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## Cherry Chatter Chairperson's AGM Report 2021

Welcome to the 2022 AGM for the Cherry Gardens Community Association and Cherry Chatter. Thanks for being here.

Thanks to all our committee members and Cherry Chatter deliverers for their ongoing efforts in 2021 and a very big thank you to all the regular contributors to the Cherry Chatter newsletters and all those local businesses that advertise and help us to be sustainable year after year.

A few special thanks:

To Vicki and Bev for their efforts to get the monthly CC editions edited and published

To Emmanuelle for the monthly updates to the website

To Marg for paying the bills and keeping track of all finance matters

Kerry for organising and delivering the Welcome packs. 2021 continued to be a challenging year with the COVID pandemic affecting all our lives however here in Cherry Gardens we survived well and were able to carry on with our meetings and continued to publish the newsletter each month.

ANZAC Day 2021 was a quiet and simple service again which actually suited us nicely. Most sports managed to get a full season in and the Recreation Ground continued to be a popular meeting place and somewhere to exercise the dog and catch up with friends.

In 2021 we continued to publish the newsletter and we assisted a number of local organisations including

The local football club with a \$500 sponsorship

The CFS with a \$1,400 donation towards purchase of portable radios

The council has once again supported us by paying the Cherry Chatter to include their 2-page information flyer each month. This small amount helps us with the monthly printing costs.

The "Saluting Their Service" community commemorative grant program has been reconciled and we plan to have the signs in place before ANZAC Day

2022. With help from Brian Sims, we are also working towards getting power and LED lighting at the Soldiers Memorial Park.

Fortunately, 2021 (after the AGM) was a relatively quiet year compared to the terrible bushfire earlier in 2021 and it has been nice that Cherry Gardens has not been in the news so much. That being said with the property boom going on we have seen a lot of sales of properties and people moving out of the district and new people coming in. We welcome new arrivals, and safe to say it has been a very busy year for Welcome Packs (and for Kerry)

In 2021 we had to say farewell to Brian and Gill Sims and Rob and Jenny Edwards who have been long term Cherry Gardens residents and both families very active in the community and Cherry Chatter. Thanks for your service and friendship and all the best from all of us.

In 2020 we submitted a petition to the State Government regarding the use of the CFS siren when the district is in danger and the summer of 2021/2022 was the first fire season where the new system was in place for our brigade to sound the siren when our district is in danger. Fortunately, not this season! We are still waiting for the upgrade to the Mobile phone coverage with a new repeater that supposedly will be installed on the NBN tower. We were promised this would take place before the end of 2021 but still waiting!

So in case you don't know 2022 will be our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. The May edition of 1992 was the first edition ever published of the newsletter. The Cherry Chatter logo started from the July edition. Maybe during this year, we can pick a few articles from the 1992 editions as a reminder of Cherry Gardens 30 years ago!

Let's hope that 2022 is a good year for the Cherry Gardens community and the world in general as we enter the third year of this COVID pandemic and hopefully an end to lockdowns and quarantines!

Let's also hope for peace and smooth times ahead for the world.

Don Watton - March 2022

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## CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

Rainfall for February 2022	6.2 mm
Rainfall for February 2021	56.0
Average rainfall for February	29.8
Rainfall to the end of Feb 2022	51.0
Rainfall to the end of Feb 2021	87.4
Average rainfall to the end of Feb	58.4
Number days of rain for Feb 2022	6
Number days of rain for Feb 2021	6

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### ANZAC DAY

There will be an ANZAC Day service this year however at the time of writing we are unsure of what restrictions and guidelines may be in place. We are still not sure whether the RSL will be able to attend so at this stage we suggest that residents plan to hold the dawn vigil at the end of their driveways as we have done the last couple of years. If there is to be a community ANZAC Day service, we will let you know via our Facebook page and website.

### POPPY BLANKET FOR THE CHERRY GARDENS MEMORIAL HALL



With ANZAC Day 2022 fast approaching we are looking for some locals who can help us knit or crochet some poppy's so we can prepare a Poppy Blanket for the front of the Memorial Hall. This will be an ongoing project so please continue to make them so we can achieve our goal, if not this year, then by Anzac Day 2023.

Please check out the link on the Cherry Chatter website at [www.cherrychatter.org.au](http://www.cherrychatter.org.au) for some sample poppy patterns.

Any help you can offer would be welcome. You can contact Bev Watton on 0400 019 640 for more info or to volunteer.



We can offer advice with all wildlife enquires and provide support for you. Call Bev on 0422938439 or Glenn on 8270 1169. Happy to assist where we can. [www.mintonfarm.org](http://www.mintonfarm.org)

## 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).



We have now said goodbye to our well-loved Cherry Gardens 34 fire truck and have taken delivery of a brand new 34P. This new 34P truck will better help us respond to any urban - home and shed - type fires in both ours and neighbouring areas, as well as still being able to respond to scrub and grass fires. It looks similar to the old appliance but has many more modern features that will add to crew safety and getting the job done. It's surrounding area LED light tower system is awesome and we now have an onboard refrigerator for crew drinking water while firefighting. It is pictured during handover to the Brigade.

The outgoing CHRY34 has served our brigade well over the past 11 years, working hard at local jobs like the Cherry Gardens fires at the beginning of the year; being crewed with strike teams for fires at Cudlee Creek, Pinery, and Sampson Flat (to name a few) as well as being sent on deployments to Kangaroo Island, the Flinders Ranges, the Eyre Peninsula, and the state's South East. She's a great truck with many more years of service left after being refurbished and re-allocated - the plan at changeover had our old friend being relocated to the Field Brigade, which is inland from Kingston

S.E. Our previously designated 34P (delivered in 2012) will now be reassigned as CHRY34.



A recent fire we dealt with came under the heading "early starts and steep hills". We were paged at 4am with Clarendon CFS to a fire burning in grass and scrub in Chandlers Hill. As members responded to the station the size of the fire burning off Oakridge Road was observed and the response was upgraded for additional support. On arrival, crews found a large fire burning through the steep valley in scrub and up through the grassy paddocks. Quick work by crews from Cherry Gardens and Clarendon with Coromandel Valley Country Fire Service, Blackwood Country Fire Service, Eden Hills Country Fire Service, and the Lofty Group Bulk Water Carrier prevented the fire from threatening or damaging any residential property. While there were a lot of sore legs and feet after this fire was contained due to going up and down steep, rocky hills, crews were treated to a beautiful sunrise and great views as the sun finally rose. As they say, all in a days work protecting our area.

## CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

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Jan Ball – Secretary 0432550274

### NEXT MEETING

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Greg Lawrence from the Liliium and Bulb Society

### GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR APRIL 2022

Some Autumn jobs to do now are:

- spray peaches and nectarines at leaf-fall to reduce fungal problems in spring, the follow-up sprays should be at bud-swell. Remove old growth on summer-flowering perennials.

- Switch to drip irrigation where you are encountering fungal problems from overhead watering.
- Dead-head roses to extend their flush of flowers. Sow a green manure crop and dig in to rejuvenate your soil.
- Plant brassicas now (broccoli, cabbage, kale) but keep an eye out for snails.
- Plant strawberries.
- It's time for garlic, shallots and onions to be planted.
- Sow bulbs of daffodil, freesia, anemone and ranunculi
- Try some cinerarias and Iceland poppies for winter colour.



## OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

A follow on with my new paddock mate ... I have decided to call her the ICAM horse (the impossible chestnut Arabian mare), colloquially the horse you

would never buy. To be fair, she doesn't actually fit that mould, it's just the reputation that they have.

Progress is slow, but sound. She has progressed from letting my dad pick up her feet and rasping them on a daily basis to being a good girl for the trimmer too. A bit of positive reinforcement in the form of sliced carrots helped along the way.

Another thing which she has shown is that she is afraid of the quad bike. Again, my owners stepped in here and used what is known as approach conditioning. Basically, what this means is that she goes in hand following the bike and when she is doing that with very light pressure, the bike is sped up so that she has to trot after it. This worked so well that she now comes up to the bike for a sniff.

However one session doesn't make this permanent so there will be some more follow up lessons. It was pleasing that she was so quick to learn not to run away.

Personally I am keeping control of my weight - there is not much on the ground to eat anyway. Hopefully the hot weather has basically finished, and we have all survived unscathed through this summer. Time to start preparing for those colder months.

Autumn is a good time to get a faecal egg count done, especially with younger horses or with new horses on to a property. It will be more efficient if all horses on the property are done at the same time. Most horses will have some amount of worm infestation and it isn't always possible to tell just by looking at the body coat. An egg count will give an idea as to whether a worm paste is necessary. Some physical signs however may include a bit of a 'hay belly', starry fur (standing curling up), standing up hair on the tail (may include rubbing - this is usually a sign of pin worms. Also, a lack of condition or lack of ability to keep weight on. Not all wormers affect pin worms, so it pays to read labels carefully if you want to cover everything. If you are lucky enough to have dung beetles on your property, then if you worm with a paste, it will unfortunately kill many of them. This happened on my property, but the numbers did more or less return to normal after a while. Some manufacturers declare that their paste is safe for dung beetles, so again, read the labels!

That's all from me for this month. As usual keep safe on the roads, wear bright highly visible clothing and acknowledge motorist's courtesies!

Hamish

## CHERRY CHURCH

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

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



A famous American Christian writer tells of the time he participated in a preaching competition (a bit like 'Australia's Got Talent', I suppose; but what the participants did was preach).

The writer says that one preacher repeated again and again and again the phrase "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!" The preacher knew well what we all know: that there is so much wickedness and hurt and suffering in our world. We see it in the papers and on the TV news and online and in social media. Other people let us down. We ourselves are sometimes frustrated that we let others down, even people we love the most, that we too often fail to live up to the standard that we expect of ourselves.

As we approach Easter, we are faced on Good Friday with the profound injustice, and apparent tragedy, of Jesus allowing himself to be put to death on a cross in order to offer forgiveness to all people. It appears that every force for wrong has overcome every force for

good. We see the world at its worst. It appears that Jesus has 'lost'. There seems no hope left.

But that preacher in the USA kept on shouting, "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!" Even as Christians celebrate Good Friday in a sombre tone, they remember equally that Jesus rose from the dead, proof that the cross was not a moment of defeat, proof that Jesus is indeed all-powerful, proof that Jesus is able to offer and carry out all that he has promised. On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate that Jesus is able to offer forgiveness for wrong, for wickedness, for evil - those instances that we consider to be 'little' versions and also those that we consider to be 'major' ones.

In his death and in his resurrection, Jesus declares and demonstrates that God loves all people, including you and me. In his death and in his resurrection, Jesus declares and demonstrates that there is hope for a broken world and for a broken people. There is forgiveness for all that we get wrong. There is the possibility of a new beginning, a fresh start. There is the chance - in Jesus' words - to live life to the full.

This Easter, perhaps you will repeat that preacher's refrain: "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!"  
Happy Easter!

Cherry Gardens Church  
87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens  
Services held on Sundays at 9.30am – and all are welcome

Chairperson: Rob Linn 0407971650

**FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK  
CONSERVATION PARK**



We have recently received both good and bad news.

On the good news front, we have been advised that our application for a three year grant under the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Friends of Parks 'Partnership Grants' Program 2021-2022 was successful, with a \$57,200 grant approved for our project called *Threatened Species Recovery Scott Creek*.

In our grant, we partner with Landscapes SA Hills and Fleurieu, Seed Conservation Centre, Adelaide Hills Council, SA Water and DEW Fire Management Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Region. Most of this is for weed management, but the Seed Conservation Centre part is about propagation of the Nationally Critically Endangered *Veronica derwentiana* ssp. *homalodonta* (Mount Lofty Speedwell) for planting back into the Park. This species seemingly recovered well after the prescribed burn in Bushrat Creek in 2016, with resprouting adult plants and lots of seedlings germinating, but initially only one survived last year's

wild-fire, although two more smaller plants have been found more recently.



*The Nationally Critically Endangered Mount Lofty Speedwell will be propagated by the Seed Conservation Centre and planted back into the park.*

We had been discussing the way forward with funding, as we have pretty much exhausted the grant funding we received over the last year, and are just about to start on the donated monies. Funding contractor support over the next few years is going to be critical in maintaining our momentum and keeping our priority weed management under control, so this three year grant funding is essential.



*The Nationally Endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot will have habitat restored as part of the partnership grant.*

The bad news, however, is that we are to lose the key support of Kat Hill, who had been assigned through NPWS to help us with funding and contractor management during the fire recovery stage. Kat has

been of enormous help with everything from visits to various parts of the park to prioritise weed treatment, liaison with contractors, issuing work orders, mapping, and follow-up invoicing and reporting from contractors after the work is done. She has also been maintaining an extensive spreadsheet covering all the work being done. This has been tremendous help for our small volunteer group and, while we are assured further help will be provided, it will come from within the existing NPWS Ranger system, which already has a heavy workload.

Anyway, we will do what we can to ensure previous and future post fire recovery work remains sustainable and receives the necessary follow-up.

Anyone wanting to find out more or help us with our restoration work, or simply wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, can contact us on [info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](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.

#### April

Sat, Sun2, 3	Bird banding
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CITY OF ONKAPARINGA – GEOFF EATON - THALASSA WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE MARCH 2022

My Thalassa ward co-councillor and Deputy Mayor Marion Themeliotis has been appointed acting Mayor whilst Mayor Erin Thompson is on leave from Council as she is a candidate for the Labor Party in this month's state elections.

#### Emergency Preparedness & Resilience Workshop Information

You may recall from an earlier newsletter the City of Onkaparinga were successful in applying for a Disaster Risk Reduction Grant through SA Fire & Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM). Over an 18-month period, council staff will work directly with two communities to build community emergency preparedness and resilience for disaster and emergency incidents. We are working with the Australian Red Cross to deliver three information sessions for people who are interested in progressing emergency resilience and recovery work. These sessions will support us as a

community to work together to be more prepared and to recover from emergencies or disasters. These information sessions are for groups, organisations, businesses or individuals who are keen on supporting and building emergency preparedness and resilience in their communities. Staff will engage with people who are already involved in resilience initiatives, who are looking to be involved or who are simply concerned about the impact of a disaster.

#### Disclaimer

The views expressed in this article are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of Council.

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## CHERRY GARDENS/IRONBANK RECREATION GROUND

The Recreation Ground committee is looking for any locals that would be interested to take on the weekly cleaning of the clubrooms and change rooms at our local sports facility.

Throughout the year this facility is used by the 4 sporting groups and by the community for various functions and activities.

In 2021 significant renovations were made to the clubrooms and we had new change rooms built.

If you are interested in taking on this role please contact the president of the committee, Andy Adams for more information.

Email: [andyrvadams@gmail.com](mailto:andyrvadams@gmail.com)

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The committee is open to any proposals from locals and we are happy to give you a tour so you understand the requirements.

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon

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## Encouraging emergency readiness

Council is backing local communities to be better prepared in the face of emergency events.

Council will assist local communities to strengthen their resilience for disasters by delivering a program funded by the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission, which includes contributions from federal and state governments.

The \$165,000 Disaster Risk Reduction Grant will aid council to provide hands-on support in two locations identified as being vulnerable to emergency events. Council will contribute \$47,000 toward the program using existing budgets.

The grant provides funding to employ a community connections officer – emergency resilience to work with the two locations over 18 months. The officer will help the communities to expand existing networks of individuals, volunteers and community groups who are interested in developing community resilience to natural and man-made hazards, climate change and other emergencies.

The work with the two communities is based on a Community Led Resilience (CLER) program piloted by the Australian Red Cross in Kangarilla. The Kangarilla Emergency Resilience Group, a sub-committee of the local Progress Association, has continued to lead, bringing residents and stakeholders together to undertake actions that build resilience in various emergency situations.

“Having local community organisations to keep the focus of this work at the



grassroots level is an important part of resilience work and active citizenship. We are hoping to find similar community groups in the next two CLER locations,” says council’s Community Connections Officer for the Northern District Priah Dean.

A series of workshops to be delivered in each of the locations has been co-designed with Red Cross to facilitate collaboration between state departments, neighbouring local government agencies, non-government organisations, community groups, and residents and stakeholders.

The workshops will guide the communities to use self-assessment tools such as the scorecard developed by the Torrens Resilience Institute to highlight local knowledge, resources and skills already available in the community and identify areas needing attention.

Council will support community leaders to drive the development of action plans to create resilience-building activities, training opportunities, and increase emergency education.

For more information about the Disaster Risk Reduction Project contact Priah Dean on 8301 7221 or email [priah.dean@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:priah.dean@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)



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# New habitat for local wildlife

Finding the right home or moving house can be tough for anyone. Thankfully, a new council program is making the job a bit easier for some of the region's winged, scaly and furry friends.

Council's Habitat Creation Pilot Program kicked off in late 2021 with artificial hollows and wildlife nesting boxes installed at reserves in Aberfoyle Park, Darlington, Morphett Vale and Old Reynella (see locations below) to help the region's native wildlife to thrive.

City of Onkaparinga Nature Conservation Project Officer Nikola Manos says the new habitat structures were installed in late 2021.

"They were specifically designed and oriented to target species known to use hollows and thought to exist in the area, but perhaps not in great numbers," she explains.

"The birds or other wildlife you see all time are probably not the ones that need our help. The ones that are disappearing from the landscape often struggle to find a safe place to breed, move between isolated habitat patches or find enough food and shelter.



"More than 300 species of Australian native animals use tree hollows and many of these are threatened or in decline because of changes in land use. A range of hollow types, including fallen trees, is also important for many ground-dwelling animals such as echidnas, bandicoots and lizards.

"Our project aim is to trial different habitat creation measures, including deliberately placing habitat logs (also known as 'log hotels') on the ground, increasing plant diversity, installing wildlife boxes, and creating artificial hollows in dead, standing trees.

"The decisions about which species to target were guided by bird surveys we've



commissioned or carried out, and it's hoped the new habitats will provide homes for a range of animals, including parrots, kookaburras, pardalotes, bats and lizards.

"We engaged a specialist contractor, fauNature, who worked in partnership with qualified arborists to create the new habitat structures, and we also planted more than 1500 local native seedlings to provide additional food and shelter across the four sites."

The program was made possible with funding from the federal government's Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's Communities Environment Program, and this also helped fund the bird surveys and community education and workshops.

"We installed two interpretive signs in Aberfoyle Park and Old Reynella, which feature technical information about the program and a fun and engaging 'log hotel' illustration to appeal to all age groups," Nikola says.

"We've also held several community workshops—guided by Edge Environment urban ecologist and fauna survey expert, Dr Jenni Garden—to help build the skills and confidence of residents interested in bird watching.

"They're now able to record their observations via citizen science tools, which will help us monitor the effectiveness of the improved habitats."

Nikola says it could take up to two years before there's evidence of the nesting boxes

and hollows being used, but she's hopeful the program will see an increase in native wildlife across the four sites soon.

Each artificial habitat has been mapped, numbered and registered with council so they can be regularly inspected to monitor their use and undertake maintenance and repairs.

"I can't wait to be able to publish some photos of cute and fluffy baby birds or possums or even some resident micro-bats," she says.

Next time you're passing through one of the reserves, see if you can spot the new habitat structures and whether anyone has moved in.

## Reserve locations

- Pine Reserve, Pine Drive, Aberfoyle Park
- Pimpala Conservation Reserve, Farnsworth Drive, Morphett Vale
- Cameron Avenue Creek Conservation Area, Cameron Ave, Darlington
- Gladys Reynell Reserve, corner Concord Drive and States Road, Old Reynella

For more information on City of Onkaparinga's nature conservation work and how you can get involved or attract local wildlife at home, visit [www.onkaparingacity.com/Services-and-projects/Environment-and-sustainability](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/Services-and-projects/Environment-and-sustainability)

## NEW HOMES FOR LOCALS

Ground hollow carving at Gladys Reynell Reserve, Old Reynella (top); Pine Reserve, Aberfoyle Park habitat tree carving (left).





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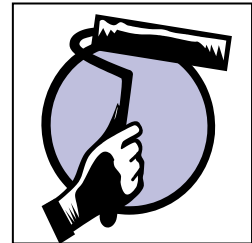
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