



Cherry Chatter

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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).



At the time of writing, the summer bushfire season has started in Cherry Gardens. We would ask everyone to review their fire safety plans; be familiar with any firefighting equipment you may depend on and consider any fire risks with any outdoor work or activities. The council has started with a roadside vegetation slashing programme which is welcomed. The height and density of grasses throughout the area currently is a concern – please ensure this fuel load is reduced where possible. Grassfires with a heavy fuel load will burn rapidly and have a flame height between three to five times the height of the fuel. With the topography of Cherry Gardens these fires could be almost impossible to control. Although it is never too late, if you still have areas to carry out fuel reduction be mindful of the risk of starting fires during this process – the grass is now fully cured. Consider the two images of the same area below. If a fire was to take hold in the grass shown in the left-hand photo, it could be impossible to bring under control. By contrast, in the same scenario in the right-hand image should be straight forward to manage.



Before and after slashing work in Sturt Gorge Recreation Park

We would also ask everyone to consider the size of our appliances. If we don't fit, we will not go in. A CFS appliance needs –

- 3.5 width clearance
- 3.5 height clearance (for low hanging branches, entrance signs etc.)
- Wide turning areas
- Entrances with wide turning space
- Bridges and pipes rated to 15 tonne weight loading

We also need to be assured of a clear emergency escape path if a rapid exit is required. Please help us to help you.

The CFS has also been communicating the use and location of Bushfire Safer Places and Bushfire Last Resort Refuges. **It is important to know there are neither in the Cherry Gardens area – there is no local safe place to evacuate to in a bushfire.** The closest is Waymouth oval in Coromandel Valley which would be impactable and dangerous to travel to in the event of a serious local fire. Please have this factored into your own bushfire safety plans.

SACFS AIR OPERATIONS Region 1 Air Operations Brigade

The improvements to the airstrip reported by our Brigade Captain in a previous issue have been completed. We now have first class facilities as one of only two A Class SACFS airstrips in South Australia, including a second loading point to reduce the necessity for aircraft to wait to be filled. During the major Cherry Gardens fire last January, when we loaded the aircraft 72 times in four hours, we sometimes had up to four aircraft lined up and waiting. We all hope this kind of emergency won't happen again but it is great to be prepared.

The new container to hold the reconfigured equipment was delivered last month. It is very large and very green with an unusual identification code just inside the door. Region1 Air Operations Brigade fire season started effectively with a preliminary training session on 21 November using our "mock-up" aircraft connection. This was followed on 28 November by a formal training

and accreditation day at which we had a real aircraft to practice on -VH-OUM – Aerotech’s Air Tractor number 584 - piloted by Geordie Crawford.

We were pleased to welcome Brenton Hastie, SACFS Director of State Operations, Nik Stanley, Manager Aviation Operations and Corey Dunn, Aviation Training Officer. Corey ran through a number of safety issues including a new one involving the shutdown of the aircraft itself which has been developed as a result of an incident which occurred recently in the Northern Territory.

21 members of the Brigade were present and received their annual accreditation as Airbase Operators. Many hands make light work!

Work on the history project continues, currently awaiting some input from a number of potential contributors and, of course, some activity on the part of the scribe.

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CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT NOVEMBER 2021

Rainfall for November 2021	71.4 mm
Rainfall for November 2020	26.0
Average rainfall for November	48.9
Rainfall to the end of Nov2021	915.0
Rainfall to the end of Nov 2020	963.6
Average rainfall to the end of Nov	880.3
Number days of rain for Nov 2021	15
Number days of rain for Nov 2020	7

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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PILATES CLASSES (New Advertiser)

We now have Pilates classes at the Hall conducted by Melanie Smith.

If you are looking for a local exercise class to get fit and stay well - try Pilates. Pilates classes will build your strength, muscle tone, mobility, balance, and body awareness.

Pilates can improve mobility and mood, so we feel better and can keep doing all the things in life that we enjoy.

Local exercise professional Melanie Smith teaches Mat Pilates at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall, the Cherry CFS, the Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground and at the Upper Sturt Memorial Hall.

Melanie also teaches a faster paced Strength and Tone exercise class at the Cherry Gardens Hall. This Pilates inspired class, provides a whole-body workout using

light weights and resistance bands and keep you motivated and moving to the retro tunes.

Term 1 2022 classes commence in January and morning and evening classes are available.

Please contact Melanie Smith on 0417171568. Email melanie@coreandmore.com.au



I am passionate about the power of Pilates to transform the way we move and feel. I feel privileged to support my local community to stay fit and strong.

Melanie Smith

Director Core&More Pilates

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!



Little Llamas Creative Lab (Dance/Drama) 3 - 5 yrs 3:45 - 4:45pm

www.laughingllamadanceanddrama.com.au

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

FRIDAYS:

FAREWELL BRIAN AND GILL SIMS

Cherry Gardens has recently said farewell to a couple of larger than life members of our community. Brian and Gill Sims recently sold up and are moving to Strathalbyn.

Forty years ago they sold up their place in Hawthorndene and bought a block of land in Broadbent Gully. They built their family home there on a small acreage and Brian battled with the Blackberries, Salvation Jane and a host of other weeds throughout their time there as well as building a beautiful home and property. They had 2 daughters, Chelsea and Jess.

It wasn't until 1991 when our paths finally crossed at a 50's rock and roll night at the Memorial Hall where we danced the night away and began a long friendship between our families.

In 1992 we got together and became founding members of the Cherry Chatter association and have been involved ever since with Gill resigning just this month.

Gill also joined the Memorial Hall committee and remained a strong supporter, and they always attended every function there.

Gill also joined the Cherry Gardens CFS brigade in the radio room and was an active member of the Air Support team.

Brian was also an active person in the community and supported everything that Gill was involved with. He was a member of the Air Support team as well and when he retired, he also joined the Cherry Gardens CFS as a Driver. Brian eventually became the Captain of our local brigade and it was only then that he stopped attending the Air Strip as he dedicated himself to leading the brigade. Both Gill and Brian remained members of the CFS until recently once they sold their home.

There are so many memories over the last 30 years that it is near impossible to remember them all right now. Brian was a prolific joke and storyteller and they were all "TRUE". He was a practical joker and caught many of us out with his antics.

Gill and Brian were always there supporting the community whether it was the CFS, the Memorial Hall functions, the ANZAC Day service and breakfast, the community Christmas show, the Cherry Chatter newsletter or the Recreation Ground.



4PM was always happy hour at the Sims and drinks were held on the balcony or down by the dam. Happy Hour rarely went for just one hour and just as you were getting ready to leave another bottle of red would be opened just to have a last drink and story.

When someone new arrived at Cherry Gardens, Gill and Brian would often be there first to catch up and welcome them. They were always there for others and their home was a bit of a drop-in centre for anyone looking for a chat or needing a hand.

Gill loved horse riding and spent many weekends riding through the district. Gill and a number of girls from around Cherry Gardens would have a weekend away once a year where they would visit bric-a-brac shops and enjoy each other's company.

Those of us that have known Gill and Brian are very sad to see them leave Cherry Gardens, but we wish them well with their new life in Strathalbyn and hope we still see them regularly here in Cherry Gardens.

Don



Feeding minced meat to birds. They love it! It's easy! And it kills them cruelly.

Someone fed this young ravens' mother with minced meat and she took it back to her nest to feed her young. The result was weak bones and beak because of lack of calcium. Once the chick moved from the nest the beak snapped, became riddled with holes, the legs broke and slowly died off until one snapped off whilst the other withered and died. It is not kind, ethical or correct. NEVER FEED MINCED MEAT to birds.



If you must give them an irregular treat give them grated cheese. Chopped boiled egg. Meal worms. Woodies. Insectivore balls. Dry puppy kibble moistened in water. Puppy roll cut into cubes.



On a happier note this blue tongue lizard arrived with a damaged nose and eye from a whipper snipper. She's recovered well, is eating and shed her skin. Today she returned to her home where the people have known her for years. She's a beauty!!

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

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

Contact Ray Wise – President 0405273003 or 8383-6011

Jan Ball – Secretary 0432550274

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

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

On 8th November we hosted Kangarilla Garden Club and Stirling and Hills Garden club members and we were privileged to hear "A potted history of the Koala" from the enthusiastic, very knowledgeable, and entertaining Professor Chris Daniels of Adelaide University. He spoke to an excellent presentation on behalf of a Not-for-Profit organisation called Koala Life. We heard the history of koala demographics and how the gene pool of some populations is depleted due to the small number of koalas which were transferred from one State to another at times, thus resulting in endemic diseases such as chlamydia - a nasty parasite of the mucous membranes, due to inbreeding and of the horrible fact that a million were killed every year in Victoria for their skins. In 1900 a decision was made to move some to safe islands, firstly from the Ottways to French Island.

Then in 1918 -1920 to Kangaroo Island which is the only chlamydia free population in the world.

In 1960, 6 koalas were moved to Mt. Lofty where they increased to 125,000 and then to 150,000. A small number went to Port Lincoln. South Australia now has 200,000 which is more than NSW and Queensland together. There are 14 koalas per hectare and they eat a lot of leaves, up to 50 trees each koala per year. Sadly about 10% of the total number hit by cars, 300 koala bodies are picked up off the South Eastern Freeway every year. There is continual research into ways of providing safe passage across freeways and busy roads. 10,000 were lost in the Scott Creek fires last year and 20,000 in the Cuddlee Creek fires.

Koalas are worth 3.2 billion of GDP per year and directly employ 30,000 workers. There are 1,000 in several wildlife parks, zoos etc.

It was great to hear of their endearing behaviour in "booping" similar to rubbing noses and that they carry out this behaviour even on species other than Koalas at times.



It was really alarming to hear of the effect on our precious koalas of the recent bushfires, global warming and habitat destruction. Koalas have a very specific gut biota which can process the eucalyptus oil in the leaves of Red Gum, Mana Gum, SA Blue gum. One garden club member asked why, after previously sighting koalas almost daily in their local area, they are now seldom seen. Professor Daniels observed sadly that several significant trees, important to koala's diet and shelter had been felled, causing them to have to move away. He drew our attention to the global tourist icon the koala has become and to the huge, international response to their pitiful plight as thousands of burnt and injured koalas needed funding, volunteers and the assistance of the military, navy and airforce to render first aid and bottle feed baby koalas, who had lost their mums in the fires. 2/3 of the 6 to 800 rescued, subsequently died from smoke inhalation. From all over the world came crocheted and knitted pouches, mittens bootees and - birds' nests!. Does anyone have a need for excess knitted birds' nests?

Professor Daniels is at present organising a complex operation to add diversity to the gene pool in South Australia by transferring koalas from Victoria.

The winner of the rose challenge was a beautiful big unnamed red rose exhibited by John Duckmanton. The presentation of the door prizes added interest and the auction had some excellent bargains and some rare and different plants.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

My last epistle for 2021. A tumultuous year in many aspects other than those to do with horses, but which have probably affected time spent with equine friends.

Unfortunately, horses, unlike cars, cannot be parked in the garage until needed. Owning a horse is a commitment and responsibility, not just to him, but to his environment. A good horse owner will always be striving for the best outcome for their horse. A horse owner doesn't need to be a competitor, they may be someone who enjoys trail riding, riding on the beach, having lessons, or attending clinics. Nowadays there are numerous ways of broadening horse knowledge.

On the ground clinics, ridden clinics, online courses, webinars etc. advice from friends and veterinarians. One does need to be quite selective about which course or direction they choose to follow. Getting advice from a qualified professional is usually the safest way to go. Horse activities are unique in that they involve working with another living being. So, remembering that the horse is a prey animal with a highly developed flight response and dealing with that accordingly is a safe starting point. Learning to read/recognise horses' body language is essential in keeping both the handler and the horse safe.

Recognising any change in your horse's behaviour will enable you to investigate early on whatever is the cause. With changes in behaviour, the owner needs to firstly eliminate the possibility of pain. 80-90% of pain/injuries will be associated with the lower limbs from the knee down (broadly speaking). Heat, swelling, lameness, reluctance in going forward is all telling signs. Other changes in behaviour may include difficulty in bridling, tension under saddle, lateral stiffness, ears back, raised head carriage, head shaking, teeth grinding etc. Once pain is eliminated, then the fitting of the gear should be checked in some cases, problems are caused through poor riding.

Poor riding could be a number of things such as simply being crooked or unbalanced, unsteady hands and legs, or inaccurate timing of the aids. Or more precisely, the removal of pressure of the aid, be it the release of the rein once the horse has slowed or stopped and the release of leg pressure once the horse has obeyed the signal (eg. Once the horse has either moved forward or yielded). Having someone video the rider can be very helpful!

Remember the horse cannot speak and he has evolved to hide his pain in the wild since it will make him look vulnerable, so the most subtle changes may signify something quite important. Getting to know your horse is time well spent. Apart from the bonding aspect, it will enable the owner to be better equipped to recognise any behaviour changes.

It's time for me to get back to eating (still maintaining my weight though). Hopefully a fire free summer for us all.

Season's Greetings, Hamish and paddock mates!

CHERRY CHURCH

Cherry Gardens Church
87 Hicks Hills Road, Cherry Gardens

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



'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' Lamentations 3: 22-23

Here we are at the start of a new year. It seems only yesterday that 2021 began, what a year that has been.

A new year heralds hope and renewal. The Christian faith recognises that we all face challenges, but it also affirms that with God at our side none of these are insurmountable. His compassion is new every morning. Often when we are in the doldrums, we fail to recognise the amazing things we are given. That is where Christian hope comes in – Jesus Christ enables us to see that life in Him is full of exciting, new beginnings. Because of God's love, our perception of the future is not so uncertain, and a sense of joy and peace returns though His love for us.

Our prayer is that we can put our faith in Jesus and see the new things He has prepared for us.

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.

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FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



This month, on 24-25 January, we see the one year anniversary of the fire started by an arsonist, which caused so much heartache for our local community. It is timely to remind everyone to be watchful for suspicious behaviour on our roadsides and parks at the height of summer.

It is also a time to reflect on the damage caused to homes and personal property, as a result of one person's actions. While the native vegetation tends to regenerate well after fire, the wildlife and domestic animals killed or injured are gone forever, and many others are displaced by the destruction of old hollow-bearing trees and time it takes for food resources to become available again.

Summer is also an opportunity to thank the many people who help fight these fires, amongst many other emergency response activities. From the selfless volunteers of the CFS and CFS Air Support, to their staff and those of NPWS, DEW, SA Water and MFS, to those who provide medical support to both the people and animals affected, and those that donated money or time to assist those who lost property or those involved in the post-fire recovery efforts.

We understand that the park east of Dorset Vale Road will be re-opened to the general public soon, once the fences, gates and signs have been replaced. This is happening at the moment, but may face delays over the festive season. The Friends group has received special permission to undertake their scheduled activities in the burnt area, so you may still see us about in the park.

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 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.

January

Tue 4	Bushcare
Sun 9	Bushcare
Sat, Sun	15, 16 Bird banding
Sat 22	Bushcare
Sat, Sun	29, 30 Bird banding

February

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



The spectacular colours of mosses and liverworts



A spectacular display of flowering Yacca



ONKAPARINGA COUNCIL REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

Bushfire Ready

During November I have been liaising with Cherry Gardens, Clarendon, Happy Valley and Coromandel Valley CFS units regarding any access issues to fire tracks within Thalassa Ward and council staff are working with these units. Council's annual fire prevention inspection program has commenced with 2155 scheduled inspections to be undertaken. As of 12 November 1378, along with 227 section 105F notices being issued to reduce flammable growth on private land. Staff have planned the initial inspections to be completed by 19 November. For those of us who reside in bushfire areas please prepare your property for the current bushfire season and have your Bushfire Survival Plan ready. For further details go to cfs.sa.gov.au for further detail. They have an excellent publication entitled Your Guide to Bushfire Safety available.

Southern Materials Recovery Facility

South Australia's largest household recyclables facility was officially opened at Seaford Heights on Monday 8 November, with the Southern Materials Recovery Facility (SMRF) able to process 60,000 tonnes of yellow-bin recyclables each year. The opening, which came on the first day of National Recycling Week, means the recycling from more than 300,000 residents across Southern Adelaide is now being processed locally, benefiting ratepayers, the local economy and the environment. This *state-of-the-art* 4400m² SMRF deploys world-leading advanced screening and optical sorting technologies for cardboard, plastic and glass and has been designed to meet the highest standards of recycling purity to ensure nothing goes to waste. The SMRF is Australia's first major materials recycling facility designed to meet the Council of Australian Government's Export Ban requirements, which ensures

waste is processed and reused in Australia rather than being shipped overseas. Located in Seaford Heights, the SMRF is a joint initiative of Australian recycling and resource recovery specialist Re.Group and the Southern Region Waste Recycling Authority, which is a joint subsidiary of the Cities of Onkaparinga, Holdfast Bay and Marion. The novel Joint Venture structure makes this the first Australian materials recycling facility to be developed through this type of true public-private partnership.

A federal government Community Development Grant worth \$5.35 million has allowed the facility to expand beyond processing the recyclables of the three partner councils to also service other regional councils and commercial businesses.

Santos Festival of Cycling

Organisers of the Santos Festival of Cycling have released the 2022 program, and the City of Onkaparinga is to again host a men's and women's stage. We will be hosting the Women's Westpac Stage 2: McLaren Vale to Echunga on Monday 24 January, and the Men's Be Safe Be Seen Stage 3: McLaren Vale to Willunga Hill on Saturday 29 January. The Santos Festival of Cycling replaces the traditional UCI World Tour Santos Tour Down Under in 2022. You can check out the entire program including the race routes at tourdownunder.com.au.

Naming of Unnamed Reserve Coromandel Valley

Following a community request to name the unnamed reserve located on the corner of Avondale Road and McKenzie Street in Coromandel Valley community consultation was undertaken on Yoursay. Twenty-five names were proposed during consultation of which 15 were deemed suitable in line with council Place Naming Policy and Procedure. Further consultation occurred with the Kurna Warra Karrpanthi Aboriginal Corporation, who recommended it be called Mukarta Patpangka (Hill in the South). Council agreed to give the reserve two names - Mukarta Patpangka/Oak Tree Reserve at the 16 November meeting. More detail is available at item 9.6 for that meeting.

One Minute Presentations on Council Meetings

Should you wish to view a short update of Council meetings then please go to following Facebook site. <https://www.facebook.com/cityofonkaparinga/videos/578192486579598/>

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OPENING OF MT BOLD LOOKOUT

Recently a representative from the Cherry Gardens Community Association was invited to attend the official opening of the Mt Bold Lookout which is part of the State Government's "Opening up our Reservoirs" initiative.

It sounded like an interesting event to attend so along I went. I was aware that a lot of work had been going on at the Happy Valley Reservoir for an impending opening but had not heard much about Mt Bold.

The initiative from what I knew was around letting people enter the reservoir reserves and use the walking tracks and enjoying some leisure activities on the water.

At Mt Bold while there has been some work undertaken it is not as significant and visible as at Happy valley.

The new lookout is accessible from Razorback Road, located on the southern side of the reservoir and there is a small carpark with a public toilet on site. The lookout is a 700 metre walk down what used to be a narrow firetrack but is now a well-prepared walking track.



The views from the lookout are quite spectacular. You have a great view of the reservoir wall and the vastness of the reservoir. I could clearly see how close the bushfire earlier this year came to the water's edge at the eastern end. Looking north I could easily pick out the Cherry Gardens CFS airstrip, Mt Lofty and a good portion of the Adelaide Hills and looking west I could see the coast. (Would have been a great place the build a house!)

David Speirs MP, Minister for Environment and Water officially opened the Mt Bold reserve to the public so now we all have access to the lookout and to the walking trails which are accessed from the other entrance from

Kangarilla Road. The walking trail heads east for around 8 km's and takes you through to Kuitpo Forest.

It was a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours, meet some interesting people and check out the largest of the Adelaide Hills Reservoirs. If you are interested, I think the lookout is worth checking out and the walking trail I am sure would be worth the challenge.



VALE: GWENELLEN DEARE

We offer our condolences to Mike Deare and family who recently lost their wife and mum, Gwen Deare. Gwen suffered a severe stroke and passed away on November 1st. Mike was grateful that a number of Cherry Gardens residents attended Gwen's funeral.

Gwen was a member of the Embroiderer's Guild of SA for 30 years and Mike sent a copy of the Eulogy that they distributed to their members.

It is a poignant reminder of the quiet achievers that are present in Cherry Gardens.



Eulogy from Embroiderer's Guild of SA

It is with deep sadness that we must let members know of the sudden passing of Gwen Deare after a stroke.

Gwen joined the Guild in 1991. She held many positions on the Executive Committee during her 30 years as a member. She served as our President, Senior Vice President and Country Coordinator plus she was Secretary and Minute Secretary for a total of 10 years for several Executive Committees. Gwen was heavily involved in organising our Guild's 40 year celebrations, a particular highlight of which was the Guild's 40th birthday lunch held at the Adelaide Cricket Club. From 2003 Gwen was our Disaster Response Team Coordinator, a role she continued to perform until very recently.

Another of Gwen's ongoing roles was Gift Shop Convener, a position she held for nearly 20 years. Gwen and her hardworking team spent many, many hours over many years making and preparing items for sale in the gift shop. Particularly busy times were our biennial Christmas Sale and sales associated with our Members' Exhibitions. The financial contributions from the gift shop to the Guild over many years helped underpin the Guild's financial position.

Gwen was involved in the Hills Group before it disbanded. Patchwork and Quilting and Goldwork were Gwen's main stitching passions. She convened the Patchwork and Quilting group from 2003 and those members will miss her deeply.

In recognition of her service to the Guild, Gwen received a Service Award.

A few years ago, Gwen donated a small shed and a garden chair. Perhaps that garden chair should be called the "Gwen Deare Memorial Garden Chair" in future! Mike, Gwen's husband, was a great support to Gwen in her Guild activities.

Gwen's family was very important to her and she was so happy to see her granddaughters learn to stitch at JEMS. Gwen leaves behind a huge legacy. She will be remembered with deep respect as a committed, hard-working volunteer who over 30 years generously gave so much of her time and expertise to support our Guild, to which she was truly devoted.

Gwen's contribution will last forever in the history of our Guild. She will survive in the memories of all her good friends.

Gwen Deare's Eulogy supplied by Embroiders Guild of SA.

QUIZ NIGHT Ironbank Cherry Gardens Tennis Club

Saturday February the 19th at 7:30pm
Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground

Everyone's welcome, get together with family, friends or team mates and organise a table (up to 10 people). These nights have always been good fun, so come along and support the club.

As the club is licensed and bar facilities are available no drinks will be permitted to be brought into the club.

Cost is \$10 adult, \$5 Children (Under 18yrs)

For more info or to book a table, e-mail the club at IBCG@bigpond.com or contact Graham Bate (8270 3041) or Phil Battersby (0417 215 647)

HISTORY PHOTOS

With the school year just finished a few photos from the Cherry Gardens School that was down Hicks Hill Road.



Cherry Gardens School c1885



Cherry Gardens School about 1924



Cherry Gardens School about 1955



CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE ON SHELLFISH REEF

The Nature Conservancy Australia (TNC) is excited to complete the construction of a new five-hectare shellfish reef off O'Sullivan Beach to restore a native ecosystem.



With an area the equivalent of two Adelaide Ovals, the new reef will provide a boost for the local marine environment as well as new jobs, tourism and recreational opportunities.

The O'Sullivan shellfish reef restoration project was mainly funded under the Australian Government's Reef Builder initiative. Reef Builder is a \$20 million partnership between the Australian Government and TNC to bring shellfish reefs back from the brink of extinction.

Thirteen sites have been identified nationally for reef restoration while providing economic boosts for communities impacted by bushfires and COVID-19 restrictions. The O'Sullivan shellfish reef restoration project also received generous funding from City of Onkaparinga.

"We have laid reef foundation, which is made from locally-sourced limestone," TNC Oceans Project Coordinator Tania Sincock said. "This reef base will shortly be seeded with juvenile, hatchery-raised Australian Flat Oysters, which have been settled onto recycled oyster shells, to create a flourishing marine habitat. Over the next few years, these juvenile oysters will grow and recreate a living shellfish reef, providing a home for many marine species."

Shellfish reefs are part of South Australia's natural heritage, providing homes, feeding and nursery grounds to hundreds of marine species.

Federal Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley said shellfish reefs once thrived around Australia's coasts but were victim to overharvesting and dredging in the late 1800s.

"Our \$20 million Reef Builder Program through The Nature Conservancy is helping to reverse some of that damage, with each reef capable of boosting fish stocks by thousands of kilograms each year," Minister Ley said.

The construction of the O'Sullivan Beach reef follows the expansion of an existing reef at Glenelg from 2 ha to 5 ha in October 2021, also financed under Reef Builder. This expansion was built in partnership with the South Australian Department for Environment and Water.

Together with the existing Windara reef near Ardrossan, which was completed in 2019, the O'Sullivan Beach reef is the third shellfish habitat restored by The Nature Conservancy in South Australia.

"South Australia is leading the way in shellfish reef restoration, and it's very exciting to see the local biodiversity and community benefits resulting from this work," said Ms Sincock.

City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson said it was a thrill to see work on the new reef coming to completion.

"Our community lives in and around the water and they've been behind this project since its inception," Mayor Thompson said.

"This project has it all, from providing recreation and economic benefits to our city, through to helping to revive a critically endangered ecosystem.

"My sincere thanks to TNC and the state and federal governments for partnering with us to make it happen."

All projects under Reef Builder are part of TNC Australia's National Reef Building Project that aims to rebuild 60 reefs alongside communities who need them most. If achieved, it will make Australia the world's first nation to recover a critically endangered marine ecosystem.

Pictured

Tracy Fulton, City of Onkaparinga; Mayor Erin Thompson; Tania Sincock, The Nature Conservancy; and Nina Keath, City of Onkaparinga at the site of the new shellfish reef.

THE SAINT OF PAINT

When Hackham West's Neville Radford joined City of Onkaparinga's Graffiti Removal Volunteer Team in September 2012, he had no idea of the impact it'd have on his life and the community.

Almost a decade later—and some 4770 hours, removing an incredible 29,500 pieces of graffiti—Neville is hanging up the paintbrush for some much-needed R & R.

"The first reason [he joined the team] was through being on the dole, but once that finished, I just kept going because I liked doing it," Neville says.

"You get out and meet new people, friends. Over the time there's been about 15 people that have come and gone and quite a few of them I keep in contact with."

City of Onkaparinga's Graffiti Removal Volunteer Team, which includes around 24 people, operates from Monday to Friday using fully equipped graffiti removal vehicles.

Their work, combined with that of a contractor that does pressure cleaning and elevated work, covers every inch of the City of Onkaparinga. Neville's patch was mostly in the north of the

city, covering suburbs such as Aberfoyle Park, Flagstaff Hill and Morphett Vale on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Asked if he felt he'd made a difference, Neville responds immediately.

"Oh yeah," he says.

"It's [graffiti] been getting less and less. That's what we're out there for. It gives you fulfilment, that you're cleaning up the area. It gives you a sense of wanting to be there and wanting to do it."

Neville's work has seen him recognised with multiple awards, including a 2020 Premier's Award for Outstanding Achievement by Volunteers, and the Amanda Rishworth's 2018 Annual Southern Suburbs Volunteer Service Award.

City of Onkaparinga Asset Protection Officer Graffiti, Geoff Molloy, says Neville has been an invaluable asset to the team and to the community.

"He's been one of the most reliable volunteers," Geoff says. "Every week, we don't have to tell him what to do, and he works with everybody and anybody on the team."

"He took on all the trainees too, teaching them the where, what, why and how, and all our guidelines."



"Graffiti concerns everyone in the community because it's costly, unsightly and it makes some people feel unsafe."

"Neville's work has helped make our city a better place to live and visit."

His time with the team now at an end, Neville says he's now simply going to enjoy himself.

"The old legs are just about bugged, so I'll do a bit of fishing when my mate's here, watch the Crows... just relax" he says.

Enjoy, Neville—you've earned it!

More information

Learn more about City of Onkaparinga's graffiti management program at council's website, where you can also see the latest volunteering opportunities that are available.

ANNOUNCING THE ONKAPARINGA BUSINESS AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Onkaparinga Business Awards, who were crowned at the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre awards ceremony on Wednesday 24 November!

The 10 winners (see list below) took home awards in nine categories and are spread across the City of Onkaparinga, offering everything from A+ coffee, dining and drinks, to plumbing, medical care and real estate.

The awards, which recognise and celebrate the success of businesses in the region, were hosted and presented by Adelady, with the winners taking home a marketing package including social media promotion by South Aussie with Cosi and Adelady, a visit from mayor Erin Thompson, and a trophy.

This year's awards saw a record 14,192 unique public votes for 438 individual

businesses, with Mayor Thompson and council staff paying tribute to the winners, finalists, residents and local business community for their incredible support and loyalty.

Without further ado, see who took out this year's awards

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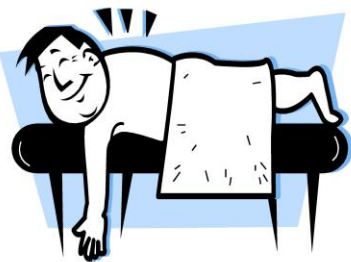
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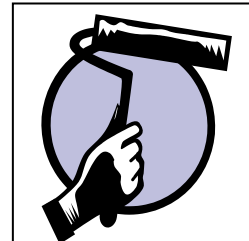
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