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Letter to the Editor

A Tale of International Travel

I remember vividly, earlier this year, as I was chatting on the phone with my father, he paused and asked me, with a tremor in his voice: "do you think you will be able to come and see us this year?" That question set everything in motion. The borders were open again and I could not wait any longer! So in July, I finally made it back to France; it had been 9 years since the last visit to my home country! Here is a recount of my trip, and a reminder to appreciate (and protect) the beautiful world we live in.

Planning the Trip

Apart from booking flights, there was a bit to do: renewing my Australian passport (be prepared to wait longer, or pay an extra \$225 for the priority fee); understanding and following all the requirements related to COVID-19 (good news: according to the Consulate General of France, the border health control system is now lifted and travellers no longer have any health formalities to complete before their arrival in France); finding a travel insurance that included a suitable COVID-19 cover (I went with FastCover); and organise a travel card (I signed up for Wise so I could make bookings in Euros straight away and use my Wise card when travelling to pay in the local currency and save fees).

Once I was off, not much had changed really; and apart from the requirement to wear a mask in the plane, it didn't look like we were still in a pandemic. It wasn't that bad.

The Strength of Family Ties and Friendships

Being welcomed at the airport in Paris by my older sister whom I hadn't seen in 7.5 years was the best feeling! I was a sobbing mess but it felt so good! I stayed in the 20th district of Paris for the first few days, the weather was glorious and I soaked up the atmosphere while

having my coffee and croissant every morning on a terrasse: it felt familiar yet it was a surreal feeling.



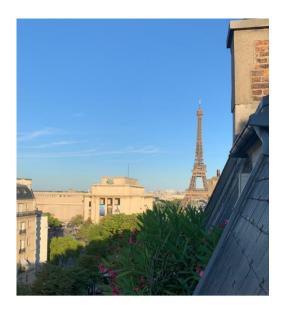
An emotional reunion

My trip was focused on reconnecting with friends and family. I have been living on the other side of the world for more than half my life now and I have to admit it is not always easy to keep in touch, despite the technology. I was a bit nervous: there was so much to catch up on but it felt so natural, like nothing had changed. Being able to hug each other again, hang out in person, walk the same streets, sit together, laugh and cry together was such a privilege. I feel incredibly grateful for the true friendships and close family ties that I have.

I left 2.5 weeks later with renewed energy and my heart full to the brim; blessed!

The Beauty of France

Paris itself was vibrant and oh so beautiful. I loved the crowds and the non-stop activity (such a contrast to Cherry Gardens!). I also loved that in the midst of all this activity, people still take the time to sit down during the



day to stop, enjoy a coffee, lunch, aperitif - alone or with friends. I could have spent more time in Paris, but it was already time for me to move on and continue my journey.

My next stop was Arcachon, in the southwest of France, 60km from Bordeaux. I used to spend holidays there as a child and my parents have now settled back there for their retirement. It is stunning and very close to my heart. Unfortunately, I spent most of my time there in isolation due to catching COVID! It meant I did not have much energy at all, did not get to see my cousins or revisit my favourite places, but I was well looked after and felt very spoiled. I was in the best place really, back at my parents' house for 9 days, giving me plenty of time to rest and recover.

And I was able to continue my trip as planned: off to a small town near Sète in the south of France, where my little sister has recently moved to. It was the best 3 days! The 3 sisters reunited, making the most of our time together and enjoying the markets, the food, the architecture, the beach, and other seaside activities - laughing and talking well into the night.



The markets

The final leg of my journey was in Lyon, where I had lived for almost 10 years before moving O/S. Another beautiful - and bustling - city. And another reminder of how everyday life in France is marked by the three traditional meals, and everything that goes with it. We shop daily, preferably at the growers' markets, we plan the next meal while we eat, we eat dinner quite late and plan our activities around mealtimes. Another contrast to the way I do things here in Cherry Gardens, where I often do a single big shop per week, topped up with stops at roadside stalls, and am tucked in bed by 9pm!

The Fragility of the Planet

Overall, you can probably tell how good this trip has been for me. There was however one aspect that I did not expect to feel to such an extent: the effects of climate change... I knew France, and most of Europe, was in the midst of a heatwave when I left but I did not grasp the severity of it until I experienced it.

This summer, many cities around France recorded their highest temperatures on record, including Bordeaux (40° C), with temperatures that did not drop for almost 3 weeks at a time, and the most intense drought (July 2022 was the second driest month on record).

I arrived in Arcachon just as a massive bushfire had started only a few kilometres from my parents' house - and remained active the whole time I was there! In 9 days, the fires burned 20,800 hectares in the area (about double the size of Paris). Firefighters had never seen anything like this, and there was a lot of tension and confusion amongst residents as evacuations took place. These wildfires were not only confined to the South (the warmest part of the country), but also spread to the North. Their ferocity really took me by surprise... While they have become part of life in Australia, I did not expect that in France.

So where does it leave us?

With tourism and international travel contributing to global warming and climate change, should we stay put? The answer is not clear cut because you would think that the pandemic would have had a much bigger impact on slowing down climate change than it did.

So, while progress is being made towards zero-emission aviation, perhaps the best thing we can do is to keep working hard on reducing our carbon footprint at home - and still enjoy international travel.

What are your tips for reducing your carbon footprint? We invite you to share your tips with the community by writing to cherrychatternews@gmail.com

Article by Emmanuelle Harrington

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CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

Rainfall for September 2022 116.2 mm Rainfall for September 2021 67.0 Average rainfall for September 99.8

Rainfall to the end of September 2022 778.6 Rainfall to the end of September 2021 768.6 Average rainfall to the end of Sept 759.7

Number days of rain for September 2022 22 Number days of rain for September 2021 16

HALL NEWS

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SPRING FEAST



The Spring Feast is in the planning stages, and we can now confirm the date will be November 13th, between 12noon and 4pm.

The function will be a ticketed event, offering steak, prawns and salad. Adult tickets are \$35, and we will have a kids menu for \$15. Tickets are available for purchase at Trybooking.com, search for "Cherry Gardens Spring Feast".

As we need to confirm numbers with our caterer, Texas Bull, bookings will close on Friday 5th November. The event will be BYO drinks, so remember to get some ice for the esky. It should be an afternoon of great food and local family fun.

We will put out the A Frames as a reminder. Hope to see you there.

COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE



The Community Campfire is back on the Hall calendar, the event held in September was a great success. Thanks to all the locals who came along to support the hall, and to have an evening of great food, wine and a sense of community.

Special thanks to Wayne and Eleanor from the CFS who drove the truck to the hall. The kids in attendance had a great time with the lights and siren, and hopefully some of them will be our future CFS Cadets.

We look forward to doing it all again next year.

THE VINCENT MOTORCYCLE NATIONAL RUN

The Cherry Gardens Hall was delighted to have been selected as a venue for a morning tea on Tuesday 11th October as part of the Vincent Motorcycle National Run, held this year in Adelaide. The bikes came from McLaren Vale that morning, and were heading off to Birdwood for lunch.

Amongst those watching the bikes arrive was a local who is the great nephew of Phil Irving, an Australian who joined the Vincent Company in 1931 as an engineer (his first engine design was an OHV 500 cc single-cylinder engine in 1934 called the "Meteor"). Phil returned to Australia in 1949.

Vincent Motor Cycles were manufactured in the UK from 1928 to 1955. Philip Vincent established the business after buying an existing manufacturer called HRD, initially renaming it as Vincent HRD, but closing down in 1955 as it was no longer profitable.

The motor cycles still have a strong following, are now a collector's item. Around 50 of the bikes from all over Australia took part in the run by members of the Australian Vincent Motorcycle Club. Club members were delighted with the hall as a venue, as they had plenty of room to park and display their bikes, and plenty of room in the hall to mingle.



The bikes parked at the front of the hall



Members enjoying morning tea in the hall



One of the bikes with the original HRD badging

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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CHERRY GARDENS CFS

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



At the time of writing the

Brigade has had no call outs for the last five weeks, which is unprecedented in recent times. This is a good result for the community and points to everything going well and everyone remaining safe. Our Communication team however has worked hard as they support the neighboring Sturt Group Brigades. This dedicated team generally assist with ten to twelve call outs per month. Now is the time to assess and review your Bushfire Survival Plan. If part of your plan is to stay and defend your property during a bushfire it cannot be overstated how dangerous this may become. The following information is from the CFS website -

"Staying and defending your home during a bushfire is very dangerous. If you are planning to stay, you will need to prepare throughout the year. The better prepared you and your home are, the more likely you are to survive a bushfire. It is important that you consider the Fire Danger Rating when deciding whether to stay and defend your property. The daily Total Fire Bans and Fire Danger Ratings should define your Bushfire Survival Plan. On days where the Fire Danger Rating is forecast to be Catastrophic, leaving early is the best option for you and your family's survival.

Physical and emotional preparedness - people often panic when a fire approaches and their first thought is to flee. More people die in their vehicles attempting to outrun a bushfire than those who stay and defend once a fire has arrived. It is important that you try to stay calm in a bushfire, avoid making panic-driven decisions, and keep to your Bushfire Survival Plan. Defending a property from fire is traumatic, and both physically and mentally exhausting. Smoke and radiant heat can be hazardous to your health and defending your home can be a very long process. If you intend to stay and defend your property, you will need to be able to cope with intense stress physically and emotionally. You will need to be alert, be adaptable to changing conditions and be prepared to act independently. Ideally you will need at least two people to help you defend your property. You will need to be able to make decisions under extreme pressure, be able to help members of your family, keep others calm, and be able to deal with the physical and emotional stress of a fire for many hours. If you have any doubts about your ability to stay and defend, or the preparedness of your property, you should plan to leave early.

Protection from Radiant Heat - Radiant heat is the biggest killer of people in a bushfire and can kill as the fire approaches. As the fire front approaches your property, it is vital that you seek protection from the radiant heat by going inside or getting behind a solid structure. Your home may give some protection provided essential preparatory work has been done throughout the year. Radiant heat cannot pass through solid structures, so the best place to be as a fire passes is inside. Do not shelter from radiant heat inside your car, a swimming pool or a water tank - these do not provide adequate protection from radiant heat or smoke."

Please consider the above and make a realistic assessment of your situation. Bushfires are truly evil, destructive events.

Fire Danger Ratings Have Changed

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System has been developed using the latest science to be more accurate and relevant to where you live. The new system will be used across the country, so whether you're at home or traveling, you will see the same system being used.

The new Fire Danger Ratings have four levels instead of six – Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic.

When there is minimal risk, such as when it's raining, 'No Rating' will be used. This is the white wedge sitting under Moderate.

There are actions for each level, so you'll know what to do to protect your life, family and property.

You can check the daily fire danger rating on the RFS website, in the Fires Near Me NSW smartphone app, or look out for the roadside signs.

The new ratings and what you need to do:



MODERATE - Plan and prepare. Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.



HIGH - Be ready to Act.

There is a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area. Decide what you will do if a fire starts.

If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk. The safest option is to avoid bush fire risk areas.



EXTREME - Take action now to protect your life and property.

These are dangerous fire conditions.

Check your bush fire plan and ensure that your property is fire ready.

If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.

Reconsider travel through bush fire risk areas.



CATASTROPHIC - For your survival leave bush fire risk areas.

These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire.

Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire.

Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.

Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions.

You may not be able to leave, and help may not be available.

Editor's Note

The Cherry Chatter group recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Recreation Ground to contribute towards the purchase of a new portable stage. This stage can be used inside for presentations, events and it is also suitable for use outside if needed.

We hope the sports clubs get many years of use from the new stage and that this is a valuable and useful addition to the recent renovations.

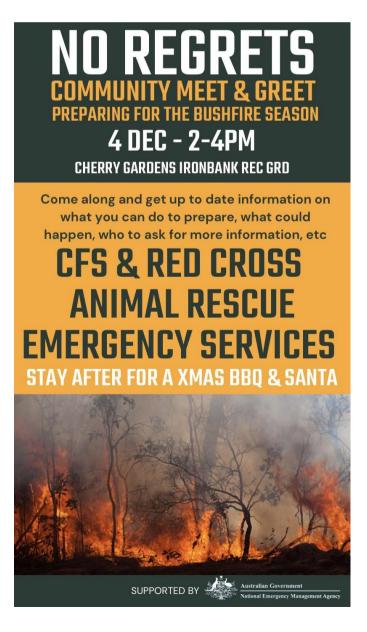


Open for dinner on Friday 25th November.

Join us on Friday 25th November for dinner and experience Patrick's cuisine. The menu will be themed (details nearer to the date). Hopefully we will soon be experiencing some warmer weather and the balcony off the dining room, overlooking the magnificent golf course, is an ideal spot to enjoy a pre-dinner drink. Dinner will be served from 5.30pm. Bookings are recommended by calling the club on 8388 2313.

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





This Community Meet and Greet will be funded under the Disaster Risk Reduction Grants Program funded by the Australian Government and the South Australian Government.



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 <u>djparslow@bigpond.com</u> Secretary - Jan Ball 0432550274

NEXT MEETING

November 14th Mary Raymond will talk about Organic Soils

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

- Clivias are a wonderful plant for growing in shady spots and they don't need much attention or water! At this time of year once they have finished flowering they will appreciate a bit of a tidy up. Trim off old unsightly leaves and flower stems, and divide clumps if they are crowded. Water well after replanting and hold off on fertilizer until they have established themselves.
- Citrus and stone fruit trees will drop newly formed fruit if they are not receiving enough water, particularly during extended hot-spells.
- November is the last month to plant summer vegetables.
- Mulching is a necessity at this time before the hot drying conditions arrive, almost anything can be used but it's best if it's organic. Organic materials which break down fast are best but they need to be topped up on a regular basis. The mulch acts as a

- sponge, reducing the need fore more frequent watering.
- Spring flowering bulbs should be left in the ground until leaves are yellow, then lift and store or cut off foliage to tidy the garden.
- Flowers to plant include amaranthus, aster, carnation, dahlia, petunia, portulaca, salvia, and zinnia.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Spring is finally here! It seems like a long and very wet winter. My weight is the lowest it has ever been, 440kg, compared to some years when I have been well over 500kg.

I have been rugged most days during the winter, partly for cleanliness reasons and partly to keep me warm and dry. I will be 19 in a few days time, so not getting any younger. So maybe I have been feeling the cold a little more this year.

As far as rugging goes, we horses have a different threshold to feeling hot or cold compared to humans. This is called the thermo neutral zone.

We actually don't start to really feel the cold until the temperature gets down to 0 deg.C and then we will feel hot starting at 25 deg. Celsius. For the human, their thermo neutral zone (TNZ) ranges between 25-30 deg. Celsius, so it is quite different. When the human is feeling cold, the equine is probably feeling quite comfortable!

We keep warm by eating, as the digestive process creates heat, so a meal of good quality meadow hay (which will take some time to eat) is a good way of helping your horse to keep warm.

Unnecessary rugging can cause weight gain, which is not what we want during the winter months. Horses have evolved to lose weight over winter prior to that spring flush. Because of our fur coats, we also hold heat better than humans. We have also evolved to cope better with the cold e.g. by growing a thicker coat, movement and by increasing our metabolic rate. Increasing heat production through eating food, or decreasing heat loss through maybe seeking shelter can contribute to keeping us warm.

Some owners will check our ears to estimate how cold we are, but a more reliable way is to check just under the rug behind the wither. If that area is cold, then a warmer rug may be indicated, or if it is damp to touch, then the horse is too warm and would benefit from either a lighter rug or no rug at all.

Most horses who are living out 24/7 should not need rugging unless temperatures fall to 5-10 deg. Celsius. However this should take into account the chill factor,

i.e. rain and wind combined, access to shelter, the age, health and condition of the horse and whether or not the horse is clipped.

As always, every horse is an individual and special needs should be considered according to that horse. Any dramatic loss or gain in weight should be questioned and may need to follow up with veterinary advice.

So, looking forward to some sunny days! Yours thinly, Hamish

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



As spring progresses, we are very conscious that this is our last, best opportunity to prevent many of our priority fire responsive weeds, those that benefit from fires, from setting seed since the parent plants were burnt in the January 2021 wildfire.

After the white-flowering Tree Heath came those familiar bright yellow flowers of Boneseed and the Brooms, both Montpellier and English. These have been our main focus for the past couple of months. We will also have more of the Bluebell Creeper, a Western Australian native plant, flowering in parts of the park in November and December, plus the bulb weeds Bridal Creeper, Bulbil Watsonia and Margined Watsonia.

We continue to share the workload between our hardworking volunteers and contractors, which we wouldn't be able to engage to do this work without the strong financial support the Friends group has received with generous donations from individuals, local community groups and the Carthew Family Foundation, and grants from Friends of Parks Inc. and the Department for Environment and Water, Green Adelaide, the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board and the Suzanne Elliott Charitable Trust.

Many thanks to all have supported us.

As a reward, please come for a walk in the park and check out our spring wildflower display. Many of the walking tracks around the park have a wealth of flowering orchids, lilies and other wildflowers growing along their edges. A reminder to remain on the tracks, to leave nothing behind but footprints and take nothing but photos and memories – all native plants are protected in the conservation park.

Dogs, horses and bikes are not permitted in the park, but the National Parks and Wildlife SA website lists those parks that are open for these activities.

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 or visit our website www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au. You can also 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 diverse flora and fauna.

November

Tue	1	Bushcare
Sat, Sun5, 6		Bird banding
Sun	13	Bushcare
Sat, Sun19, 20		Bird banding
Sat	26	Bushcare

CHERRY CHURCH



Cherry Gardens Uniting Church 87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens Services held on Sundays at

9.30am - all are welcome

One of the activities established to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee this year has been 'The Queen's Green Canopy', a major tree-planting project. Around the world, individuals and organisations have been planting a tree to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of reign. This activity has taken on the nickname of 'Tree-bilee'.

As part of 'Tree-bilee', the Cherry Gardens Garden Club negotiated with the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church to plant a tree in the church grounds. (The Garden Club holds its monthly meetings in the church buildings.) A suitable site and an appropriate type of tree were chosen by members of the Garden Club and of the church. The selected tree is a Malus ioensis 'plena' – Iowa Crab Apple. A plaque was also purchased to commemorate the occasion.

The planting was due to take place on the 16th of October, so presumably by the time you are reading this article in *Cherry Chatter* the tree is now in place and has started to 'settle in'.

It is hoped that the millions of trees such as this one, planted around the world as part of 'Tree-bilee', will contribute to the health of the environment, as well as being a tribute to Queen Elizabeth herself.

Thank you to the Cherry Gardens Garden Club for taking this initiative, purchasing the tree and plaque, and seeing the project through.

A prayer:

Our God, creator God, as we look around us we are amazed at the greatness and glory of creation. We see such beauty in the blossoms of the fruit trees. We savour the sweetness of their fruits. Thank you for allowing us to benefit from the richness of what you have made.

Help me to show my love and gratitude to you by committing to do my best to care for your creation.

Amen.

IBCG FOOTBALL CLUB

The 2022 footy season has ended with one premiership for the club. The B Grade seniors team won the grand final against Kangarilla in a closely fought and tight match at Macclesfield Oval. Prior to the finals Kangarilla was undefeated and they only lost 2 games during the year and both to us in the finals.

For 3 quarters there was less that one goal between the teams but the 3rd quarter huddle speech by coach Brad Smith inspired our boys to come home strong and in the end, they kicked away, held Kangarilla almost scoreless, and won by 5 goals.

This was the first B Grade premiership for 21 years for our club and we are all very proud of the boys!



We put together a little film of some of the events of the Match and the consequent Medal Presentation and Celebration. Click here to view it on YouTube. Abi Weir - our Club Photographer - took some amazing photos of the Grand Final. To check them out head to the Abi Weir Instagram Page or her Facebook Page.

For the first year in a long time we held all end of year Presentation nights at the clubrooms. With the renovations that have taken place over the last 12 months, and no COVID restrictions, we now have the space, tables, seats and ability to hold large functions and events at the Recreation Ground.

In addition to the players who won awards the President, Brandon Chaplin highlighted two people who are not Players or Coaches who were given Awards.

Dave Farmer, 'Mr Fixit', was awarded 'Club Person of the Year'. Dave had done so many roles in our Football Club over the years. This year he was Assistant Coach of the B's as well as managing, helped the A's on the boundary and regularly was in the Kitchen helping out or making things happen. Dave is a great servant of our Club.

Don Watton won the President's Award. Don does so many things that you NEVER see. And he has done it for years and years. He is reliable, wise and has an eye for detail. There are so many aspects and never-ending matters that are required to keep a Club like ours going governance, logistics, sponsorship, finances, admin & the HFL come to mind. And he just chips away constantly and consistently. He has been a great

support to me, and we are all grateful for the hours and hours he gives.

Many thanks to all who made the night a success. And thanks to our Life Members who came - including Matt Smith who was granted the privilege of finalising our 50 Club prizes. And what a moment that was! A grand finale to the formalities of the night. To our Sponsors we are grateful for your support. We hope this will continue. We want to thank them all and recommend everyone try to use these businesses.



We are especially grateful to Magain Real Estate, Centina, Hahndorf Old Mill, Noarlunga Packaging and Cellarbrations Blackwood who are our Major Sponsors. The footy club is ALWAYS looking for new Sponsors - businesses or individuals to help us become a better and stronger Football Community - both on and off the field. If you are interested, then contact Don Watton on 0417865044.

Kerry Hughes our Moddies Coordinator won the Sturt Country Auskick Coordinator of the Year. Kerry and her team of helpers did an amazing job this season and we are very excited about the growing number of juniors in our footy club. Well done Kerry - you are an awesome asset to our footy community! (Editors note: Kerry Hughes is also one of the Cherry Chatter committee members).

For season 2023 we are looking to continue to grow our junior program across all the Colts teams and the moddies. We are also planning to register a C Grade team in the seniors to ensure all our players get a game each week.

Finally, all players in our senior women's team will play FREE in '23. We are looking for more players for this team so if you know of anyone interested contact us. Go Thunderer's

IBCG NETBALL CLUB

Summer Netball Markets

This year the market will be held on Thursday December 8^{th} at the Recreation Ground Clubrooms between 4.30 - $7.30 \, \text{pm}$

If people want to hold a stall it will cost \$10 and please contact Bianca Farrell 0414644108 if you would like to book the stall.

Plants, candles, jewellery, trinkets and lots of gifts etc. Grab a bargain for Christmas, Secret Santa & your kid's teachers all while you are supporting local businesses.

TABLE TENNIS

The 2022 Table Tennis season is now over. The Cherry Gardens team had the best year yet, playing a close match in the prelim final, going down 5 rubbers to 7.

The Hills Table Tennis Association held their Presentation Night at the Stirling Hotel on October 7th, and 2 of our players received trophies for their wins in the Annual Tournament, held mid-season.

Steve Sherrah won the Division 4 Singles, and combined with Edie Brooks to win the Division 4 Doubles title. Congratulation to both our players.

If you would like to play for the Cherry Gardens team, give Edie a call on 0407 798 418.



Steve and Edie with their trophies at Presentation Night.

NUNYARA CONFERENCE CENTRE



Nunyara is a camp, conference and retreat centre situated on spacious grounds in Belair, which hosts 100's of children, youth and adults every year. A hidden gem some say. With an enviable view of the city, it is no wonder this Conference and Retreat Centre was named 'Nunyara', an Aboriginal world from the Barngala people of the Eyre Peninsula meaning 'place of

healing/place of recovery'. The centre can host small and large groups of 10-120 guests in two distinct accommodation styles - bunk beds in dormitory style or single bed in retreat style. With arguably the best meals in the industry, the fully-catered centre offers convenient accommodation for schools (primary and secondary), community groups (e.g. Church groups, Leadership, Quilters, Rotary, YMCA, CFS, Scrapbooking, Yoga etc.), providing a relaxing retreat space as well conference facilities for corporate planning days. Nunyara employs over 20 staff, mostly from the Adelaide Hills area, so from time to time we are on the lookout for casual House Keeping and Kitchen staff to provide exceptional hospitality in our seven day a week operation. We employ all ages so do contact us if you know anyone looking for casual work. Nunyara's main building started its life as a Tuberculosis Sanatorium built by Dr Arthur Gault, from England in 1902. The Sanatorium originally sat on 55 acres (23 hectares apprx). We have been a camp and retreat centre since 1946, when some of the land and the building was bought by the Methodist Church as a Youth Camp. Nunyara is now part of the Uniting Venues SA Group of five Campsites owned by the Uniting Church across SA. Uniting Venues SA also includes an outdoor education arm called Beyond Limits which provides programs for school groups at camp sites, in schools and in national parks. We love being able to provide a space that provides opportunities for groups to foster community, learn creatively, develop leadership skills and explore their faith. More information is available at www.uvsa.org.au

www.facebook.com/NunyaraConferenceCentre

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II this Sermon was delivered by Lord Waldegrave of North Hill, Provost of Eton College, College Chapel - 11 September 2022

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.

An old lady, a very old lady, has died. As you might expect, her children, her grandchildren, her great grandchildren, her friends and relations mourn her. They find consolation no doubt in the old lady's unshakeable Christian faith. Perhaps they remember the words of the preacher in the book of Ecclesiastes we have just heard read whose magnificent poem echoes down the centuries, and find solace after a long life well lived in his words from which none of us can escape: there is a time to die. Thus a beloved person is lost to those around her who loved her, and is mourned, as we all may hope and wish to be mourned.

That is all perfectly normal.

So what is it that is happening to us and to many, many millions of people not just here in the United Kingdom, but around the world, which makes this old lady's death leave us feeling so profoundly moved and so bereft? Why is it that we feel such genuine and heartfelt grief? This is not normal; this is extraordinary.



It is not that the old lady was some titanic writer or scientist, some politician or soldier who had led nations to triumph or glory, some Mandela or Tolstoy or Newton or Napoleon. Not at all. She was an honest, decent, hardworking woman with a sharp sense of humour and a heavenly smile; an iron memory for faces, a fascination with people, a great expertise in bloodstock, an affection for this place which she often visited, and a quiet but profound Christian faith, the rock on which she built her life. Could we find other people, whom perhaps we know and love ourselves in our own families with similar qualities? Yes, we could, though we would be very hard pressed to find someone who was her equal in expertise on breeding race horses.

So what is going on? Why is the death of this one old lady, our late Queen Elizabeth II, so profoundly moving? Not just here in Britain, but around the world? Because it is profoundly moving, and if you do not feel it, there is perhaps something a little missing in you.

The answer I think is this. Through the genetic lottery of hereditary monarchy she had, not of her choice, laid upon her a task, from which she could not honourably escape, of almost intolerable weight. The task was to inhabit a role - and I use the word borrowed from the theatre deliberately - a role which meant that every day of her long life was constrained and shaped and observed; which

meant that she sacrificed virtually all her freedom and voluntarily circumscribed her own individuality; a role which made us all feel that we owned her.

What was this role, and who was the ruthless playwright who scripted it?

Well, the role was to embody, physically, the values and traditions of the nations of which she was sovereign. And do it forever, for all her life.

Who wrote this terrifying script? The answer to that is: look in the mirror. We did, her peoples. We insisted she undertake it, and were often very quick to criticise from the cheap seats if we detected - usually wholly unfairly - any falling off in her performance.

Could she have refused the part? Yes, in theory she could, her uncle did, though she regarded such escapism with contempt. Could she have made a mess of it and failed our expectations? Yes indeed she could have done - a good many of her ancestors did make a spectacular mess of it. But she - did not. Aged not much older than you boys, at her twenty first birthday, she looked her future in the eye, accepted it, and pledged her life to fulfilling the role we had laid on her for the rest of her life.



Now you may say - "it was just a role - you've said it yourself, Provost - all play acting- processions and stage-set palaces" . But if you do say that you misunderstand in a profound way what it is that makes a nation, a people, a community, a family even, work.

Let me tell you one story from my own life to illustrate what I mean. When I was Minister of State in the Foreign Office during and after the fall of the Berlin Wall, I had the honour to receive in my grand office, which overlooked Whitehall and the Cenotaph, the first Foreign Secretary of free, non communist Poland.

It was the day of the opening of Parliament. We held our talks, while outside there was the noise of the preparation of the great procession when the monarch, escorted by the Household Cavalry, travels in the royal coach from Buckingham Palace to Parliament. There were bands playing, commands shouted, the clash of arms coming to the Present. It became clear to me that my Polish colleague wanted to watch the parade rather than to talk to me. So we put our papers aside and stood by the window and watched. He turned to me, this hero

of anti communist resistance, who had helped free his country and said: "Minister, what we are watching matters. The communists robbed us of our rituals".

He was right.

He might have quoted Shakespeare; Ulysses in *Troilus* and *Cressida*:

There is a mystery- with whom relation Durst not meddle - in the soul of state, Which hath an operation more divine Than breath or pen can give expression to.

No society or community can survive long without the rituals which embody what Shakespeare calls the state's soul -the ideals and dreams to which that society wishes to aspire, though all societies fail much of the time to achieve them. As another book of the old Testament puts it: "Where there is no vision, the people perish."



Some countries choose as Britain does, to have a hereditary constitutional monarch whom we require to embody that vision, that soul of our community, of our nationhood. Without thinking, often, what we are asking, we lay upon an individual human being what is a tremendous duty. We choose the person in an ancient way, by heredity, and require them to undertake the near impossible task of representing the sort of values to which we aspire and then to keep those values themselves safe from what Winston Churchill called the rancour and asperity of party politics - rancour and asperity which are inseparable from democracy but which, unless they are bounded by some sense of shared service to the national community can shake a nation to pieces.

So there we have it. This old lady - one of us, one of the ordinary human race - had that burden laid upon her, that extraordinary duty - to represent the very soul of the nation - of all the nations she served - to keep that soul safe and separate from the necessary power struggles beneath - and by becoming the very exemplar of service to give us something to love and to serve, and yes, sometimes something even to die for - and to do all this as a real, living, breathing, person. That is what she accepted all those years ago and having accepted the burden, she carried it all her long life without missing a beat.

That is what she did. And I think no one in the thousand years and more of our monarchy, ever did it better. That is why we, and all those millions feel bereft, and why we are right so to feel.

Now this strange ancient institution of monarchy provides also the antidote to the feeling of loss that so many feel. It comes, this antidote, much in the same way that it comes in many families. On the day that my own beloved mother died, some years back, another of her great grandchildren was born: life goes on. On the day that the Queen died, King Charles succeeded and in his own powerful and moving words on Friday made clear not only that he well understands the burden that he now carries on our behalf, but accepts it and will to the best of his own ability, carry it as his mother did. So we mourn, but we also celebrate: the story goes on. All the values of service, self-effacement, and duty, often so under-rated in the rat races for power, money or fame which surround us, find a new quiet champion on whom we place the old burden, and who we look to with hope to carry on the work.

So that is why so many millions mourn: it is our way of saying "thank you" and for showing that we understand how well that quietly heroic old lady represented to us and for us all that is best in us. It shows that we know in our hearts that without such a rock of service on which to build our fractious human society so much will be lost. It reminds us that without that vision of duty and shared obligation, the people may indeed perish.

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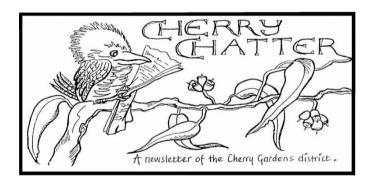
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We're hoping you can help us out with a request for copies of the old paper Cherry Chatter newsletters from the years 1999, 2000 and 2001.

We only have digital copies from 2003 onwards, and some information is desired for the Garden Club guest speakers and events from those old copies.

If you do have any copies, would you please email us at cherrychatternews@gmail.com and we can organise to get them picked up, scanned, then returned to you asap.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Onkaparinga Now



Santos Tour Down Under rides into Onkaparinga

Australia's largest and most prestigious cycling race returns to Onkaparinga when the Santos Tour Down Under kicks off in January 2023.

The City of Onkaparinga will host stage 4 of the men's five-stage race on Saturday 21 January.

For the first time cyclists will start from Port Willunga. They will follow a 135.3km route through the McLaren Vale wine region, heading north to Blewitt Springs, and turning back south to finish in historic Willunga.

Onkaparinga will also welcome riders during stage 2 of the event on Thursday 19

January. The peloton will race to Victor Harbor through Morphett Vale, Noarlunga, Seaford and Aldinga Beach after commencing in Brighton.

Acting Onkaparinga CEO Julia Grant said the council was thrilled to host the tour for the 23rd time.

"This is an international event and a great boost to our tourism. It brings the world to our region and it takes us to the world," she said. Onkaparinga will also co-host the first stage of the 2023 UCI Women's WorldTour on 15 January. The three-stage, three-day event has been elevated to the top level of women's road cycling and will be the first event on the international calendar.

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Ballot papers will be delivered to your address mid October.

Authorised by Julia Grant, Acting CEO, City of Onkaparinga, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre 5168.







Santa is back!

Onkaparinga's Christmas Pageant returns in November.

The City of Onkaparinga's Christmas Pageant is back after two years off the road and Santa will be there to wave at all the big and little kids along the way!

He will be joined by marching bands, dancers, clowns, a brilliant array of tinselclad boats and trucks, and some furry fourfooted friends.

The pageant will be held on Sunday 20 November. It will kick off at 10am from the corner of Hunt Crescent and Beach Road at Christies Beach and head down Beach Road to the Esplanade.

The fun continues in Rotary Park with Christmas in the Park, a free event with live music and entertainment, market stalls, and the opportunity to take a picture with Santa. Acting Onkaparinga CEO Julia Grant welcomed the return of the pageant.

"This is one of the most joyful events we hold every year," she said.

"It celebrates Onkaparinga's generous community spirit. The parade is made up of amazing people from across our region including emergency services, surf life saving clubs, sporting clubs, schools and kindies, dance and arts academies, churches and local businesses.

"I encourage everyone to arrive before 10am and to remember their sunblock, hats and chalk."

MORE INFORMATION onkaparingacity.com/christmaspageant





Adopt a tree in '23

City of Onkaparinga homeowners can Adopt a Tree for their verge and help grow the urban forest.

Adopt a tree in 2023 through the City of Onkaparinga's Adopt a Tree program. The council will nurture your tree in its nursery, plant it on the verge in front of your house, give it informal health checks and prune it. All you have to do is water it and give it the love it deserves.

Christie Downs resident Evelyne Smith applied to adopt a tree in this year's program after the bottle brush in front of her house was damaged by white ants.

"It felt naked not having a tree," she said.

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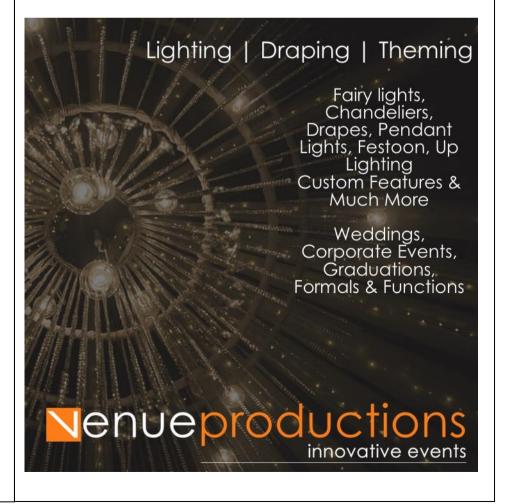
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