



Cherry Chatter

Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last Sunday, (April 25th 2021) we were invited to attend a small memorial service at Cherry Garden to remember the landing at Anzac Cove and our Anzac soldiers at Gallipoli. We would like to commend the Committee on conducting a moving and reflective ceremony that encompassed all of the Anzac Story and extended to include all Service Personnel who have given their lives in action. While COVID had restricted the Committee's ability to have a full commemoration, the simplicity of the service and accompanying music made for those who were there, a memorable event, emotive and heartfelt. We were very touched by how the Committee members included all of us who were there as part of the ceremony and this truly reflected the spirit of the community of Cherry Gardens.

Our thanks, Chris and David Channing



"LEST WE FORGET"

RECREATION GROUND

Winter Sports are now well underway and the Rec Ground is in use most days for training or games of footy and netball. As the days get shorter the oval and court lights are on for longer and longer.

It is also very encouraging to see how many locals and general community use the Rec Ground and facilities on a regular basis, whether they are exercising their dogs, doing their own exercise or having fun with the kids. The playground has been a huge success and it is great to see it in use so much.

A few reminders though for the people that do use the Rec Ground. Please remember that it is a community facility and not owned by the council. Our community owns the place and volunteers run it and pay for everything. If something gets broken, then the community has to pay for it. Volunteers clean and maintain everything – no-one gets paid for cleaning the public toilets, fixing the driveways, repairing fences and keeping the place in order. And the community has to pay for the water rates and electricity usage so please



don't turn on the oval or court lights without permission.



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DOG POO!

If your dog poo is not picked up by you then a volunteer has to do it! If you don't use the bins and leave your rubbish lying around then a volunteer has to pick it up!



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RUBBISH!

And I know it is probably hard to believe but horses are not allowed on the oval! The oval is irrigated with pop up sprinklers that can be easily broken and the grass and footy players do not need horse poo on the oval and hoof prints etc. that can cause ankle injuries. It costs a lot to maintain the oval in good condition so please everyone look after it.



NO HORSE RIDING ON THE OVAL!

The committee that manages the Recreation Ground is made up of passionate locals who want to maintain this great resource for everyone and representatives from the 4 sporting clubs that are affiliated.

This committee is continually looking at ways to improve the facilities and ensure it is maintained well for everyone. Where possible the committee and

sporting clubs seek support from all levels of government in the way of Grants. We have been successful in getting funding for a solar system and recently with a battery backup as well to help offset the electricity costs.

By far the biggest cash injection has come from the State government and Onkaparinga Council who together are providing funding for a new changeroom facility for our players. The work on this has been going on for some months now and in early June the modules were delivered and the changerooms are being completed and commissioned ready for the grand opening on July 17th which is the next footy home game where all teams including juniors and moddies will be playing.

If any locals would like to come along and enjoy the footy and help celebrate this new changeroom then you will be more than welcome.

A reminder that every Thursday evening there are meals available, and the bar is open for anyone interested. Come and enjoy some good country hospitality. Don't forget that the Recreation Ground belongs to our community and everyone is welcome to use it. Please don't take it for granted and please respect it and the people who look after it.

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CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT

APRIL 2021

Rainfall for April 2021	44.4 mm
Rainfall for April 2020	140.6
Average rainfall for April	71.0
Rainfall to the end of April 2021	163.80
Rainfall to the end of April 2020	260.0
Average rainfall to the end of April	166.9
Number days of rain for April 2021	13
Number days of rain for April 2020	13

CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT

MAY 2021

Rainfall for May 2021	65.6 mm
Rainfall for May 2020	135.6
Average rainfall for My	115.7
Rainfall to the end of May 2021	229.4
Rainfall to the end of May 2020	395.6
Average rainfall to the end of May	282.6
Number days of rain for May 2021	11
Number days of rain for May 2020	17

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CHERRY GARDENS

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We are very close to finishing the new storage room at the rear of the Hall. It will provide room for all the items currently squeezed in the very small room off the stage. This is a series of photos showing the progress. We still have a way to go, but the room is finally at lockup, so we are able to start moving some items in.



COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE

The Community Campfire will be held this year after a couple of years off due to COVID.

The date is Saturday 11th of September, in the Hall car park, from 5pm to 8pm.

The Campfires are always a fun event, featuring soup, damper, a sausage sizzle and red and white wine for sale by the glass.

Bring some marshmallows to roast over the fire, it will be a great family event and we hope to see you there.

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.



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20 months - 3.5 yrs 9:40am - 10:25am
3 - 5 yrs 10:30am - 11:30am
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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.

We hope everyone is going well now winter has arrived – how quickly we seem to travel through the seasons. Since our local fires of January, we have been operationally very quiet although our Operations Support team is always on the go supporting communications for the larger Sturt Group. This does not mean from a firefighting perspective we have not been busy – it allows time to train, improve our skills and make improvements.

One area which we have worked on is improving communications with firefighters inside a structure fire. We have amongst us specially trained operators who are able to make entry into a burning house or shed. They are protected partly by using breathing apparatus equipment – entry is in order to save life and extinguish the fire. The current equipment has limitations on the quality of communication between the firefighters inside the structure and those managing the incident on the outside. We now have the funds and permission from the CFS to trial new facemasks with far superior communication ability – greatly improving the safety of the firefighters involved (remembering the operator is within a burning structure in heavy protective gear, poor visibility, working hard and breathing via an air cylinder – a lot going on!) This should be a huge increase in safety for members and lead to better outcomes should an incident of this type occur.

We sent a crew and Cherry Gardens 34 to support the community during Blackwood's ANZAC day ceremony this year. The traditional service was not held in Cherry

Gardens due to ongoing COVID impacts, but our members were honoured to be a part of the Sturt Group presence at the Blackwood Memorial at dawn on the 25th of April.

Our brigade has a proud history of service people being a part of our team, and we are grateful for their dedication and service to our country.

Pictured is our crew at the ANZAC day ceremony, many members proudly wearing medals from either the Australian military or awarded by the CFS.



Training through winter in Cherry Gardens is sometimes hard due to the weather, but it also gives us time to improve skills and set our goals for the next fire season. We have been called to a few road crash rescue incidents lately, which is something we continuously train for. It is important to talk to your family members and have everyone take care on these dark, wet nights of winter. Cherry Gardens Road has undergone improvements this year which is helpful, but that alone will not cover all the risks involved (who hasn't been face to face with a Kangaroo while driving in the last six months?)

We are always thankful to the community members who assist the Brigade by dropping off bottles and cans at the support shed opposite the station. This is a major source of income for us and really does make a difference. In the past we have funded road crash rescue equipment, extra handheld radios, better portable lighting and improvements around the station. It takes a lot of recycle to fund some of the above items, but slowly we work through our goals. It is great to know we have local support - our aim is always to improve the way we operate and give as much value back to the community as possible.

We have a couple of firefighters who are keen collectors of old STA buses. It takes up a lot more room than collecting most other things, but it seems a great hobby. As a bit of an "end of fire season/ lifting of COVID restrictions" event, a bus was prepared and members of the Brigade and Operations Support had a very enjoyable day out. We spent the day touring the McLaren Vale area, stopping at various places including a great lunch at Willunga. It was good to catch up with each other without the usual distractions and everyone appreciated the opportunity.

Thanks to our bus collectors for an excellent day!



CFS AIR SUPPORT

CFS Region 1- Air Operations- Cherry Gardens Airstrip

The CFS does not own the aircraft in its aerial firefighting fleet. It contracts aircraft for exclusive use service periods during the Fire Danger Season.

During the exclusive use period, firebombing and surveillance aircraft are on active standby at Claremont Airbase (servicing the Mount Lofty Ranges Primary Response Zone), Port Lincoln (Lower Eyre Peninsula Primary Response Zone), Mount Gambier (Lower South East Primary Response Zone) and Hoyleton (Mid North Primary Response Zone). They then operate from a number of airstrips, including ours, in accordance with the CFS Rapid Initial Attack Strategy.

Operations at our airstrip effectively finished for the season when the exclusive use service period of the CFS contract with the water bombers ended last month.

We marked the end of the season with a formal meeting at the airstrip at which our Brigade Captain announced some major changes for next season, including an upgrade of the airstrip itself and a new mixing process for retardant. We capped this off with a shared lunch for volunteers and their families.

During autumn and winter, we would like to put together a history of the Region 1-Air Operations Brigade. We have already collected some information with a great deal of help from Brian Geue, the original Air Base Manager at our airstrip.

Amongst many other things, Brian recalled that, in the early days, the Cherry Gardens crew travelled all over the State to help with water bomber support

No doubt there are other people with recollections and anecdotes that could help to record the history of water bomber support at the Cherry Gardens airstrip. We would like to hear from you and would greatly appreciate your help.

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

April Garden Club Notes (Belated)

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At the 12/4/21 meeting of the Garden Club members told about their gardening since the previous meeting. Some had attended the Landscape Design displays at various homes, ranging from courtyard homes to one with 1.5 acres of land. Others had been busy pruning, fertilising, mulching, treating whitefly, planting hedges of Bottlebrush and Sweet Viburnum, starting a memorial garden of lavender and rosemary, and cutting out the centre of a lemon tree to enable all next season's lemons to be picked easily.

- The Speaker for the evening was Rosalie Lawrence who gave a very interesting talk about Native Orchids. Some interesting facts from her presentation are:
There are 1800-2000 Australian Orchids (worldwide there are about 27,000)
95% of Aust.Orchids are found only in Australia
82% are terrestrial, 19% epiphytes (air orchids which grow on trees, mosses etc) and lithophytes (grow on rock faces).
SA only has terrestrial - about 290-380 species - 49% of which are recognised as threatened.
There are about 50 species in the Adelaide Hills.
- To distinguish an orchid from other flowers, the left or right half of it would be a mirror image of the other half.
- The Midge Orchid from a reserve near Port Lincoln was the first orchid found in SA.
- Orchids are very sensitive. If you kneel down to take a photo of one you would probably be kneeling on tiny juvenile orchids and killing them.
- Keep to the tracks when going through the bush and look where you are putting your feet.
- Orchid seeds are aerodynamic in shape and can be spread by the wind.
- Studies are still going to determine how bushfires affect native orchids. Some, like the Helmet Orchid did not perform very well.
- It is illegal to pick any native flowers from the wild.
- The orchid society is in the process of setting up a recognition App. You never know, you may just discover a new variety which has not been catalogued as yet. In the meantime, if you see a native orchid and carefully take a photograph of it, please send a copy to
<https://www.wildorchidwatch.org/> or contact the Native Orchid Society of SA Inc at
www.nossa.org.au or
nossa.enquiries@gmail.com. NOSSA meets at St.Matthews Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington at 8pm 4th Tues of the month from Feb - Nov.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNE 2021

It's pruning time!

- Firstly, your ornamental and fruiting vines, then your fruit trees, followed by your hydrangeas. You can easily strike vines and hydrangeas by using pencil thick sections with about 7 nodes, placing them right way up into some quality potting mix with at least 3 nodes covered and keeping them damp in a sunny spot.
- As soon as all the leaves have fallen from your fruit trees you can prune them to shape. Give nectarines and peaches a copper spray now and in early spring to avoid leaf curl.
- Roses should be left till next month to prune.
- Fruit and nut trees should be planted out now, and roses too, into well prepared sites, no deeper than what they were in the nursery.
- Lift dahlias and store them in dry sand, or sawdust, out of the weather, until they begin to shoot in spring- they require well prepared rich soil so prepare their site for next season now.
- Weeds are always a problem from now on so attack them whilst small and use them to enrich the soil. Many plants perform poorly because of the competition by those pesky weeds.
- Any shady spots in the vegetable garden not being used through winter can be planted with some form of legume (peas, beans or even clover) and dug in 6 weeks before your summer crops are planted, they provide valuable nitrogen and organic matter to the soil.
- Don't forget to keep turning over those heaps of autumn leaves you have gathered!

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

A slightly different, albeit very relevant topic, to our usual gardening or nature related topics was brought by our speaker, local conservationist, organic garlic grower, bee keeper, and philosopher Henry Duigan, who spoke and showed us videos of his work in Conservation and Landcare. Specifically, he informed us of the River Torrens Recovery (commenced in 2014) and Highbury Aqueduct (commenced in 2013) projects. To improve water quality and ecosystem function in the river and coastal waters, a great challenge was ridding the water courses and foothills of invasive plant species including Ash, Willow and Blackberry, Vinca and Broom which threaten the native shrubs, groundcovers and sedges. A short video helped us understand the situation on the beautiful Karrawirra Parri or Torrens River, along what is widely known as the River Torrens Linear Park. International tourists express amazement that we have something so beautiful and natural so close to the city but as in our gardens, maintenance and investment are necessary to keep the area as beautiful and enjoyable as it has become over the past 6 years.

Ongoing management of invasive plant species such as Ash, Willows and Blackberries, which formed a monoculture, especially along the top reaches of the river, has been important because deciduous trees and scrambling plants create deep mulch which smothers and prevents germination of native species which changes the character of the soil by giving shade in Summer and thick leaf mulch in Autumn, suppressing the native seedbank. The environmental benefits are increasing native habitat which in turn fosters native wildlife and birdlife, small reptiles and native bees.

In the Highbury Aqueduct, (a 48 ha reserve located in the City of Tea Tree Gully, 10 km northeast of Adelaide) the challenges of revegetation and bush restoration included weed control of Aleppo Pines, Ash trees and Olives and managing a largescale revegetation project of 1000's of native sedges, grasses and Tea Trees. It has been a community park since 2013, when a small 8 ha area was opened to the public. Since then a further 35 ha have been opened with the final ha opened in late 2019 completing the process for the reserve which has become popular with local residents for walking, bike riding, bird watching, gardening, exercising and conservation. During question time Henry explained the various methods of weed control necessary in these types of projects. Different methods were discussed, including techniques to control plants with rhizomes and the drill and fill method necessary for eradicating woody weeds with large trunks.

The Garden Club continues to meet in the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall for the foreseeable future minus our incredible suppers of pre-covid times, but we continue to enjoy the warmth of chat and friendship over a cuppa.

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday July 12th---Three members from within our Club will talk on aspects of gardening they are passionate about.

Monday August 9th--- Annual General Meeting, annual reports are tabled, all positions become vacant, election of Committee for 21/22 year. Followed by our popular quiz.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR JULY 2021

- Roses, buy now if you have prepared your soil for them, otherwise delay until you have your site ready. Don't leave bare rooted plants sitting around. An open, well drained site with lots of sun is best.
- Prune roses this month – aim for an open plant to allow sunlight in, and good air circulation.
- Mature deciduous fruit trees should only be pruned lightly in winter, leave the more serious tree shaping to the growing season and plan to do it over a number of years – one main branch each year.
- Glory vines can be pruned really hard – right back to just one bud in fact, and they will still produce plenty of cover.

- Wisterias too will reward you with an abundance of spring flowers if you prune them now. If pruning for shape select the strongest leader to be left and remove minor canes. You can have another pruning for shape immediately after flowering.
- Your mulch should be preventing most weeds from emerging at the moment, if you have a problem with them hand pulling is easy while the soil is moist and they are on the small side.
- Winter crops of vegetables will benefit from regular applications of liquid feed to keep them powering along. Thin out overcrowded root vegetables to improve final quality and size – small carrots are delicious cooked or raw!
- Winter oil can be sprayed onto dormant roses and deciduous fruit trees now to control summer pests such as aphids, mites and scale while they are overwintering on your plants.
- Plant out onion seedlings. Some keen gardeners who want tomatoes by Christmas will be planting seeds into jiffy pots and raising them on a sunny windowsill until they show good root development, and then potted on into a slightly larger container.
- Virginian stock and calendula seed can be planted now for a delightful show in spring

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dept of Transport to risk assess Main Road to Coromandel Valley

As we all know, the 2.6 km of Main Road from Cherry Gardens to Black Road Coromandel Valley is a very narrow, winding goat track that has seen multiple incidents. It carries around 1,300 cars per day. The new rails don't make the road any wider! The recent Cherry Gardens fire demonstrates that we need decent exit roads - not this narrow, crumbling goat track.

In February I wrote to our local Onkaparinga Councilors Marion Themeliotis and Geoff Eaton after I became aware that this road may not be up to Australian standards - particularly with regards to width. Onkaparinga Council traffic and transport staff have now answered my questions, confirming that it is **not**. They wrote:

"Measurements from NearMap aerial imagery would indicate that lane widths are **well below** the desirable width of 3.1m (for low-volume roads). This has not been validated by on-the-ground field measurements; however it would appear to be **fairly certain that the recommended 3.5m lane widths are not achieved on Main Road, especially through the rural section south of Black Road**"

As a result, DIT are now going to do a "safety assessment which will incorporate a risk assessment" , with a concept study of the result - presumably with indicative costs. As an interim measure to reduce the number of heavy vehicles, the section of Main Road will be removed from the heavy vehicle network map for

19m semi-trailers and single articulated vehicles or truck trailer combination less than 20m long.

DIT also wrote, "Should the concept study progress to a project, it will be submitted for funding consideration and assessed against other statewide priorities."

Money will be the issue. To comprehensively widen this road for **our** safety and **our** safe evacuation in case of bushfire will likely involve significant earthworks and/or a regrettable loss of mature trees.

So, if we all want this 2.6km of road brought up to Australian standard, we will all need to make all our collective voices heard to local MP Steve Murray for SA Government funding support once DIT completes the concept study. Stay tuned and drive safe.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

A very dry start to winter, although it is still technically autumn, the rainfall has been well below average. The summer bloom will be starting to fade on the horses

now as feed becomes scarce. Your 'horseman's' eye will tell you if they are losing weight. Or if you really want to be sure, get your horse weighed on a weighbridge (a good part of their education). My mates and I are weighed every year when the vet comes to do our teeth. If you don't have access to one, then a simpler option is a weight tape. These are usually available from your local feed store. The best place to use the tape is at the girth (basically where the girth on the saddle would sit). Make sure that the horse is standing square and on a level surface. Weighing at the same time of day is helpful too for a more consistent reading. What my owners have also found is that the weight will be less after a riding session. The tape is accurate to within 20kg or so. The main thing to look for is any sudden change, say a rapid weight increase or decrease. Doing this on a regular basis allows for an overall 'feel' for how your horse is doing.

A reasonably fit horse in healthy condition should have just a slight shadow of ribs showing. My owners do use the tape on me regularly and have done for the last several years, so they have a very good idea of where my weight should be at. My ribs never show (☺), but that is normal for me.

So that is the clue, knowing what is normal for your horse. Each horse is an individual and other factors such as time of year, age, breed, health and activity will affect what your horse weighs throughout the year. So for yours truly, my weight is going down from around the 500kg mark to around 480kg. This is absolutely normal for me. I am also in reasonably good condition and ridden about 4 times a week, give or take. I am rising 18

and in good health. Come spring, my owners become very vigilant regarding my weight, but also my overall condition. They especially look for signs of crestiness and extra weight on the rump (that tell-tale apple bum). It is also normal for me to have a crest, but as long as that crest is soft and wobbly and not rock hard with deposits of fat, then I am pretty safe. On a condition score of 5, I would be at least 3.5, so my owners try to keep me at that level and no higher.

As always, it is the horseman's eye which will tell you where your horse is at. Getting to know what is normal is the key. If there is anything which involves a rapid change, to be on the safe side do contact your vet.

At last some decent rain to green up the paddocks! Unfortunately, with the true feed comes the weeds. This may be too late for some weed control, but with the damper ground, some weeds are actually easy to pull by hand. Salvation Jane and cape weed are good examples. Dock is a type of wild turnip and has a long and tenacious tap root. Like most weeds it is very opportunistic and will grow in any bare patch. It particularly likes damper ground, but if the ground is hard and dry is almost impossible to pull out by hand. If it is too late to spray and too dry to pull, get out there with a pair of secateurs and a chaff bag and cut off the tops to prevent it going to seed. This will help to reduce the seed drop by many thousands. Dandelion can be a pest too as it is also what we call a broadleaf type of weed. All of these more common type of weeds out compete other more natural grasses and will soon take over valuable grazing land if let go to seed. Again if timing is wrong or the ground too hard dandelion can be managed by some close mowing or slashing to prevent it heading. If you have enough acreage, then cross grazing with cows or sheep is also an option. Leaving a paddock fallow for a year can not only give it a rest, but can enable you to better see exactly what is going on in that paddock and treat accordingly. If a weed infestation is really bad and you can afford to leave it fallow for twelve months, then drastic action could be to spray the entire paddock and completely reseed. Drastic, but effective! Another somewhat drastic move could be to agist your horse stock elsewhere for 12 months while you spend that time rejuvenating the land. In this case, it could also be a good time to reevaluate existing fence lines, gates, shelters etc and move accordingly. Of course this all costs time, money and effort. Drawing up plans of existing fences, shelters and water points and coordinating them with the lay of the land will pay off handsomely in the long term. This applies not only to your equine friends, but will definitely enhance your property as far as value and appearance goes.

Plenty of homework as usual, my friends!

Safe riding and happy munching!

Hamish

I reckon this young lady has doubled in size whilst here! She was attacked by a cat from a neighbouring house in Aberfoyle Park. I suggested the rescuer release it on the other side of her property but she said that there are cats outside there too!

What are people to do to assist wildlife when they are surrounded by cats?



From a bare back to furred back in a matter of weeks! This ringtail possum was caught by a maremma dog but has fully recovered and has enough fur to keep warm now. She's going home to her family tonight.



The magnificent gum (next page) was burning on both sides of its trunk when the fire fighters found it. They extinguished the flames and she has survived the ordeal. Many gums and bottlebrush are shooting at their bases so we cut down the burnt trunks and limbs to help them recover. Young Acacias and Eucalyptus have germinated from the heat on the seeds in the soil along with many weed species. The colours of the landscape are inspiring and devastating at the same time.



The wildlife is suffering with the cold and wet conditions out there! This poor female kookaburra is feeling worse for wear and being hammered by other Kooky's to boot!!



Please share our online petition to change laws to control wandering cats. A paper-based petition will be recognized by Parliament but a digital petition showing support will help! You can go to our facebook page and follow the link:

<https://www.change.org/p/the-honourable-members-of-the-house-of-assembly-in-parliament-assembled-cat-containment-24-7-throughout-south-australia?fbclid=IwAR2SgyPZISE4ASwN5JoyN4tuhFXSILhR2jmWz5MCpOnkP4uXGknAhPCssg>

If you can go to the link below then download the petition, print it out and get as many friends and family to sign it.

<https://drive.google.com/.../1LxOvSxhSGPjIxo.../view>

To help make real legislative change you must download, print sign and collect signatures for the physical petition which is the only type of petition that the SA Parliament accepts. They won't accept the online petition.

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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



'Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff they comfort me.' Psalm 23: 4

Having recently thought about the sacrifices of Australians in global conflicts, it came to mind that our district has been well represented by those who served our nation. Each of those people had a story to tell. It would be good to look at one of them.

For over 30 years, Geoff and Laurel Bingham lived on Ackland Hill Road. An ordained clergyman, Geoff had served in the Pacific during the Second World War, was decorated and ended as a POW in the notorious Changi Camp in Singapore. For more than 3 years, Geoff and his comrades were subjected to incredibly difficult treatment by their guards. Through this experience, though, Geoff learned about God's love and mercy.

In about the year 2000, Geoff and Laurel were sitting on a bench outside Government House in North Terrace when an elderly Japanese couple walked by. Geoff and the Japanese gentleman looked at each other and there was instant recognition. The one-time guard at Changi recognised the former POW. In an instant the Japanese man ran over and embraced Geoff, tears streaming down his cheek, and uttering the words, 'Sorry, sorry, sorry'. It was a unique, poignant moment for all of them.

From that one action came a time of reconciliation and healing. God's love can conquer obstacles that all of us would think were impossible. And it's like that for everyone.

'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.'
Romans 8: 35, 37

'So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels.' Exodus 40: 38

At this time of year, the Cherry Church garden looks magnificent – primarily because of the magnificent Flame Smoke Bush with its vivid foliage. The Bush came from Quentin Wollaston's Raywood nursery some years ago and has been lovingly tended by Alan Dube. And, when your eyes are captured by its beauty, it is as if the shrub and garden were aflame.

It is a reminder, too, of the Old Testament biblical story of the nation of Israel crossing the desert after escaping from Egypt. At that time, God provided for His people in myriad ways and covered their journey in the day by cloud and at night by fire. Today, God continually guides and accompanies His people, the Church, through all the ups and downs of life. He is there, unchanging, in good times and in bad.



Photo: Jim Ward

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.

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



The Friends group have continued their scheduled activities in the park since the January fire that burnt 500 hectares of the park, initially concentrating on the unburnt western areas, but now able to go into the eastern fire scar.

Since gaining permission from the National Parks and Wildlife Service SA to enter and conduct regular activities in the burn area, we have run our first bird banding and a couple of bushcare activities. There are still hazards present following the fire, but we have been given some additional protocols to keep us safe.

The burnt areas of the park remain closed to the public, but walking is now permitted in the unburnt part of the park west of Dorset Vale Road.

Contractor work has also commenced in the fire scar, working on a number of fire responsive weeds, including Tree Heath, Blackberry and Montpellier Broom. Other weeds will be treated as resources and time permits.

We are also grateful for the University of Adelaide's BandiBunch, who have conducted their first round of mammal surveys since the fire. While we are hoping to detect the return of the nationally endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot within the burnt area, so far they have found a couple of native Bush Rats in the survey traps. We have, however, also seen Rakali, or the Golden-bellied Water Rat, along Scott Creek near Mackereth Cottage.

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.

June

Tue	1	Bushcare
Sat, Sun	5, 6	Bird banding
Tue	8	General meeting
Sun	13	Bushcare
Sat, Sun	19, 20	Bird banding
Sat	26	Bushcare



A native Rakali, spotted in the fire scar near Mackereth Cottage.

The Friends group has continued to spread their scheduled activities between the burnt and unburnt sections of the park this past month.

The University of Adelaide's BandiBunch have completed their first series of mammal trap surveys in the fire scar and, in addition to the Bush Rats and Yellow-footed Antechinus that they found and I reported on in last month's Cherry Chatter, they were very excited to find a male Southern Brown Bandicoot. This Bandicoot had previously been captured and micro-chipped in mammal surveys before the fire. It had quite miraculously survived in its home range, which was well within the area burnt and still has little native vegetation at ground level other than Bracken Fern. We can only presume he managed to hide down a hole underground, while the fire passed by overhead. The Southern Brown Bandicoot is a nationally endangered species.

There is a substantial amount of excellent regeneration of native plants within the fire scar, while weeds tend to be more common in wetter creeklines and low-lying areas. There is also evidence of much soil erosion within the creeks, along with regular visits by feral deer, which continue to over-graze and damage native vegetation.

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July

Sat, Sun 3, 4 Bird banding
 Tue 6 Bushcare
 Sun 11 Bushcare
 Sat, Sun 17, 18 Bird banding
 Sat 24 Bushcare
 Sat, Sun 31, 1 Bird banding



The Southern Brown Bandicoot found during mammal surveys in the fire scar by the University of Adelaide's BandiBunch.



A male Superb Fairy-wren had survived the fire, having previously been banded last year in the same location that we netted him at bird banding in June in the park.

THE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Moddies (mini Thunderer's) had their Guernsey Presentation on the last Tuesday evening in April. Elijah Ware, Josh Rosman, Connor Lidstone and Fern Thomson Van Loon were there to help present the guernseys. Some of the Senior Men's A's and under 18s helped cook the sausage sizzle for the kids. Nigel Downes was brilliant and manned the bar all night until

10ish. It was a really good night and the kind of stuff that makes our community proud!

Unlike last season where our moddies could not win a game so far this season they have had 6 wins and Matt, the Moddies Coach, will shave his head down to the skin - including beard and eyebrows - if the kids win 10 of the 12 games this season... Go Mini Thunderers!!

Our junior teams this year have combined with the Bridgewater club and have seen more wins than losses which is very encouraging as we rebuild the junior ranks of the club. The other week all junior teams came up against Hahndorf which is one of the strongest clubs in the Hills and came away with good wins in all 3 games which is the first time ever our club has achieved this. The only challenge for our juniors has been that combining with Bridgewater has meant we have had to share our home games with them and so our boys are travelling more than we would like.

The seniors had a rough start to the season with more losses than wins however have bounced back in recent weeks and are now just in top half of the ladder. We have been plagued with injuries which has not helped but everyone is training hard and the players believe they will finish the season strongly.

The women have had a mixed bag but are loving their footy.

We want to remind all locals about Thursday nights and getting yourself a great feed. Ironbank and Cherry Gardens has no shop, no pub or no "town" - despite the club song declaring, "there's a footy team in town..." But we do have awesome Thursday Night meals at the Club this time of year. Come in for a feed and enjoy the hospitality and the atmosphere.



The Moddies kids line up for a post-game celebration photo

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE & JULY

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IN FOCUS | THALASSA WARD

We're shining a spotlight on Council's elected members.

As the halfway mark of their four-year term approaches, we've launched a new series of in-depth articles called In Focus to bring you up to speed with your local elected members.

Thalassa Ward councillors, Marion Themeliotis and Geoff Eaton, are ready to listen and advocate on your behalf on the local issues important to you.

Thalassa Ward covers these suburbs: Flagstaff Hill, Coromandel Valley, Coromandel East, Aberfoyle Park, Chandlers Hill, Clarendon, Cherry Gardens, Ironbank and Dorset Vale.

Why did you want to become an elected member?

MARION: We live in the best community in SA and, with you, I want to make it even better. Thalassa has brought me great opportunities, friendships, education, shared values, liveability and a strong sense of safety and community. I have a long-term commitment to our community. Through advocacy and being your voice in the Council chamber, my focus is to best represent you on issues that matter. Local government provides me with the opportunity to utilise my knowledge of what matters in our ward, as well as my strong connection to community, to make a real difference for you.

GEOFF: I took the opportunity to seek election due to the negative publicity our council received some years ago, and I focused on public sector governance, debt management, council rates and community safety and resilience. My election provided an opportunity to extend my interest in public sector management, but from a different perspective (having worked at all three levels of government), and to continue to serve a community I've been a member of for over 45 years. It's a pleasure for an old bloke to work with the young and professional Councillor Themeliotis, to represent our community. Some people may call it positive ageing.

What local issues are you most passionate about?

MARION: Together we've achieved some great outcomes for Thalassa including upgrading Flagstaff Community Centre, tennis courts, cricket nets and play facilities;

securing funding for our Northern Forum; approving the Clarendon Recreation Ground Master Plan and zoning; upgrading the Hill Recreation Centre; upgrading lighting, pathways and crossings; and providing funding for Minton Farm.

But, we have more to achieve together including advocating for upgrades/crossing at Main Road, Coromandel Valley; new changeroom facilities for Happy Valley Sports Park; continuing the cat containment discussion to protect local wildlife; future expansion of Coromandel Community Centre; upgrading Hill Recreation Centre; upgrading Clarendon Netball Club courts; progressing the Clarendon Master Plan; advocating for undercover greens at Happy Valley Bowling Club and for further pathway and reserve upgrades in Thalassa; and completing internal upgrades to Flagstaff Community Centre.

GEOFF: Some of the things I'm most passionate about are representing my community, interacting and working with a broad range of residents and people, and building their resilience so we can better deal with natural disasters and emergency events. I have a strong interest in community safety/wellbeing, economic development and ensuring Thalassa Ward is represented. I'm passionate about the upgrade of Main Road, Coromandel Valley and Cherry Gardens, particularly from Black Road to Cherry Gardens Road. This state government road is in need for a major upgrade considering it's shared by articulated vehicles, bicycles, and passenger vehicles, with numerous bends and poor road edging. We've been successful in having wombat crossings funded for Park Avenue, Aberfoyle Park (completed) and Ridgeway Drive, Flagstaff Hill (scheduled for June), but I'd like to see the state government install a speed/red light camera at Flagstaff Primary School on Black Road to increase the safety of the children.

What do you want to hear about from local residents?

MARION: Our residents need to have say on the issues that matter to them for good decision-making to occur. As your elected member, to best represent you and be a strong voice in the chamber, I want to hear from you on the key issues. I want to be the go-to for residents—an elected member who is available, listening to and working with you. Residents need to voice their concerns,

raise issues, and have a say in Council's priorities. I want to hear from you to ensure this Council is on the right track. Tell me where we can do better.

GEOFF: If residents have concerns regarding service delivery, infrastructure improvements and Council decisions, please contact me. There will be diverse views, but it's about hearing what people have to say and making informed decisions in our best interests. I regularly walk around the streets with Tessa (my new Dalmatian pup), so please stop for a chat. She'll do the introduction with a smile and lots of enthusiasm. I'd also like to hear about the good news stories of council's services.

What's the best thing about the Onkaparinga region?

MARION: Our council area is unique in being the only region that boasts vast rural landscapes, beautiful coastlines, productive vineyards, townships, cultural heritage, and strong community connections. We're resilient and have come together through the many challenges faced in the past 24 months. Our residents, community groups, sporting clubs, volunteers, family-owned businesses and service groups are the best thing about our region. It's their contribution that makes Onkaparinga the best community in SA.

GEOFF: Our diversity. We have 31 kilometres of magic coastline offering swimming, fishing, boating, sailing, diving, surfing and windsurfing experiences. Two-thirds of our region is rural, with some of the best wineries, craft beer breweries, bakeries and restaurants in Australia. What about our historical townships of Clarendon, old Noarlunga and Willunga; and the lovely rural communities of Cherry Gardens, Kangarilla, McLaren Flat and Blewitt Springs to enjoy after travelling through Coromandel Valley on your journey? If you like the great outdoors, go walking or bike riding along our many trails, or camping, climbing and hiking in the Onkaparinga River National Park. Put the kayak on the roof of your car and go for paddle in the Onkaparinga estuary, remembering—by the end of this year—you can do the same at the Happy Valley Reservoir. Don't forget our five golf courses. If out with the children/grandkids, then please drop into Jubilee Park for some fun times. Does the Barossa Valley or Yorke Peninsula have that diversity? So, go south, go local and most importantly enjoy. It's all so close to home!
Head to onkaparinganow.com to read more In Focus articles.

PROMOTE YOUR GROUPS, CLUBS AND EVENTS WITH MYCITY ONKAPARINGA

Are you part of a club or community group, or have an event you want to tell the world about?

You can now add your clubs, community groups and events to the City of Onkaparinga website, attracting new audiences and interest.

MyCity Onkaparinga is a new portal on the City of Onkaparinga website, allowing residents to register for an account and then create events, community directory listings or local business listings.

Events must be community focused, open to the public and held within the City of Onkaparinga. Suitable events include: come-and-try days, community fundraising events, open days, markets, online training opportunities, webinars, etc.

Garage sales, business sales events and real estate open houses/auctions will not be approved. Similar to the local business directory on the [ON Business Partner Program website](#), the local Community Directory provides community groups, clubs and organisations a place to share information and promote events they're running with City of Onkaparinga's residents.

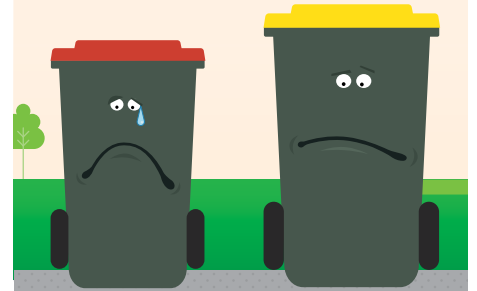
Suitable groups include: sporting and social clubs, book clubs, knitting/craft groups, youth/senior groups, scouts/girl guides, other not-for-profit organisations.

Groups must be based within the City of Onkaparinga and be open to public enquiries and new members.

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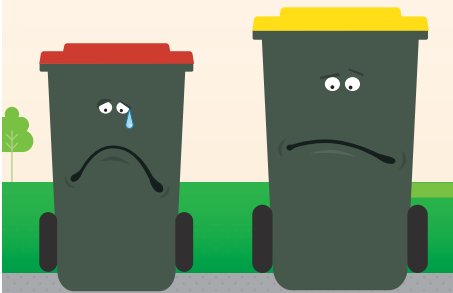
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YOUR RATES, YOUR CITY: HOW DOES COUNCIL USE DEBT

When it comes to council finances, one of the most common topics Onkaparinga residents ask about is debt—what is debt, why does council borrow money, and how sustainable is this?

"Put simply, debt means borrowing money for a specific purpose, which is why debt is sometimes referred to as borrowings," says City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson in a new video released this month.

The video is part of the Your rates, your city campaign, which aims to help demystify council finances following feedback received by the community during engagement on council's Long Term Financial Plan.

"By borrowing money, we can deliver the facilities and infrastructure the community needs without the need for large rate increases," Mayor Thompson continues.

"Using debt to fund infrastructure allows us to spread this burden over current and future communities—those that will ultimately benefit from the use of the infrastructure.

"This is a much more equitable way to spread the cost of infrastructure provision, and it's what we refer to as intergenerational equity, a principle we adopt to ensure we set rates fairly.

"In South Australia, councils generally have very low levels of debt compared with the value of their assets."

If you were to compare the combined debt of the City of Onkaparinga to a home loan, Mayor Thompson says, it would roughly work out to \$67,000 worth of debt on a \$500,000 property.

"While our debt to asset ratio is low, we know that debt and borrowing must be carefully managed to ensure long-term financial sustainability," she says.

Council adopted its new Long Term Financial Plan earlier this year and with it came a commitment to achieve a balanced budget within the next four years.

One of the ways it will do this is by changing the funding mix for significant upgrade projects and new major projects.

Those projects will be funded with a ration of 60 per cent debt and 40 per cent rates, instead of the previous mix of 80:20 debt:rates.

"This will slow down borrowing and help to reduce our debt over time," she says.

For more information and handy explainers on council finances, head to the Your rates, your city web page, where you'll find resources about how your rates are calculated, an a glimpse at the more than 200 programs and services council delivers to the community each year.

Community engagement on council's Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021–22 is now open at council's Your Say page, where you can provide your feedback until 10 June.



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ANOTHER \$3.14 MILLION FOR SOUTHERN RECYCLING FACILITY

Household recycling in the south has received a further boost, with the federal and state governments announcing a further \$3.14 million funding boost to Seaford Heights' Southern Material Recycling Facility (SMRF).

The news comes just seven weeks after Prime Minister Scott Morrison visited the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority (SRWRA) site to announce \$5.35 million in funding for the state-of-the-art facility. The site is a joint initiative of SRWRA – a subsidiary of Onkaparinga, Marion and Holdfast Bay councils – and Re.Group, an Australian recycling and resource recovery specialist.

The best-practice SMRF will process at least 31,000 tonnes annually of 'yellow bin' recyclables and, thanks to the \$5.35 million Australian Government funding through the Community Development Grant Programme, it has the capacity to handle more than 60,000 tonnes.

The additional \$3.14 million joint South Australian and Australian Government funding announcement via the Recycling Modernisation Fund (RMF), will help install additional innovative optical and robotic sorting systems to further improve the quality of recovered materials.

City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson said she was thrilled the federal and state governments had joined forces to provide the additional funds and bring council's vision for a recycling circular economy to life.

"This is on top of the \$5.35 million previously provided by the federal government for this project, and combined the funding now covers a third of our total project budget," she said.

"This funding means we will soon have a facility that can process 31,000 of yellow bin recyclables for our partner councils – Onkaparinga, Holdfast and Marion.

"We will also have the potential to increase to 60,000 tonnes to service other regional councils and commercial businesses from the surrounding area.

"This facility will solve many of the recycling challenges we've been facing in recent years, while delivering benefits to our ratepayers and the environment.

"This project is a great example of local government working together to tackle a big issue, develop a solution and successfully demonstrate the benefits to state and federal government to secure their support.

"Our recycling future depended on this solution, and through collaboration we've been able to deliver an amazing outcome.

"I want to thank the team at SRWRA, Re.Group, our partner councils and the state and federal governments for turning a great idea into an outstanding reality."

Federal Minister for Environment Sussan Ley said the eight new projects being funded through the joint Recycling Modernisation Fund are expected to create more than 500 jobs and will divert over 205,000 tonnes of waste resources back into the manufacturing of valuable new Australian made products.

"These kinds of high-tech projects build the infrastructure that will power the circular economy in Australia, improving our ability to process our own waste and creating local jobs," Minister Ley said.

"By mid-2024 when Australia's full waste export ban comes into effect, Australia will need to recycle 378,000 tonnes of mixed waste paper and cardboard each year – the same weight as a quarter of a million cars.

"Taking responsibility for our waste means meeting this challenge, and that is why the Morrison Government is driving a \$1 billion transformation of our waste and recycling industry, including \$190 million for a Recycling Modernisation Fund that will leverage over \$600 million in total investment to turbocharge our waste and recycling industry's infrastructure."

South Australian Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs said the Marshall Liberal Government is proud to work closely with the Morrison Government to deliver the most significant investment in South Australia's recycling industry ever seen to build key infrastructure projects and create up to 500 jobs across the state.

"The eight projects, which are worth \$111 million, will transform waste management in South Australia and improve our ability to process plastic, glass, paper, cardboard and tyres within the state," Minister Speirs said.

"They will reinforce South Australia's position as a national leader when it comes to waste management."



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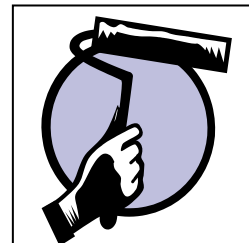
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