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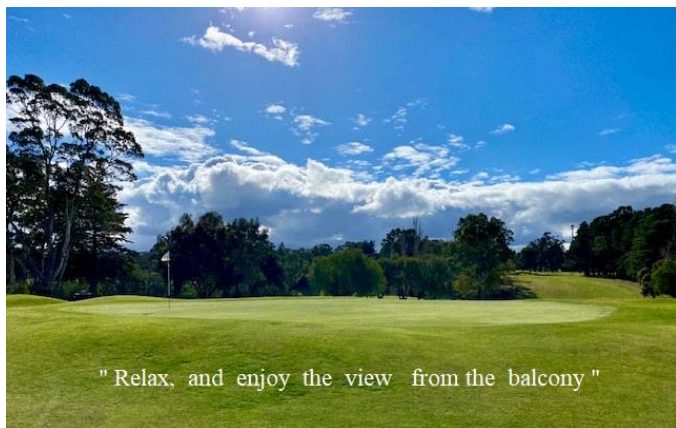
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## BLACKWOOD GOLF CLUB

**Your local golf club offers something for everyone.**

Blackwood Golf Club has been located in the heart of Cherry Gardens since 1963.

Over the past 12 months there has been a gradual increase in members of the local community enjoying the facilities the club has to offer. This has included the Friday night wine & dine events through the summer months while lunches have also been extremely popular. As the weather warms up it is lovely to relax, enjoy good food and wine and take in the picturesque views from the bistro balcony.



"Relax, and enjoy the view from the balcony"

The Clubhouse, a fully licensed venue, is open and available to the public during operating hours generally 11 am – 6 pm however closing times do vary during the year. Booking is recommended particularly for larger groups. Light meals and snacks and barista "coffee" is available daily from 11am. Children are most welcome, we even have highchairs for the toddlers.

The golf club has made a concerted effort in recent times to welcome the local community and to ensure everyone knows the club is open to visitors.

Our club is widely acknowledged as the best course in the Adelaide Hills, and is arguably the most naturally beautiful course in South Australia. Our course is a

"publicly accessible course" i.e. anyone can book to play golf via our website online booking system at times when there are available spaces on the course. We also boast the best practice facilities outside metropolitan Adelaide and they are open to the public 7 days a week.

The golf club is a great meeting place for the local community, be it for a coffee and cake with a friend, or a lunch with family or work colleagues. We can cater for larger meetings and functions in either the clubhouse, our Sprigg Bar or Boardroom. If you would like further details contact the office staff on 8388 2313.

For local community members interested in golf, the club offers many opportunities. Our junior program has grown to 70 juniors and our girl's scholarship program has recently been launched. The "My Golf" Program has been successful in introducing many local children to golf. Our "Get into Golf" Program has been successful in attracting many local adults of all ages into golf. The very proactive Women's Golf Sub Committee do everything to encourage and look after new women members and our two teaching professionals Matt Dent and Troy Lane are amongst the best in the state in teaching the fundamentals of golf. Golf is a sport for all ages and because of the handicapping system, golfers of all abilities can play together and enjoy lots of fun.

If you are a local resident and haven't yet visited the Blackwood Golf Club, you are most welcome. Come in and have a coffee, a snack or a meal, a beer or beverage, maybe even think about hitting a golf ball or two. You will love the experience and it's right on your doorstep. Visit our website [www.blackwoodgolf.com.au](http://www.blackwoodgolf.com.au) and follow us on Facebook & Instagram

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## CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL MAY

Rainfall for June 2023	226.8 mm
Rainfall for June 2022	223.8
Average rainfall for June	129.6
Rainfall to the end of June 2023	568.1
Rainfall to the end of June 2022	443.4
Average rainfall to the end June	412.2
Number days of rain for June 2023	21
Number days of rain for June 2022	26



We can offer advice with all wildlife enquires and provide support for you. Call Bev on 0422 938 439 or Glenn on 8270 1169. Happy to assist where we can. [www.mintonfarm.org](http://www.mintonfarm.org)

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### COMMUNITY "HAPPY HOUR"

We have been encouraged by the attendance at the monthly Happy Hour, held at the Hall on the last Sunday of each month. At time of writing, the next one will be on August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

**Why not "Like Us" on Facebook to keep up to date with coming events**

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JP Services are available Mon–Fri 9-5

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### CHERRY GARDENS TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

The Cherry Gardens Team plays in the Hills Table Tennis competition. The team has had a good year so far, we are in second place in Division 4.

These are the results so far:

May 11 <sup>th</sup>	WIN	8 rubbers to 4
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	WIN	12 rubbers to 0
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	WIN	8 rubbers to 4
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	LOSS	6 rubbers (13 games) to 6 rubbers (14 games)
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	WIN	6 rubbers (15 games) to 6 rubbers (14 games)
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	LOSS	5 rubbers to 7 (Against the top team)
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	WIN	9 rubbers to 0 (shortened due to power outage)
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	WIN	10 rubbers to 2
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	WIN	11 rubbers to 1

## CHERRY GARDENS CFS

If you would like more information or a visit to the station, please contact Lawrie Linggood on 0400 285 697.



Mid winter and things are quiet for the Cherry Gardens CFS. This is a good thing - when we are called out we are generally dealing with people who are involved in a traumatic event. Below is an article from 2019 containing an impressive photograph of an unpacked appliance.

Ever wonder what we carry on a CFS appliance? The answer is a lot of stuff! In a CFS first, a few of our members set up this fantastic photograph last month, which shows the contents of Cherry Gardens 34P. The photo went viral on social media, and even attracted favorable comments from the South Australian Emergency Services Minister.

Between our procedures and the equipment shown, we are able to carry out our role in the community. The photograph gives a good visual indication of what we do every Monday night in training. In the time it takes to learn to operate and use all of this equipment, it is time to start again, refresh, and retrain so we are always prepared.

The photograph will be posted on the Cherry Chatter web page for those who are interested.



## FIRE MANAGEMENT 2023

The fire danger season in the Mount Lofty Ranges and Adelaide Metropolitan Fire District areas commences on 1 December 2022 and will run until 30 April 2023.

During the fire danger season burning in the open (vegetation pile burning) is not permitted.

<https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Services/Permits/Fire-Management-fire-danger-season> for more information.

## BLACKWOOD GOLF CLUB

Blackwood Golf Club is open daily for lunch between 12.00 – 2.00pm and very much welcomes visitors. Bookings are recommended on 8388-2313.

See more news of what our club has to offer in our advertisement at the back of your newsletter.

[www.blackwoodgolf.com.au](http://www.blackwoodgolf.com.au)



## CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

Meetings are held in the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church meeting room at 7.30pm on the second Monday from February to November

President - Darryl Parslow 0408 847 293

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Secretary - Jan Ball 0432550274

### NEXT MEETING

Monday August 14<sup>th</sup> AGM , Pizza and soup with a 6.30 start Camellia Challenge

### GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS for AUGUST

- Rose and deciduous fruit tree pruning should be complete by now. Most roses will have new growth but if you have not pruned your fruit trees for shape, do it very soon!
- This is your last chance to plant bare-rooted roses and deciduous fruit trees.
- Prune hydrangeas before new growth appears.
- Tip prune passionfruit as new lateral growth is where the fruit forms.
- Plant a couple of Tommy Toe tomato plants now – they are the largest and best tasting cherry tomatoes ever – and you will be picking them before Christmas! A cloche made from half a soft drink

bottle will protect them from frost but remove it on sunny days

- Spray grapevines and deciduous fruit trees with wettable sulphur to manage fungal and mite issues.
- Scarlet runner beans planted now will get off to a good start as they grow best in cooler conditions – they are a perennial and survive on a persistent rootstock for up to seven years.
- Feed your whole garden with organic based fertilizers to give plants a head start in spring – it also encourages earth worms and soil microbes to improve soil structure.
- Last chance to plant summer- flowering bulbs ( lilliums, calla, Scarborough lily )
- Plant asparagus crowns, beetroot, carrot, cabbage, kale, and snow peas

### GARDEN CLUB JUNE MEETING NOTES:

On 19<sup>th</sup> June our Garden Club secretary Jan Ball transported us away from the chilly, wet and wintery Adelaide Hills when she shared photos from the trip she, Ray and Lyn Wise, Melva and Edith took to Townsville last year. Their main reason for being in Townsville was to attend the 2022 Garden Clubs of Australia Convention. A big part of the attraction of being in a town, where the Garden Clubs Australia Convention is taking place, is the fact that the Garden Club members of all of that town's Garden Clubs open their gardens to attendees at the Convention. We saw photos of many plants of all sorts. We visited gardens with random design or with foci such as cacti, succulents, orchids or if water is kept up other sub-tropical plants such as ornamental ginger. This gave them the rare opportunity of viewing thousands of plants of one sort - all on one property. Most of the plants in the photos cannot be easily grown in Adelaide's Mediterranean climate and hence we would consider them rare. Most of us were surprised at how arid Townsville is. This is apparently due to its situation north of the Tropic of Capricorn, the southern border of the tropics. At this latitude the winters are warm and dry, rather than cool and wet. Townsville is overlooked by Mount Stuart, which has an elevation of 584 meters. The most common Native plants of Townsville are grasses, the Poplar Gum and Townsville Wattle.

After the pictorial presentation we had a people's choice vote for the winner of the Pumpkin competition.

Claude Bartel's massive, over 8 kg Queensland Blue was the winner by one point over Ray Wise's huge butternut, Marilyn Wise's L-o-o-o-o-ng Tromboncinni was voted third,

and Jan Ball's butternut entry was voted fourth.

At the end of the evening the pumpkins were auctioned. The Queensland Blue fetched \$10 and the purchase was shared by two bidders.

## OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

This month's article is not easy to write. Last month we had a severe storm. I lost my paddock mate of 12 years in that storm. I was injured too, in my face.

It was a terrible day for my owners, as well as being without power for three days, they had to find someone to lay my mate to rest and organise the vet to see to my good self. At first no one was available (always the way), but another vet was able to come and treat me. That took x-rays and two hours of probing around in my face to remove all traces of the cheekbone that was left.

In the ensuing days none of us horses wanted to go anywhere near where my mate had lain. We couldn't settle and looked for him everywhere before we could eat. I was quite jumpy for several days (quite out of character!) One month down the track and we are slowly returning to normal. My face continues to heal and I have been ridden quietly a couple of times. I am coping with this fine, but have lost a bit of fitness. At least I still have the company of two other horses, so am not on my own.

So many friends came to pay their respects for my (and my owners) loss. This kindness was hugely appreciated by my owners and has helped with the healing process.

That's all for this month everyone, too upsetting to continue.



Rest in peace my best mate Oli xxx

# CHERRY CHURCH



**Cherry Gardens Uniting Church**  
**87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens**  
**Services held on Sundays at 9.30am – all are welcome**

In a few months' time, Australians will be voting for or against the establishment in the Australian Constitution of an indigenous *Voice* to the Federal Parliament. In this article, I am not going to argue for or against the referendum question; here is not the forum for that.

But it reminds me how much, in the most general sense, human beings value having a 'voice'. It is one of the fundamental abilities of a human being, and one which we rarely take for granted.

Parents celebrate as an infant develops his or her voice: that first word, the growing vocabulary – but perhaps not so exciting for the parents in the middle of the night! As adults, we speak, and we expect people to listen to us. We hear other people speaking, and we choose whether or not to actually listen to them. If people do not listen to us, we feel let down, sometimes in a minor way, sometimes significantly. Within a family, or in a workplace, life is enriched when people's voices are heard, and something valuable is lost when people's voices are ignored or rejected.

God is not 'physical', in the way that we understand that concept, but Christians sometimes describe God using human-style language. For instance, Christians describe God as having a 'voice'. Christians believe that God 'speaks' to them – usually not 'physically', but nevertheless in a very real way. God may 'speak' to people when they read the Bible. (The Bible is commonly called 'the Word of God'.) God may 'speak' when people spend time in prayer. God may 'speak' through the advice of wise friends. God may 'speak' when people take time to enjoy nature, God's creation. And sometimes God may 'speak' to people when they are least expecting him to!

Who could possibly be more important to listen to than God?

But when God 'speaks', am I prepared to listen?

**FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK**



Anyone wanting to learn more about what we do and how you can help us with our restoration work, or simply wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, can contact us on [info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](mailto:info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au) or visit our website [www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](http://www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au). You can also follow

us on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp) where you will find up to date information about our activities, including photos of the park's diverse flora and fauna.

August

Tue 1	Bushcare
Sat, Sun 5, 6	Bird banding
Sun 13	Bushcare
Sat, Sun 19, 20	Bird banding
Sat 26	Bushcare



*A pair of Crested (Eastern) Shrike-tit, the female on the left with a green patch under her chin, and male on the right with a black patch. While this species has been observed in the park over the years, these are the first to have been banded in our 30 year bird banding project.*



*These red fungi are one of the many species of fungi to be found in the park during the wetter months.*

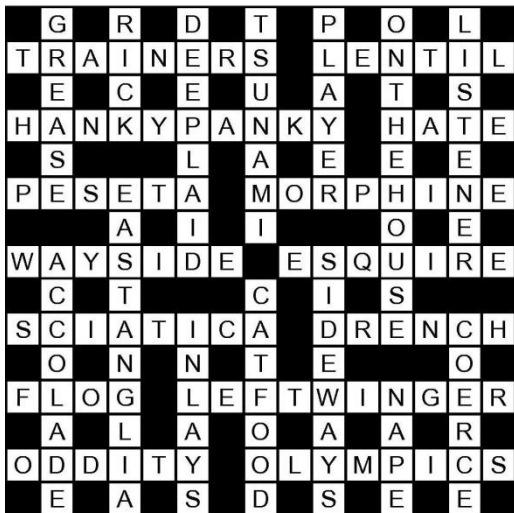
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Stuart Anson	Ann Burton
Mitchell Cakebread	Duncan Crichton
Peter Macks	Jessica Sims
Peter Terrell	Mark Kinloch
Amity Treloar	Daniel Tree
Jolanda Tree	Felix Tree
Kylie Porter-Wright	Marni Porter-Wright
Quinn Spencer	Eddie Brooks
Glenys Brooks	Charlotte Poker
Raelene Lewis	

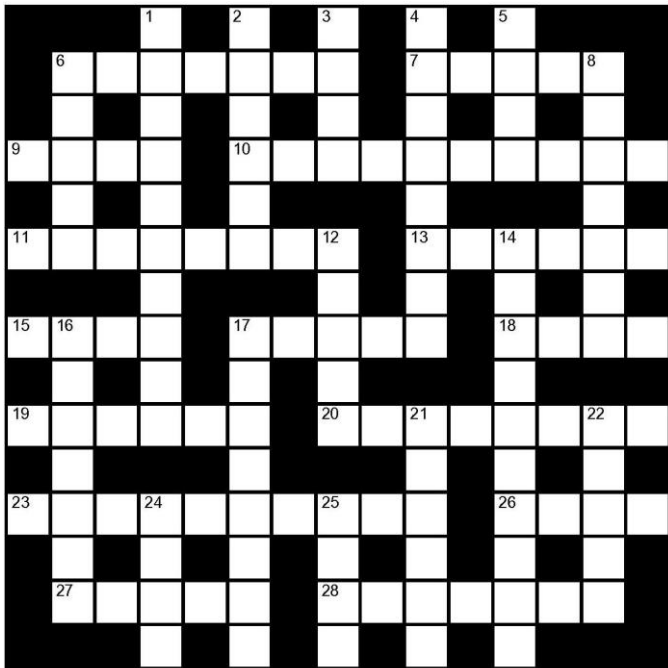
**AUGUST**

# MONTHLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## JULY SOLUTION



## AUGUST CROSSWORD



### Across

- 6 A Swiss cheese with small cavities (7)
- 7 Like, frost over (3,2)
- 9 At another time (4)
- 10 Having a proud and unbroken spirit (10)
- 11 Completely airtight (8)
- 13 The decisive moment in a novel or play (6)
- 15 A foot soldier in chess (4)
- 17 A child in the north country (5)
- 18 A light curved skeleton to spread out a skirt (4)
- 19 A complex protein; a catalyst for a biochemical reaction (6)
- 20 A curve, one of the conic sections (8)
- 23 One who studies the stars (10)
- 26 A portable shelter of canvas or other cloth (4)
- 27 An evergreen plant from the warmer parts of North America (5)
- 28 A property of atoms or radicals, combining power (7)

### Down

- 1 Counterfeit notes or currency (col) (5,5)
- 2 Armour plate for the head, perhaps (6)
- 3 Hit repeatedly (4)
- 4 A lightweight cooking pot (8)
- 5 Charges for professional services (4)
- 6 A kind of literary or artistic work (5)
- 8 A deep-bodied food fish of the western Atlantic (7)
- 12 Intelligent somewhat arboreal ape (5)
- 14 One who lives there (10)
- 16 A period during which offenders are exempt from punishment (7)
- 17 Every two years (8)
- 21 Not often (6)
- 22 Make a thrusting forward movement (5)
- 24 Suggestive of sexual impropriety (4)
- 25 Change location (4)

## WELCOME TO CHERRY GARDENS



We would like to welcome Adam, Jo, Jamie and Ashlee who have recently moved into their new home on Edialta Road. We hope you enjoy living in Cherry Gardens as much as we do.

Please join us at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall on the last Sunday of every month from 4.30pm to 6.30pm and meet some of the locals. Bring your own nibbles and something to drink. Wear something warm ☺

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Well, what can one say!

It beggars belief that I sit here at my computer on a cold winter's day in the middle of July and my topic is "FIREWORKS" yes that's right "FIREWORKS."

At 4 am (**that's right, am ... in the early morning**) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July were awoken from our sleep to the sound of loud bangs and our bedroom filled with light!

As we stood at our bedroom window watching the night sky being lit up by red fireworks and the loudest of bangs going off several times. Shocked disbelief is an understatement!

This happened between the Cherry Gardens Golf Clubrooms and the Corner of Cherry Gardens Road and Vicks Road. (**Not the first time fireworks have gone off in this area**) We have a fairly good idea where and who is responsible for this stupid, idiotic, dangerous and inconsiderate act towards others and ANIMALS. Yes ANIMALS, this person/s may not realize it but you are living in a rural part of the Adelaide Hills and as such you are surrounded by wildlife, livestock and of course other residents. I only pray that no animals were injured in this most thoughtless and stupid act. In acts of loud

noises and such, animals first instinct can be "FLIGHT" and as such, sustain the most horrific injuries or worse, are killed from these kinds of frights.

The other thing is that, while this time the fireworks were let off in winter, at other times of the year, such an irresponsible act could result in the start of a bushfire and no-one wants to see an uncontrolled bushfire anywhere in the Adelaide Hills.

This act has been noted and I hope that this will see the end of such idiotic acts as next time there could be a knock at your front door from the people in BLUE!

Also, I hope the parents or person who is responsible for this act is reading this and will think twice from now on about the consequences of their actions on others and animals.

**Note:** SA Law states that fireworks may not be set off in any public place. Private use of fireworks is banned. Also it is an offence to set off flares except in an emergency.

Name and address supplied.



I hope everyone is enjoying what our community has to offer and here is more about what is occurring in our area. It certainly has been wet over the past few weeks and we have unfortunately experienced some stormwater management issues and falling of significant trees. One large tree collapsed outside 101 Windebanks Road Aberfoyle Park, missing the house opposite that location but damaging the roof of a camper-bus and the carport roof of the house next door. I have had several meetings with the residents involved in this issue and it is important such dangerous risks are mitigated.

I am currently recovering from a successful heart valve operation on Tuesday 4 July and will be going home Wednesday 12 July. Unfortunately, it will limit my ability to physically attend many meetings until around mid-August, as I am not allowed to drive for at least a month and do not want to catch COVID or influenza and damage the good work that has been done so I hope you understand why I may not be out-and-about, but I am available on my council email and my mobile phone to assist you and have been doing this over my time in hospital.

### **Mayor's Garden Competition**

It is time to get your gardens ready. The 2023 Mayor's Garden Competition opens in August this year and encourages community interest in local gardens which enhances the presentation and liveability of our city. The competition is open to all City of Onkaparinga residents, community groups, businesses, schools, and budding young gardeners, with prizes on offer. From 14 June our marketing campaign commenced to remind our avid gardeners to prepare for the competition and

"get your gardens ready". From 1 August a marketing campaign will begin to encourage entries.

This year we have 7 categories. Community, school, urban residential edible, general, native/sustainable, young gardener (U16) and verge gardens. More information on the competition can be found on our website: [Mayor's Garden Competition](#)

### **Onkaparinga Northern Community Forum**

The Onkaparinga Northern Community Forum is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 21 August commencing at 7.30 pm at the Aberfoyle Community Centre and I encourage our residents in Aberfoyle Park, Happy Valley, O'Halloran Hill, Flagstaff Hill, Cherry Gardens, Coromandel Valley, Cherry Gardens and Clarendon areas to attend the meeting. This year the chairperson, John Photakis, and Secretary Jonette Thorsteinsen, will not be seeking re-election so I encourage interested residents to seek election to these roles. If you have an interest in building community relationships and have the available time please consider nominating for one of the positions. Should you want to seek further information please text Jonette on her mobile 0427 99749 and she will arrange to speak with you about these roles

Future meeting dates for 2023 are:

Monday 21 August AGM: Guest Speaker – Mayor Moira Were

Monday 16 October – Guest Speaker - Minister for Health and Wellbeing - Chris Picton

Monday 11 December – Rate the Council and Rate the Forum

### **National Trust Coromandel Valley and Districts Morning Tea**

If you like the history of our area and enjoy just sitting down with locals and participate in an enjoyable morning tea, please get along to the Watchman House, Main Road Coromandel Valley for their morning tea which is held on the first Saturday of the month commencing at 9.00am. The next one is Saturday 5 August.

### **Grant Opportunities**

Grant opportunities are currently available for sharing with your networks.

Please click [here](#) (PDF, 241KB) for further information.

[Please also refer to our website.](#)

### **Disclaimer**

The views expressed in this article are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of Council.

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## **BLUEBELL CREEPER ALERT!!**

This article is to highlight a very significant pest plant that has become well established in our region.

The Blue-bell Creeper or *Sollya* (*Billardiera heterophylla*) is a climbing plant that is native to Western Australia, which has been widely planted into gardens in SA over the years. There are a couple of similar local species, with Sweet Apple-berry (*Billardiera cymosa*) being most like it. Photos have been included to show the most obvious differences, which are in the flowers and fruits. It takes some practice to tell the difference when plants aren't flowering or fruiting.

Unfortunately, the Blue-bell Creeper refuses to remain within the confines of the gardens it is planted into, and escapes over the fence. While mainly reproducing by seed, they can also produce shoots from broken roots, and climbing stems can root at the nodes when they come into contact with the soil. The fruits contain up to 80 seeds, which are mostly spread by birds and other animals that eat the fruit, but can also be spread in dumped garden waste.

Blue-bell Creeper is now declared under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, which provides for the management of pest plant species in SA. In particular, this declaration states that Blue-bell Creeper may no longer be sold or traded in any way, including as a contaminant of anything. Also, land owners in the Green Adelaide and the Hills and Fleurieu regions, amongst others, are required to take reasonable steps to kill Blue-bell Creeper plants on their land and prevent their spread, which is enforceable under the above Act.

See the Department of Primary Industry and Regions, Green Adelaide or Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu websites for more information, including control option - [https://pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/controlling-weeds/bluebell\\_creeper](https://pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/controlling-weeds/bluebell_creeper).

To demonstrate the potential magnitude of this problem weed, one year after the Cherry Gardens fire we visited a part of the park, near gate 1 on Scott Creek Road, to check on a known population of Blue-bell Creeper that we had previously worked on. We had 88 waypoints collected during bushcare activities late in 2018, and we visited a handful of these spots to see what sort of numbers of seedlings may have emerged. While we only found low numbers near several of the waypoints, at one we found 878 seedlings within about 10 metres of the waypoint.

We have another serious infestation of Blue-bell Creeper in the unburnt western side of the park, which we have been working on for several years, and also know of large numbers within private properties along Ackland Hill Road. Several land owners there are banding together to tackle this issue across property boundaries,

and I encourage everyone to check their properties and help manage Blue-bell Creeper more broadly across the landscape. Like most weeds, we all need to work together to manage the problem.

Anyone wanting to learn more about what we do and how you can help us with our restoration work, or simply wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, can contact us on

[info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](mailto:info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au) or visit our website [www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](http://www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au). You can also follow us on our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp) where you will find up to date information about our activities, including photos of the park's diverse flora and fauna.



Weed Blue-bell Creeper flowers, sky blue with no tube.



Weed Blue-bell Creeper fruit, dark blue with fine hairs.



Weed Blue-bell Creeper grows more vigorously than the native Sweet Apple-berry, and can smother shrubs and small trees.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ever wanted to learn a new culture, language or even make new friends?

Have you ever wanted to be a tourist in your own town? We all get busy and forget about what Adelaide and the surrounds have to offer. Well we have just found a new way to do all of this by having an exchange student come and live in our house and join us in our day to day activities for the next 12 weeks.

Our exchange student from France is 15 years old. He has come to Australia to learn about our culture and to learn to speak and understand English. He is enrolled in a local school and is making a lot of friends his age, and learning what it is like to have a sister as he only has an older brother at home.

He is getting involved with the community trying out at our local sporting clubs and meeting a lot of new people and having some once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

I found out about this program on Facebook through Student Exchange Australia and New Zealand. They were looking for people to host students that were arriving from France. You got to read a little about each child which gives you an insight into who they are and what their interests might be. This helps you to choose someone who will fit into your family and lifestyle easier.

You do need to have a current police check done on anyone over 18 in your house and someone in the household will need to have done some RRHAN (Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care) training. Don't worry if you don't have a current police check as the organization will get one sorted for you, just try to get it done a few weeks prior the student's arrival date to make it a more pleasant and easy transition. We were still holding our breath up until the day before arrival for the okay.

We have had lots of contact with a lot of people from the organization to make it happen and they are great at trying to get them into a High School that suits you. Our issue here in Cherry Gardens is the public transport. We are lucky enough to be able to get him on a link bus that gets him to Blackwood and home again. It is a bit of an early start but it also gives them the independence and ability to get around and get their bearings.

You do get visits from International Education services to inspect your house, and take a look at what facilities you have to offer your student e.g. bedroom etc.

We are very lucky to offer ours a huge bedroom with ensuite, so he has his own privacy and space when he needs it to talk to friends and family back home, or just some time out to do his own thing. He does his own washing and they should help around the house with general day to day chores and what you come to an agreement with when they arrive.

We have had our student Anatole with us for 4 weeks now. He is from Dijon in France. We have had a lot of laughs at learning and understanding the language barrier using a form of charades and the mighty Google translator.

So far we have taken him to the Adelaide Oval to watch a game of football, which was also a first for us. Then we showed him our city centre, including Rundle Mall and Hindley Street which was also the first time our 12 year old daughter had been there, and at this stage does not want to go back to Hindley Street hopefully for the next 20 years.

We have also been to Urrumbirra Wildlife Park to feed and pat our beautiful native animals and have photos with koalas and kangaroos, and how lucky are we to be able to see them in our local community, but maybe not as close as we got see them at Urrumbirra.

We still have so many more things to look at doing over the next 8 weeks. Places to go, things to do, food to try. Vegemite is on that list. We have been introducing him to our Australian bands such as INXS, Powder Finger, Hilltop Hoods and many more, while enjoying listening to his favorite French singers and bands. Anatole has even cooked for us and is teaching us some new ways to enjoy food without so many vegetables.

A week before we were to meet, we did a Zoom call to introduce ourselves to his family, and it was a nice to be able to include his mum and brother in Anatole's soon-to-be experience. We have all set up a group chat with both the families to keep them up to date with what we are doing and where we are going. I know that his Mum is appreciating this up to date adventure, and meeting us on Zoom has helped her feel at ease with this big journey that her son was about to undertake.

I know through this experience we will make some very good friends from places all over the world and who knows, one day go and visit them.

If you have any questions or queries, or might be interested in hosting, please feel free to contact Jenny Hanson on 0409 890 184 or check out [SPANZ-frequently-asked-questions-2022 \(4\).pdf](#)

## VALE OLI



*Hamish and his best paddock mate, Oli*

# Onkaparinga Now



## Santos Tour Down Under returns in 2024

The Santos Tour Down Under will return to the City of Onkaparinga in January 2024, with a new-look women's stage finish and men's stage—both concluding with thrilling Willunga Hill climbs.

The action will kick off in Onkaparinga with the Women's Stage 3 on Sunday 14 January, which travels through Clarendon before the Queen of the Mountain is crowned at Willunga Hill. This will be the second year the City of Onkaparinga has hosted a stage finish of the Women's race since it was elevated to UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) WorldTour status last year, and the first Willunga Hill finish for the race.

Then, on Saturday 20 January, the THINK! Road Safety Men's Stage 5 will take place, travelling solely within the City of Onkaparinga, with an exciting new-look start in Christies Beach.

The peloton will then travel through Port Noarlunga and Old Noarlunga before the

nail-biting finish atop Willunga Hill. It'll be the 24th time the City of Onkaparinga has hosted a stage of the Santos Tour Down Under.

City of Onkaparinga Mayor said the pairing was a match made in heaven.

"Our stunning vistas and challenging race routes have enthralled the cycling world and our communities every year since the event's inception in 1999," she said.

"We're really excited to again host both women's and men's racing in 2024, particularly with the inclusion of our iconic Mid Coast beaches of Christies and Port Noarlunga, and the return of the iconic Willunga Hill climbs.

"With the dates locked in, the only questions now are where you'll pull up a chair along the race routes to watch the world's best, and which cellar doors, cafes and beaches you'll attend while you're here."

Santos Tour Down Under Race Director, Stuart O'Grady OAM, said the City of Onkaparinga would play a major part in next year's event.

"Spectacular terrain and welcoming towns are found across the City of Onkaparinga, and it's all set to feature during the 2024 Santos Tour Down Under," he said.

For more information on the 2024 Santos Tour Down Under and the Onkaparinga stages, visit [tourdownunder.com.au](http://tourdownunder.com.au)

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## MEET YOUR COUNCIL

# Knox Ward

City of Onkaparinga's Knox Ward is represented by councillors, Heidi Greaves and Colt Stafford, who are ready to listen and advocate on your behalf on the local issues important to you.

**ONKAPARINGA NOW (O NOW):** Tell us a bit about yourself, your connection to the region, and your passions outside of work.

**HEIDI:** I've lived in Onkaparinga since the 1980s when my parents first purchased land and built in Huntfield Heights. My kids have both gone to school in Onkaparinga, I'm a member of my local CFS brigade, attend a great community church in Morphett Vale, and am part-owner in a small business in the region. I love being a part of this great community and I can't imagine living anywhere else. The former Mayor Rosenberg used to say Onkaparinga is the centre of the universe; and I completely agree—there's nothing like it!

**COLT:** I'd like to think I'm a fairly average teenager, though maybe a bit funnier. My connection to the region is that I've spent my entire life here in Onkaparinga, growing up in Morphett Vale. This area is home for me, and I've got little reason to leave it outside of going to study at Flinders University. As for my passions, I like videogames, D&D, playing guitar and learning about history. I'm a bit of a nerd, but I also try to maintain a balance by going out, getting stronger at the gym, and otherwise keeping myself busy.

**O NOW:** What do you want to hear about from local residents?

**HEIDI:** As a councillor, we are the interface between residents and Council. I get the most satisfaction from helping residents navigate any issues they're experiencing living in our community. So, I'd love to hear from residents with any questions—if there's anything they're curious about or need help with, anything to do with Council. If I can assist I will, and if I don't know the answer, I will try to find out for them.

**COLT:** I'm still learning what it means to be a councillor, so while I learn, you can send all your difficult issues to Cr Greaves. All joking aside, my message to the residents is that I believe local government should be an expression of the will of the local community, and that I'm in this position to serve you. Whether it's issues, questions, invites or ideas, I want to hear it all, and serve to the best of my ability. To anyone reading this interview, I encourage you to shoot me an email so that we can improve our city together.

**Meet Your Council** is a series of articles to help you get to know your elected members. To learn more visit [onkaparinganow.com](http://onkaparinganow.com)

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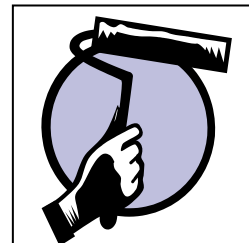
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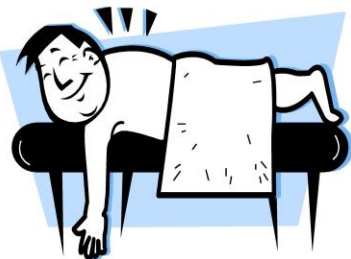
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<b>Septic Service</b> – Adelaide Hills Septic – 0411 302 025 <a href="http://www.adelaidehillsseptic.com.au">www.adelaidehillsseptic.com.au</a>
<b>Stables &amp; Sheds</b> – Lance Hart - 8388-3516 or 0411 551 750
<b>Tree Removal</b> – Tim Smiles Tree Climbing – 0423 361 704 or 7329-4426
<b>Tree Service</b> – Blackwood – (08) 8278-2538 or 0419 867 724 <a href="http://www.blackwoodtreeservice.com.au">www.blackwoodtreeservice.com.au</a>
<b>Tyrepower Blackwood</b> – (08)8370-2195 <a href="mailto:blackwood@tyrepower.com.au">blackwood@tyrepower.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.tyrepowerblackwood.com.au">www.tyrepowerblackwood.com.au</a>
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<b>Window Cleaning</b> – Aquarius – Gary – 0438 693 104 or 8270-6038
<b>Yoga</b> – Four Seasons Yoga – Megan Kuchel - 0418 807 703 or web <a href="http://www.fourseasonsyoga.com.au">www.fourseasonsyoga.com.au</a>