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EDITORIAL

21 Jun 2019

Hi Peter,

Please be advised that TPG will be decommissioning its DSL network in your area from the date below as our equipment has reached End of Life.

DSL disconnection date: 23 Aug 2019

ADSL DISCONNECTIONS BEGIN IN CHERRY GARDENS.

As long feared, commercial internet providers are beginning to disconnect the handful of customers that are still using their ADSL equipment in the Coromandel Valley exchange (behind Craighburn Primary School). Peter Charles who lives on Hicks Hill Rd received the disconnection notice (below) giving just 60 days to find another ISP provider. Even if he did find another service (and suffer the likely days of downtime during switchover), what confidence could he have that the next ISP won't do the same?

PLEASE respond to this post if you have also received a similar notice. We need to find out how many ISP's will be doing this. TPG owns Internode and Adam Internet. Why are TPG doing this? Simple - most of their customers on the Coro exchange have now migrated over to NBN Fibre to the Node (FTTN) - a technology that we up the hill in Cherry Gardens, Ironbank (and most of peri-rural Federal electorate of Mayo) are not deemed worthy enough to receive. We are offered substandard, very expensive NBN satellite.

Were we not promised that we could keep our ADSL? Yes! Email to myself and Don Watton from Rebekha Sharkie's office on 15 March 2017. :

"As you have identified the price difference in relation to data allowance is significant between satellite and other forms of NBN as well as copper ADSL services.

I have been advised that consumers in both satellite and fixed wireless areas will have the option to retain their legacy copper services. In comparison, in areas that have fixed line services, the copper services will be switched off."

What can be done?

Call your local MPs Rebekha Sharkie @makemayomatter (federal) and Steve Murray @stevemurraydavenport (state) to make your voice heard.

You can also try to get a 4G service from Optus or Telstra - mine works wonderfully IF you can see a mobile phone tower. I'll write about this 4G option in a further post and Cherry Chatter article.

Please feel to call me at work to discuss.

Darren Kruse

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Editor's Note:

We have contacted both Steve Murray and Rebekha Sharkie's office for comment but at time of printing have not yet received a response. We also have not heard whether any ISP's have ceased servicing customers of the Scott Creek Exchange.

RAINFALL REPORT FOR MAY

Cherry Gardens Rainfall

Rainfall for May 2019	199.2 mm
Rainfall for May 2018	93.2 mm
Average rainfall for May	115.1 mm
Rainfall to the end of May 2019	247.2 mm
Rainfall to the end of May 2018	213.8 mm
Average rainfall to the end of May	281.9 mm
For the month of May the 199.2mm here in Cherry Gardens was the highest rainfall recorded in SA	

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7.30pm Tuesday 9th July at Vicki Kirss home
Articles to be received by 5th of each month – without exception.

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HALL NEWS

CHERRY GARDENS

MEMORIAL HALL FOR HIRE

Available for hire for all functions, meetings & social occasions
Very reasonable rates
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HALL NEWS

In a recent workshop at the Hall, participants learned to make fabulous felted footwear.

Under the skilled guidance of Natalya Brashovetska, a Ukrainian felter who lives in Cyprus, they turned Austrian Bergschaf wool into beautiful hand-felted boots, shoes and bags.

The workshop was organised by Moira Simpson, an artist and art educator who lives in Scott Creek. She offers various workshops throughout the year using the wonderful, spacious facilities of the Hall.

Visit www.evocativearts.com.au to see more photos of the Fabulous Felted Footwear workshop and find out about other workshops planned for 2019-2020, including mixed media for rich and lustrous surfaces, machine stitching, felted jackets, and digital imagery on fabric and felt.



Remember to visit the Hall Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/cherrygardens/>. We will be acknowledging the Lions assistance, and you will be kept updated on functions and other happenings at the Hall.

CHERRY GARDENS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Hills Table Tennis Association member

Social Hit Days

Sunday July 7, 2-4pm

Sunday July 21, 2-4pm

Cherry Gardens Hall

312 Cherry Gardens Rd, Cherry Gardens

Come along and have a hit- IT IS FREE!

Bats and balls supplied

Players of any age and standard welcome



For any info contact: Edie 0407 798 418

CHERRY GARDENS CFS

We train every Monday night for those who may be interested in what we do.

To report suspicious behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. For all other emergencies dial 000 and ask for "Adelaide, Fire" "South Australia"



Joining the CFS had been on my list for 30 years. When I moved from Adelaide to Naracoorte for work in the late 80's many of the folk I got to know volunteered with the CFS. It was something I was "going" to do. My wife & I moved to Aberfoyle Park in the mid 90's, and we were startled when the Happy Valley CFS siren sounded in the middle of the night over the back fence on Taylors Road. I thought I would get around to joining them, but I didn't.

We upgraded our home 9 years ago, still living in Aberfoyle Park; the thought of joining the CFS bubbled away from time to time.

Just over twelve months ago, I turned up at the Cherry Gardens CFS station on a Monday night to 'sound' them out, and have not looked back.

I've undertaken a number of training courses because I wanted to learn as many aspects of firefighting as I could; I've attended residential and farm structure fires, vehicle fires, a local grass fire, participated in strike teams to other areas affected by fire as well as attending to local storm damage.

I have recently completed the CFS breathing apparatus training, and put those skills to use one week later during a structure fire call.

The Cherry Gardens CFS camaraderie is fantastic; getting to know this group of folk living in and around the district has been great. In addition, being able to help our community when they need assistance has been a bonus.

If you are local- within a 6-7-minute response time to the fire station- call in on a Monday night and see what we get up to. We have a great cross-section of ages, women and men, involved on the trucks or with the Sturt Group Communications. There are roles for everyone!

A Defensive Fire Training Course was recently held at the Cherry Gardens station on June 1&2 2019.

Pictured is a training scenario on a venting gas bottle, which is under the control of qualified instructors. Carrying out training such as this helps keep us **prepared** for such events.



CFS Air Support

Well the fire season finally ended, and the Cherry Gardens Air Support team did their last jobs on the Cherry Gardens fire which fortunately was contained quickly.

Over winter there are a couple of activities that we need to attend to including the end of season seminar where the State Aviation Operations group brief the volunteers on the past season and present some analysis on what took place, what changes might be coming and do some case studies.

This debriefing session occurs over a weekend in June and this year will include an assessment on the viability of air operations taking place at night-time by looking at what took place in Victoria last season.

In July a few of our volunteers will be attending the Firebombing Load Supervisor & Airbase Manager training at Brukunga and then on November 3rd we will be doing our Region 1 Airbase Operator Skills Maintenance refresher training at the Cherry Gardens Air Strip. Remember that winter is the best time to get started with your own preparations for the next fire season and please don't be complacent – be prepared!

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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CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

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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Garden Club

Next Meetings

Monday 8th July - Winter Warmers - an evening of soup and slices with a gardening tip or trick from each member. Please note early start at 6.30pm

Monday 12th Aug. A.G.M. All positions become vacant.

Annual subs due. Quiz Night.

George's Gardening Suggestions for July 2019

Although it will be generally cold and wet this month there are a few jobs to do in the garden.

Plant or tidy up your strawberry patch and fertilize them.

Prune grapevines and roses if there is a nice sunny day, but there is no hurry.

Plant out bare rooted deciduous fruit trees now as they are cheaper than potted stock in spring and summer.

Make sure to check for cross pollination needs before purchase.

If you keep chooks, gather the manure and spread it out with some mulch and dig it in ready for an early planting of summer vegies.

Now is a good time of the year for major garden renovation jobs - the soil is moist; it is cooler and much better than working in the heat of summer.

Plant out pansy, snapdragon, and stocks. Rhubarb, onions and lettuce can go in as well

Cherry Gardens Garden Club May 2019 Meeting

Our club took the great opportunity, while he was visiting SA for the Murray Bridge Garden Club 100th year celebrations, to invite as our May speaker, well-travelled, well known, great gardener, entertainer and The President of The Garden Clubs of Australia, Mr. George Hoad. He was accompanied by the new Zone coordinator, Julie Mayer.

George refreshed our knowledge of the history, purpose and structure of The Garden Clubs of Australia, showed us a presentation of his selection of the best gardens in England and then lead us and encouraged us in a time of singing and fun.

The goal of The Garden Clubs of Australia (GCA) is to extend the culture of friendship through gardening by Garden Club affiliation. Though clubs are autonomous The Garden Clubs of Australia can also offer advice and ideas.

The founder of GCA and President 1950-1971 was Margaret Davis MBE OAM 1908-2000.

Within a decade of being opened in 1950 GCA had 2,000 members.

Margaret was quite a lady! Her grandmother gave her a flying lesson for her 18th and she became the 2nd lady in Australia to gain her flying license. In the 1970's with Associations incorporated and a new constitution the Zone system began. There are now over 45,000 members in 57 zones throughout Australia. A Website was established in 2018.

After receiving this interesting GCA information we settled down to enjoy "Pretty Pictures", among them pictures of Great Dixter, Sissinghurst, Prince Charles' garden Highgrove, and George's favorites from The Chelsea Flower show.

We concluded with George leading us in his famous song and dance attended by much hilarity. George drew the door prize for us, and we all had a sumptuous supper after the usual plant auction of members grown plants.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish

Hamish

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Yay, some rain at last. Hopefully there will be some more to follow. For some of you, feed will have been running low and becoming more expensive.

Without the follow up rains, farmers will not be able to get their crops growing and that will impact on us further down the line this year. So, if you have a good source of feed/or supplier, plan ahead to help make sure you won't be struggling in the months to come.

Last month I had some sad news but couldn't bring myself to pass it on. Two of my paddock mates of over 18 years were put down. After much consultation with our vet, the sad decision was made. One was in his 30th year. He was a grey and in his last months had many melanomas which had suddenly accelerated in their growth. There was a very real risk of colic for him. He also had Cushings and was struggling to hold condition. The other old fellow had narcolepsy and kept falling over. For a large horse, he also was running the risk of injuring himself, which had already happened. I really missed them for several days and called out, but to no avail. In that same week my owners were helping someone out who had too many horses and offered to take one on for a short time. Well of course, it didn't take long for the new fellow to settle in and he is now a permanent member of our herd (4).

In hindsight, my owners feel that the right decision was made at the time regarding the 'old boys'. It is never easy, but at least we know that any unnecessary pain has been avoided. They are still missed and will be for some time. They will always have that special place in our hearts. Nothing can surpass that bond between human



and animal (not always horse either!). They give us so much enjoyment which sometimes we all tend to take for granted. So do look after your equines, be conscious of their welfare, be it feed, comfort, company and enrichment. They cannot speak up, but as horse owners, pay attention to any changes, however small. It may be in their behaviour, their condition, their habits, any physical changes at all, there is always a reason. Even keeping a diary is useful. Keeping up regular maintenance on feet (trimming or shoeing), teeth and physio or chiro, regular exercise and checking/maintaining gear. These things will help to keep your trusty equines in very good shape. Speaking of which I have even got down to 470kg of late. My owners are very pleased with me as it is so much better for my overall health. Enjoy the winter rains and safe riding!
Hamish

HISTORY CORNER

Percy Scroop

For those of you who attend the local ANZAC Day service you may remember the story of Percy Scroop. Percy enlisted in the 9th Light Horse Battalion and while in the field was taken a prisoner of war by the Turks. We have never been able to locate the gravesite or headstone for Percy however last week a Major from the Australian Embassy in Baghdad contacted us after doing a google search looking for information about Percy.

He is doing some research on Australian and New Zealand soldiers buried in the Baghdad North Gate War Cemetery and found the headstone for Percy Scroop.



The headstone inscription records:

Buried in Angora Cemetery
1601 Lance Corporal P. G. Scroop
9th Australian Light Horse
28th December 1916 Age 23
Born at Cherry Gardens South Australia



The Major also was able to provide some additional information around the capture of Percy from the court of enquiry and a witness statement.

After arriving in Egypt, he (Percy) was promoted to Lance-Corporal on the 27th of March 1916. Percy saw action against the Turks in the Canal Zone. Then, as Trooper McKay describes it, Percy was captured by the Turks on the 9th of August 1916 along with SGT Sullivan and Trooper Patten:

"They are none of them M.G's (Machine Gunners) but were sent up with the M.G's that day to help for some reason, and were consequently dismounted. With them was Eddie Rose. When the order to retreat came, they did not get back when the rest of the troop did, and their horses had gone back without them. I happened to be lying wounded in their path when they retired, and the Turks came over the hill and captured the four of us. They left me, as they could not carry me off, but they made the others pull their gear off and throw it in a heap where I was and then marched them away. The Turks were in a terrible hurry and seemed flurried, but they behaved most decently and handled our fellows very lightly. I crawled over to the 10th Regiment myself."

Percy was reported missing in action on 9th August 1916. This was confirmed as missing, believed captured as a Prisoner of War (PoW) later that month. The Turks transferred him Afion-Kara-Hissar to Angora around the 2nd October 1916. Percy died on 28th December 1916 of Dysentery. He had been overseas for exactly one year

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



As we continued to receive steady rainfall through May and June, it became apparent as we visited different parts of the park that some plant species did it tougher than others.

While most recover quite quickly once the rain comes back, and who doesn't love the smell of bushland after it has rained, it was evident that a few species couldn't cope.

I have noticed quite a number of dying Messmate Stringybark (*Eucalyptus obliqua*) in the Mount Lofty Ranges, including in Scott Creek CP. There have also been a few deaths of quite old Silver Banksia (*Banksia marginata*), which is the only locally indigenous species of banksia we have in the Adelaide Hills.

It is possible that other factors are also at play, in particular the root-rot disease *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (Pc). Pc is a soil-borne plant pathogen that attacks the roots of susceptible plants, destroying the root system and reducing the ability of the plant to absorb water and nutrients. This causes symptoms referred to as 'dieback' which can lead to plant death.



Local Silver Banksia is one species that suffered more than most from the summer drought.

Thousands of Australian native plant species are susceptible to Pc, and several of those species may be at risk of extinction due to its impacts. The dramatic impact of *Phytophthora* spp. infestations on plant communities may also lead to major declines in some insect, bird and animal species due to the loss of shelter, nesting sites and food sources.

Pc spreads through soil, water and organic matter. It can remain dormant for long periods during dry weather and is impossible to eradicate from infested areas in most situations, which means limiting further spread is critical. Any activity that moves soil, water or plant material can spread the disease. This includes soil on tools, footwear and vehicles.

To help to prevent the spread of this plant disease, arrive clean, leave clean. Ensure all clothing, hats, footwear, tools, equipment, machinery and vehicles are free of mud, soil and organic matter before entering and exiting bushland.

Parts of some National Parks, including Scott Creek CP, are closed for the wetter parts of the year, when Pc is more likely to be moved about. Please respect track closures at this time and ensure you don't contribute to the spread of this insidious disease.

Are you interested in nature? Native plants? Wildlife? Looking for a break from the hustle and bustle? Want to give something back to the community or Mother Nature? We welcome anyone who wants to come along and see what we do at any of our activities.

Anyone wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, or wanting to get involved, 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 will find up to date information about our activities, including photos of the park's flora and fauna.

All working bees meet at 9.00am 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

July

Tue	2	Working bee
Sat, Sun	6, 7	Bird banding
Sun	14	Working bee
Sat, Sun	20, 21	Bird banding
Wed	24	Social lunch
Sat	27	Working bee



A male Superb Fairy-wren at bird banding in Scott Creek CP.

MINTON FARM

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Minton Farm volunteers have been busy rehabilitating several birds of prey, namely Boobook owl, barn owl and peregrine falcon. Some have come in, in advanced stages of disease, eye damage and wing injuries. The owls were all seen by an eye specialist Vet to determine the extent of damage to the eyes to assess viability and prognosis of each bird. One such bird is Mr Magoo, a Boobook Owl. He has two detached retinas and damage to the back of both eyes. The Vet believes it has been a long-term condition. It is believed the parents raised the owlet successfully in the nest but once it fledged from the nest it could not find its way back and the parents stopped feeding it. The bird was found sitting on the ground in the middle of a paddock and being a candidate for predation overnight it was collected. As the owlet had never had any sight, it is very calm and content with its lot, so the decision was made to care for it long term at Minton Farm.

Another bird, a peregrine falcon, is the fastest bird on earth, reaching 300kms/hr when in a dive to catch prey. This bird was found at Hahndorf with an injured wing which has been set with strapping for two weeks. The strapping has been removed and he is in a medium flight in preparation to go into the 12m x 6m Freedom Flight, completed at a cost of \$60,000 this year. It is hoped he will have a full recovery and returned to his home territory once again.

Sadly we have been visited a couple times recently by a fox and have lost a number of our bantams and peacocks.

Cheers, Bev. Langley 0422938439

www.mintonfarm.org

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CHERRY CHURCH

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/CherryGardensUnitingChurch/>



Caring for your Heritage

Cherry Church is now 170 years old; it has kept the Christian Faith in worship, service and teaching, and God willing it will continue this for at least another 170.

The church comes under State heritage so its structure and the headstones in the grounds cannot be touched except with the approval of the Heritage Adviser of Onkaparinga City (Andrew Stevens). So we are under that classification and work under his guidance in maintaining the structure and graves. Recently we replaced cement pointing that was done earlier by members who were unaware that cement prevented the movement of water. This in turn stopped the wall breathing and caused rising damp.

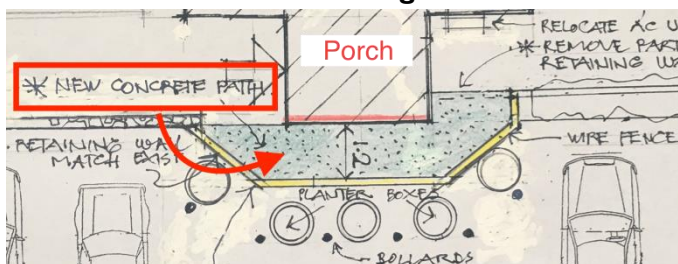
Isaac Jacobs Grave

Isaac Jacobs' grave is fenced with a wooden fence which originally was erected to protect it from animals wandering over the grave. He was interred in 1865 and was the last person buried in the churchyard. From then on the Cherry Gardens cemetery on Cherry Gardens Road was used. The fence is certainly the oldest in the Fleurieu and possibly in the state and the Jacobs family has cared for it all those years. Unfortunately wood rot and ants have caused the corner posts to rot off and the rails holding the pickets are equally affected. Being under State Heritage the Church and the Jacobs family have sought to replace the fence with an exact copy and is seeking approval by Onkaparinga City.



Our resident Architect James Ward has done the drawings and they will be submitted for a Heritage Grant to assist in funding the project
 Pictured Jim Ward in red cap and Andrew Stevens in white panama inspecting the grave fence.

Better Access to the meeting room



Currently access to the new meeting room is via the Church which is inappropriate and a little difficult. Our architect has come up with a plan which allows both church and community members to access the new meeting room at ground level around the porch of the Church into the memorial garden, then directly into the new meeting room. In 1936 the porch was built to celebrate the Centenary of the establishment of the state and as the Church is over 100 years old the porch is also under Heritage classification.

The path around the porch will be wide enough for wheelchair access at ground level to the meeting room. The wall of the porch facing the road has had soil pushed against it by road building during the 1960s and now is causing rising damp in the wall. We are seeking, in conjunction with Council to dig a path around the western end of the porch removing the soil, therefore protecting the wall of the porch from damp. All these works are intended for better community access.

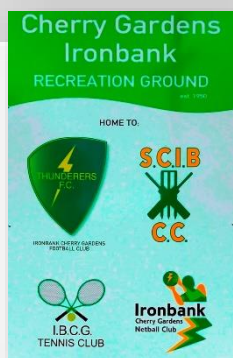
RECREATION GROUND

Recently we had a "CLUBS DAY" on one of the home games for football and netball. All the clubs worked together to raise some funds for the Recreation Ground and to just share time together and enjoy all the sports.

There was a netball game between the men and women and no surprise the ladies came away with a good win.

We are raising funds to do an upgrade to the clubroom's kitchen. Although we have been able to replace some of the equipment in the kitchen there is still a lot of work to do and we have decided it needs to be done immediately.

If anyone out there is able to donate some time or money to help out, then please come and talk to us.



Finally, we need to ask again that all people who exercise their dogs at the Rec Ground PLEASE pick up your dog's poo!

It is really unfair of you to let your dog's poo on the oval or around the fence line and not pick it up. We use the oval nearly every day and why should we have to pick up your dogs poo before the kids can play or train.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Well we are halfway through the footy season already which is hard to believe. The senior teams have been going well but the juniors have been a mixed bag. The A's have lost just the one game, Kersbrook who we won the flag off last year, on the wettest and most miserable

Saturday so far this season. The B's have lost 3 games, also Kersbrook who beat us in the GF last year, and also Birdwood and Kangarilla.

The women had a bit of a slow start to the season with a number of new players and now playing in the Hills League and have lost just the 2 games so far.

The U14's are yet to post a win although they have had one drawn game. A number of the players are at the low end of the age range and are coming up against some experienced and stronger teams. They are all still enjoying themselves.

The U16's are going well and have lost a couple of games but are really coming together as a team. There are a number of new players to the club and it took a few games for them to start to work together. The team also has quite a few players at the bottom of the age group and could do with a bit more meat on their bones (as the coach has suggested).

The U18 team has combined with boys from the Bridgewater club and go under the handle of the IronRaiders. They started the season quite strongly but have struggled a bit as the season has progressed with a few injuries and some boys from Bridgewater not able to play for one reason or another.

Outside of playing footy the club has been busy throughout the week with training and a few functions. Early in the season was our members and sponsors day and since then we have had our Ladies Day and pink socks day where we donate the proceeds to the fight against cancer. Recently we had the past players day which was very well attended and it was great to see so many of the past players enjoy a good win for both teams against Bridgewater and then hang around for a few drinks and a hearty meal. The Ironbank CFS cooked 2 of Brett Scarborough's lambs on the spits throughout the day and this was served up with roast potatoes and veges or salad.

This game also saw Will Muirden, our skipper, play his 250th senior game for the club. What a great milestone and congratulations to Will!

Coming up on June 14th is the football clubs Golf Day where we are given the run of the Blackwood Golf Club



and late in June is our first "Clubs Day" where all the sporting clubs at the Recreation Day work together and raise funds for the Rec Ground. We are hoping that this will be a success and become an annual event.

As with everything at the Football Club, Netball Club and Recreation Ground, everyone is welcome and we hope that all the residents of Cherry Gardens, Ironbank and Coromandel East remember that you the community own it and it is yours to enjoy and be a part of. Whether you just want to walk the dog (please pick up the dog poo), kick a footy, shoot a few baskets or have a hit of tennis (go Ash Barty!) you are always welcomed and we want you to feel a part of what we are.

There are meals served every Thursday evening and it is a great place to make friends, catch up with what's going on and just feel a part of the community.

Hope to see you at the club and maybe check out the next home game!

Go Thunderer's



Will Muirden his 250th Senior game for the club.



Will Muirden in 2000 in the U14's



The Women's team at training

NETBALL CLUB

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IBCG Netball Club

All teams have played five games or more so far this season. Results have been mixed, with half of our senior teams in the top 4 of their respective ladder. B1 gold team is top of their grade and C1 gold is second.

ALL of our junior teams are in the top four in their grades, with I7.1, I7.2 gold, I5.1 and I1.3 all in top spot,

and I7.2 green and I5.2 second. Several of our I5's and I7's are also playing in senior teams to help with their development and future netball growth.

Times for games are:

9:00 am – I1 & under and I5 & under

10:45 am – I3 & under and I7 & under

1:45 pm – Seniors

3:30 pm – Seniors

Thursday night trainings commence at 4.30pm (I1 & I3's) 5.30pm (I5 & I7's) 6.30pm (Seniors)

UMPIRES - We are always looking for umpires to assist us so if you or anyone you know would like to umpire for the club (paid of course) please contact me via email lbcgpresident@gmail.com

SPONSORS

Please support the people who support us:

GP Aldinga After Hours (ph 0410190291) (Bulk billed)

Gavin Chant from Summit Glass

MEALS – Di and Kat welcome you to drop in on a Thursday night for a meal. Proceeds support your local clubs.

Regards

Jenny Pearce

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A reminder to any locals that might like to participate in the Rabbit baiting program to contact Cherry Chatter with your details so that we can get the Department of Natural Resources to contact you.

An information night was held the other evening for those that have already volunteered but there is still time to get involved.

MAX RICKS RECOLLECTIONS

Natives Orchids of the Cherry Gardens District.

There are over 100 species of native orchids which have been found in the Adelaide Hills and the Cherry Gardens area is rich in the number of varieties which have been discovered.

There is a wide range of types of Orchids, from the small Corybas which only stand about 2 centimeters high, to the tall Prasphyllums which can grow nearly hip high. Various species can be vastly different in type. Many have a single flower, while others have multiple flowers spreading up the vertical spike. Each variety flowers at its own particular part of the season and native Orchids can be found in Cherry Gardens at every month of the year. There was a great interest shown in these orchids by the early settlers, and stories were told of the density of which orchids could be found. It has been said that various varieties grew in such abundance that the colour



of a particular type could be seen from one hill to another. I have seen this in reality some seventy years ago. (1940's) Orchids can be preserved in different ways. Taking colour photos with a close-up lens is wonderful. Also preserving them between sheets of blotting paper (absorbent paper) for 4-6 weeks, the colour is retained well, and the dried product can last a life time or more. Drying in sand is also possible, first select washed sand which should be sifted through fly wire and baked in an oven for half an hour or so. When cool lay the orchid in a shallow box and carefully cover it with the sand, leave to dry for a couple of months and the flower will hold its form indefinitely. Unfortunately, with the clearing of original native vegetation a great many orchids have been lost. Orchids are now a protected species and should not be picked. As young children, my brother Charles and I spent a lot of time during the weekends walking through the hills and gullies looking for Native Orchids. These orchids were so thickly distributed in our youth (1930- 1940) that every walk would bring more discoveries. Most residents in the district had a very real appreciation of these orchids and much discussion was centered on them. As we grew older and became eligible to drive a vehicle, we would take trips to surrounding areas where different varieties grew. At this time Charles had purchased 2 to 3 acres of scrub land from our next-door neighbour Ern Strange. On our trips to other local areas, we would dig up orchids using a little ten centimeter wide spade; together with a bucket of the surrounding soil we would plant them on Charles' block of land. This worked very well, and we were able to grow many more different varieties of orchids. I must point out that Government legislation for the protection of native vegetation now prevents this taking place. During this period of time we took many close-up photographs and made a collection of pressings of all the different species we found. These are still in good order at this time. (2011). Charles' scrub block has long since been sold off and is now used for housing.

AGRICULTURAL BUREAU

Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau

The Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau May 2019 meeting guest speaker was Jeff Edwards from the Department for the Environment and Water. Jeff explained the likely changes that were going to occur and the proposed changes to the agency which will be renamed Landscape SA.

Jeff went on to talk about his main topic that being the monitoring of bats in the local region with attention being focused on Micro Bats. Jeff and his team have confirmed up to five different species of bats in some areas of the McLaren Vale area. Jeff explained the benefits of bats in the environment and the important role they play.

'Some of Australia's smallest mammals are being recruited to produce more environmentally friendly wines in McLaren Vale. Microbats can weigh as little as three grams yet can eat up to half their bodyweight in insects each night, which is why

they've attracted the interest of grape growers. The tiny flying mammals are being investigated to see if they can provide cheap, effective pest control totally based on natural processes, with the benefit of using less pesticides in vineyards.'

www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidentloftyranges/news/190219-microbats

Invasive species are Australia's number-one extinction threat

Recently many people across the world stopped and stared as extreme headlines announced that one eighth of the world's species – more than a million – are threatened with extinction.

According to the **UN report** from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) which brought this situation to public attention, this startling number is a consequence of five direct causes:

1. changes in land and sea use;
2. direct exploitation of organisms;
3. climate change;
4. pollution;
5. invasion of alien species.

It's the last, invasive species, that threatens Australian animals and plants more than any other single factor.



Feral foxes and cats are known predators of the eastern pygmy possum, which is threatened with extinction.

Australia's number one threat

Australia has an estimated 600,000 species of flora and fauna. Of these, about 100 are known to have gone extinct in the last 200 years. Currently, more than 1,770 are listed as threatened or endangered.

While the IPBES report ranks invasive alien species as the fifth most significant cause of global decline, in Australia it is a very different story.

Australia has the highest rate of vertebrate mammal extinction in the world, and invasive species are our number one threat.

Cats and foxes have driven 22 native mammals to extinction across central Australia and a new wave of decline – largely from cats – is taking place across northern Australia. Research has estimated 270 more

threatened and endangered vertebrates are being affected by invasive species.



The introduction of the European red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) has been disastrous for our wildlife.

The effects of invasive species are getting worse

Although Australia's stringent biosecurity measures have dramatically slowed the number of new invasive species arriving, those already here have continued to spread and their cumulative effect is growing.

Recent research highlights that 1,257 of Australia's threatened and endangered species are directly affected by 207 invasive plants, 57 animals and three pathogens. These affect our unique biodiversity, as well as the clean water and oxygen we breath – not to mention our cultural values.

When it comes to biodiversity, Australia is globally quite distinct. More than 70% of our species (69% of mammals, 46% of birds and 93% of reptiles) are found nowhere else on earth. A loss to Australia is therefore a loss to the world. Some of these are ancient species like the Wollemi Pine, may have inhabited Australia for up to 200 million years, well before the dinosaurs.

But invasive species are found in almost every part of Australia, from our rainforests, to our deserts, our farms, to our cities, our national parks and our rivers (and in Cherry Gardens!)



Feral cats are a major driver of biodiversity loss, contributing to 26% of bird, mammal and reptile extinctions.

The cost to Australia

The cost of invasive species in Australia continue to grow with every new assessment. The most recent estimates found the cost of controlling invasive species and economic losses to farmers in 2011-12 was A\$13.6 billion. However, this doesn't include harm to

biodiversity and the essential role native species play in our ecosystems, which – based on the conclusions of the IPBES report – is likely to cost at least as much, and probably far more.

Rabbits, goats and camels prevent native desert plant community regeneration; rabbits alone impacting over 100 threatened species. Rye grass on its own cost's cereal farmers A\$93M a year.

Aquaculture diseases have affected oysters and cost the prawn industry \$43M.

Even our deserts are not immune. Most native vertebrate extinctions caused by cats have occurred in our dry inland deserts and savannas, while exotic buffel and gamba grass are creating permanent transformation through changing fire regimes.

Australia's forests, particularly rainforests, are also under siege on a number of fronts. The battle continues to contain Miconia weed in Australia – the same weed responsible for taking over 70% of Tahiti's native forests. Chytrid fungus, thought to be present in Australia since 1970, has caused the extinction of at least four frog species and dramatic decline of at least ten others in our sensitive rainforest ecosystems.

Myrtle rust is pushing already threatened native Australian Myrtaceae closer to extinction, notably *Gossia gonoclada*, and *Rhodamnia angustifolia* and changing species composition of rainforest understories, and Richmond birdwing butterfly numbers are under threat from an invasive flower known as the Dutchman's pipe.

Australia's rivers and lakes are also under increasing domination from invasive species. Some 90% of fish biomass in the Murray Darling Basin are European carp, and tilapia are invading many far north Queensland river systems pushing out native species.



The CSIRO have been testing in quarantine a new virus to control invasive carp.

Invasive alien species are not only a serious threat to biodiversity and the economy, but also to human health.

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito found in parts of Queensland is capable of spreading infectious disease such as dengue, zika, chikungunya and yellow fever. And it's not just Queensland that is under threat from diseases spread by invasive mosquitoes, with many researchers and authorities planning for when, not if, the

disease carrying *Aedes albopictus* establishes itself in cooler and southern parts of Australia.

What solutions do we have?

Despite this grim inventory, it's not all bad news. Australia actually has a long history of effectively managing invasive species. Targeting viruses as options for controlling rabbits, carp and tilapia; we have successfully suppressed rabbit populations by 70% in this way for 50 years. Weeds too are successful targets for weed biological control, with over a 65% success rate controlling more than 25 targets.

The IPBES report calls for "transformative action". Here too Australia is at the forefront, looking into the potential of gene-technologies to suppress pest species such as cane toads.

Past and current invasive species programs have been supported by governments and industry. This has provided the type of investment we need for long-term solutions and effective policies.

Australia is better placed now, with effective biosecurity policies and strong biosecurity investment, than many countries. We need to continue the battle against these many invasive species to stem biodiversity and ecosystem loss.

COUNCILLOR UPDATE – GEOFF EATON

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Update Council Boundary Changes

As an update to the proposed council boundary reform, the City of Marion at their April Council meeting agreed to commence discussions with the Cities of Mitcham and Onkaparinga and the Adelaide Hills Council. At this stage the City of Onkaparinga administration have begun discussions with the other councils and will be providing a report to the elected members.

Fortnightly Green Bin Collection

Council has agreed to commence fortnightly green bin collection as part of the 2019 – 2020 budget which is scheduled to commence as of 1 January 2020. I had received many comments from residents in our rural areas not supporting this initiative, along with residents of retirement villages. Although Councillors Brown, Bray and I voted against this motion the majority of the chamber voted in favor of it.

Rate Increase

The budget details are still being finalized for the public consultation process, which will occur during June. This is a little later than normal due to the chamber seeking an increase of 1.6%, well below the proposed 3.2% within the financial plan. Information will be made available shortly detailing the time and location for this to occur. I would ask residents if they have the time to attend this briefing, as it is in your best interests.

Speed Limit Change Ackland Hill/Ironbank Roads

Following community feedback council has liaised with the Department of Transport, Planning and Infrastructure (DPTI) to assess the speed limits along Ackland Hill and Ironbank Roads. Speed limits are set in accordance with Australian Standards and are approved by DPTI to provide a consistent approach across the road network. A number of factors are considered when assessing speed limits including roadside development; road and traffic features and road crash history. Ackland Hill Road and Ironbank Road have had eight injury crashes in the past five years, including one involving a pedestrian. There have also been a large number of property damage crashes mainly involving fixed objects. The findings of the assessment based on the above criteria indicated that the speed limit should be reduced from 80km/h to 70km/h. This change would align Ackland Hill and Ironbank Roads with Cherry Gardens Road, which has similar characteristics and a speed limit of 70km/h. Once DPTI has finalized their process, we will install new speed limit signs along with temporary signage to highlight the change of speed limit. A notification letter to affected residents and stakeholders was posted in mid-May. Enquiries Darren Blasdale, Traffic Engineer, Ph: 8384 0666 or email Darren.blasdale@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

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Burning in the open

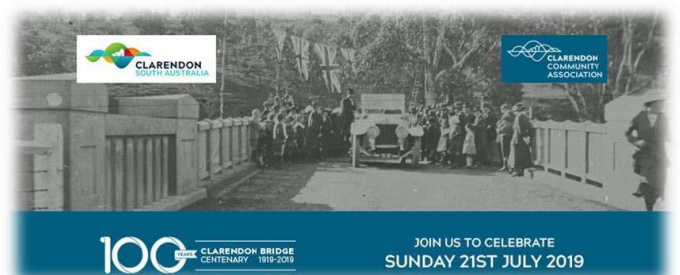
Remember burning in the open is recommended from 12 midday until 12 midnight. Please be sure to check the council website or contact them personally to ensure you know which zone you are in and if you are able to burn without a permit. If you do fall into this category – please be sure to follow the burning requirements as some aspects of the ground may be dry despite the cool and wet weather.

This link will take you to the Onkaparinga Council website and the map to show which zone you are in. For further information email:

communitysafetygeneral@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au or visit www.onkaparingacity.com/firemanagement

CLARENDON BRIDGE CELEBRATION

The Clarendon Bridge 100 Year Anniversary Celebration

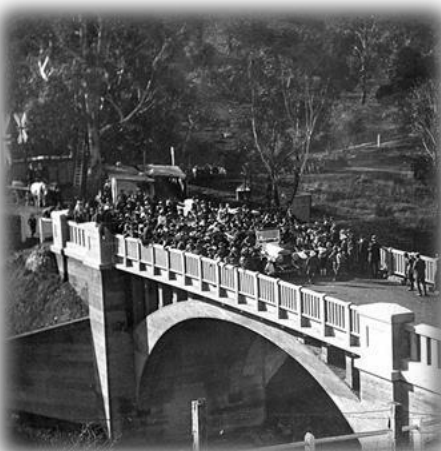


The 100 year Clarendon bridge celebration is on Sunday 21st July 2019, a day when the whole community is invited to come together to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the building of Clarendon second bridge. It will be a day of fun, food and entertainment for the whole family. The day begins with a re-enactment of the 1919 bridge opening then a walk down to the bridge for a commemorative photo. Then head back to the Community Hall where there will be something on offer for everyone. Embracing the winter cold we will have a huge variety of board games, puzzles and activities scattered inside the heated walls of the Community Hall. It's a great chance for young and old to learn from each other as you explore new games. We will also be bringing the LEGO bridge building table for everyone wanting to try their hand at building the strongest bridge. The Clarendon Museum 'Bridging the Onkaparinga' exhibit banners will be on show so that you can read up on the history of the bridge too! If you're not into board games, why not grab a wine, beer or hot coffee and settle in for a yarn by the cozy fire pits, listening to the acoustic stylings of music from Blind Arry.

Our outdoor entertainment furniture is kindly donated by the good folks at Evture. You won't go hungry either as we have some awesome meals available from Feisty Filomena or a tasty treat from Xpresso Mobile Cafe Lonsdale.

A brief timeline of events...

- 11:00am Gather at the Kindy/Community Hall carpark in preparation for bridge walk
- 11:30 - 11:45am Walk as a group down to the Bridge for commemorative photo (Police have agreed
- to temporarily stop traffic so we will be on a tight time restriction here)
- 12:00pm Event activities kick off back at the Community Hall, with food trucks and stalls beginning trade
- 1:00 - 4:00pm Blind Arry will be playing some acoustic hits



Telecommunications across Mayo – Rebekha Sharkie

Telecommunications is a lottery across Mayo, and that needs to change.

Our geography, climate and changing government policies have resulted in clear disparities between those areas with and those without reliable phone and internet services. My office has advocated on behalf of hundreds of constituents who have received poor service in this space. There are too many mobile black spots across our region and yet we know, thanks to the Auditor General's office, that one in five towers funded under Round 1 of the Mobile Black Spot Program failed to deliver new coverage.

We also know that Telstra receives about \$270 million a year through the Universal Service Guarantee (USG) to ensure every household in Australia has a landline telephone and yet there are many areas in Mayo with badly degraded copper. That's a problem because the Coalition's multi-technology version of the NBN relies on copper for fibre to the node and those allocated wireless and satellite also look to copper for a reliable voice service.

I'm inclined to agree with the tech specialists who say we should have gone with fibre, which has nowhere near the expensive maintenance of the copper network. Do it once and do it properly. But a year off from the NBN roll-out deadline we face the reality of a Coalition Government which stands by its policy choice to deliver the fastest and cheapest network to taxpayers and an Opposition (currently) that says it's too late to go back to its original NBN vision and it won't throw good money after bad.

The majority of people, myself included, consider reliable and affordable telecommunications to be an essential utility. I have been taken aback in my discussions with multiple Ministers in the current Government when they talk of access to telecommunications as a matter purely for the private market – especially once the NBN is 'finished'. Sadly, there is no one-size-fits-all approach to the NBN technology lottery.

Remediating the NBN will require a series of solutions tailored to a particular area. In that respect Labor was at least offering a technology-neutral approach to tailored local solutions, including the Mobile Black Spot Program. We cannot litter the landscape with base stations that don't deliver promised coverage. We need an evidence-based strategy that involves community collaboration and telco co-operation to ensure we can deliver real results to local problems.

The same goes for the NBN network and voice services. Between the USG and the internal subsidies for the NBN in regional Australia there are hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of government (and industry) subsidies spent every year on telecommunications in rural and remote Australia.

I don't believe we are getting value for money. We need a more transparent, results-driven spend of this money. Telstra needs to do a better job of maintaining our copper network where we continue to rely upon it.

I will continue to advocate for more resilient telecommunications infrastructure in populated high bushfire risk areas, including extended battery-backup power. I have also come to the view that our entire approach to telecommunications in Mayo needs to be renovated.

My major priority now that I have been re-elected will be to spearhead a community-led approach to addressing Mayo's telecommunications woes. As locals, we know the problems better than anyone and we can work with local, State and Federal governments, emergency services, and the telecommunications carriers to seek tailored solutions to our unique community needs.

I intend to do all I can to empower our community to avoid any unnecessary tragedies, and to keep our communities both safe and connected.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Back in the April edition of Cherry Chatter one of our local residents brought to our attention about the issue of Australia Post not delivering parcels in our district. Clinton has provided us with an update he recently received from Australia Post to his enquiries along with their apology.



Help & Support

Reference **25076550**

Update for Investigation - 25076550

Hi Clinton,

Thank you for taking the time to contact us about your delivery request. My name is Annie and I will be able to assist you further.

Firstly, I'd like to apologise for the delay in getting back to you. We've received a large volume of enquiries and are working hard to get back to everyone as soon as we can.

We have investigated your delivery request with the Verdun Delivery Centre. They have advised that as there have been no other written requests from residents in this area for a door to door delivery service, they do not plan to introduce this.

In regards to a safe drop of parcels, they have advised they could safe drop future parcels if you can install a suitable receptacle in the vicinity of your property's gate. When this has been set up, you would then be able to ask your merchants for a safe drop to be performed, bearing in mind that some merchants insist on a signature. In the case where a signature is required, we are not be able to safe drop an item. If you do plan to organise this, please let us know so that we can update our drivers.

If you have any further enquiries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us back on 13 76 78. I hope that this information has helped and you enjoy the rest of your day.

Regards,

Annie V

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Home Deliveries

Don't know where to go with this or how far to pursue it. As home deliveries are becoming more prevalent in our modern life, I'm finding that our postcode of 5157 is an issue. It covers way too large an area creating issues for Postal & Courier Deliveries. I have contacted local council & Australia Post & neither of them wants to deal with it or can even put me in contact with anyone that can.

It would be a major disruption & a big change for many to change the post code, but it wouldn't be impossible when you look at our postal area, I think this overhaul should have been carried out many years ago. Just putting it out there to see what anyone's thoughts are of this and whether it's worth pursuing a change.

Thanks Peter Frith.

Local Classified Ads

House cleaner wanted - Call Clinton 0416 000 916

- one day a week 10am to 3pm
- \$25 per hour
- Must have ABN

Horse Groom wanted - Call Clinton 0416 000 926

- Two mornings a week
- Tuesday and Friday - 9am to 12pm

Shed Installer wanted – Call Don 0417865044

- Olympic Rural shed
- 11m x 8m x 3.6m
- Scheduled for August



Community Campfire

Hall carpark

Sat 14th Sep 5 – 8 pm



Bring the kids ...

Catch up with neighbours ... meet new ones

**Soup & Damper, Sausage sizzle,
wine, cake & coffee**

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See you there!

ONKAPARINGA NEWS

LIBRARIES – WHAT'S ON

Join us for a range of activities across our network of six libraries.


- Free hearing check-ups
- Plastic Free July activities
- Woodcroft Planeteers – children's book group

School holiday activities

Plus we have lots of activities for the July school holidays with our theme Out of this World! Please contact your library, visit our website or pick up a brochure for more information.

- Space mission with DOMSTEM
- Space escape box
- Digital animation with GooRoo Animation
- Button space art
- SciWorld Chemistry
- I Make I Do - STEM activity

To book or to find out more information about events at your library, phone, drop-in or visit www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries

 Follow us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/onkaparingalibraries

ARTS – WHAT'S ON

The Arts Centre and Sauerbier House Culture Exchange form the basis of the Port Noarlunga arts precinct, where a range of performances, events and exhibitions are available to enjoy throughout the year.

ARTS CENTRE

Beanies to Berets Textile Expo Saturday 6 July, 10am–4pm

A market style expo of handmade textiles, yarns and wearable art.

Beanies to Berets exhibition on display from 5–29 July.

Gina Hogan – The Women of the '60s Wednesday 10 July, 11am

This high-class show will take you back in time to the fabulous music of the '60s, featuring songs by artists such as Dusty Springfield, Dionne Warwick, Shirley Bassey, Cilla Black and more.

Romance Flamenco

Friday 12 & Saturday 13 July, 8pm

An exquisite experience of rolling castanets, classical Spanish music, singing and dance, featuring Aloysius Leeson (guitar) and Kristy Manuel (dance). Joining them is a stellar ensemble of artists including dancers Ana Otero and Laura Uhe, classical singer

Elizabeth McCall, flamenco singer El Titi de Algeciras and violinist Julian Ferraretto.

SAUERBIER HOUSE

Kirsty Darlaston – *Sapphire Test Pattern*

Exhibition dates: 22 June – 27 July

An investigation of the sapphires found within the intertidal saltmarshes of the Ngankiparingga (Onkaparinga River), using the textile sampler as a site of exploration.

Louise Flaherty – *Memorial for Forgotten Plants – Port Noarlunga*

Exhibition dates: 22 June – 27 July

Artworks developed in response to Port Noarlunga native flora; exploring the plants that remain, the plants forgotten and those found returning.

To book or to find out more about these and other upcoming events visit www.onkaparingacity.com/arts or phone 8326 5577.

PLASTIC FREE JULY

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities.

In collaboration with Onkaparinga Libraries' and the Willunga Environment Centre we are holding a series of workshops and events. For the full list of activities please visit www.onkaparingacity.com

Community Beach Clean-Up

Sunday 21 July, 10am–noon

Saltfleet Street carpark, Port Noarlunga
FREE

Our beaches need your help. The City of Onkaparinga is partnering with Our Coast Our Mission, Adopt A Spot and Trash Hero to organise a beach clean-up morning and we need your help.

Please wear closed-in shoes, bring a reusable drink bottle, hat and sunscreen. If possible, please bring along a bucket, tongs and gloves as we have a limited supply.

Suitable for all ages.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
No bookings required.

Wheat Bags and Hand Warmers

Sunday 21 July, 2.30–4.30pm

Hub Library, Hub Drive, Aberfoyle Park
Cost: \$6

Learn to make your own custom wheat bags and hand warmers to take home. We'll use

natural fabrics and fillings to create these cosy reusable items which are lovely to keep for yourself or make great gifts.

Suitable for adults. Bookings required.

Newspaper Creations

Wednesday 24 July, 10–11.30am

Woodcroft Library

175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale

FREE

Discover cool ways to use newspaper as a substitute for plastics. We'll create bin liners, doggy poo bags, seedling containers, weave baskets, pencil holders and more.

Suitable for adults. Bookings required.

Reusable Party Decorations

Friday 26 July, 10am–noon

Waste Nott Store, Beach Road, Hackham West

FREE

Do you have a birthday or special event coming up? Are you looking for an environmentally friendly alternative to balloons?

Discover how easy it is to make your own reusable bunting and tissue paper pom poms. Make samples to take home and be inspired for your next event. Refreshments, materials and tools will be provided.

Suitable for adults. Bookings required.

Reusable Cloth Nappies

Friday 26 July, 11–11.30am

Noarlunga Library

Hannah Road, Noarlunga Centre

FREE

Cloth nappies don't contain any harmful chemicals and are reusable so they're a great choice for your baby and the environment. Join Ecobums straight after Babytime to discover more.

No bookings required.

Green Cleaning

Sunday 28 July, 1.30–3.30pm

Woodcroft Library

175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale

Cost: \$6

Come along and make your own green cleaning products for a naturally clean home. We'll make a range of cleaning products including a multipurpose spray, window cleaner, and scrubbing paste, with a choice of which ones you can make and take home.

Suitable for adults. Bookings required.

Council's draft budget available for community feedback

The City of Onkaparinga is encouraging residents to provide their feedback on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2019–20, which outlines the proposed programs and services council will deliver over the next 12 months.

Elected members endorsed the draft plan and budget and the draft Rating Policy for community engagement at their meeting on 11 June.

The draft plan and budget proposes a 1.6 per cent increase for 2019–20, which, if endorsed in July following community consultation, will be the lowest rate increase in the council's history and one of the lowest for the coming year across South Australian metropolitan councils.

The proposed rate equates to a \$23 increase for the year for the average residential rates bill.

Mayor Erin Thompson said "Elected members and the administration have worked hard to identify savings and deliver a draft budget that's in line with the end of year Consumer Price Index (CPI).

"Through months of workshopping the budget, we've also been able to increase green organics collection to fortnightly and absorb the impact of China's ban on importing contaminated recycling, all while meeting the ongoing pressures of maintaining and renewing council infrastructure.

"Our goal was to come up with a draft budget that's affordable for our residents. We've done this by keeping spending in line

with our communities' expectations and prudently distributing funding across new projects and existing services."

As part of the annual budget process, council considers the Long Term Financial Plan and the community plan, and together they aim to ensure the greatest economic, environmental and community outcomes for the city.

The Long Term Financial Plan projects the rate increases required to meet the ongoing costs of services and projects — such as asset renewal, new assets, significant upgrades and borrowings — while ensuring financial sustainability.

Adopting a lower rate rise than what has been recommended will require significant changes to future services, projects or revenue if council is to meet current financial targets.

Subject to what changes are made to future projects or services, and if council is to meet those targets, a rate increase in excess of those projected in the Long Term Financial Plan for 2020–21 and the following year would be required.

The community can provide their feedback on the draft plan and budget until 5 July.

"This is an opportunity for us to talk with our residents about the challenges of managing budgets and their needs and expectations," Mayor Thompson says.

"We encourage residents to get involved in the budget process to help us better



understand what programs and services are important to them, what they want to see delivered over the next year, how we can improve, and if we're focusing our efforts in the right area."

The draft plan and budget can be viewed at any of the council offices and can be downloaded from onkaparingacity.com

Residents can provide their feedback through council's community engagement platform, Your Say (www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay), or attend the drop in session and public meeting on Thursday 4 July where residents can ask questions and informally discuss the budget with elected members and make formal verbal submissions.

This session will be held from 7pm until 8.30pm in the civic area, City of Onkaparinga office, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre.

The feedback received during the engagement period will be collated and presented to elected members for their consideration prior to the adoption of the final plan.

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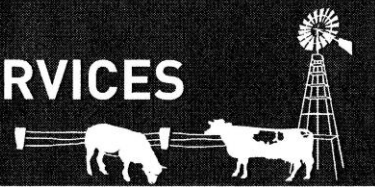


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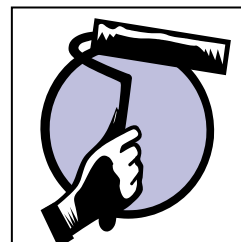
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