing in January 2019. I am still arranging an appropriate time to hold a similar opportunity at the Coromandel Community Centre, and am intending to attend at the Watchman's House, Coromandel Valley on Saturday mornings, when possible. I am also attending the two men's breakfasts held at the Hub and Coromandel Community Centres.

Applications are being sought for the City of Onkaparinga Grants Program 2019-20, opening Monday 28 January and closing Tuesday 12 March.

Grants are available for:

- Community Grants
- Community Training and Development
- Environment Grants
- Event Sponsorship
- Every Generation Onkaparinga Grants
- Heritage Grants
- Minor capital Works and Facilities Grants
- Public Place Improvement Grants.

These grants provide funding opportunities and I urge residents to consider worthwhile initiatives within your area and make an application. I am looking forward to the opportunity. More detail is included to this newsletter.

I wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas and a happy new year.

Should anyone wish to contact me then they can do so through my council email address of geoff.eaton@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au or on my mobile 0416 637 351.

WELCOMES & FAREWELLS

The Cherry Chatter committee would like to welcome 2 new families to the district. Lindi and Martin who have moved into Les and Val Quigley's home in Edialta Road.

David and Sarah Wight, and their children Alice, Tim and Jack, who have moved from Hawthordene to Brumby Street. Jan Farrell wrote, 'We hope they enjoy reading the Cherry Chatter as much as we have over the years. We may be moving from this area and after 42 years it is time for a sea-change, but our interest in this district will not diminish and we will keep in touch reading the Cherry Chatter online. Many thanks for a wonderful community service.'



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ONKAPARINGA NEWS



WELLNESS AND WELLBEING

SENIORS COLOURING IN SESSIONS

Every Monday 10–11.30am

**Aberfoyle Community Centre,
1 Jessica Street, Aberfoyle Park**

Join this new group for a relaxing session of colouring in, an alternative to meditation and a fantastic way to socialise in a positive and friendly environment. All designs and colouring equipment supplied. Suitable for ages 50+.

\$5 per session

For more information and to book, contact the Social Connections team on 8301 7232.

SENIORS MOVING INTO DANCE

This structured, choreographed creative movement class is available for people with movement and balance issues as a result of Parkinson's, MS, stroke and arthritis, or for those with limited mobility. No previous dance experience required.

Every Monday 11am–noon

**Aldinga Community Centre
7 Stewart Avenue
Aldinga Beach**

Every Friday 11am–noon

**The Arts Centre, Gawler Street
Port Noarlunga**

\$5 per session

For more information and to book, contact the Social Connections team on 8301 7232.

COME AND TRY NEIGHBOUR PARK VOLLEYBALL

Every Saturday 4–5.30pm

19 January – 9 March

**Rotary Park, Beach Road
Christies Beach**

Healthy Active Lifestyles Onkaparinga (HALO) and Volleyball SA invite you to come and try Neighbour Park Volleyball. These free drop-in volleyball sessions will run for eight weeks and include games, coaching and a barbecue. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! Suitable for adults and children 7+.

For more information visit www.onkaparingacity.com/halo

BREAK AWAY IN THE CITY OF ONKAPARINGA

18–20 JANUARY

Get ready for a jam-packed January in the City of Onkaparinga! For the first time, our city will host the final stage of the Santos Tour Down Under – and to celebrate, we have an exciting weekend of events.

FRIDAY 18 JANUARY

Sundowner Cellar Door

4pm–late, McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre
Live music, food trucks, local wine and more.

Friday's After 5 Aldinga Street Party and Markets

5–9pm, Old Coach Road, Aldinga

SATURDAY 19 JANUARY

Race Day - Stage 5

Glenelg to Strathalbyn via Old Noarlunga
Willunga Farmers Market
8am–12.30pm, Willunga Town Square

Willunga Market Square

2pm–8pm, Willunga Town Square
Live music, fun activities and a big screen to view the race.

Cinema Among the Vines, Cellar Door and Twilight Markets

4pm–late (movie starts at 8.30pm)

SUNDAY 20 JANUARY

Race Day - Be Safe Be Seen MAC Stage 6

The final stage of the tour will race through McLaren Vale, Willunga and Aldinga.

Willunga Market Square

8am–6pm, Willunga Town Square

Aldinga Bay Beach Market

9am–3pm, Snapper Point, Aldinga Beach

Party in the Park

10am–3pm, Ellis Park, Main Street
McLaren Vale

The Peloton Picnic

11am–late, The Old Courthouse Grounds
High Street, Willunga

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFASTS

Saturday 26 January, 8–11am

The Australia Day Breakfasts are a fantastic opportunity for people in the community to come together to celebrate Australia Day and reflect on our history, diversity and achievements. Enjoy a free breakfast provided by the City of Onkaparinga and entertainment.

The breakfasts will be held at four locations around our city:

- Aldinga Beach – Symonds Reserve Butterworth Road
- Aberfoyle Park – Bob Such Reserve Jessica Street
- Noarlunga Centre – Ramsay Place
- Willunga – The Old Court House

For more information contact our Customer Relations team on 8384 0666.

AUSTRALIA DAY BUSH FAIR

Saturday 26 January, 5.30–9.30pm
South Adelaide Football Club oval
Noarlunga Downs

Gold coin entry.

Join us for an evening of Aussie experiences, entertainment, activities and fireworks.

There will be a rockclimbing wall, face painting, sheep shearing and woodchopping displays, pony rides and native animals, art and craft, and more.

Carparking available at Colonnades Shopping Centre. For more information visit www.onkaparingacity.com/bushfair

ELECTED MEMBER LIAISON FOR YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

Elected members act as liaisons to community organisations and as a first point of contact with council.

A member liaison can be invited to attend your organisation's meetings to provide updates on local items of interest and council matters. It should be noted that an elected member liaison does not act as a member of a committee nor can they take part in the voting process.

If your organisation or group would like to request an elected member liaison from early 2019 for a term of two years, please provide a written request including the following details:

- name of community organisation and contact details
- details of your community organisation's meetings
- name of preferred elected member (if any).

All requests must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 31 January 2019.

Please email mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au or write to Civic Governance, City of Onkaparinga, PO Box 1 Noarlunga Centre, SA 5168.

For more information contact Katrina French, Governance Officer on 8384 0666.

Celebrate Australia Day in Onkaparinga

Thousands of people are getting ready to celebrate Australia Day in the City of Onkaparinga.

Kick starting the day are the free Australia Day breakfasts, which are an opportunity for people to enjoy a barbecue breakfast, family-friendly entertainment and activities.

Breakfasts will be held from 8am

to 11am on Saturday 26 January at Symonds Reserve at Aldinga Beach, Bob Such Reserve at Aberfoyle Park, Ramsay Place at Noarlunga Centre, and the Old Court House at Willunga.

Later in the day, 80 people from 18 different countries will become Australian citizens at the City of Onkaparinga's citizenship ceremony, held at 5pm at the South Adelaide Football Club.

In the evening the Onkaparinga Council will present the Australia Day Bush Fair at South Adelaide Football Club at Noarlunga Downs from 5.30pm to 9.30pm.

The popular family event will have live entertainment, roving performers, a fireworks display (weather permitting), a range of activities and demonstrations, market stalls and food and drink vendors.

The council's annual Australia Day awards will also be presented during the Bush Fair, recognising individuals who are making a difference in their communities.

Entry to the Bush Fair event is a gold coin. This is an alcohol-free event.

For more information on these events visit www.onkaparingacity.com

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COME AND TRY NEIGHBOUR PARK VOLLEYBALL

FREE

Every Saturday
19 January to 9 March, 4–5.30pm
Rotary Park, Christies Beach

- Free drop-in volleyball sessions
- Includes games, coaching and barbecue
- Suitable for adults and kids 7+

For more information visit
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18–20 January

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For event and road closure information visit www.onkaparingacity.com/breakaway