

Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

EDITORIAL

URGENT REQUEST

As a member of the Cherry Chatter committee, I feel it's important to mention that the Cherry Chatter is run by a group of local volunteers of varying ages who have a passion for the district, and want to give back to their community. I am wondering, is this something that interests you too? You might find you have a couple of hours to spare each month, and a desire to give back to a community that offers so much to its residents. The committee meets on a monthly basis (usually on a Tuesday).

We are a dedicated but fun loving group of individuals of varying ages, and from all walks of life and we share this time to collate the newsletter content.

I have a question. Are you reasonably computer savvy, or do you have an interest in learning something new? If so, you might be interested to learn a desktop publishing program called Adobe InDesign which we use to create our newsletter each month. We need some new, and interested parties to learn the program, then help to prepare the newsletter for printing. Paul Heck is currently doing this, and we have been relying on just one person to do it, but in reality, this just doesn't work all the time. We must find others to share the load and we're hoping that you might be the one. Paul is a professional trainer, and he has the expertise to teach you what to do, unless of course you have previous experience with InDesign and would like to share your expertise with us, in which case, that would be perfect! Please contact Don or Paul at cherry-chatter@yahoo.com if you would like to join our crew?



CHERRY GARDENS UNITING CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Cherry Gardens Uniting Church Christmas Carols will be held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 18 December. Children's activities, which include craft, face painting and a balloon twister, start at 6.30 pm with the carols starting at 7.30 pm. Music on the evening will be provided by Tabor Music and local soloist, Rebekah Nelson from Scott Creek will sing for us again. The carols will be followed by supper provided by members of the Church. Setting up for the carols will be the night before, Monday 17 December at 7.00 pm.



*From the Cherry
Chatter Committee*

RAINFALL REPORT

October 2018	62.2
October 2017	47.4
Average for October	72.5
End of October 2018	673.6
End of October 2017	845.2
Average to the end October	830.5

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting Tuesday 11th at the Wattons 7.30pm
Articles to be received 5th of each month



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HALL NEWS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

December

Catherine Macks	
Zoe Edwards	Cathy Weir
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CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB (contd p.8)

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

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NEXT MEETING - Monday 11th February - more details to follow next edition.

Monday night 8th October - the annual Freebies night in which every attendee brings a gardening related gift, a draw is held and everyone can choose a gift from the table. The normal entry fee of \$5 for non-members and \$4 for members was waived.

We had a short time of splitting up and discussing the recent survey forms which the committee had prepared and circulated for members to give feedback on every aspect of the Garden Club Programs and to invite suggestions regarding format, speakers and garden visits.

From time to time, instead of bringing speakers from outside, we enjoy hearing from members of the club which is helpful in better getting to know each other. Shirley our secretary gave us a very insightful presentation of her

work with Anglicare's 'Family in Focus'. This programme runs various groups, or one to one counselling, to help individuals and couples with issues relating to family conflict and violence. The programme is found to be most effective for those who appeal for help early in their difficulties. Some people find fairly speedy resolution, whereas others may take longer. Where mutually identified support and assistance required, vulnerable people can be referred to alternative appropriate services, such as accommodation, government assistance and health.

Claire drew our attention to 'Mindfulness through Gardening' a most helpful PowerPoint presentation, during which she shared with us her journey to better mindfulness. Surely all of us can relate to sometimes functioning on 'auto pilot' and not being in the moment.

Claire shared two book titles which she had found helpful and also how gardening helps her practice living in the moment. The benefits for our mental health, our relationships and our general health were most obvious. Pauline showed us a pictorial presentation of her recent visits to two beautiful English gardens: The Eden project in Cornwall, an educational charity exploring and supporting projects and learning programmes which show how to work towards a more sustain-

able future. It comprises outdoor gardens and Biomes housing plants from all over the world in a Rainforest Biome, and a Mediterranean Biome. The garden grows over 3,700 cultivars and plants and holds seasonal events and exhibitions throughout the year.

The Lost Gardens of Helligan, also in Cornwall, is Europe's largest garden restoration project. Owned and run by the Tremayne family for over 400 years, the gardens fell into disrepair after the two world wars, but are now being restored to their former glory, sustaining a thriving, almost self-sufficient community. It is also used as an educational facility.

In conclusion Ralph Stephens, former President of the Garden Club, formally introduced us to his recently acquired, faithful, seeing Guide Dog, Tory, giving us an insight into amazing facts and traits, many of which we had not been aware, of these wonderful friends of the sight impaired. The Committee decided at a subsequent meeting to donate proceeds of our Christmas lunch to Guide Dogs S.A.

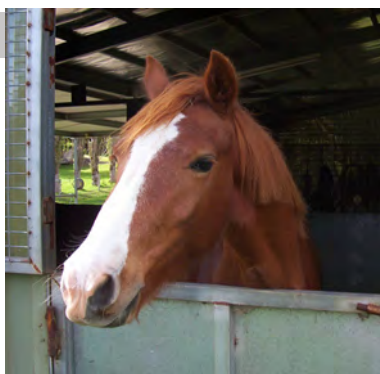
There was a shortened plant auction of plants donated by members, which was fun.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners! Before the beginning of last summer I would have discussed with you the importance of keeping your equines safe in times of disasters, namely bushfires.

As a reminder, I will run through those basics again:-

- Make sure you have decided whether to stay or go and how you are going to implement that.
- If you have only one horse and a float, then the decision is where to take it if you are leaving. If you have two or more, then the order in which you take them may be important.
- Have a record to hand at home and in your tow vehicle of the horse(s) details, such as brands, colour, sex, markings, scars, age and temperament.
- In your tow vehicle keep a horse first aid kit and spare halter(s) and ropes, vet phone no (more than one if possible). This is a good idea as routine anyway.
- Extra feed, including containers (nets/tubs) if possible and spare water supplies can also be stored in the float.
- On high risk days do not rug or leave any gear on the horse. Also keep tails well-trimmed as



- they are quite flammable.
- Keep yourself well informed via radio as to the weather status so that you will be well prepared to evacuate.
- Also keep in touch with neighbours, as they may be better informed than yourself!

Now there are some other factors to take into consideration which will help in the evacuation/handling or relocation of your horse.

How easy is your horse to handle? It will help if he/she can be safely handled by anyone. If not, then there may be some homework to do there, or at least keep a record of any special considerations (flightiness etc). If any veterinary treatment is required, it will be easier if your horse is well trained. Basically this means that he can tie up, stand still and float obediently. Even if your horse is retired from riding, it

may be helpful to revise those floating skills every now and then. Revising in a panic situation is probably not going to be completely successful! The same applies to exposing your steed to new stimuli and situations. This could be as simple as loud noises, different vehicles, tying up in a different location and so on. Even feeding in a different place can be useful. Some changes may need to be gradual, but it would make relocation less stressful for your horse if you do your homework. Keeping your horse socialised is also useful, again in reducing possible stress in a new situation. And finally, remember the KISS principle – keep both rugging and feeding routines as simple as possible. In relocating, it may be someone different either rugging or feeding your horse, so the simpler this is, the better it is going to be for your horse.

In the end, it is in the planning ahead that will possibly save you and your horse from a potentially stressful situation and will aid in recovery if that is a factor.

Without trying to put the wind up everyone, there is always help at hand – your local CFS can give excellent advice as can HorseSA.

So happy homework everyone and hopefully a safe summer!

Hamish

CFS NEWS

This month has seen us busy again with various jobs around the community, most of which were minor in nature and straight forward to resolve. As we move toward the end of another year (how fast did that one go?) I thought it a good chance to look back and cover some of the achievements and challenges we faced in 2018.

The number and type of incidents that we were responded to this year is as follows -

- Sixteen Grass fires - These ranged from small events to large multi acre fires, as far afield as Yankalilla and Carrickalinga.
- Ten Trees down - Generally local area only. It is amazing how trees manage to find the coldest, wintery nights to fall over!
- Seven Motor Vehicle Accidents - Our least preferred task, most were relatively minor with one exception. Please talk to your families and loved ones about sensible behavior on the roads, and encourage everyone to return home safely.
- Five Structure fires - This involves houses, sheds and any other domestic structures. As well as a few local events, we also supported other brigades in Aberfoyle Park and Clarendon. Structure fires generally require a specialist response

with the use of breathing apparatus for firefighters – a skill we have as a brigade and which requires extensive training to keep up to date.

- Four Rubbish fires - Generally back yard burns or fires starting in collections of rubbish.
- Two Animal rescues - Some lost cows and a horse – we were there to assist them to safety.
- One Vehicle fire
- One Electrical fire
- One Oil spill

We also have our Operational Support members who manage radio communications for Cherry Gardens and the other four brigades in the Sturt group. They have also had a very busy year coordinating events and keeping crews safe - their year involved many more tasks than those listed above.

As a brigade, we have managed recruitment of some fine new members this year and we are in a great position for 2019. We have also strengthened relationships with community groups that support us, the Lions, Rotary, SA Power Networks and the Cherry Chatter. We also thank everyone for supporting our can/bottle collection efforts – this really does keep us going. Improvements have been made to the training area to the west of the station and this will be ongoing in 2019.

The station itself has had a major facelift, and hopefully by the time this is published the front signage has been completed. This should really make the station stand out and be ready to take us into 2019 and beyond.



This Christmas we will be present at the Blackwood pageant, and rumor has it Father Christmas will also be back on the Station tractor, bigger and better than ever. We will be operational if needed throughout the Christmas break but we will not mind if things stay safe and quiet!

Thank you all for your support this year and we wish everyone a very safe, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We will be back bigger and better in 2019!



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MINTON FARM

Minton Farm Rescue Centre's hospital has been flat out rehabilitating injured creatures of all kinds for the last month. There has been a huge increase in the numbers of ringtail possums coming into care, particularly from cat attack. As I write, there is a New Holland Honey Eater struggling for its life because of a neighbours' cat slinking across a local's garden with the bird in its mouth. A combination of shock, internal damage and infection from the cat's teeth and claws means there is a slim chance of survival for these creatures. Warm, dark and quiet are important but the key to success is early (within 5 hours) medical treatment of pain relief and antibiotics. It is so important to keep your cats contained, particularly in our beautiful vegetated District to protect the wildlife 24 hours a day, not just at night!

The progress on the round raptor flight is very heartening and I believe the quality work being done on it is worth the \$48,000+ that it is costing us. The volume of tawny frogmouths this month in itself warrants its construction! I wish you all a Merry Christmas with your families and thank you for your support to continue this free community service to improve our gorgeous area's biodiversity.

Bev and Glenn Langley.

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Website- www.mintonfarm.org

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SQUARE PEGS

Former long-time resident of Cherry Gardens Rob Walker recently launched his new book, "Square Pegs" at the Once and Again Book Café on Marion Road. Rob and his wife Lyn lived at 111 Cherry Gardens Road for 31 years.

Rob describes the book thus...

"...a miscellaneous hotchpotch of short fiction, poems, memoir and assorted writings about non-conformists, freaks, eccentrics, individualists, ugly ducklings, mavericks, lone wolves and losers".

It is a great read, Rob's eighth book, and you can review or purchase at:

<https://truthserumpress.net/catalogue/fiction/square-pegs/>



Rob and Lyn Walker



Rob and Bill



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FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK

Another year has come and gone, and the Friends of Scott Creek CP held their Annual General Meeting last month. Unsurprisingly, there were no changes to the office bearers, with the following members re-elected unchallenged:

- **President** – Peter Watton
- **Vice President & Correspondence Secretary** – Jim Spiker
- **Treasurer & Minute Secretary** – Donella Peters
- **Administration Assistant** – Jenny Dawes
- **Membership Officer** – Lorraine Billett

Following the brief formalities, local award-winning author and zoologist Daniella Clode provided a fascinating talk based on her book *The Wasp and the Orchid*, the Remarkable Life of Australian Naturalist Edith Coleman.

Edith was an amateur naturalist and science writer of the early 20th Century, who published her first scientific paper at the age of 48. She solved the mystery of orchid pollination that had troubled even Charles Darwin, and went on to write over 300 articles about Australian nature for scientific journals, newspapers and magazines. In 1949 she became the first woman to be awarded the Australian Natural History Medallion.

Edith Coleman's name is little known

today, despite being recognised at the time as 'Australia's greatest orchid expert' and 'foremost of our women naturalists', and Danielle set about rectifying this with her book.

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

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

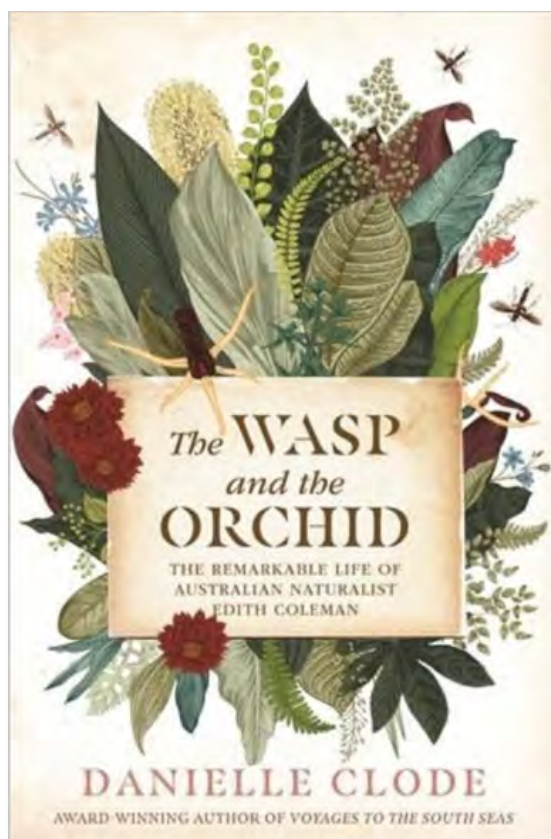
Programme of activities

December

Sat, Sun 1, 2	Bird banding
Tue 4	Working bee
Sun 9	Working bee
Sat, Sun 15, 16	Bird banding
Sat 22	Working bee



Danielle Clode



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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RECREATION GROUNDS

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

It sneaks up on you....

Believe it or not, we're already a month into the cricket season, it really sneaks up on you. Just to quickly bring everyone up to speed, we've entered two senior teams again however, with some of our more senior players being unavailable for major parts of the year, we've decided to drop to the B Grade. It is a positive move as it allows us to play the teenagers in our team in more prominent roles and build their confidence, from which we've seen results already. We are fully committed to being back in the A Grade competition next season!



Our C Grade again looks to be one of the front runners in that grade and we're happy to say we've got two junior teams this season, an Under 12 and Under 14. This is really a promising move for the future of the club.

And lastly, thanks to signing up to the newsletter, it will only be sent sparingly so don't worry about being bombarded. We will include some throwbacks to yesteryear and some player profiles for a bit of a laugh too.

A reminder that meals are at the club every Thursday night and we now have Foxtel installed so there'll always be something on. See you at the club! Installed in the first week of November, much to everyone's joy, was our new permanent pitch matting. Thanks to a small SACA grant and some club fundraising, gone are the days of players or junior parents rolling out and rolling up the heavy mats. It looks great and is there all year round for us to utilise. Hopefully it has a long life and gives us a more true grass type pitch experience.

Community Christmas Show

This year on Saturday December 15th the Cricket Club is holding a T20 Double Header and this will be immediately followed by a Community Christmas Show complete with a visit from Santa for the kids. At the same time we will be holding a brief ceremony to open the new extension to the playground and fitness area.

Everyone in the community is welcome to come along, watch a bit of T20 cricket and enjoy the Christmas cheer, and share some time with others from the community. We send out the invitation to everyone and hope that locals come along and join in.

This event will run a bit later than the Community Christmas Show that used to be on Sundays due to the cricket games but with daylight saving should still work for families.

We expect that the T20 games should be over by around 6pm and once they are over the oval will be available for everyone to use and then Santa will arrive.

Hope to see you there!

MAX RICKS RECOLLECTIONS - A reflection of olden times

The Cherry Gardens Public Primary School served the district for several generations. The School room, with the teacher's residence adjoining, was situated at the bottom of Orchard Road, on the southern side of the district. The seven grades of the School Curriculum were taught in the one large room by the resident teacher, with the occasional help of junior teachers in the early years. The school closed in 1972, and the buildings are now occupied by another local family.

Cherry Gardens also had a post office over a long period of time, with its location changing to the residence of the present post master or mistress as the time moved on. The last post office was situated at the Jones' family homestead on the main road, at the Cherry Gardens pine hedge sign. The present postal delivery service came into operation at this stage.

For many years in the early half of the last century, we had a butcher, and a baker delivery service. H.L. Frisby & Sons was the butcher and Paddick's Bakery latterly Richards, who delivered bread twice weekly. Both of these services came from Clarendon.

There was a feeder bus service which connected with Robertson's Bus Service which ran between Adelaide and Meadows. Local drivers would make 2 trips in the a.m. and 2 in the late afternoon to deliver and return workers and students, meeting the buses at the top of the hill from Coromandel Valley to Clarendon Road.

Over the years several small shops were in the district, from sweet stalls at the post offices to a little general stall. The last of these closed down about 1970. There was also a milk and paper delivery which ended about 10 years ago with the passing of Eddie Jacobs.

But the most durable of all has been the Methodist Church (now Uniting) which was established in the 1840, and is still serving the district today.

The most recent lost to the district was the public telephone box which was removed at the beginning of August 2010.



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CHURCH NEWS

Last month we reported on an early wedding and a baptism. Much information was lost after a circuit minister at Blackwood insisted on centralising records at Blackwood only to have them destroyed by fire in the 1930s. Following erection of the chapel, Henry Field's paddock that surrounded the chapel was called Chapel Paddock. Ownership of the land on which the church is built was transferred from Governor George Gawler to Anthony Smith on 16 July 1840, from Anthony Smith to Edward Burgess in April 1841 and from Edward Burgess to Henry Field on 13 July 1848. Henry Field transferred the church block to the trustees on 30 September 1848. They were, Jeremiah Morphett, Edward Burgess, Richard Morphett, Henry Field, Joseph Middleton, Isaac Jacobs, Thomas Boothey, William Collins and John Charles Thrum. Some of these men were later to be trustees of the Clarendon Methodist Church as well.



William Jacobs &
Mary Ann Mildwaters
Wed in 1864



Mary Ann (n. Lewis)
and John Bails

Eliza Lewis and John Broadbent were married on 26 November 1850. Other earlier weddings were Harriet Gardner and Philip Lemaistre on 2 May 1862 by the Reverend Nathaniel Bennett and Mary Ann Lewis (sister of Caleb) and John Bails on the 27th June 1862. Numbers of visiting preachers travelled by the power of their own two feet, as did Mr Illman who was known to walk from Unley to Cherry Gardens to conduct worship on a Sunday morning and then to stop off and preach at the Coromandel Methodist Church later in the day. Preachers on an 1847 quarterly preaching plan were, Revd. Draper, C Dalwood, Cole, W Dalwood, Revd. James Haslam, Morphett, (John) Hart, MacDougall, (Henry) Goss, W Richards, Virgo and Rowe. In 1865, the Rev. J Allen was Superintendent Minister of Clarendon Circuit which included Cherry Gardens. The following was reported in The South Australian Register on Friday 30 March 1866. "The 17th anniversary of Cherry Gardens Wesleyan Chapel was celebrated on Sunday and Mon-day, the 25th and 26th instant. On Sunday two excellent sermons were preached by the Rev. Mr. Daniels, Baptist minister, Clarendon, to congregations who seemed highly delighted and edified by the rev. gentleman's style and impressive manner. On Monday afternoon a tea meeting was held, but thinly attended, no doubt on account of the rain in the morning, and the threatening aspect of the clouds the whole of the day. In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Isaac Jacobs. The financial report was read by the Rev. Mr. Allen, minister of the circuit, and showed a small debt remaining on the chapel, incurred through some necessary repairs. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Allen, and Messrs. John and E. Broadbent, upon various topics, but all leading to the same end, viz., the present and future happiness of all. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Mr. Daniels for his Sunday services; to the ladies of the congregation who provided such

an excellent tea, the only grumbling heard was that there was not enough people to partake of the good things provided; also to the Chairman for his important services. The proceeds of the whole, including Sunday collections and a small balance which was on hand, amounted to upwards of £22 10s, which wiped off the debt, and left a few shillings in the hands of the treasurer."

From the Adelaide Observer, Saturday 18 December 1858. **CHERRY GARDENS SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.**-A correspondent has forwarded the following notice:- On Sunday last two sermons were preached at Cherry Gardens by the Rev. Matthew Wilson, and many of the Sabbath-school scholars recited some most interesting pieces of poetry. On the Monday afternoon the children were regaled with tea and cake, after which there was a public tea, and a public meeting in the evening, when many could not get into the chapel. The chair was occupied by Mr. T. Young, MP and addresses, bearing mostly on the advantages of education, were delivered by Messrs. Thorpe, J. Broadbent, Cumming, Turner, and the Rev. M. Wilson. The total and net proceeds were £41 12s. 3d. The small expenses of the Sabbath school being defrayed, the surplus was most generously accorded to the day-school in that locality, by which the whole of the remaining debt was paid off. A vote of thanks having been given to the ladies for the sumptuous tea provided, and also to the Chairman, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced, the meeting closed about half-past 9, and all appeared pleased and profited.

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CLARENDON BRANCH OF THE AGRICULTURAL BUREAU

Meeting held at the Clarendon Community Hall, 18 October 2018

At the Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau October 2018 meeting the guest speaker was the Chief Pilot Steve Adcock of DroneCo. Steve provided us with an insight into using Drones in Agriculture and showed us a range of drones which he uses in his business of photographing weddings, social events, mining operations, vineyard vegetation growth etc. Steve also provided us with details of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulations regarding the use of Drones privately and for commercial purposes. The speech concluded with Steve answering lots of questions from the members of the Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau. SA History Festival 2019

The SA History Festival started in 2004 with the History Trust (now History SA) wanting to give SA people an opportunity to participate in a festival

of sorts around the history of our State. The event has grown significantly from 2004 when 97 organisations participated in the first History Week.

As the History Week grew in popularity it became difficult to fit in all the activities in just one week so in 2011 we saw the first SA History Festival which ran over the month of May instead of just the one week.

The festival has continued to grow and in 2018 started on the last couple of days in April till the end of May. There was a 56 page program of all the events that took place, and the events were held across the whole state.

Cherry Gardens participated in a couple of the earlier History Weeks with a display of some past history at the Hall one year, and a bus tour through



the district in another year.

So I guess the question is whether any local residents would like to participate in something for the 2019 SA History Festival.

If you are interested then please contact the Cherry Chatter group at cherry chatter@yahoo.com and if there is enough interest we can get together to organise a local event as part of the program.

Hope to hear from you soon!

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB (contd from p. 2)

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2018

Regularly liquid feed potted plants and if they have dried out badly, submerge them in a bucket of water for an hour or two beforehand. Move the more fragile ones to a shady area.

Protect fruit with nets.

Hand pollinate cucurbits to ensure a good crop.

Sweet Corn loves hot weather and water. You can continue to plant into rich soil.

Sow seeds of cineraria, stocks and poppies now, keep them damp and in the shade and they will be ready for a great winter show.

Seedlings of celosia, cosmos, sunflower and zinnia can be planted out with care



HISTORIC HALL MUSEUM

Clarendon Historic Hall

Our meetings are now being held in the evening in the hope that we may find more people are able to join us.

The Committee has been granted \$1800 from HistorySA to get started on our long term project of digitising our entire collection and thus having it available on the internet, for pleasure and research. Having our collection stored in the "cloud" would ensure that the valuable and unique photographs and information are never lost. The work, which will commence soon, will involve scanning and/or photographing each item.

The Museum opening times are posted on a sign outside the museum and will be open for the last time this year on Sunday, 25 November from 1pm to 4pm



HISTORIC HALL MUSEUM

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOW

An invitation goes out to everyone in the local community to come and celebrate the festive season with family & friends at the Recreation Ground.

The Cricket Club has a double header of T20 games scheduled against Aldgate and so we're making a day of it. If you're interested in watching the cricket, it's 1pm for the A2 , and 4pm for the A3 Grade.

For everyone else, from 5pm on we'll have;

- BBQ and Salads for dinner (Vegetarians catered for)
- Bar Open
- Grand Opening of the soon to be completed Playground & Fitness Area
- Music
- *** More to come

A Christmas Show wouldn't be complete without a visit from SANTA CLAUS himself, loaded up with pressies for the kids! Invite your friends and family on the FB event and let's see if we can make this a great night to grow in years to come.





For the best part of the last 20 or so years, Air Operations Support has been carried out by a small band of CFS volunteers at the Cherry Gardens Airbase in Thorley Road (a continuation of Frith Road). This will come as no surprise to anyone who live close by, however it may interest some people to know that our airbase is one of only two Class A airbases in South Australia, both which are servicing water bombing operations in the Mt. Lofty Ranges zone. We operate independent to the local Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade although all our volunteers are registered with the brigade.

The nature of air operations allows for a very fast response to the outbreak of a fire, the aim being to keep the fire as small as possible until firefighters arrive. This can mean the difference between a 3-hour incident and a 3-day campaign and its associated losses. It should always be remembered that firefighters put out fires, air operations provide support for that effort. So effective has this support been, that

this season we will see a considerable expansion in air operations resources throughout the state.

So what does that mean for us here in Cherry Gardens? Well any fire in the Mt. Lofty ranges may now see 4 water bombers and 2 helicopters responded immediately, meaning you could be buzzed by a number of red and white airplanes... yes they are not yellow any more, it's their new livery. We all hope that won't be necessary and of course we hear each year that this fire season is going to be the worst and when it's not, we can become complacent. You only have to look at what's happening in California... we're on the same planet, it can happen here!

Each year we have training days around this time. Our next training day for Airbase Operators is on Sunday December 9th at 9.00am till 12noon. We have been busy recruiting and have 4 new people from the local area, so we are very pleased to welcome Glen, Scott, Emmanuelle and Andrew to the team. We have also managed to bring on 4 more people from neighbouring

areas whom we warmly welcome too. We invite residents from the local area to observe live air operations on our upcoming training day. Once on Thorley road (it becomes a gravel road so drive with care), the gate into the airbase is approximately 300 metres on the left. Drive through the gate and turn hard right and park along the fence line. There will be an exclusion zone marked with red and white tape. Please stay behind the tape at all times. You will see water bomber aircraft landing and getting loaded before taking off and demonstration drops at close range. We also welcome enquiries from anyone who may wish to join, particularly if you live in the local area and are usually home during the day. See you there.

If you have any enquiries, please contact me on 0407388844

Graeme Vickerman
Air Base Manager



A LUCKY FIND

Yesterday was both a very lucky and unlucky day for Brian. He was out for a ride after work and was heading down Dorsett Vale Road when he lost control of his motorbike and slid across the bitumen and off the edge of the road verge and down the steep slope where a couple of sturdy trees stopped him and his bike from continuing down into the gully.

There he lay for probably 20 to 30 minutes on his back, semi-conscious wrapped around the tree waiting.

We had just been down to Scott Creek picking up a load of hay in the trailer. We had driven down Dorsett Vale Road a half hour earlier and now we're on our way back home to Cherry Gardens Road. Half way up something yellow caught our eye off the side of the road that looked like a motorbike rear mud-guard and my first thought was that someone had dumped a stolen bike. We stopped and got out to check it out and it was only then that it occurred to me that it might be an accident. With a bit of a knot in my stomach I looked over the edge and initially just saw a few old garbage bags stuffed with who knows what and then just a couple of metres down the slope off to one side there was the rider. I almost froze as I watched to see if he was breathing and then relief that he was so I called out to him and tried to get a response.

He mumbled something and we turned and started dialling triple zero. The signal was so bad it dropped out the first time and the second call we got through but halfway through giving directions the line went dead again but the third time as we waved the phone around in the air on speaker phone we got through to the operator, Rachel, and were told the Ambulance was on the way.

Back to Brian telling him that people were on their way, stay still, and don't move, they'll be here soon. What's your name? Where are you from? Where does it hurt? Brian was obviously in a lot of pain and he was groaning and constantly saying sorry and thank you. The operator was asking us how things are going and constantly letting us know the Ambulance was on the way and getting closer, and just keeping very calm.

Then Brian suddenly went limp and stopped breathing. That changed everything! The operator said say NOW every time he breathes. We wait for what seemed ages and he gasps a deep breath and then nothing. Waiting again and then he draws one more gasping breath and the operator says we have to help him. I jump down the slope and get below him and wedge myself between Brian and a tree. He still has his helmet on and I don't feel comfortable trying to get it off – has he got a neck injury, we just don't know.

So the operator says give him some compressions on his chest and that is what I did. I press down hard a few times and stop. Nothing. Do it again harder says the operator so away I go again and suddenly Brian groans and tosses his head and his breathing starts again! OMG that was good to see. Brian stay awake and

stay with us. He says sorry again and again and then gets emotional, so we comfort and tell him the Ambulance will be here any minute. We wait. We ask if he can take off his helmet and surprisingly, he manages to get it half off and I help take it off completely but now his head is lying in a hole so we get a couple of towels out the back of the car so he can be more comfortable.

After 20 odd minutes we hear it, the ambulance comes around the corner and the paramedics get out and what a relief to see them. They could immediately see that they were going to need help so they call for reinforcements. One of them comes down next to me and they both go about assessing Brian's condition, checking his blood pressure, getting an IV line in, pain relief and connecting up an ECG.

Brian is already slipping a bit down the slope and it is getting tough to hold him so using a rescue board we rig it up between a couple of trees so that Brian cannot slide down the slope any further. It is getting uncomfortable. The drop off is probably 45 degrees and really it is only the trees that are stopping us from sliding down the slope.

The reinforcements start to arrive and it is not long before there are 4 Ambulances including a Rescue Paramedic, several police cars, 2 SES vehicles and the CFS. The Rescue Paramedic then says he is turning out the MedSTAR Chopper.

By now it is probably an hour since we first found Brian and it is hard to believe it felt so remote and quiet when we first found him. There are emergency service people everywhere, the road is totally closed yet everyone has a job to do and they go about in a calm and organised way.

The SES has set up their rescue vehicle on the opposite side of the road and are rigging up many ropes that will shortly be used by the Paramedics to stabilise themselves and the rescue basket that they have to get Brian into, so they can extricate him from where



A LUCKY FIND (contd from p. 11)

he is jammed up against the tree. The SES has to cut down a couple of small trees to get clear access. Then we hear the Rescue Chopper arrive across at the Cherry Airstrip where the CFS had set up an emergency landing site for them. The Paramedic then says thanks and they have it now and I realise that I can get back up to the road and leave it to them although I feel like I should stay with Brian until he gets out but the calf muscles are starting to burn so probably best to leave it to them.

And then we both stand and watch this team of many different emergency services work together for the next 45 minutes to get Brian up and out of the precarious position where we found him. He was in a lot of pain and the ride was probably a bit rough but there really was no other way and the care everyone took and gave to Brian was really awesome to see. During this time the MedSTAR doctors arrive from the airstrip in a CFS vehicle and they work with everyone else to stabilize Brian, manage his pain relief and prepare him for the trip to hospital in the chopper.

They tell us he will be OK – what a relief. We get a chance to say goodbye and wish him the best before they load him into the ambulance and then they are gone. The SES is packing up and the other ambulance crews are packing up and starting to move on to their next job and so we say our goodbyes, get in the car and go home.

When we get home, it feels quite surreal. Did that really happen? Hope he is OK. Guess we better unload the hay.

Nothing can really prepare you for something like what happened yesterday. We just happened to be in the right place at the right time. The bike was just close enough to the edge of the road that we saw the bright yellow plastic guard, we stopped and we did what we had to do. Brian was unlucky to have had an accident but lucky that we spotted him and that he was not there for too long. There are so many what ifs. What if we decided not to pick up the hay, what if the bike was a little bit further down the slope, what if we had not been paying attention to the roadside and what if it got dark then the bike would never have been seen and we don't want to think about the consequences that could have been.

We hope Brian recovers from his injuries and we get a chance to meet him. It will probably help us to close the book on what happened. Did it really happen? Yes it did and the SES even took a few photos which we looked at today just to reinforce in our minds that it did.

Please drive carefully!







CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPERATING HOURS

During this year's holiday season, from Tuesday 25 December 2018 to Wednesday 2 January 2019, the City of Onkaparinga will have varying service availability. For full details including bin collections, centres, libraries and other services please visit www.onkaparingacity.com/christmashours

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The City of Onkaparinga offers a range of funding opportunities to undertake festivals, events, programs and projects that benefit our communities. In 2018–19 council awarded more than \$590,000 to support over 240 local groups, not-for-profit organisations, schools and businesses.

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New \$300 million tourism target for Onkaparinga

The City of Onkaparinga's new Tourism Strategic Plan aims to sustainably increase visitor spend to \$300 million a year by 2023.

The council is seeking community and business views on the draft plan between now and 5pm on Monday 17 December 2018.

"Tourism has become a vital part of Onkaparinga's economy, and helps position our city as an attractive place to live, to do business and to visit," said Acting CEO Alison Hancock.

Tourism is booming in Adelaide's south, with visitor spend in the City of Onkaparinga increasing by over 30 per cent, from \$160

million in 2015 to \$210 million in 2017.

The sector also directly employing 2,485 people in the Onkaparinga region.

"Our draft Tourism Strategic Plan 2019–23 has been developed after extensive research, analysis and industry consultation."

"It sets a clear tourism direction for the city, identifies future potential growth, and recognises opportunities for the benefit of our community and visitors."

"We aim to reach our \$300 million visitor spend target by increasing day visitation and securing a greater share of overnight visitors to South Australia," Ms Hancock said.



"Everything we're doing is focused on building a sustainable and resilient local tourism industry."

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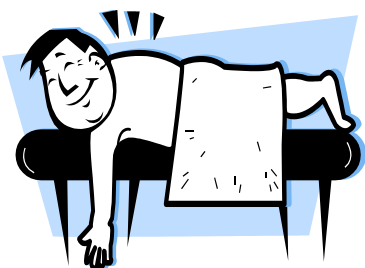
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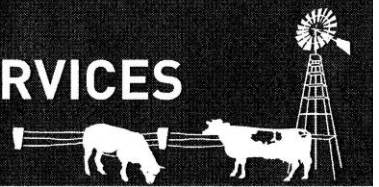


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