

Cherry Chatter



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EDITORIAL

January 2019

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

So welcome to 2019!

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

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

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

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

The recent Bushfire Survival Plan Workshop day at the Hall was quite poorly attended so I guess that means that everyone who did not attend al-

ready has their plan in place and knows exactly what they are going to do.

Where will you go?

Which roads will you take?

When will you go?

What will you take with you?

What will you do with your pets and/or livestock?

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

Do you have a Bushfire Kit of everything you will need to protect yourself?

Do you have a battery powered radio?

Do you have a pump and water supply to defend against a fire?

Remember that there is NO Last Resort Refuge in our district.

If all of this makes you think more seriously about being prepared then please check out the CFS website as there

is a lot of information there, or visit the local CFS and talk to them and get some advice. **DO NOT BE COMPLACENT!** https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire/bushfire_safes_places.jsp

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

Happy New Year Cherry Chatter Readers!



RAINFALL REPORT

January 2019	0
January 2018	14.2
Average for January	27.8
End of January 2019	0
End of January 2018	14.2

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Next meeting 7.30pm February 12th at Bill Semple's home
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March

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CHERRY GARDENS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The table tennis season starts early May.

Anyone wishing to play, contact Edie Brooks on 0407 798 418.

Div 1, 2 & 3 play Tuesday nights,

Div 4 plays Thursday nights.

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB (contd p.5)

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

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

Exclamations sounds of wonder and amazement were elicited from our members when Paul Frost from the Bee Keepers' Society of SA took us on a journey of discovery of the amaz-

ing life of Western Honey bees. – Apis Mellifera.

Who hasn't stood and watched bees busily buzzing around, gathering nectar from flowers in the morning? In their simplicity they give us no clue that we are in fact observing an incredibly complex nectar harvesting and storage machine? All bees are part of a really tightly run ship – their hive. Most bees you see are female worker bees, each with specific tasks in the hive. Rarely seen drones on the other hand are males and don't work existing simply to fertilise the eggs carried by the hive's only larger than normal sized bee - the Queen. Then they die! Bees fulfil a vital role in fertilising plants and trees including that edible to humans. Honey consists of 82% nectar and 18% water and is stored in enough quantity to feed the

hive in times of nectar shortage. Honey's medicinal properties can be lost if heated to a high enough temperature. Honey and wax are used in countless flavourings, cosmetics, cleaning materials and other products which are essential to modern life. At present honey research is underway to discover a replacement for current day antibiotics, to which bacteria are fast becoming resistant. Honey stored in the Pyramids with Mummified royalty more than 2000 years ago, was reportedly in as good condition as when first placed there, to provide nourishment to Egyptian royalty on their journey to heaven.

Alarming bees are rapidly disappearing from Planet Earth due to pollution, insecticides, and disease and we will be in dire straights without them. Some countries in the world already have to pay human workers to fertilise

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

I trust that we have all survived the hot spell. It has been a trying time for horse owners keeping their neddies cool and protected from the sun.

The ground has dried out more than it has for years and much ground cover has died off. When the ground becomes bare (say less than 80% coverage), owners need to be aware of the risk of colic as horses scrounge around looking for those extra bites! Sandy soil is probably the most risky of soil types, as it can settle in the horses' gut and not pass through. But any soil carries a risk if there is no forage for the horse. When they are hungry they will eat almost anything, even poisonous weeds such as Salvation Jane etc. What to do? Well, keeping your horse supplied with some low sugar but good quality hay will certainly help. They are hard-wired to continually graze, so for both physical and mental well-being, plenty of ad lib bulk is a safe way to go. If you can't be around for that daily topping up, then slow feeder hay nets are very useful. They generally come in all sizes from pony through to bale size. Even a round bale is useful, but there can be quite a lot of waste with that as what drops on the ground gets trampled.

In the hot weather they will also tend to stand around in whatever shade



they can find and just 'chill'. This also works well for them for getting away from the flies. As I mentioned last month, providing shelters, fly veils, creams and sprays can all help. Good idea to check daily, particularly with the older horse as tear ducts can be attacked by flies and will need to be cleaned out. If you are lucky enough to have dung beetles in your paddocks, they will help to reduce the fly population and also help to control worm reinfestation. You will know if you have them if, when you turn over a pile of dung there are lots of little holes bored into the ground – or you might even see all the little beetles burrowing into the ground as you disturb the manure. There are dung beetles for different seasons. So there are summer, winter, spring and autumn beetles. If you don't have them, there is a breeder in the hills where they can be purchased. The beetles take the nutrients from the dung down into the soil, so they are very useful little critters. My owners have been riding early in

the morning to avoid the hotter period of the day. Also on those hot days me and my mates get a lovely hose down. They don't scrape the water off any more as it has been discovered that we actually cool off better just letting the water evaporating off our bodies, rather than scraping it off. However, they do make sure that the pastern and fetlock area is well dried in case of any greasy heel appearing. One of my mates is prone to this, so extra care needed!

Keep cool everyone and look forward to some rain!

Hamish



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CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB (contd from p. 2)

their orchards of fruit bearing trees using paint brushes.

The pro active, interested, willingness – of every one of us,- to reduce our insecticide usage or at least to very carefully, follow directions on the pack of insecticides and other garden chemicals, could remove the last straw to break the camels back thus avoiding Bee Extinction. Note especially when spraying, the safest time of day - to avoid bees drinking contaminated nectar from recently sprayed plants and returning to their hives with lethal toxins,- is as late in the day as possible when the bees are less active!

As is usual the meeting was followed by a hilarious, varied plant auction and then a delicious supper.

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



Even those of us who may enjoy the summer heat realise that it is not a good thing when we don't get rain for an extended period during this season. A lot of bushland in the hills looks pretty dry and stressed, but this will generally freshen up again very quickly once we receive a bit of rain. There are, however, some benefits from these hot dry spells when it comes to managing the weeds in these bushland areas.

Despite a few drops of rain falling in the hills in January, there was not enough to register any for the month in Adelaide, according to the Bureau of Meteorology. When combined with a few weeks when we get a number of hot days in a row, this summer drought can help burn off woody weed seedlings that may have germinated during the previous spring. This, in turn, means a lot less work dealing with these weeds over the next couple of years.

In addition, this year we have noticed a lot of Blackberry fruit has shrivelled up on the bushes in late January and early February, which means there will be less seed being spread about the park and neighbouring bushland areas. Obviously, this is not such good news in the home garden or commercial production situation, and would have meant a lot more artificial watering would have been required to keep fruit and vegetables healthy.

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

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

All working bees meet at 9.00am at the Almanda Car Park on Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet weather). To attend bird banding, contact the coordinator Don Reid on 83882123.

Programme of activities

March

Sat, Sun 2, 3	Bird banding
Tue 5	Working bee
Sun 10	Working bee
Sat, 16	Bird banding
Sun 17	Clean Up Australia activity
Sat 23	Working bee
Tue 26	Social lunch

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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We hope everyone is back in their daily routines as another year starts to countdown. Somehow, 2019 is well and truly underway and I thought a good place to start this year is with our recent brigade photo. Pictured are a great group of diverse people with a wide range of skills that come together when needed to protect and make safe our fantastic part of the world. On behalf of all of us, thanks for the support and charity we receive - be it through our recycling efforts, donations or just a friendly wave as we are out and about. This means the world to us, and enables the brigade to continue to provide the best level of protection and assistance to our area and beyond.

We have been called upon to assist in various situations since last year, but at the time of writing, there have been no local major incidents or fires. Thanks to everyone who has gone about their day-to-day activities safely so far this summer. It is very important with the countryside so dry to guard against practices that may lead to an unintended fire. Please be sure



to know and understand fire bans and restrictions and act accordingly. The CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au is a great resource for daily information, including a comprehensive "What can I do / What can't I do" during the fire danger season and on total fire ban days.

The Cherry Gardens CFS siren is tested every Friday at 0800 hrs. This gives the community familiarity with the alarm and keeps the siren mechanism in good working order. For the last year or so the automatic signaling has been unserviceable, so the 0800 test was manually carried out and therefore perhaps not achieved every week. The fault with the automatic feature has now been rectified, so the siren will sound regularly each Friday.

A paging system is used to turn out the brigade (not the siren) but if there is a local fire emergency, the siren will be used to alert our community at the time of that event. Therefore, if you are woken or hear the siren at any time other than 0800 on Friday please be aware we face a local emergency and you will need to activate your own plans. This procedure is also to assist with the poor and unreliable phone coverage in parts of our area - hard to believe in 2019, but that is another story! The Cherry Gardens siren will "wail" as tested each Friday but for those who also live within hearing distance of the Ironbank CFS station, theirs is a continuous siren so the two signals can be differentiated. Stay safe and thanks again for your support as we work towards becoming a bigger and better brigade in 2019!

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

Local workers returning home after working in the Cherry Gardens clay pits, would often call

into our house for a drink of water or refreshment. Our Mother Ethel Ricks nee Stone would always oblige. One day Mum said to us boys, who were in our teenage years by now in 1946, why don't we open a little shop to sell cool drinks. So Charles and I cleaned out a small building at our house and converted it into a little shop where it was intended that we could sell cool drinks and sweets. After spending some time painting, and building a small counter, and putting up some shelves, we eventually opened our little shop. We nailed a small sign on one of the pine trees by the Cherry Gardens Road which read 'IT-L-DO' for cool drinks and sweets. Gradually we sold a few drinks, etc, to the local young people, and it was quite exciting to come home from the paddock and asked Mum if anyone had called today. Surprisingly we were soon selling a greater range of goods including kitchen items and a small range of nails and bolts etc. It now seemed that there was a need for a larger building to sell these goods. When speaking about this with our good friend and neighbour, Ern Strange, he offered to give us the logs out of a large red gum tree on his property. From this tree we could get enough timber sawn from it to construct a larger shop. We gladly accepted Ern's offer and had the timber sawn at the Meadows Saw Mills. As time permitted in between milking cows which was our living, Charles and I erected a 12ft by 16ft building, plus a front verandah. We were now able to carry a good range of groceries and commonly used hardware as well as cool drinks, sweets and vegetables. We would go to Adelaide each Tuesday to buy the shop's needs, and on Thursdays we would spend all day delivering to Cherry Gardens, Dorset Vale and a little into Iron Bank. However, it became obvious that the shop was taking a lot of time now, but dairying was still the family business and we decided we could not look after both. So, after 8 years or so of shop trading we sold off the stock and closed the shop in 1954.

After this, Charles went to work driving trucks at the clay pits, and I helped at home with the dairying.

The Agricultural Bureau is an Australia wide movement which assists with the needs of the farming community. The South Australian division is known as the central Agricultural Bureau. A Cherry Gardens branch was formed at a public meeting held on the 15th of November 1892. The first chairman was Grandfather Charles Ricks, and the first secretary was Mr. R.G. Hughes. In those early years, the local bureau meetings were held monthly at the Cherry Gardens Primary School building. Speakers were invited to pass on their knowledge at the meetings which were well attended by the local farmers. Day time



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visits were frequently arranged among members, and the sharing of knowledge and experiences was welcomed by all. Young people were always welcomed. Daytime family gatherings at various homesteads were often held. The Agricultural Bureau was a major organization for the development and progress for the farmers of the district, and continued strongly until the 1950's. By now all evening meetings were held at member's homes. At about this time there was a major change in the zoning regulations in much of the Cherry Gardens area. Farms could now be subdivided into small acreage housing blocks, which were quickly bought up mainly by city people. As a result of this, Cherry Gardens became recognized as rural living area, with no property large enough to support farming as a living. The exceptions being that anybody living in the 'Hills Face Zone', retained their original sized property which could not be subdivided. The other exception being, the area on the southern side of Cherry Gardens Road, which is classified as water catchment, and is not sub-dividable. Our property has Star and Arrow Road as its eastern boundary, which means we are in the Hills Face Zone, and therefore not sub-dividable. The Agricultural Bureau at Cherry Gardens closed in the late 1950's.

From the Past 5 Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall

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

a single centre pole to which was attached a heavy block and tackle and pulled up by hand using strong ropes. Local man and former engineer Ray Dunn was in charge of this operation. The floor joists were sawn from local logs of blue gum (*Eucalyptus Leucoxylon*) donated by the Jones family and sawn at the Meadows saw mills this timber is extremely hard and is white ant proof. The bearers were course sawn as green timber and this was stacked and air dried under the front verandah of the home of Isaac Ricks for about 12 months. Work continued daily and the local folk spent as much time as possible between milking cows and attending to essential home requirements. There were always teams available for the hall building to continue daily. As an indication of the intense involvement of the locals it was noted by knock of time one day that the kitchen woodwork was progressing well with the passing comment that all we need now was a sink to put in it. Next morning an anonymous envelope was handed in containing enough money to purchase a new sink. This was truly going to be the Hall that the local population built and paid for. By now the hall structure was complete the Jarrah floor had been laid and the electrical fittings had been installed by the Blackwood firm of Harold Edge and Co. Painting the hall inside and out, and the all the wood work around windows and fittings was time consuming but very rewarding. By now the Hall was ready for opening so on Saturday 24th March 1956; the hall committee chairman Lt. Col. Cliff Frith introduced the South Australian Premier the Hon. Tom Playford who officially declared the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall open. A grand opening ball was held on the Saturday night. At the time of opening there was no foyer or indoor toilets. There separate Ladies and Gentlemen's toilet blocks behind the southern end of the hall, these were constructed of reinforced poured concrete these facilities were superseded as funds were raised during the following years. Indoor toilets were then constructed in conjunction with the foyer in the 1960's, mainly through the success of the regular monthly dances which followed the opening of the hall.



CHURCH NEWS

The Cherry Gardens Uniting Church Carols on Tuesday December the 18th was a great night with more than 150 adults and children attending. We are happy to thank: the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall Committee, who provide the excellent venue free of charge for us each year, the Cherry Chatter committee for their support and publicity, our MC, Gill Marshman, Tabor Music, especially Dr Janelle Fletcher and music students, Beth, Sam and Nahni and soloist, Gabrielle King, soloist, Rebekah Nelson from Scott Creek and accompanist, John Penberthy, who has been a great support to our church over many years, the high quality sound system provided by Anthony Stewart of Red Brick Music and Steve Sherrah, vision by Anthony Hails, the members of the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church for setting up, for the supper, publicity, transporting the Clavinova etc., the organising Committee: Steph Dube, Gill Marshman and Di Dyson, Mr. Alan Light, the Cherry Gardens Men's Poetry Group, especially the help from Terry Whittle in organising them. Our 170th anniversary service will be held on Sunday 17 March 2019. Reverend David Houston will lead the service from 9.30 am, followed by a shared morning tea.



This is another history item in the lead up to our 170th anniversary in March 2019.

In the year 1900, as a result of prolonged discussion, the various denominations, which owed much to the movement begun by John Wesley so many years earlier, amalgamated and called themselves Methodists. So, the Willunga Wesleyan Circuit became the Willunga Methodist Circuit, and the Cherry Gardens Wesleyan Church became the Cherry Gardens Methodist Church. In 1911, the October Methodist Conference ordered that the Clarendon Methodist Circuit be formed of Clarendon, Cherry Gardens, Kangarilla and Meadows.

Marriage Notice Advertiser 16 January 1900

LLOYD – SCROOP On the 21st December 1899 at the Wesleyan Church, Cherry Gardens, by the Rev. G. Hall, Herbert, fourth son of Thomas and L.C.M. Lloyd, Blumberg, to Blanche Adelaide, fourth daughter of Mr, John Scroop, Cherry Gardens. James Phillip Paddick married Thurza Jane Dix on 5th June 1902 at Cherry Gardens.

The Advertiser Wednesday 10 January 1900.

GOLDEN WEDDING. BOOTHEY—MIDDLETON. —

“On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boothey celebrated their Golden Wedding. Mr. Boothey arrived in the Diadem in 1840. Mrs. Boothey (then Lucy Middleton) arrived in the Buffalo in December 1838. They were married at Cherry Gardens on Christmas Day, 1849, by the Rev. Daniel J. Draper, Wesleyan minister. They have 11 children, 37 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren living.” As a four-year-old, Lucy gave a posy of flowers to Governor Hindmarsh at a ceremony under the old gum tree at Glenelg North in December 1836. (Source, Ian Hutchinson, descendant of Lucy's sister.) That tradition is still carried out each year by girl descendants of the Middleton family.



The Chronicle Newspaper reported on 1 April 1905 — “Anniversary services in connection with the Cherry Gardens Methodist Church were held on March 28. The Rev. Alfred. P. Burgess preached three times to crowded gatherings. The usual tea meeting was held yesterday in the Rechabite Hall and was followed by the public meeting in the evening. Mr. George Summers, of Coromandel valley, was in the chair, and the other speakers were Mr. J. Spencer and the Rev. A. P. Burgess. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Phelps, rendered several anthems on Sunday and Monday, and Mrs. C. Ricks presided at the organ.”

The Chronicle also reported in April 1909 that a Mr Kayser had transferred to the Cherry Gardens School from the school at Paddy's Bridge.

The year 1920 marked an organisational change for Churches in the area. Coromandel Valley and Blackwood separated from the Clarendon Circuit.

Henry Jacobs reminisced to the Observer Newspaper in 1905. “Except for several years spent at Wandearah, in the north, at which place Mr. Jacobs conducted a dairy farm, he has spent the whole of his life within a radius of 10 miles of Cherry Gardens, his place of residence having been, besides Cherry Gardens, Clarendon and Happy Valley, at each of which, places he lived several years.



Mr. Jacobs' father Isaac, who arrived in the John Renwick in February, 1837, was one of the pioneer settlers in Cherry Gardens, and there Mr. Henry Jacobs passed the first 21 years of his life. Beginning work at the age of seven, driving one of his father's bullock teams, he had few opportunities of attending school, and the only education he received was at a night school conducted by a Mr. Numan in an old pise building which occupied the site on which the Government State school, a substantial stone building, now stands. He also for several months attended, a night school held in the old Baptist Church at Coromandel Valley.”

Picture left, Mr Jacobs in 1900.

87 Hicks Hill Rd, Cherry Gardens
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RECREATION GROUNDS

The Cherry Gardens / Ironbank Recreation Ground AGM is on Wednesday the 20th March at 7:30pm on site in the clubrooms.

We welcome any members of the Community to come along, get involved and have your say.

The committee consists of a small group of dedicated volunteers who manage the ongoing Operation & Maintenance of the grounds each year. If you are passionate about the area in which you live and have some ideas for future development, we would sincerely like to hear from you.

Each year we barely break even, costs are always going up and we struggle to maintain our assets.

The last thing we want to do is hand over the grounds to the council or be forced to lock the site and only open for members.

One idea that has been raised is to ask a \$50 subscription per family, who are not necessarily members of any Rec Ground Sporting Club, but use the oval for dog walking, tennis or fitness. This is one suggestion that may come up at the AGM.

As I have mentioned previously, we receive no operational support from the Council, in fact, they charge us to mow the oval and our volunteers have to clean the toilets too!

I like our area and am passionate about maintaining the unique piece of land that we were gifted in the 50's, but we can't do it on our own!

See you at the AGM.....??

Bernie Sharrad



NETBALL

Summer netball is nearly over and this year was a great year with more teams and a competitive competition. We would like to thank Terry for helping with the set up on the courts each week, Dave Huston for assisting with the timing along with Vicki Baker for coming out each week to also time the senior games. Thanks to Di and Kat for putting on great meals each week. Pud and Bernie for doing the bar. And Shari for helping Donna with the running of the season. Last but extremely important thanks to the umpires. Without them we wouldn't be able to have this competition. Without everyone's assistance this would not be possible to run.

Winter Season is fast approaching us and we would like to announce that Dave Huston will be returning as our League Coach. We as a club are looking forward to another great year ahead.

All games are played on Saturday.

9:00 am – 11 & under and 15 & under

10:45 am – 13 & under and 17 & under

12:15 pm – 9 & under

1:45 pm – Seniors (Half Season)

3:30 pm – Seniors (Half Season)

Dates to remember

Winter Trials 17th March and the 24th March

U11 and U13 - 9am till 11am

U15 and U17 - 11.30 till 1.30

Seniors - 2.00 pm till 4.30

If you are interested in attending the trials please contact Donna via email @ ibcg.vicepresident@gmail.com with your name, date of birth, contact details and preferred positions.

24th March is also our AGM. All welcome.

WINTER NETBALL:

We have had trials and teams will be finalized over the first couple of weeks of training which starts Thursday 15th March. If you wish to join a team but missed out on trials, we will determine if we have space in the grade/age group you require.

Games commence 28th April for teams in a six-team draw, then 5th May for everyone. Come by the club and watch our players in action.

All junior matches are played on Saturday Mornings, with senior matches played Saturday afternoons.

THURSDAY NIGHT TRAININGS - 11 & under; 13's - 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm 15 & under; 17's - 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm and Seniors - 6:30 pm



PUBLIC MEETING WITH TELSTRA

Living in Cherry Gardens on the fringe of metropolitan Adelaide, so many of us struggle with getting a decent and reliable mobile phone signal, NBN coverage and ADSL Internet service.

The Cherry Chatter committee has long complained to both our federal and state politicians as well as to some of the telco's. As you may remember we protested the inferior NBN Fixed Wireless service that was proposed (and eventually installed anyway).

So after many false starts we were pleased that Steve Murray (our local state MP) was able to arrange a representative from Telstra to meet with us and any interested locals to discuss our many concerns and complaints. This meeting was held at the hall on Wednesday 30th January and had a good number of locals and representatives from Steve's office, Tim Whetstone (State Minister for Regional Development and Primary Industries) and Mark Bolton from Telstra.

Steve and Tim both gave some background to the concerns raised and details of why Cherry Gardens is not considered a "Black Spot" under the commonwealth program due to us being considered a "Grey" area due to the fact that we have some service but it is poor coverage and unreliable. This then means that we cannot and have not been able to access any Black Spot funding to improve the service in our area.

Each attendee from Cherry Gardens was invited to provide their feedback and the issues that they faced. There were a few people who sent in emails or comments but were apologies to the meeting and their issues were also represented. The key issues or complaints were:

- Damaged covers on telco pits which are a hazard on the road verges/footpaths
- Poor and unreliable copper line issues which are affected by rain and moisture and result in unreliable landline phones and ADSL internet services
- Poor mobile phone coverage through the district particularly once you get just off the main road. This includes the Recreation ground. The CFS raised the issue that they often have to rely on mobile phones as well and can find themselves without any means to communicate
- Poor NBN service with limited coverage for the district
- Poor service from Telstra on maintaining the infrastructure
- Mark did his best to respond to these issues and the take aways were:
 - He will arrange to get the covers for the pits replaced/repairs as a matter of urgency (safety issue)
 - Telstra is responsible to maintenance of landlines and he will get the engineers to review and look at what can be done to respond to our reported issues
 - Improving the mobile phone coverage is simply a matter of having money available to install additional infrastructure. Mark has asked that we map the district so that Telstra know where the poor coverage areas are. Everyone at the meeting provided addresses and what coverage issues we had. Steve Murray is the collector of this information and is creating the map and will forward to Telstra. What Mark has committed to do is get engineers to come up with some potential options that could address some regions. If you want to contact Steve Murray's office then either send an email Steve.Murray@parliament.sa.gov.au or phone on 82705122
- Mark pointed out that there were some mobile phones that give better coverage than others and residents should do some research on what is the best phone to use. New phones are generally better than older ones.
- Mark will investigate whether it is possible to use other towers in the district to improve coverage
- Mark said one option that residents can take is to purchase a Telstra Go (TGo) booster for the house. This can be installed on the roof of a house and turn a small signal into a good reliable signal but with a limited radius of improved service within a house. It can be purchased outright or added to a phone plan.
- Although Telstra is not the NBN provider he did agree to discuss with NBN but he was not particularly hopeful that the NBN would invest in further towers or infrastructure. The only option is really to go with the Satellite NBN
- Tim Whetstone also agreed that from the State Government side he will try to get some funding to improve infrastructure and in particular try to get some funding from the Federal Regional Growth fund

It was a start, it was good to have someone from Telstra listen to us and for both Steve Murray and Tim Whetstone hear about our issues first hand from a group of local residents rather than just from the Cherry Chatter group.

Hopefully something can come out of this meeting and I would encourage all residents to contact Steve Murray and provide him with your address and your mobile and NBN coverage issues.

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RECREATION GROUND

FOOTBALL CLUB

Well Cherry Chatter readers the football season is fast approaching, and our senior players are already well into the pre-season training. Our women are training on Monday and Wednesday evenings and the men on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If you have time I suggest you visit the oval and enjoy the balmy evenings and check out the teams as they prepare for the new season.

We look like fielding the most junior teams we have had for many years although the club is still on the lookout for more junior players as you might have seen a few recruiting signs around the suburbs. We are always keen to see more juniors at the club and in particular this year we need more U16 girls.

In the background there is also a lot going on getting everything in place ready for the season start. Enlisting volunteers for everything that we need is a constant task and as with any sporting club without volunteers we could not survive.

If there are any locals who would like to meet a great bunch of people, contribute in any way we would love to hear from you. In 2019 we will have 8 home games and for every home game we need volunteers to help out in the canteen, cooking the BBQ or serving in the Bar so if this sounds interesting then please contact us by phone on 0417865044 or send us an email at info@ironbankfootball.com.au

The 2018 season was really a great success for the club and we are hoping and working towards 2019 being at least as good. Our Seniors are keen for "back to back" premierships

The season fixtures for our club is below.

Round	Month	Day	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
Round 1	March	30	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Bye	N/A
Round 2	April	6	Torrens Valley	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Hughes Oval-Mt Pleasant
Round 3	April	13	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Birdwood	Thunder Park-Ironbank
Round 4	April	27	Kangarilla	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Unity Roofing Oval-Kangarilla
Round 5	May	4	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Macclesfield	Thunder Park-Ironbank
Round 6	May	11	Gumeracha	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Eades Transport Oval -Gumeracha
Round 7	May	18	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Meadows	Thunder Park-Ironbank
Round 8	May	25	Kersbrook	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Adel Retaining Walls Oval- Kersbrook
Round 9	June	1	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Bridgewater Callington Raiders	Thunder Park-Ironbank
Round 10	June	15	Bye	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	N/A
Round 11	June	22	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Torrens Valley	Thunder Park-Ironbank
Round 12	June	29	Birdwood	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Birdwood Oval
Round 13	July	6	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Kangarilla	Thunder Park-Ironbank
BYE	July	13	N/A	N/A	Country Championships
Round 14	July	20	Macclesfield	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Macclesfield Oval
Round 15	July	27	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Gumeracha	Thunder Park-Ironbank
Round 16	August	3	Meadows	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Meadows Oval
Round 17	August	10	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Kersbrook	Thunder Park-Ironbank
Round 18	August	17	Bridgewater Callington Raiders	Ironbank Cherry Gardens	Aztec Oval-Bridgewater

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Happy New Year....

Welcome everyone to 2019, we trust that everyone had an enjoyable & relaxing festive period. It was good to have a break from cricket, but we're back into the swing of things with some good results already.

Our B Grade had byes the first couple of weeks in '19 but notched up a win yesterday thanks to half centuries from Darcy Campbell & Adam Shearwood. Sitting in 3rd position, with a game in hand and most players finally available, a strong finish is looking likely.

The C Grade have won all three of their T20 games after Christmas, cementing their second position on the ladder and almost ensuring they will play Fi.... 'the F Word'

Onto our Juniors, who go from strength to strength... Both coaches have reported the boys eagerly train on Thursday afternoons and that they listen to feedback provided and try to implement change to be more successful with their cricket. They are all having a lot of fun and really enjoy each others company. They are a credit to the club in how they present themselves in the community. Parents and Caregivers have been a huge help in their support too.

Our Under 14 side have had some mixed results, sitting with 2 wins, 3 losses and a draw but that probably belies their play, as they have the 3rd most runs in the comp and the 4th most wickets. Max Matheson leads the way with the bat with an average of 113 & James How is averaging 5.80 with the ball.

From the Under 12's, Coach Shane says "Improvement has been amazing for a lot of the players from the first match to now. A classic area of improvement is in our bowling- we

used to bowl a lot of no balls and wides in the early weeks and are now bowling hardly any. To date our top run scorers for the season are- Hugo Sutton 113, Riley Allison 102, Cameron Wildy 90.

To date our top wicket takers for the season are- James Wissell 11, Riley Allison 8, Finn Baker 6.

Off the field we've had a couple of very successful events and the 'reviews', albeit self written, can be seen below.

As always, we ask that you support our sponsor, Plumbing & Pipeline Solutions and also help contribute to our fundraising efforts, one of which is mentioned at the bottom of this Newsletter.

Until next time, GO SCIBBIES!

Well bowled....

Earlier in Jan over 40 of the SCIB family enjoyed a fabulous night out at our Bowls Night at Blackwood Bowls Club. With a BBQ dinner cooked by the Adams' on arrival, the attendees were primed and ready to rock 'n' roll. After finding Bowls to their liking, people hit the green and started fine tuning their techniques, against a background of some tunes and a setting sun.

After some fine tuning and practice, it was time for some fun games, all in games with money, free drinks and bragging rights on the line. We held a closest the jack and nearest the edge with all 40 bowling at once and also a closest to the jack bowling the length of the green. It was a poor showing by the guys with girls taking out all 4 of the games. For some fun videos of the games please see them [HERE](#), [HERE](#) & [HERE](#)

T20 XMAS SHOW

Thanks to everyone who attended the Xmas Show in Dec. We had over 100 people come and enjoy some food & drinks and a couple of great cricket games. The weather held out for us and allowed Santa to surprise the kids. We'll be sure to hold it again next year after it was so successful.





COME AND TRY FEMALE FOOTY

Healthy Active Lifestyles Onkaparinga (HALO) and the Southern Football League invite you to come and try female footy.

These free sessions are available throughout March, so bring a friend and have some fun while learning basic skills. Suitable for all ages, girls and women welcome.

For more information and to find a participating club near you visit www.onkaparingacity.com/halo

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- Smart homes

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2019–20 GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS CLOSE SOON

The City of Onkaparinga offers a range of funding opportunities for festivals, events and projects which benefit our communities. Applications for the 2019–20 funding round for our grants and sponsorship program will close on Tuesday 12 March at 5pm.

To find out more about the funding opportunities available including guidelines and application forms visit www.onkaparingacity.com/grants

Find out more on our website, or contact the grants officer on 8384 0666 or email grants@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

COME AND TRY NEIGHBOUR PARK VOLLEYBALL

Saturday 2 & 9 March, 4–5.30pm
Rotary Park, Beach Road, Christies Beach

Healthy Active Lifestyles Onkaparinga (HALO) and Volleyball SA invite you to come and try Neighbour Park Volleyball. These free drop-in

volleyball sessions include games, coaching and a barbecue. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! Suitable for adults and children 7+.

For more information visit www.onkaparingacity.com/halo

ACTIVATE RAMSAY PLACE

9 February – 17 March
Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre

Activate Ramsay Place is a jam-packed program of fun, innovative and vibrant activities and events that bring Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre to life.

Over 60 free activities and events are on offer throughout the program with a wellbeing expo, a hip-hop jam, dance workshops, live music, roaming mongo suit encounters, an interactive art exhibition, and busking all still to come in March.

To view the full calendar of events visit www.onkaparingacity.com/ramsayplace/activate

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The Fringe hits Port Noarlunga

World-class comedians, Aboriginal art, a dance party and Tom Jones (sort of) are among the bumper Port Noarlunga Fringe Festival program which is on now and runs until 16 March.

The festival boasts a diverse mix of local and international artists and spans across two venues – the Arts Centre and Sauerbier House.

City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson says the number of Adelaide Fringe shows, exhibitions and performances in the Onkaparinga region has been steadily growing.

"The Port Noarlunga Fringe

Festival program has something to suit every age and budget," she says.

"Whether you're keen to see a show or simply wander down to Fridays by the River at Sauerbier House to enjoy food truck fare and free local acts, you can experience the best of the Fringe without having to drive down to the CBD."

Put the following dates in your diary and start planning Fringe fun with friends and family in Port Noarlunga.

1 February – 18 March

Exhibition: Aspects of Me – De Greer-Yindimincalie, Free, Sauerbier House

1 & 8 March

Fridays by the River, Free, Sauerbier House



Saturday 2 March

The Merindas dance party, \$20–25, Arts Centre

Saturday 9 March

That Jones Boy, \$30–35, Arts Centre

Saturday 16 March

The Best of the Adelaide Fringe Comedy, \$20–25, Arts Centre

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Plarn creations

Wednesday 13 March, 10am–noon
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What do you do with your unwanted plastic bags? Learn how to turn them into Plarn and create some fabulous new items.

Eating sustainably

Thursday 21 March, 6.30–9pm, cost \$6

Come and hear how our current food system is unsustainable and how we can all make small and practical steps to be active food citizens. Practical tips and activities such as seed sowing will also be included.

Demystifying solar with Finn Peacock

Sunday 24 March, 1.45–3.15pm, FREE

Join respected solar expert and ex CSIRO engineer, Finn Peacock from Solar Quotes as he guides you through his seven-step process to getting tiny bills with high quality solar.

Discover composting!

Saturday 6 April, each session costs \$6

Introduction to composting
10am–12.30pm

Composting expert, Chris Day, will teach you about the variety of composting options available; worm farms, Bokashi, compost bins, plus larger open systems.

Advanced composting
1.30–3.30pm

This session will further increase your knowledge on the various methods of composting and how to make a fantastic compost. We'll discuss and demonstrate the making of effective microbial brews and liquid composts.

For those attending both sessions, join us for an optional BYO lunch 12.30–1.30pm.

Energy bills explained

Tuesday 9 April, 9.30am–noon
20 minute sessions, FREE

Book a one-on-one session with our energy expert, bring along your bills and we'll talk you through them and advise you on some easy changes you can make at home.

No-sew creations

Wednesday 10 April, 10am–noon, FREE

Upcycle your old clothing and give your unwanted clothes a new lease of life.

Ethical fashion and high tea

Saturday 18 May, 1–3pm, cost \$6

Join accredited personal stylist and author, Vesna Cavic, as she inspires you to unleash your personal style and guides you on how to make practical and ethical choices when it comes to your wardrobe.

Don't forget to bring your favourite teacup to share a delicious high tea. Plus why not also bring along a good quality handbag and take part in our handbag swap!

Recycle right and beeswax creations

Sunday 19 May, 2–4pm, cost \$6

Come along to find out what goes in which bin. We'll also learn how to make beeswax wraps, snack bags, shoe polish, lip balms and more. Everyone goes home with their own beeswax kit.

Go nuts for natives

Tuesday 21 May, 10–11.30am, FREE

How do you choose what to plant in your garden? Come along and find out at this interactive workshop.

Our gardening and native vegetation experts will be available to provide advice on choosing the right plants for your garden and demonstrate techniques. A selection of local native plants will be available for purchase.

outdoor fun!

Clean up Australia day

Sunday 3 March, 2–4pm

Morphett Vale Creek (car park behind Woodcroft Town Centre), FREE

Come along to help us clean up a section of Morphett Vale Creek.

Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Discover nature by night

Tuesday 16 April, 6–7.30pm

Corner of Monarch Street and Suffolk Drive (in the creeks behind Morphett Vale East Primary School) FREE

Grab your torch and join us for a fun, guided night walk to discover the bats, frogs and other awesome creatures that come out after dark.

Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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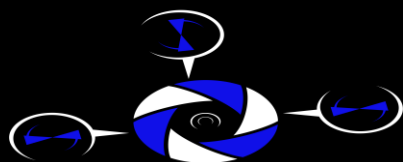
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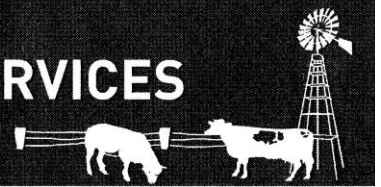


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