

Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The 2021 football season kicked off on April 10th with a home game for our club. It was a full program with 6 games being played and the senior teams were playing Torrens Valley. It was our inaugural Indigenous Round, and we made a day of it with the full program of games and before the A Grade game Jack Buckskin did a welcome to country and smoking ceremony which was great and then we cooked lamb on spit for the evening meal, and Shane and Troy Bond gave us a great insight into their AFL career's.

The IBCGFC Indigenous Guernsey was designed by our A Grade Coach Elijah Ware for this Round One contest with Torrens Valley Football Club. The strip retains the 'look' of our usual Guernsey and essentially highlights both the geography of the area and the history of the Football Club.

The key piece of the design is the dark green patch in the lower right-hand corner of the Guernsey (if you are wearing it). This is the Recreation Ground which is a meeting or gathering place – a 'waterhole' if you like. The dotted lines denote the local roads. The horizontal dotted line above the 'Meeting Place' is Ackland Hills Road which intersects with Cherry Gardens road which runs vertically down. The continuation of the dotted line is Ironbank Road which loops around to the bottom of the dark green V – whereupon you find Morgan Road.

Other symbols of note include the 5 large stars – symbolizing our 5 Senior Premierships (4 Men, 1 Women), the smaller stars are the years the Club has been in existence, and the arrowed track markings are those of the large population of kangaroos in the area. And of course, the Thunderbolt – our logo.

In season 2021 we have amalgamated our junior teams with Bridgewater as the competition for juniors in the Country division did not have sufficient teams to run separate to the Central division. Our Women's team will again be playing on Sunday afternoons and the Moddies will start their competition later in April.

As in previous season our main training night is Thursday and along with the Netball club training it means it is a big night with lots of players and families around. Meals are available and we welcome locals to drop in for a meal and enjoy themselves.



The 5 Big Stars are Senior Premierships
- 4 Men
- 1 Women

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IBCG Oval and Club – a 'meeting place' (in the dark green area)

The little tracks represent the many Kangaroos in the area

The Thunder bolt our logo

This is an explanation of the 2021 Indigenous Guernsey – an enlarged photo is on a further page in the newsletter





CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT

MARCH 2020

Rainfall for March 2021	32.0 mm
Rainfall for March 2020	8.0
Average rainfall for March	37.5
Rainfall to the end of March 2021	119.4
Rainfall to the end of March 2020	119.4
Average rainfall to the end of March	95.9
Number days of rain for March 2021	8
Number days of rain for March 2020	6

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HALL NEWS

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Opinions and articles printed in the Cherry Chatter are not necessarily shared by the members of the Cherry Chatter Committee.

NOTE – The Cherry Chatter Committee will not approve any controversial article for publishing unless the name and address of the author is supplied.

Laughing Llama Dance and Drama

This group is holding classes at the Hall, and they are going well. Check our Facebook page for more information.



Now available for birthday parties!



WEDNESDAYS:
Little Llamas Ballet:
20 months - 3.5 yrs 9:40am - 10:25am
3 - 5 yrs 10:30am - 11:30am

FRIDAYS:
Little Llamas Creative Lab (Dance/Drama) 3 - 5 yrs 3:45 - 4:45pm
www.laughingllamadanceanddrama.com.au

CHERRY GARDENS CFS

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

If you have not thought about this yet, then please stop and get your Bushfire Safety Plan prepared and clean up around your place. You can follow this link to do a 5-minute plan.



5 MINUTE BUSHFIRE PLAN ACT NOW

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/prepare-for-a-fire/5-minute-bushfire-plan/>

With the fire season coming to an end the Cherry Gardens CFS brigade has had a chance to recoup and recover after a busy and stressful season. With the days shortening and the temperature dropping our training shifts from bushfire related activities to the many other incident types we're likely to get called out to over winter, such as road accidents and structure fires. A reminder to check the CFS website for this year's fire danger season dates, and once the fire danger season does end please continue to exercise caution when burning off. The vegetation in our area remains dry for a considerable time even when the weather has cooled. This transition time of the year is when we get many calls to out of control burn offs. Please don't let it be to your house!

Our most recent callout (at time of writing) was to a hay shed fire near Oakbank, where our Sturt Group Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) appliance was called to assist. This system allows us to place a heavy

blanket of foam on a fire and provides a far quicker rate of extinguishment than conventional foam or water delivery. While heavy machinery was used to pull apart the hay shed our crews were able to douse the structure with foam from the CAFS appliance, and within a matter of hours the fire was extinguished. This is a considerable improvement on conventional fire-fighting methods which could potentially have taken days to extinguish such a large hay shed fire. It's fascinating to see how the march of technology is slowly changing the fire-fighting world.

We have also been called out recently to deal with a cow that had decided to see the world and was wandering along Hicks Hill Road, creating a substantial traffic hazard. Our brigade is fortunate to include members who are familiar with the handling of livestock and with their assistance we were able to usher the adventurous cow back into the safety of her pasture. All in a day's work for your Cherry Gardens CFS!

Once again the brigade would like to thank the community for your continuing support to us, particularly over the events of the past few months. This has certainly been a trying fire season for many people and it has been encouraging to see our wonderful Cherry Gardens community pull together to help each other get through. We are all certainly very fortunate to live in this part of the world.

AIR SUPPORT

There were a number of grassfires requiring Water Bomber activity at various places across South Australia during the month but only one – at Craighburn Farm on 22nd March – in our Response Zone. The Craighburn Farm incident required only two water drops and, because the Bombers take off fully loaded and two of them were deployed, our Brigade was not required to reload them.

Although they are commonly known as "Water Bombers", in fact the aircraft are loaded with a mixture of water and certain additives. The most frequently used for grass fires is foam – a wetting agent similar to those in shampoos and household detergents. In firefighting, foam increases the effectiveness of the water through increased retention on vegetation and reduced evaporation.

Another kind of additive is called a water enhancer. We use a product named BlazeTamer 380 – a widely recognised product that was developed and is supplied by a South Australian company to firefighting organisations interstate and overseas. Water enhancers are generally more effective in scrub or forest vegetation. They adhere to vegetation better than foam and they are also heavier so they increase drop accuracy through decreased wind drift. During the recent Cherry Gardens

fire, we were instructed to load with foam initially (6 loads) then with BlazeTamer 380 for the remaining 66 loads.

Both foam and water enhancers are used directly on the fire, reducing the fire intensity and allowing ground crews closer access to the fire's edge.

Retardants have a different function. They inhibit the ability of fuel to ignite and are placed ahead of the fire to stop or reduce its spread. Retardants are coloured red with iron oxide so that pilots and firefighters can see where they have been laid.

For those who would like more information about water additives, there is a section on Aerial Firefighting and Aerial Firefighting Products on the CFS website at cfs.sa.gov.au/about-cfs/firefighting

There is quite a lot of information available also on the Queensland website – www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

The South Australian CFS website also has a list of things you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Season. Although the weather seems much milder recently, please remember that the Fire Danger Season in the Mount Lofty Ranges doesn't end this year until 30 April.

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

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NEXT MEETINGS

MONDAY 10TH MAY

Henry Digance will talk about Landcare and maybe a bit about growing garlic

MONDAY 14TH JUNE

Tips and Tricks evening.

Everyone brings along an idea they use in the garden to save time or money.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR MAY 2021

- May is probably your last chance to gather up autumn leaves to add to your compost heap.
- Spray copper oxychloride immediately after leaf fall on peaches and nectarines to reduce the chance of leaf curl on new growth in spring.
- Sprinkle sulphate of potash at the base of sweet peas to promote strong growth and resistance to powdery mildew.
- If purchasing chrysanthemums for Mother's Day buy one in a pot that can be planted in the garden later on to become a gift that keeps on giving.
- By now the soil should be damp but still retain some heat, making it a great time for planting winter vegetables - onions, snow peas, spinach, swede, turnip, kale.
- Marigolds are easy to grow, give a wonderful show over a long season, and will re-seed to give you even more next year.

- Anenomes have some wonderful colours, grow to only 25 – 30 cm and enjoy a sunny position.
- Wallflowers give a delightful scent when flowering – plant some now!



Marigolds

GARDEN CLUB MARCH MEETING NOTES

Meetings are currently held at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall at 7.30pm, usually on the second Monday of the month from February to November.

Members advised what they have been doing in their gardens ranging from composting, mulching and general maintenance, to what people have been planting (viburnum and Lillypilly hedges, begonias, ranunculi, milkweed, dahlias, nerines, sweetpeas, and establishing a native garden near Port Elliot), and preserving their locally-grown produce.

The speaker for this meeting was Trevor Nottle who has written 24 successful garden books, and who is an expert on climate-compatible plants.

Trevor advised that we are noticing more extreme weather and can expect a warmer and drier climate, a shorter winter, and possibly no spring or autumn. He is noticing trees in old significant homesteads showing serious signs of stress. He suggests that, to help, provide a root stimulant, e.g. Seasol to the outer edge of the roots, and mulch. As an example he explained that the elm trees at the Waite were looking bad about 8 years ago and had about 30cm of shredded mulch added to the outer root-line of these trees, and this saved the trees. Trevor believes that insurance companies will soon stop bushfire insurance cover if living in a bushfire-prone area, or they will stipulate that you have to cut relevant trees down. Pine trees burn like mad and Trevor suggested we don't plant these to screen against the wind. Also soils are becoming water-repellent. He suggested that we compost and let the worms do their job. He suggested we research to find relevant, nice, water-wise plants for our gardens.

WHAT TO DO:

Check old gardens and know their heritage conservation and management controls. Know when professional help is necessary, and get it. Write a plan of what must be done - in what order, e.g., water supply - dams, pumps, bores and tanks; access for builders and

equipment; fire safety and prevention; who will manage the project; timing and end goals; flexibility in the process. Do a site map showing retained bush; major views; parking areas; services areas; security points; listed sites; development sites ; landscape areas; garden areas. Plan the planting of trees, orchards, shrub banks, hedges and screens, flower gardens and vegetable gardens. Take past traditions into account such as looking at half dead plants (nothing will make them grow), old hedges outgrow their usefulness, poorly maintained hedges lose their shape, old trees begin to fall apart.

PLANT FOR THE FUTURE

Use objects to decorate your garden; make Spring a big thing, e.g., bulbs etc; use plants for a changing climate. He suggested we read Michael Keelan's book "Gardens for South Australia" which has a section on Bushfire Maintenance and what you can grow to make things less flammable.

In response to a query on Phytophthora killing our Stringy Barks he suggested spraying a tree which looks like it is succumbing to the disease all over with Phosphoric Acid which is not expensive and you would need a lot of spray.

Well-known gardeners have met with SA Gov't Ministers and stressed how big SA's horticultural industry is. There is a chance that next year SA may have a big garden event over two months extending from Burra-way and moving south with the Rose Season, down to KI and the South East.

ANNUAL TOMATO CHALLENGE

Trevor judged the tomatoes which Garden Club Members had brought in and announced Jan Ball as the winner with her Tasmanian Chocolate tomato.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR

with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

By now many of you will be putting rugs on horses as the cold nights set in. It is handy to always have a spare rug or two from previous years just in case the present one gets a

tear or whatever. Especially by the time we get into July/August, there's nothing worse than having to rush out to replace a rug on a foul day, only to find that there isn't a spare interim rug. These days the modern synthetic rugs are super warm, even if not as robust as the old canvas ones were. There are advantages to both. The canvas ones lasted for years with care, but they could be heavy, didn't always fit well and therefore could rub. The newer ones, being lighter are less likely to rub and are easier to fit; but don't last as long! As

equines, we do actually have our own fur coat, but there are times when even that is not sufficient to keep us warm. Days that have a chill factor, such as wind and rain together (as we would tend to get in the hills) can make it really difficult for us to keep warm. Things that an owner can do to help alleviate this are; to provide adequate shelter and provide plenty of roughage. The shelter can be in the form of a man-made structure such as an open sided shed, a valley or a copse of trees. A plentiful supply of ad lib, good quality meadow hay will help to generate heat and keep your nedly warm. Bear in mind too that young, thin or older horses are less tolerant to the cold and will definitely need that shelter and extra roughage.

Come summer, and the rugs need to come off. It can be tricky trying to juggle that in the spring months when the weather is quite changeable. The coats are starting to shed and we get quite itchy under the rug, so keeping the inside of the rugs clean at this time of year is important too. Rugging is also useful for keeping the equine clean and with lighter coloured horses a rug or face veil can be used to prevent sunburn/fading.

Turning a horse out can have its challenges too. We are very adaptable creatures, but like a reasonable time to adjust. So anything, and this can vary according to age, health, time of year etc. between 10 days to 3 weeks is a good time to allow for an adjustment period.

As equines, we can withstand quite a range of temperatures without having to expend extra energy. This range is called a thermal neutral zone or TNZ and the temperature ranges from 5degC to 15degC. So basically, excluding a chill factor, we don't really need a rug when the temperature is over 15 deg! If we are wearing a rug above this temperature, then our body has to work to get rid of that extra heat. That extra work can take the form of dilation of blood vessels, sweating and panting. Even a cotton summer sheet can raise our temperature.

Horsewear stores do an amazing job of promoting all kinds of colour coordinated paddock wear (especially aimed at ladies!), but a fair bit of it is unnecessary, just makes the horse owner feel better, albeit poorer in pocket.

So next time you go out into the paddock to rug your equine friend, do have a thought about whether he/she really does need that rug, or is it just to make you feel better?

Personally I have quite a good fur covering, but I am quick to run for cover when that chill factor comes in!

Happy munching everyone,

Hamish

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CHERRY CHURCH

Cherry Gardens Church
87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens

Services held on Sundays at 9.30am
Chairperson: Rob Linn 0407971650



Cherry Gardens Church

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.'

John 3: 16-17

In the grounds of the Cherry Church are some of the region's oldest headstones. They mark the graves of a few of the district's first European settlers. Some of those headstones are crafted from Willunga slate, and bear the amazing, etched calligraphy of the Sara family.

The heritage of the church building and headstones is part of a rich fabric that makes Cherry Gardens such a special place.

Most precious in that heritage, though, is the fact that the church has been used for Christian worship since its opening, in March 1849, 172 years ago. Even before this event, local families met in each other's homes for worship, prayer and Bible study.

Today it is just as pertinent as it was in 1849 to have the Church as a place of Christian worship and prayer. Indeed, it is a reminder that Christian, in fact all, history centres on the Cross and resurrection of Jesus. The congregation of the Cherry Church continues to live out the faith that has been a central part of the community for over 180 years.

As a place of Christian worship, the Cherry Church and its lively congregation welcomes everyone to drop in. Sunday morning worship is held each week at 9.30 am, followed by a cup of tea. Please come and join us, we'd love to see you.

Services held on Sundays at 9.30am – and all are welcome

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



Since the January fires that were deliberately lit around the local area, and which burnt out the eastern 500 hectares of Scott Creek CP, there has been much activity, mostly behind the scenes, planning for the recovery task ahead of us in the Friends group.

While the bushland will recover, there are a number of weeds that will benefit from the fire and compete with

the regenerating native plants. Fire responsive weeds include Blackberry, Boneseed, Montpellier Broom, English Broom, Tree Heath, Gorse, Sallow Wattle and Bluebell Creeper. These weeds have received primary treatment throughout the broad areas of the park over the 30 years since the Friends group formed. This means that the original large populations of mature weeds have been removed and subsequent follow-up removal of seedlings has taken place repeatedly over the years.

While there are many other weeds that have been worked on in the park, these priority fire responsive ones tend to proliferate after fire, either by resprouting from the base or having a mass germination of seeds that have previously built up in the soil.

This can be a daunting prospect over such a large area, but it also provides an opportunity to greatly diminish the soil seedbank. If we are able to take this opportunity, and manage these germinating seedlings and resprouting weeds before they are old and large enough to flower and set seed, we can reduce the follow-up workload required in future years. Many of these weeds don't flower and set seed in their first year, which gives us an 18 month window of opportunity to tackle the issue.

In addition to the efforts that will be required by the volunteers, we are also seeking funding to engage contractors to assist in some of the more difficult to access areas and because of the sheer size of the task confronting us.

Anyone wanting to find out more or help out, 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.

May

Sat, Sun1, 2	Bird banding
Tue 4	Bushcare
Sun 9	Bushcare
Sat, Sun15, 16	Bird banding
Sat 22	Bushcare

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A mixture of native & weed seedlings that have come up since the fire



A hillside of native plants regenerating after the fire, where no weeds were seen.



SAVEM at the Cherry Gardens fire – report for Cherry Chatter

Over the last decade, Cherry Gardens residents may have seen white vehicles marked with reflective green and gold checkerband and logos travelling through the area. These are the SA Veterinary Emergency Management (SAVEM Inc) 4WD's and teams deploying to fire grounds. We rarely appear in the pages of Cherry Chatter - even though our Command Centre is based in Cherry Gardens – because we operate State-wide. SAVEM is a 100% volunteer organisation with no paid staff.

We are not an “animal rescue” organisation - we are a State level Emergency Service with a remit for *all-species* (wildlife and domestic) animal welfare in *all hazards* incidents, which in South Australia is most commonly bushfire. Our name says it all – we are Emergency Management trained veterinarians and vet nurses. SAVEM is a formal part of the State Emergency Management Plan (the SEMP). We are a Tier 2 responder Activated onto fireground as soon as is safe to do so - usually within 48 hours of the start of a “going” fire - and with the permission of the Control Agency (the CFS for bushfire). As well, our work enables the CFS to

concentrate on its core business of firefighting, leaving animal matters to veterinary professionals.

Tier 1 Responders – such as CFS, MFS, SES and SAPOL - progressively stand down after fires are contained and then safe. In contrast, SAVEM increases its teams inside the fire ground in the weeks following the fire. This is because many injured and burned wildlife often seek refuge in the days immediately following a fire front, and emerge from hiding, in need of food and water, from about day three or four. Injured wildlife can survive after fire for up to 12 weeks, and a professional veterinary presence on fireground to assess and treat animals is essential throughout that time.

The Cherry Gardens fire was for us very local. We were active in fire ground from 25 January continuously until 29 February. We cycled a roster of 36 volunteers throughout that time. As always, we thank agencies helpful in our deployment – including the CFS, SAPOL and Cleland Wildlife Park. SA Water was outstanding in its support and assistance to SAVEM regarding access and mapping. Staff from Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie's office assisted us greatly in negotiating some other hurdles. Flinders University GIS mapping, SA Power Networks and DEW each contributed. PIRSA provided us with GRN radios to improve communications.

Be assured that when an emergency incident occurs requiring a veterinary presence, the legislated, established emergency provisions and processes integral to the South Australian State Emergency Management Plan swing rapidly in to action, and do cover the full range of issues that arise. SAVEM is frequently invited to speak to community groups, service clubs, schools and CFS brigades as part of our outreach and public information program. To book a talk from a SAVEM volunteer please visit our website: www.savem.org.au to send an enquiry, or phone 0477 055 233.

The accompanying photograph show the field team resources at SAVEM Command ready for deployment, and in field at the Cherry Gardens fire.



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SAVEM Commander, Cherry Gardens fire

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STONE WALLS

There are some amazing dry stone walls around Willunga (mainly slate and including some very modern creations) and from Strathalbyn, up through Highland Valley (mainly historic, telling us a lot about early European settlement). I've done quite a bit of homework on these structures made from nothing but rock.

For more information, contact the Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia. More detail at <http://dswaa.org.au>

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MARION RIDING CLUB Update

Sunday 28/3/21 was the second event training day under our new committee on our grounds in Working Equitation with Michele Meijer.

There was an enthusiastic attendance of 17 horses/riders. Included various breeds, heights and abilities.

The activities were designed to be inclusive regardless of differences, and with the help of Michele all combinations were able to work on improving their performances.

The focus for the day was working with obstacles and how to best negotiate them. Some examples included a water jump, cattle pen, Aussie pick up, cans and slaloms.

The club plans to follow this up with more structured days in smaller groups and focussing on fewer obstacles and techniques.

Proposed dates are 2/5 and 6/6. For more information please follow our Facebook page!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MAY to...

Andy Kirss
Julie Powell
Margaret Macks
Graeme Vickerman
Emily Weir
Julie Martin

Vicki Kirss
Rebekah Pillar
Jenny Vickerman
Maxine Watson
Gill Marshman

I.B.C.G. THUNDERERS

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YOUR RATES, YOUR CITY: HOW YOUR RATES ARE CALCULATED

Learn how your annual council rates are calculated as part of a new campaign to demystify City of Onkaparinga's finances.

Council rates are an important part of every homeowner's household budget, and the City of Onkaparinga is on a mission to increase transparency with its ratepayers.

"Calculating rates can be complex to understand, but we want to try and explain it as simply as possible" says City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson in a new video released by council, which explains how residential council rates are calculated.

The video is part of a new campaign to help demystify its finances following feedback received by the community during engagement on council's Long Term Financial Plan.

Information and videos about rates (how they're calculated and used), how council uses debt, council's Long Term Financial Plan, and how people can get involved in the annual business plan and budget process, will be added regularly to a new web page called *Your rates, your city* – onkaparingacity.com/yourratesyourcity

"As part of our annual budgeting process, we determine the total revenue that needs to be collected from ratepayers in addition to federal and state government funding and other income streams," the mayor continues.

The total amount of money to be raised in general rates is divided by the total value of all rateable properties in the city.

The resulting figure is called the 'rate in the dollar'. This value may change each year depending on the total amount of rate revenue to be raised, and the relative value and number of properties in the residential category.

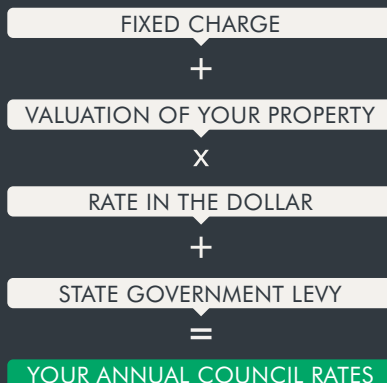
There are a number of factors that determine council rates which include:

- the property valuation—which is set by the state government, through the Office of the Valuer General
- the residential 'rate in the dollar'
- a fixed charge that is applied to all properties in the council area. This means each property owner makes an equal contribution to the base cost of council services and projects, across the entire Onkaparinga area
- the regional landscape levy, which councils are required to collect from ratepayers and pass onto the state government.

"When we talk about a percentage increase in rates, we are referring to an increase in the overall rates revenue that are collected to deliver services and infrastructure for our community," says Mayor Thompson.

Keep an eye on Onkaparinga Now, council's Facebook page and the *Your rates, your city* web page as more information and handy explainers are added in the coming weeks and months.

HOW WE CALCULATE THE RATES FOR YOUR PROPERTY



For example, based on a house valued at \$360,000 rates would be calculated as follows:

Fixed charge (2020-21)	\$515
House value	\$360,000
Residential rate in the dollar x 0.00294158	
	= \$1059
State government regional landscape levy	+ \$38.50
Total rates	= \$1612.50

SEAFORD HEIGHTS RECYCLING FACILITY GETS \$5.35 MILLION BOOST

Household recycling in southern Adelaide has received a massive boost, following a \$5.35 million federal government funding announcement for a Seaford Heights recycling facility.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced the news during a visit to the site on 31 March, which is a joint initiative of the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority (SRWRA) – a subsidiary of Onkaparinga, Marion and Holdfast Bay councils – and Re.Group (an Australian recycling and resource recovery specialist).

The best-practice Southern Materials Recovery Facility (SMRF) will process at least 31,000 tonnes annually of 'yellow bin' recyclables and, thanks to Australian Government funding through the Community Development Grant Programme, it has the capacity to handle more than 60,000 tonnes.

This will allow the new facility to service other regional councils and commercial businesses from the surrounding area, helping to create a more resilient recycling sector for all of South Australia.

It will also meet the Australian Government's commitment to build the nation's recycling capacity and stop the international export of low-value material.

City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson said the announcement was a huge win for the community and the environment.

"We've taken another big step forward in the transition from recycling to a circular economy," she said.

"This state-of-the-art facility will not only deliver benefits for our ratepayers and local economy, it will respond to the impacts of climate change, joining the renewable energy hub being built next door at SRWRA's emission-neutral landfill site."

"Big issues demand innovative solutions and collaboration, and I'm thrilled to see our councils, SRWRA, Re.Group and the federal government join forces to deliver this much-needed project for southern Adelaide.

"This contribution is integral to getting this project off the ground and we thank the Prime Minister for supporting this important project."

SRWRA Chair Mark Booth said the project was only possible thanks to the collaboration and partnership fostered between local government and private enterprise.

"The unanimous support of our constituent councils has allowed us to fast-track this important project and place the orders required for the new facility to be fully delivered and operational in the second half of 2021," he said.

"The strategic need for a recycling facility south of the city, and for increased recycling capacity across the state of South Australia, has been understood for years; the leadership shown by Holdfast, Marion and Onkaparinga Councils means SRWRA can now make this project a reality."

It is anticipated the SMRF will employ 18 people on a full-time basis for the next 20 years.

These jobs require advanced manufacturing skills, and will see staff using cutting-edge technology to process the region's recyclables.

Re.Group Managing Director, David Singh said that these opportunities were vital in a jobs market recovering from COVID-19 and its associated restrictions.

"We're really pleased to be in the business of improving recycling and creating new jobs in Adelaide," he said.

"There's a strong history of manufacturing and technology in the state and we're really looking forward to tapping into the talent and capabilities of South Australians to improve recycling rates and resource recovery in the region."

The SMRF represents an investment of over \$20 million on the Adelaide region, which will result in resilience in the state's waste management and resource recovery capabilities.

The investment of Federal Government funding into local recycling efforts was also praised.

"We are thrilled the Morrison Government is supporting our efforts to invest in growing the Australian recycling industry and building local markets for recycled products," said Mr Booth.

"This is great news for the environment and for the local community.

"We're also extremely grateful for the tireless efforts of the countless individuals who have worked to ensure this project goes ahead – both within Government and in the private sector.



Prime Minister Scott Morrison with City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson



Image (L to R): Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna, Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Holdfast Bay Mayor Amanda Wilson, City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson

"I'd like to especially thank the Member for Boothby, Nicolle Flint MP, who recognised the environmental benefits of the Southern Materials Recovery Facility, and without whom we wouldn't be able to make this announcement."

Equipment for the SMRF is being sourced from RDT Engineering – a leading Australian recycling specialist, committed to maximising local fabrication of non-specialist items.

The design ensures that outputs from the facility are 'COAG Export Ban-ready', and meet the highest quality standards.

The facility design includes the latest in sorting and screening technology and has the capacity to convert recycled glass into sand for use by local councils in civil and road construction works.

The facility is expected to be operational in July 2021.

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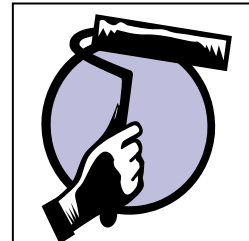
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