



# Cherry Chatter

Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

## SACFS Air Operations

### Region 1 Air Operations Brigade

Redevelopment of the Airbase on SA Water land has begun with the laying of hotmix asphalt over the old loading pad and runway. This is part of Stage 1 of the redevelopment of our facility, another important feature will be the levelling of the natural surface to remove low spots and old vehicle tracks, but this will have to wait until the ground dries out following our very wet July.

Following the devastating bushfire in January it became clear that the airstrip had become very degraded, 72 loads on that day, and all the loads before that over many years, had led to major deterioration of the strip, the pilots were concerned about take-offs over the bumpy surface.

We instigated a meeting with SACFS State Aviation and after several inspections of the strip and consultation with Aerotech and the pilots, it was decided to begin a major renovation of the entire operation. The fact that money was found very quickly shows the importance Headquarters places on the service we provide.

The work was carried out over two days by AAA Bitumen, Lonsdale, excellent bitumen layers and a good bunch of blokes despite our very cold and wintry climate.

On the day of the fire, January 24<sup>th</sup>, we were asked for fire-fighting retardant, something we have not used for many years. State Aviation will now set us up to deliver retardant, foam and a polymer product called BlazeTamer. The HQ engineers have even developed a "multi-mixer" which can dispense all of our firefighting additives from our upgraded facility.

This will be all part of Stage 2, possibly beginning next year. It will all be stored in a large side-opening 40 foot container. The container will house the multi-mixer, an IBC (1000L container) of foam, an IBC of BlazeTamer and 5 IBC's of liquid retardant and other equipment.

The site of the new container will require major earthworks to build up the area to the level of the loading pad, water and electrical connections will complete the second filling station. The idea is to

replicate as far as possible the facility at Claremont, near Brukunga, where the Aerotech aircraft reside during the contract period. Multiple filling points are a must, pilots waiting impatiently to be filled is something we try to avoid.

Once both Stages have been completed, Region 1 Air Operations will become the alternative Airbase for major fires in the Adelaide Hills as happened when Claremont was overtaken by fire during the Cudlee Creek blaze. We are currently one of two A class SACFS strips (the other is Mt. Crawford in Region 2), our Airbase is on SA Water land and I thank Ian Smart and his team for their cooperation and assistance.

Once Stage 2 is complete we may even need to start recruiting again, so if you are fit and active, live close by and need something to do over summer look us up.

The fact SACFS State Aviation is willing to invest a large amount of money in our facility is testament to the dedication and commitment of our small Brigade of enthusiastic, hardworking members. I thank each of them every time the smoke starts to fill the sky.

John Coppi  
Brigade Captain  
Region 1 Air Operations Brigade



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## CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT JULY 2021

Rainfall for July 2021	175.2mm
Rainfall for July 2020	44.8
Average rainfall for July	129.9
Rainfall to the end of July 2021	605.2
Rainfall to the end of July 2020	622.0
Average rainfall to the end of July	542.1
Number days of rain for July 2021	24
Number days of rain for July 2020	11

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### COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE

We advised that the Community Campfire is to be held this year after a couple of years off due to COVID. As you would be aware, at the time of writing it is a bit on-again off-again due to Covid. We will try to keep you up to speed with the A-frames which we will place on Cherry Gardens Road.

It is our hope that the event will still be held on Saturday 11th of September, in the Hall carpark, 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. Fingers crossed.

## 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!

**Laughing Llama**  
Dance & Drama

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

laughingllamadd www.laughingllamadanceanddrama.com.au

## SACFS CHERRY GARDENS

If you would like more information or a visit to the station, please contact Nola (0407 370 002) or Bill (0433 656 803).



### A History of Region 1 Air Operations Brigade Aerial Firefighting Support at the Cherry Gardens airstrip

This is the second instalment of our history of the CFS Region 1 Air Operations Brigade. We have had a great deal of help so far from Brian Geue, one of the first crew members and an early Airbase Manager at Cherry Gardens airstrip. However, we still need more information. If you are able to contribute, please email [lenkidd2@internode.on.net](mailto:lenkidd2@internode.on.net) with information or to arrange a discussion.

The creation of Region 1 Air Operations Brigade was a relatively late development in the history of water bomber support at the Cherry Gardens airstrip. Prior to this, the formal association of group members with the CFS was as members of the Cherry Gardens Brigade.

The airstrip at Cherry Gardens was opened with a field day on December 16<sup>th</sup> 1989. The airstrip is around 1000 metres long and was built on SA Water land that had

previously been used by the local Frith family to grow gladioli commercially.

At the field day which was attended by CFS Group Officers from Regions 1 and 2 of the Mt Lofty Ranges, they had the opportunity to get familiar with the fire retardant and foam that was in use at that time and the bombing techniques that were used to support the CFS ground crews. The CFS Assistant Chief Officer of Operations, Mr Howard McBeth opened the airstrip and Russell Gear who was the Officer in Charge of Region 1 sent a letter to the Cherry Gardens brigade later in December congratulating the brigade for their excellent help in setting up and servicing the aircraft during the demonstrations as well as supplying an excellent light lunch.

In the beginning, the filling equipment was adapted from existing CFS gear. It comprised ordinary 65mm fire hoses and pumps in standard use at the time. As a consequence, the aircraft filling process was uncomplicated but slow. It took 5 minutes to load the 900-1000 litres required for the aircraft of those days, compared to less than 3 minutes to load three times that amount now.

Although members of the airbase group were formally attached to the Cherry Gardens Brigade, they did have direct access to CFS headquarters for equipment. They had a great deal of help from Neil Ellis, a CFS staff member, in obtaining upgrades of gear as they devised increasingly efficient methods of operation.



Early volunteers – from left, Peter Munday, Brian Geue, Don Rowalle, Ivan Stacey, Geoff Lewis

Don Rowalle and Brian Geue formed the core of the group initially. Quoting Brian, they were supported by “whoever wasn’t out on a truck” from the Cherry Gardens Brigade. Other early participants were Ivan Stacey, Peter Munday, Kieran Griffin and Geoff Lewis – Geoff is still involved in 2021 as our chief pump operator.

Most of these people had pagers specifically for airstrip callouts in addition to the standard CFS ground crew pagers carried by all Cherry Gardens CFS volunteers.

## CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

Contact Ray Wise – President 0405 273 003 or 8383-6011

Garden Club Meetings 7.30 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month unless it is a public holiday, in which case it will then be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

Meetings will be held at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall for the remainder of 2021.

### LAST MEETING

Club members John and Denise Callus gave us a glimpse into the volunteering support work they have become involved in, over many years, helping the residents on an island 150 km from the main island of Fiji.

One of the projects that they have supported is replacing long drops with toilet/shower blocks for the locals. Buildings are of better block construction with the roof and walls tied into the floor in order to prevent them being blown away during cyclones.

They explained the different concept of timeframes, punctuality and expectation when working to Fiji time which is 'whenever it gets done'!

All the island's provisions have to be ferried in, as there are no shops. Staples purchased are mainly sugar, tea and flour.

As the islanders have very limited incomes, they need to grow most of what they eat, resulting in a limited basic diet. Due to the absence of a health centre on the island, health care is poor. Dengue fever is a problem caused by the abundance of mosquitoes. Burns are a common injury due to the need to cook over open fire, done mostly on the ground.

John and Denise are trying to teach the locals better hygiene practices, whilst keeping sensitive and being aware of cultural practices.

Donated sewing machines are helping the local population to make clothes for themselves and enabling them to derive extra income.

The plant auction yielded some gems and bargains.

### NEXT MEETINGS

Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> – 3 speakers from within our Club will talk of their special interest in gardening

Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> – Megan Bekesi from East Waste will talk about recycling

### GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

A couple of exotic herbs you may wish to try are:

*Lemon grass*, it grows larger and more vigorous in warmer areas but will survive for many years in a large pot. Be sure to cut back old growth in autumn to allow light to reach the centre of the clump and to stimulate new growth.



*Cardamom* is a favourite Asian herb resembling a compact ornamental ginger and grows in shade or half sun. The lush green leaves have the same sweetly aromatic flavour as the pods, and the plant is tough.

Spring planting is always exciting as there is a myriad of vegetables and flowers you can plant.

Vegetables to choose from are – beans (bush and climbing) broccoli, cabbage, capsicum, celery, chilli, chives, cucumber, eggplant, leek, lettuce, parsley, pumpkin, radish, sweetcorn, tomato, and zucchini.

Flowers could include – ageratum, aster, begonia, carnation, cornflower, dahlia, gerbera, petunia, phlox, portulaca, sunflower, and zinnia.

Re-pot cymbidium orchids after removing spent flower spikes, and fertilise regularly.

With warmer conditions come increased growth and pests like snails and slugs

Fertilise citrus

Spray stone fruit trees before buds open.

Irrigation systems need to be checked to see that they are all working as they should, but some gardeners won't have to worry as they have an indigenous garden with only Australian native plants that are local to their area!

## OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Is it wet enough for everyone yet? I am feeling somewhat neglected with all the wet weather. My owners do check me and still monitor my weight, which is excellent just now. I am holding

around the 470kg. There is not much goodness in the pasture, so I am really enjoying my regular feeds of meadow hay. It warms me up and keeps my gut ticking over.

My news is that it looks like I will be getting a new paddock friend. It's another girl! Not sure that I can cope with that, but we shall see.

Some of the things that my owners need to check before, and as she settles in, are as follows:

Basics such as dates of her vaccinations (what and when), when she was last trimmed, when she was last wormed and with what. When her teeth were last done and any other veterinary appointments.

Although she is 11, she has been a brood mare and not had a saddle on for 9 years. This means my owners will be treating her as an unbroken horse. So right back to the beginning, with work in hand to check her stop, go, turn and yield. This work is so valuable and will give my owners plenty of time to assess her and also help with the bonding process.

Other important information will be knowing how she was kept. Was she paddocked or stabled. Was she in with other horses or kept on her own. How does she cope with separation etc. what type of feeding regime was she on. We already know that she is a good doer!

When she arrives, she will be kept separate from the rest of us, although we can talk over the fence. Because I am so well mannered, I will probably be the first to meet her physically. Then depending how things go, my owners will gradually introduce my other mates to her. This usually takes around a week, sometimes less, sometimes longer, but it has always worked and keeps us all safe. However we are all different, so my owners will have to be listening and watching very carefully to notice any bad 'vibes' between us. Horses are super good at body language, so we will be trusting our owners to also be very observant! Finally and so importantly - what is her temperament like? From what my owners have seen, she appears to be 'uncomplicated' and sensible. However there is a long way to go yet. The bottom line will be to hasten slowly, she will be telling my owners how well she is coping with all the new changes in her life.

My owners will also be getting her checked out by the regular vet, followed by a chiropractic appointment.

So, interesting times to come and hopefully good times too. It may be a bit premature, but I am definitely looking forward to Spring!

Safe riding, Hamish



"29 years ago I began rescuing wildlife at Minton Farm to assist the local community. Our first rescue was a noisy miner that had been caught by a cat and had flown into a dam when it was rereleased. Over the years the volume of rescues have increased and so too have the volume of domestic cat attacks. It is of great concern that the majority of cat-attacked wildlife do not survive the shock and infection from those attacks. Since Covid lockdown in 2020 many people sought comfort by obtaining pets like kittens. This year as restrictions eased the amount of domestic cat-attacked wildlife increased to an unsustainable level of 6 to 8 rescues directly from

domestic cats. These were the witnessed, proven cases and there were obviously far more attacks going on that were not witnessed or proven. It was decided after collaboration with Councillors to start a petition to request Government review the outdated 1995 Dog and Cat Management Act to request 24/7 cat containment Statewide.

This petition needs to be in hard copy form. It is available to sign at Minton Farm and in the rescue aviary at the gate 24/7. I am happy to provide forms for you to collect signatures anytime. Please support this endeavour to improve our biodiversity and prevent the huge impact and suffering caused by wandering cats. It can be downloaded here.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LxQvSGPjlxo-tXVOiBYZLTwxymL7v/view>

Please return the forms to Minton Farm during September for collation ready to be presented to Parliament.

Thank you. Sincerely, Bev. Langley

Phone: 8270-1169 Mobile: 0422 938 439

Website- [www.mintonfarm.org](http://www.mintonfarm.org)

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/mintonfarmanimalrescuecentre>

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Photos of Minton Farm Rescues



# CHERRY CHURCH

**Cherry Gardens Church**  
**87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens**

**Services held on Sundays at 9.30am**  
**Chairperson: Rob Lim 0407971650**



*'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'* 1 Corinthians 13: 13

It has been a year of 'the unexpected' becoming 'the norm'. COVID has locked down Australia's major cities and even rural areas, preventing families from meeting together, breaking down economies and bringing fear and resentment in its wake. It's become the age of Facetime and Zoom. But the world and humanity feels fragile.

Our lives are often like this as well and we recognise our frailty and dependence on others. We need support that not even our loved ones can supply, because uncertainty and the unexpected come in many different forms – illness, injury, lack of employment are just a few of them.

What all the experiences bring is a sense of our need of God. As we read the Old and New Testaments we discover that God is the Rock on whom we can depend. And we learn of his nature through the character and life of Jesus of Nazareth. St Paul, one of the great writers of his era who was fluent in at least three languages, writes about the nature of Jesus as it is:

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13: 4–8)*

This is the nature of our God. One who never fails and who protects us in times of uncertainty.

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



With the Friends group's activities continuing to alternate between the burnt and unburnt sections of the park, a lot of our work has been feast or famine. The weather has also been a little unpredictable, and there was that state-wide Covid lockdown that also interrupted activities.

Bird banding has seen some mixed results in the fire scar, with small numbers on a couple of days, perhaps also influenced by some inclement weather, though fairly productive on one of the sites closer to the edge of where the fire was stopped.

Bushcare has also concentrated on areas that had been burnt, with the team splitting into smaller groups to tackle some of the emerging weed seedlings in multiple areas on the one day.

Prioritising which weeds we focus on in these relatively early stages of post-fire recovery takes considerable time. Our group has a good knowledge and records of where many of the fire-responsive weeds have been worked on in the park over the last 30 years by our group. These fire-responsive weeds include Boneseed, Montpellier Broom, English Broom, Gorse, Tree Heath, Blackberry, Bluebell Creeper and Sallow Wattle, amongst others. These are woody weeds known to be advantaged by fire, so that they either resprout or germinate in large numbers from the massive amount of seed held in the soil, where previous large infestations have been removed.



*Volunteer patrolling one of the burnt creeklines in the park and removing weeds.*

There are also other weeds, generally relatively short-lived herbaceous ones like Black Nightshade, South African Daisy, Salvation Jane and Capeweed, which also benefit from fire, but tend to reduce in number and extent a few years later as the native vegetation returns. Many of these occur in more degraded areas, but do particularly well in creeklines, where seed is spread more rapidly. We can spend some time treating these weeds, but need to ensure it is not at the expense of working on the higher priority, long-lived woody weeds above, which create a far greater, long-term management problem.



*Watsonia is one of the bulb weeds that have put on strong growth early after the fire.*

Another suite of weeds that we have found benefitted from the fire are many of the bulb weeds, including Cape Tulip, Watsonia, Bridal Creeper and Freesia. We have found that many of these have produced quite large and lush leaf growth from their bulbs and tubers much earlier in the year than usual, no doubt due to the high nutrient load from the ash.

The opportunity to get on top of weed infestations is often highlighted following a fire, whether it be a wildfire or a prescribed burn. The key is that, because much of the seed lying dormant in the soil germinates, it is an opportunity to exhaust that soil seedbank. It is crucial, however, to treat the weeds before they get to maturity and the stage of flowering and dropping seed back into the soil again, and this is why prioritising the weed control is so important.

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

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](mailto:info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au) or visit our website [www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](http://www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au). You can also follow us on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp](http://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.

### September

Sat, Sun	4, 5	Bird banding
Tue	7	Bushcare
Sun	12	Bushcare
Sat, Sun	18, 19	Bird banding
Sat	25	Bushcare

## LOCAL COUNCILLOR UPDATE

### CITY OF ONKAPARINGA – GEOFF EATON - THALASSA WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2021

#### Main Road Community Meeting

Mayor Erin Thompson organised a community meeting at the Cherry Gardens memorial hall on the morning of Saturday 14 August in relation to safety issues along Main Road Cherry Gardens in particular between Black Road and Cherry Gardens Road. She had letterbox dropped properties in the vicinity of Main Road. This follows a number of letters that have been written to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport to consider safety upgrades on the road. I attended along with 26 residents and channel 7. A petition is to be prepared on behalf of residents to seek having the state government upgrade Main Road from Coromandel Valley through to its junction with Chandlers Hill Road. This should be circulated in the community in late August and I encourage residents to sign it as well as contacting the

offices of the members for Heysen and Davenport.

#### City of Onkaparinga Grants Program

City of Onkaparinga has launched a revamped grants program, to make applying for a grant much easier for the community. Following a review of the program, we received feedback that the number of grants categories and the language used in the previous grants program was confusing and could be simpler. We have introduced a range of improvements, starting with six easy-to-understand grant categories:

- Community Grants –for local not-for-profit organisations and individuals
- Arts Grants –for local artists and creatives
- Environment Grants –for local not-for-profits, schools and businesses
- Heritage Grants –for owners and lessees of local heritage places
- Major Festivals and Events Grants –for any organisation keen to host a local event
- Business Grants –for local businesses

Grant application forms have been simplified and grant guidelines updated to ensure applicants apply for the correct grant category. The main aim of these changes is to ensure the community wasn't negatively impacted, and that the types of activities previously funded remain eligible for funding. The current round of grants closed on 23 August.

For the third year since being elected I have been on the community grants assessment committee and for the past two been the only elected member on the business grants assessments committee.

#### Sustainable Onkaparinga workshops

If you would like to learn ways to live more sustainably, there are dozens of Sustainable Onkaparinga events and workshops scheduled over the coming months, both online and in-person.

Upcoming sessions include:

- monthly Bugs n Slugs sessions at Coromandel Valley Community Centre for children and families to discover how to create gardens and learn about the importance of invertebrates to ecosystems (\$10 per family)
- online Plastic Free July education sessions with Dani from Folk of all Trades including topics such as making your own natural cosmetics; reusable menstrual products and making our own herbal teas for menstrual health; and making your own natural cleaning products.

Events that will open for registrations in the coming months include online or in-person sessions on recycled rug making, designing beautiful water-wise native gardens, wood carving, indoor plants, educational school holiday tours and nature-play activities, style and sustainability, and a council nursery tour. By sharing across our Resilient South council partners (Holdfast, Marion and Mitcham) and collaborating with

Onkaparinga Libraries, the Willunga Environment Centre, Green Adelaide and others, residents have had access to 66 diverse environmental workshops in the past year, reaching more than 51,000 people. To keep up-to-date with current and upcoming sessions, visit [onkaparingacity.com/sustainableonkaparinga](http://onkaparingacity.com/sustainableonkaparinga).

### **Willunga Farmers Market**

The Willunga Farmers Market has been relocated to Willunga High School for 12 months.

The Willunga Farmers Market Board made the difficult decision following the recent lockdown and continuing uncertainty around COVID-19. They said, in an announcement, that the move will allow them to hold the market uninterrupted by COVID regulations, ensuring the viability of the market and stability for market traders.

You can read more about the reasoning behind the decision and other details at [willungafarmersmarket.com.au](http://willungafarmersmarket.com.au). Chooks Winery Tours will operate a free shuttle bus departing town square from 8am and running on a loop, which will make it even easier to experience the best of both worlds—the market and the main street—during your visit.

### **In Focus elected member articles**

Council has launched a series of articles at news website Onkaparinga Now, which aims to help you to better get to know your elected members. In Focus is delving into City of Onkaparinga's six council wards, with stories focusing on the ward councillors so you can learn more about who they are and what they're passionate about. Stories on Thalassa Ward councillors Marion Themeliotis and myself, and Pimpala Ward councillors Sandra Brown and Michael O'Brien, have already been published on the site, with stories on the remaining four wards to be published in the coming months.

### **Mayor's Garden Competition**

Entries for the 2021 Mayor's Garden Competition are now open.

It's that time of year again, where we celebrate our city's keen and passionate gardeners. It's pleasing to see the passion that people in our community have in establishing and caring for their beautiful gardens. The 2021 Mayor's Garden Competition recognises local gardeners and encourages community interest in local gardens which enhances the presentation and liveability of our city. Entries are now open in the following categories with prizes on offer:

- Urban
- Small or courtyard (smaller than 600m<sup>2</sup>)
- Mid to large (Larger than 600m<sup>2</sup>)
- Rural
- School
- Community

Entry forms are available at our libraries, council offices and online, with entries closing on 17 September. Judging will take place between 11–15 October. Each

entry will be judged on the following:

- First impressions
- Design
- Maintenance
- Sustainability

For further information and entry forms go to [onkaparingacity.com](http://onkaparingacity.com).

I had the pleasure in assisting the mayor and staff of the judging panel for this competition in 2020 and look forward to participating again this year.

### **Sports Grounds Upgrades**

On Saturday 17 July I attended the opening of the new unisex changerooms at the Ironbank and Cherry Gardens Oval with the federal member for Mayo Rebecca Sharkie, state members for Heysen and Davenport Josh Teague and Steve Murray and Mayor Thompson. It was great to see the outcome of this upgrade. This was the result of some excellent lobbying the oval's committee for this outcome.

### **Onkaparinga Now August Edition**

For further information as to what is happening across the City of Onkaparinga please go to <https://www.onkaparinganow.com/autumn-2021/flagstaff-hill-sports-upgrades-unveiled/>

### **Disclaimer**

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## **FOOTBALL**

A big congratulations to our U9 Moddies football team who finished off their season undefeated winning 10 out of all their 10 games.

While their coach Matt Deed was absolutely ecstatic with their efforts, he was perhaps regretting the commitment he'd made with the team at the start of the season which was that he'd grow a mullet if the kids won 3 games or shave his entire head if they won every game.

True to his word, on the side of the oval after the kids last game Matt's head was shaved bald with the kids screaming "shave it off".

As the minor round games have now finished for all our team's we have one junior team, the U14's and our senior A Grade team now playing in the finals. Unfortunately the A's were knocked out of the finals coming up against Meadows in the first week of finals but we wish the U14's well and hope they can continue to play deep into the final's competition.

Below are a few photos of the many stages of Matt's hair throughout the season with the highlight being him



painting it in the club's colours for the kid's presentation night.

It's been an amazing season and the kids have really enjoyed their footy (and making fun of coach Matt along the way) so if there are any boys or girls aged between 6 and 11 who would like to come out and be a part of this great group next year then we'd love to hear from you. Contact the club direct or Kerry Hughes on 0419 979 575



## Improved Mobile Connectivity for Cherry Gardens

The State Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and Arts released a media statement on July 17<sup>th</sup> confirming that Telstra has been selected to install a 4G mobile service on the NBN Tower next to the Recreation Ground. This will improve coverage throughout the district and is a welcome initiative we have been asking for over the last couple of years.



*Rebekha Sharkie MP & Steve Murray MP in front of the NBN tower, and holding a copy of the media statement.*

*They have been strong supporters and advocates for the improved mobile coverage in Cherry Gardens*

### THE HON PAUL FLETCHER MP

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts

### REBEKHA SHARKIE MP

Federal Member for Mayo

### STEVE MURRAY MP

State Member for Davenport

### JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

17 July 2021

#### Improved Mobile Connectivity for Cherry Gardens, South Australia

People living in Cherry Gardens can now look forward to improved mobile connectivity thanks to the Morrison Government's Improving Mobile Coverage in Cherry Gardens Project.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, the Federal Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie MP and the South Australian Member for Davenport, Steve Murray MP today announced that Telstra has been selected to deliver improved 4G mobile connectivity in Cherry Gardens, following a competitive tender process.

Minister Fletcher said the Federal Government was contributing \$220,000 to the upgrade, which will improve the quality of mobile services in what is a particularly vulnerable area.

"Access to reliable communications is vital in times of emergency and natural disasters. This project will deliver better mobile coverage and capacity to residents and emergency services," Minister Fletcher said.

Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie said she was pleased to see the Australian Government investing in the resilience of the Mayo region following the January 2021 bushfire.

"Mobile black spots and digital connectivity issues are important public safety issues for all regional electorates, especially for those communities in my electorate who live in high bushfire risk areas," Ms Sharkie said.

Steve Murray MP said the Marshall Liberal Government has long-recognised the importance of effective telecommunications infrastructure.

"Mobile phone coverage and connectivity is vital for people living in regional and remote areas and which is why we are pleased to support the upgrade at Cherry Gardens with \$150,000 funding from the South Australian Government," Mr Murray said.

The delivery of the Cherry Gardens project will commence in the coming weeks and is expected to be completed by June 2022.

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## \$1.55 MILLION ROAD SAFETY UPGRADE FOR PIGGOTT RANGE ROAD

A 1.4-kilometre stretch of Piggott Range Road at Chandlers Hill will receive a road safety upgrade thanks to \$1.55 million from the federal government's Black Spot program.

The funding was awarded to City of Onkaparinga in late July, following safety concerns raised by residents to council in recent years. Investigations identified a history of crashes along the section, which sits either side of Easton Road, Chandlers Hill/Clarendon.

Council arranged for warning signs to be upgraded as an interim solution in 2020 and nominated the road for an upgrade through the Black Spot program.

Mayor Erin Thompson said the funding was a great result for the community and would help save lives. "I'm really pleased this section of Piggott Range Road will now be upgraded to ensure our communities arrive home safely," she said.

"This is an example of what we can achieve when we work together, from local residents raising an issue with their elected members, council staff moving quickly to help address it, and the federal government directing funds to where they're most needed."

"Council is committed to improving safety for everyone that uses our road network as we work together to achieve a rate of zero fatality and serious injury crashes on our roads," Mayor Thompson said.

Given the substantial level of works required for the project, the funding will be provided over two financial years with \$350,000 available in 2021-22 to focus on investigations, design and early works, and the remaining \$1,200,000 provided in 2022-23 to undertake the works.

This latest Black Spot success comes in the wake of \$1.3 million received through last year's funding round, for upgrades along the full length of Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens. Stage 1 of that project, involving targeted shoulder widening and hazard removal, was delivered in the 2020-21, with Stage 2 being scoped for delivery in 2021-22.

Both the Chandlers Hill and Cherry Gardens projects received the highest amount of funding out of all SA projects announced in their respective years.

For more information on the Australian Government's Black Spot Program, or to nominate a black spot, visit the federal government's website.

### The proposed upgrade will include:

- improving the shape of the curves located either side of the Easton Road intersection by reconstructing the road
- increasing the width of sealed shoulders where possible
- installing a painted right-turn treatment to protect vehicles turning into Easton Road
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Science fans, rejoice—nine of South Australia's most intriguing scientists will present their research in fast, fun and image-based ways alongside drinks, nibbles and networking at Woodcroft Library in September.

A Night of Science in the South (Friday 24 September, 6–8pm), presented by Onkaparinga Libraries and Inspiring South Australia, brings together the nine diverse scientists—most of them alumni of the prestigious Tall Poppy campaign—giving them each six minutes to present their research.

The bite-sized science treats will be delivered alongside drinks (beer and wine available for purchase), a light supper, networking and door prizes, in what promises to be a unique—and likely sold-out—event.

Team Leader Woodcroft Library Kathrin Davidson said the event format and experts in their field would make for a truly unique experience and a fun night out.

"There'll be something for everyone in this all-star lineup of speakers, and their short, punchy talks about people and places mean you'll learn some fascinating insights in a fun and easy-to-understand way," she said.

"Make sure to book your tickets now as this one is sure to fill up fast."

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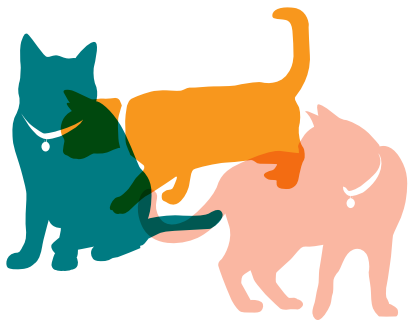
- Dr Grace Vincent from the Appleton Institute, Central Queensland University, Adelaide—whose talk, 'Why do we sleep', will provide an overview of the basics of sleep science, how much we need and what happens to our body and mind when we don't get enough of it.
- Dr Margaret Shanfield from Flinders University, whose talk 'From rain to runoff to recharge: tracing water through the Willunga Basin' will discuss how much water flows through our streams when it rains, how much of that water becomes groundwater, and how fast does that groundwater move out to the sea. She'll also describe what we know about the Willunga Basin, from rainfall to streamflow, evaporation to groundwater flow—and what we don't know.

- Associate Professor Tasha Stanton from University of South Australia. Her talk 'Pain, the brain, and perceptual trickery', will discuss how we create our own "reality" in our brain, using available sensory information, our past experiences, and our expectations; and discuss using perceptual trickery for good—tricking the brain with virtual/mediated reality to change bodily feelings, like pain.
- Associate Professor Maria Inacio, an epidemiologist and the Director of the Registry of Senior Australians (ROSA) at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, who'll discuss the work her team has done to define, evaluate, and improve the quality and safety of aged care services provided to older people.

Other topics to be covered include how we can best look after our most vulnerable people, developing new clean energies for transport, improving outcomes for those who need to access to IVF, reducing dementia symptoms using exercise and movement, and using virtual reality to reduce chronic pain suffering.

Bookings (\$15 per person) are essential, with numbers for the COVID Safe event strictly limited to adhere to COVID-19 requirements.

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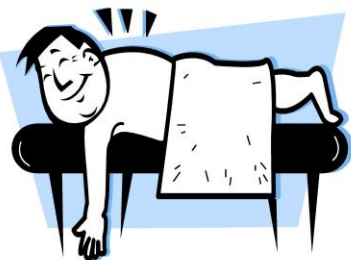
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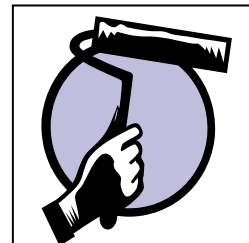
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<b>Plumbing</b> – Free Flow Plumbing – 0438 314 122
<b>Printing – Black Cat Printing &amp; Stationery</b> – P 8370-3344 F 8370-2800 <a href="mailto:David@bcps.net.au">David@bcps.net.au</a>
<b>Property Maintenance – Harris Property Services &amp; Firewood</b> - 0421046760 <a href="mailto:hpsfirewood@gmail.com">hpsfirewood@gmail.com</a>
<b>Property Maintenance – Hills All Seasons</b> – Phone Mark on 0433 407 853
<b>Real Estate</b> – Harris Real Estate – 8278-1322 or check out individual Agents mobile numbers
<b>Real Estate</b> - Timms Real Estate – Phone Valerie on 0447 312 218 <a href="mailto:valerie@timmsrealestate.com.au">valerie@timmsrealestate.com.au</a>
<b>Septic Service</b> – Adelaide Hills Septic – 0411 302 025 <a href="http://www.adelaidehillsseptic.com.au">www.adelaidehillsseptic.com.au</a>
<b>Stables &amp; Sheds</b> – Lance Hart - 8388-3516 or 0411 551 750
<b>Tree Removal</b> – Tim Smiles Tree Climbing – 0423 361 704 or 7329-4426
<b>Tree Service</b> – Blackwood – (08) 8278-2538 or 0419 867 724 <a href="http://www.blackwoodtreeservice.com.au">www.blackwoodtreeservice.com.au</a>
<b>Tyrepower Blackwood</b> – (08)8370-2195 <a href="mailto:blackwood@tyrepower.com.au">blackwood@tyrepower.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.tyrepowerblackwood.com.au">www.tyrepowerblackwood.com.au</a>
<b>Veterinary Clinic</b> – Meadows Vet - 8388-3455 or email <a href="mailto:admin@meadowsvet.com.au">admin@meadowsvet.com.au</a>
<b>Window Cleaning</b> – Aquarius – Gary – 0438 693 104 or 8270-6038
<b>Yoga</b> – Four Seasons Yoga – Megan Kuchel - 0418 807 703 or web <a href="http://www.fourseasonsyoqa.com.au">www.fourseasonsyoqa.com.au</a>