



Cherry Chatter

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UPGRADE TO MAIN ROAD

Our readers may remember that there has been a need to upgrade the section of Main Road between Black Road and Cherry Gardens Road due to the very narrow sections and poor condition of the road surface. The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) has provided an update of where they are in relation to the work required.

Between October 2022 and May 2023, the Department gathered feedback from the community to help inform the detailed design for safety upgrades on Main Road between Black Road and Chandlers Hills Road.

The Department has now further developed the design for this upgrade. The design has considered all community feedback while balancing technical considerations and site constraints.

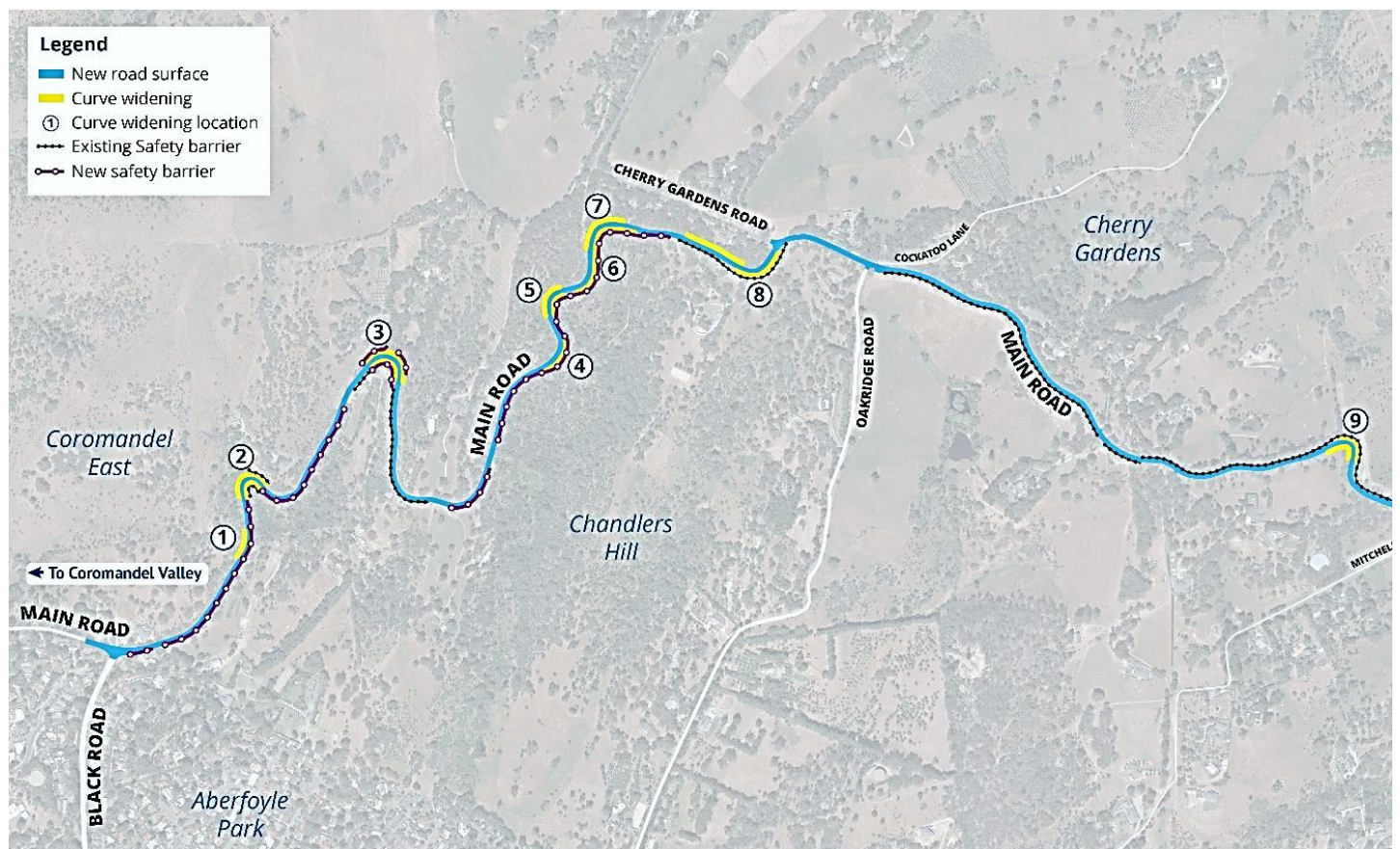
The final treatments will include:

- road and curve widening;
- new road surface, improving skid resistance;
- new safety barriers;
- new road signage;
- new line marking including centre line audio tactile line marking; and
- drainage enhancements.

Tree and vegetation management

These treatments aim to improve road safety by reducing the risk and severity of road crashes.

Detailed ecological assessments and surveys have been undertaken during the detailed design process along the full section being upgraded. Each curve and stretch of Main Road have been individually assessed to not only



improve safety outcomes but also minimise impacts to trees and vegetation as much as practically possible.

To achieve these critical safety upgrades, initially up to 70 trees were identified as being within the immediate project area. Through the detailed design process the Department has been able to significantly reduce the number of trees being impacted.

We currently estimate up to 35 trees, covered by the Native Vegetation Act 1991 (NV Act) will be impacted. These impacted trees are spread along the full 5.4 km project area on Main Road. Several weed species including Olive, Desert Ash and Common Plum trees will also be removed as a part of the project.

Where impacts cannot be avoided, all care and consideration will be taken in the removal and handling of vegetation. Efforts will continue to be made throughout construction to further reduce tree and vegetation impacts, wherever possible.

All vegetation impacts will be managed in accordance with legislative requirements and with the Department's Vegetation Removal Policy. Native vegetation clearance approval will be required for the removal of the relevant vegetation. Due to the site constraints, offsetting within the road corridor is not feasible. Instead, payment of the appropriate Significant Environmental Benefit offset will be made to the Native Vegetation Fund.

Removal of vegetation will be carefully undertaken by a suitably qualified arborist. All trees will be inspected prior to removal and if fauna is found, they will be relocated by appropriately qualified professionals.

Additional vegetation surveys are also planned to occur in late 2023.

Community Engagement

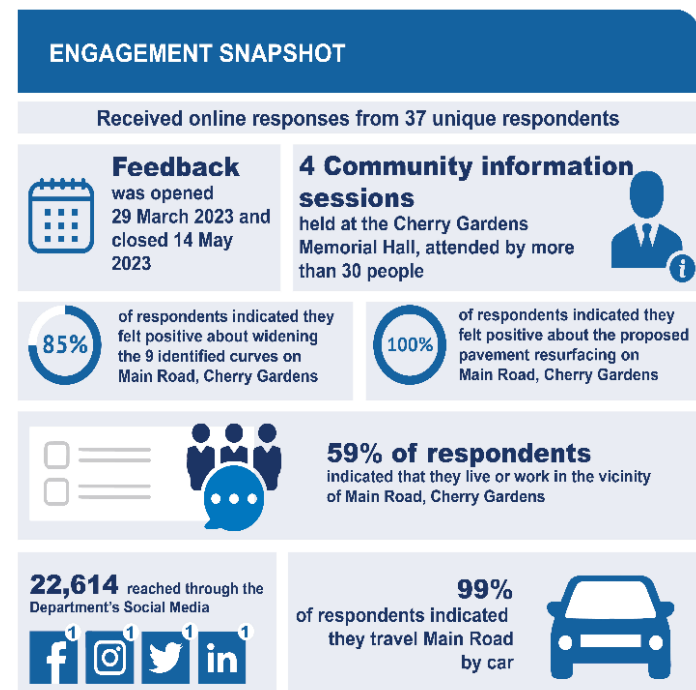
Community engagement is important to the successful delivery of the project. Thank you to those who took the time to attend the information sessions or complete the online survey.

Consultation on the proposed design commenced on Wednesday, 29 March 2023 and closed on Sunday, 14 May 2023. During this period, information about the proposed design and opportunity to provide feedback was shared with more than 80 recipients via email and reached over 22,614 users on social media. The Department spoke with more than 30 stakeholders across four information sessions and received a further 37 online survey responses.

More than 85% of respondents indicated they felt positive about the proposed widening of the identified nine curves and 100% of respondents indicated they felt positive about the proposed pavement rehabilitation on Main Road. Key themes raised as important throughout consultation included:

- improved drainage as part of the upgrade;
- reduction in vegetation removal as much as practical, as well as improved vegetation management;
- improved driver behaviour where possible;
- review of current, and installation of additional signage, including at junctions;

- improved safety for heavy vehicles travelling through the area;
- review of current, and installation of additional, road safety barriers; and
- improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists travelling through the area.



Next steps

Early works are expected to commence on site in late 2023. Advance notice will be provided prior to any works commencing. Activities will be staged to ensure there are no impacts to the Tour Down Under. The project is expected to be completed in early 2025.

Further Information

If you have any further enquiries or would like to register your interest in the project to receive updates, please:

- register to receive project updates
- email DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au
- call 1300 794 880

Editor's Note:

If any of our readers or local residents have any questions or concerns, then we suggest you either call or write to the department as per the above.

Letters to the editor can be submitted via our email address below.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Cherry Chatter committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th of September at the home of Bill Semple. For more information, please contact a committee member.

CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL JULY

Rainfall for July 2023	98.2 mm
Rainfall for July 2022	58.4
Average rainfall for July	129.9

Rainfall to the end of July 2023	666.3
Rainfall to the end of July 2022	501.8
Average rainfall to the end July	542.1

Number days of rain for July 2023	21
Number days of rain for July 2022	17



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We have a sausage sizzle, soup and damper and red and white wine for sale, the CFS attend with a truck, always a big hit with the kids, and there are marshmallows to roast over the fire.

This year we are combining the Campfire with our monthly Happy Hour, on Sunday September 24th, from 4:30pm to 8pm.

Please put it in your diary, we look forward to another fun night...

COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE / HAPPY HOUR

Cherry Gardens Hall
Sunday 24th September, 4:30pm to 8pm
Sausage Sizzle, Soup and Damper, Wine, and a blazing fire.

Why not "Like Us" on Facebook to keep up to date with coming events

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Attention: The Editor, Cherry Chatter

Dear Sir / Madam,

Forwarding my email (sent to the Onkaparinga Council) regarding our serious concern about the proposal to install a Helipad on Ackland Hill Rd. Hoping that it is suitable material to bring to the attention of the residents through Cherry Chatter.

"Dear Mayor and Councillors of City of Onkaparinga,

As a resident of Ackland Hill Rd, Coromandel East, I read with great concern that an application has been made by a resident to install a Helipad "just up from Weymouth St", and that the assessment of the application is underway. [Onka Council News in Cherry Chatter July 2023.] It also reads:

"The commencement date of the public notification period has not yet been set. When this period commences, all neighbours within 60m of the property boundaries will be notified via letter and any person may put forward a representation in relation to the proposed development."

This locality is a beautiful, quiet residential area, and the reason why we moved into this area about 10 years ago. We, and I am sure others in this locality, would not wish that to be changed in any shape or form. Unless I am missing something, installation of a helipad will affect an area much wider than just the 60m as mentioned above. For that reason, if this idea of a helipad is to be entertained at all, there should be a much wider consultation with regard to all the wider and lasting consequences. We strongly object to such a development and hope that all due considerations are taken into account as to how it will permanently change the environment and will urge that this idea be nipped in the bud.

Yours sincerely,"

(Name and address supplied)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FIREWORKS MADNESS

In the last edition of Cherry Chatter, I read with interest and despair the article about locals setting off fireworks along the section of Cherry Gardens Road between the Golf Club clubrooms and Vicks Road.

I was in disbelief that any people who live in the Adelaide Hills would not be aware that while it is illegal to have and let off fireworks in SA it is also plain stupid. Fireworks are a serious fire risk to the bush and under no circumstances should anyone risk starting a bushfire by letting off fireworks at any time of year.

What these people may not be considering is that the noise can be extremely stressful and cause animals, both native and domestic, such as horses, to be spooked and bolt to escape what for them must be a very scary situation.

This is exactly what happened again since that article was published in the Cherry Chatter.

Residents of a house on Starr and Arrow Road let off a number of fireworks which spooked a couple of horses in a nearby paddock that bolted through the paddock fences, jumped a grid and made their way to Ackland Hill Road where a motorist reported them via social media and locals managed to catch them and finally contact the owners who recovered the horses back to their home.

Unfortunately, one of the horses was so traumatized by this, the owner has had to give the horse away as it is now unrideable. The other horse is similar, and it will be a long time before that horse recovers its confidence enough to be safe to ride.

As was mentioned in the previous article I really hope that the irresponsible residents who let off the fireworks never do this again as it is very upsetting to other locals when their animals are affected by your actions.

We like to think that we all live in a great community where we care for each other and act responsibly.

I really hope that this never happens again as it is very distressing for the owners of the horses and could affect others if done again.

Name and address supplied

CHERRY GARDENS CFS

If you would like more information or a visit to the station, please contact Lawrie Linggood on 0400 285 697.



August is when a special CFS

AGM is held where all Brigade leadership positions are declared vacant, and a process is held to reappoint members to these roles. This includes Captain, Lieutenants and Senior Firefighters. We are all volunteers, and these positions can at times be demanding but can also be very rewarding. Many thanks to the people who are either stepping away from or about to take on new roles- the job they do really makes a difference to the safety of the Cherry Gardens community.

Changes were made last year to the fire danger rating system which is worth reviewing as this bushfire season approaches. This system takes a national approach and sought to simplify the current different systems used in Australia, some of which were more than half a century old.

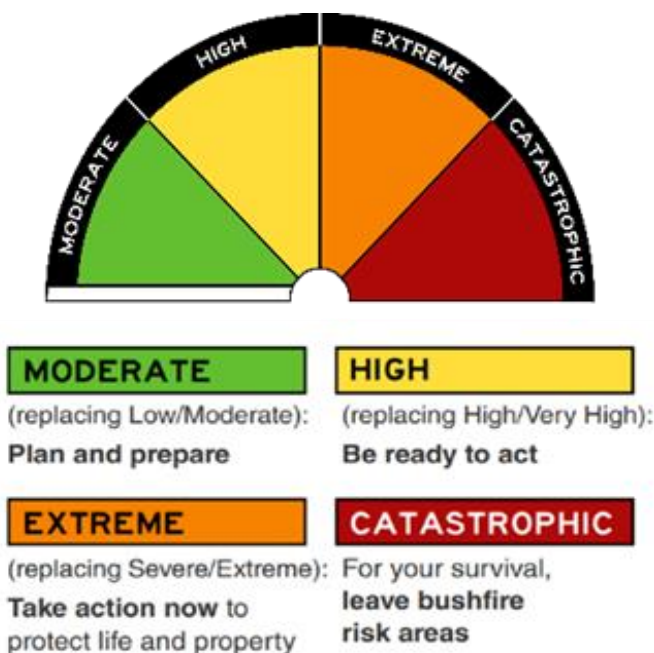
The updated fire danger rating will have four levels instead of six.

The system will use the current best science to inform the fire danger rating on any given day.

Signs across the country will be uniform.

This provides the community with clearer and more consistent messaging about the fire danger in their area on any given day and makes it easier for firefighters to understand how a fire might behave if one breaks out.

The Fire Danger Rating is an indicator of how dangerous a bushfire could be if it did occur. **It is not a predictor of how likely a bushfire is to occur.** It should be used as an early indicator to trigger your plans. The new system and signage are shown below.



Colour coding is as follows:

Moderate – Green

High- yellow

Extreme- Amber

Catastrophic- Red

FIRE MANAGEMENT 2023

The fire danger season in the Mount Lofty Ranges and Adelaide Metropolitan Fire District areas commences on 1 December 2023 and will run until 30 April 2024. Dates to be confirmed when details are available on the CFS website.

A reminder to all residents that it is illegal (and dangerous) to let off fireworks anywhere in the Adelaide Hills. The risk to livestock and animals as well as potentially starting a bushfire is high. You may be prosecuted.

During the fire danger season burning in the open (vegetation pile burning) is not permitted.

<https://www.onkapingacity.com/Services/Permits/Fire-Management-fire-danger-season> for more information.

REGION ONE AIR OPERATIONS

The Region 1 Air Operations Group has already commenced training in readiness for the next fire season. If there are any locals who are interested in volunteering to be a part of this group please contact Scott on 0412392839 or John on 0422898414.



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CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club Nights are held on the second Monday of each month (except Public Holidays) from February to November, at the Uniting Church Hall, Hicks Hill Road, Cherry Gardens at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome
President - Darryl Parslow 0408 847 293
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The Cherry Gardens Garden Club night will be Monday 11 September when our Guest Speaker is Nikola Manos, Nature Conservation Project Officer, Parks and Natural Resources, City of Onkaparinga.



Have you seen this bird? What role does your garden play in providing habitat for wildlife?

This bird is part of a council-wide Ecological Linkages Study to find out which species need our help and how we can improve their habitat. Council's Nature Conservation Team recently put a call out to residents to report if they've seen ten native animal species.

Observations of these species, along with all other available fauna and flora data for the council region for the past 10 years, is being analysed to identify critical wildlife habitat linkages and to assess the health of local ecosystems. The study will provide a mapping tool to identify key priority areas for future conservation activities and to better understand the roles of urban green spaces, including gardens, in supporting biodiversity and ecosystem function.

Nikola Manos, Nature Conservation Project Officer will give an overview of the study and would like your feedback on how the information could be used by different land managers.

To find out more about the study, the flagship species and how to report a sighting, please visit <https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Services/Environment-and-sustainability/Nature-conservation/Get-involved/Ecological-Linkages-Study> and check out the

example of one of the "near threatened" birds – the Red-browed Finch

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS for September 2023

- Fertilise fruit trees now and again in early summer with a good quality organic product. Do not let them dry out (it may be a hot, dry summer). Be prepared to thin the fruit if they are touching or you have a very heavy fruit set.
- Lettuce (particularly non-hearting varieties) silver beet, spinach and Asian greens can still be planted as they are quick to grow in the warming soil and can be harvested on a continuous basis. Liquid feed every two weeks.
- It is a good time to re-pot plants in containers – tap them out of their pot and check their roots, if they are tangled and congested it is time to tease them out and put into a slightly larger container with some new good quality potting mix.
- Daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs need fortnightly applications of a liquid feed as after flowering they are developing next year's flower in the bulb. Continue until the leaves yellow and die down.
- Plant alyssum, snapdragon, petunia, marigold and bidens for a great summer show.
- It is time to plant summer-flowering bulbs, calla lily, hippeastrum, and Scarborough lily.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

In this day and age where horses can be transported not just interstate but internationally, keeping them and their humans safe is becoming more of a concern.

At the basic level we can vaccinate our horses for things such as tetanus and strangles, usually on an annual rotation when teeth are seen to by the vet. But now, especially in the eastern states there is the risk of Hendra which can be fatal to horses and humans. Also equine influenza, Ross River virus and many others. Some of these conditions are highly contagious and confinement is necessary. So what can be done to minimise risk to both human and equine?

As mentioned above, keeping up to date with annual vaccinations is a good start. Having a discussion with your vet if moving your horse from one property to another, whether it is in this state or interstate, will keep you informed of extra procedures (if any) that need to be

taken. Having a worming program in place is another basic and there are different ways of approaching this. Keeping paddocks clean, rotating paddocks and/or rotating stock, faecal egg counts and worm pasting.

Nowadays pasting is proving to not be as efficient as in the past, due to a build-up of resistance in worms, despite what marketing recommends. If you have a stable population of horses on your property, then it is easier to keep track of worm populations. Some horses will seem to always carry a higher worm burden than others, so that may be 'normal' for that horse. If your horses are out and about, or if there are new or visiting horses to your property, then keeping them separate keeps them safe. Do not share water, grooming gear, rugs etc. Any manure from outside horses should be picked up and disposed of in a safe area. When out visiting or competing, where possible take your own water and feed.

Another area which is becoming more common is the identification of the horse either through tattooing or microchipping rather than just branding. This is especially so in Europe and the UK where horses can border hop through many countries within a day. Identifying racehorses this way too practically guarantees safety from cheating ID and theft.

All common sense, really, but better to have precautions in place, so that hopefully you never have to resort to emergency measures and at worst, run the risk of losing your beloved equine.

On a lighter note I am keeping my weight below 500kg! Also looking forward to some drier paddocks and warmer weather!

Yours slimly, Hamish

CHERRY CHURCH



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

One Sunday recently in our church, the worship leader focused on one of the Psalms in the Bible, Psalm 119. That whole Psalm is about God's word. The writer urged the people of his day to listen to God's word. He urged his people not just to listen idly, without really thinking about it, but to take time to study God's word, to reflect on it, to take it in – and then to put into practice what they heard God saying to them.

One of the verses of that Psalm, verse 105, reads: 'Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.'

It doesn't matter whether we think of an ancient oil lamp or the torch on our phone or the headlights on a car. All of them serve two main purposes: they give a person a clear view of the way ahead, and they point out any hazards where the person is heading. A lighthouse, of course, specialises in the latter function.

God's Word - for us, that means the Bible - can be seen to serve those same two purposes as we live our lives. When we read in the Bible about who God is and the sort of people, he wants us to be, he helps us to see how we are to live our lives. At the same time, he highlights hazards, dangers, traps, that we will inevitably face and that we will be forced to avoid or to deal with.

As it (sort of) says in the Bible, a torch is no use if you put it in a cupboard and never take it out. The thing about a lamp or torch or any other light is that it is a practical device, it has a function. When it is used, it can enable a person to act, to take action. Similarly, a Bible is no use if it remains closed. But when it is opened and read, studied and reflected on, it can provide guidance and direction, God's guidance and direction, for our daily living and for the future.

We encourage you to set aside time to read the Bible. Take time to hear what God is saying to you. See how God is calling you to live, what God is calling you to do today, this week, this year.

'By your words, I can see where I am going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.' (Psalm 119, verse 105 [*The Message*])

**FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK
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Time marches on, and it is now well over two and a half years since the January 2021 fire burnt through 500 hectares of the park.

The general consensus was that the fire would result in the mass germination of the majority of the seed of fire responsive weeds that had fallen in the soil over the years. Unfortunately, perhaps because of the uneven fire intensity, perhaps because of the last couple of mild and fairly wet summers we have had, this did not turn out to be the case.

We went through and treated the priority weeds in many different areas, and obtained funding to get contractors to treat larger infestations as they came up. As we return to these areas, sometimes less than a year after our previous visit, we are finding that many more seeds of the same weed species have germinated, growing rapidly to flowering stage.

This is, again, the crucial phase of post-fire recovery of the park, trying to prevent these weeds from getting to the stage that they set seed and replenish the soil seedbank once again.

Anyone wanting to learn more about what we do and how you can 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.

September

Sat, Sun 2, 3 Bird banding
 Tue 5 Bushcare
 Sun 10 Bushcare
 Sat 23 Bushcare



Searching for weed in Bushrat Creek on a beautiful winter's day in June.



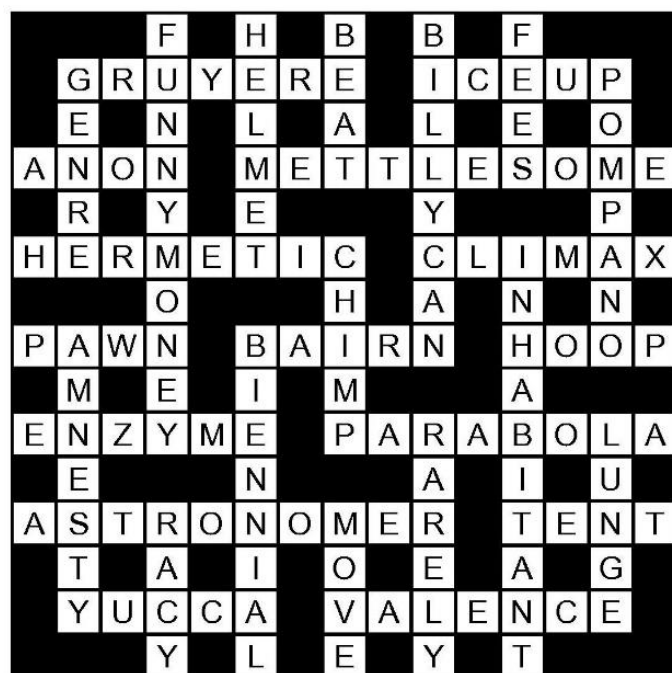
Andrew finding Montpellier Broom amongst the dense native regrowth after the January 2021 fire.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



MONTHLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

AUGUST SOLUTION



A JOKE

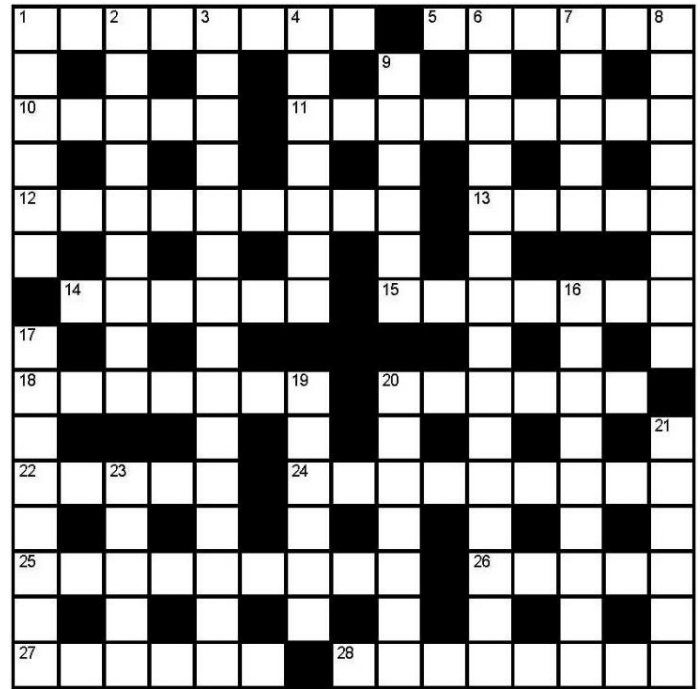
In the UK, some supermarkets have admitted that there is horse meat in their home cooked burgers.

Even places like Burger King have had to admit that there are "small amounts" of horse meat in their burgers.

Tesco is a big supermarket chain in the UK. Within hours of the news that Tesco's 'all beef hamburgers' contained 30% horse meat, the following quips hit the Internet:

- I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse. I guess Tesco just listened!
- Anyone want a burger from Tesco? Yay or neigh?
- Not entirely sure how Tesco is going to get over this hurdle.
- Had some burgers from Tesco for supper last night. I still have a bit between my teeth.
- A woman has been taken into hospital after eating horse meat burgers from Tesco. Her condition is listed as stable.
- Tesco are now testing all their vegetarian burgers for traces of unicorn.
- "I've just checked the Tesco burgers in my freezer ... "AND THEY'RE OFF!"
- Tesco is now forced to deny the presence of zebra in burgers, as shoppers confuse barcodes for serving suggestions.
- I said to my spouse, "These Tesco burgers give me the trots..."
- "To beef or not to beef, that is equestrian".....
- A cow walks into a bar. Barman says, "Why the long face? Cow says, "*Illegal ingredients are coming over here stealing our jobs!*"
- I hear the smaller version of those Tesco burgers make great horse d'oeuvres.
- These Tesco burger jokes are going on a bit. Talk about flogging a dead horse.
- Since they're selling the meat wrapped in plastic, is that technically a "Trojan Horse?"
- Instead of choosing "rare, medium or well done, it's now Win, Place or Show"
- At first, I thought, "Oh great, I've been saddled with another email to forward, but something spurred me on."

SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 An equestrian sport (8)
- 5 An informal collarless short-sleeved shirt (1-5)
- 10 A static picture taken by a camera (5)
- 11 (to) try earnestly (9)
- 12 Superior, or rich in metal (4-5)
- 13 Faithful (5)
- 14 Point of view taken; attitude (6)
- 15 Soft loaf or roll rich with butter and eggs (7)
- 18 For example, beef, lamb or venison (3,4)
- 20 Characterised by dignity and propriety (6)
- 22 Not yet supplied with food (5)
- 24 A short simple song with a refrain (9)
- 25 The person being sued or accused (9)
- 26 More than seven but fewer than nine (5)
- 27 Go back over (6)
- 28 Convergent strabismus (5-3)

Down

- 1 The lowest pitch of humiliation and misery (6)
- 2 Drawn out or made longer spatially (9)
- 3 Marriages forced by the fathers of the brides (7,8)
- 4 A small bomb thrown by hand (7)
- 6 Narrowness of mind, ideas or views (5-10)
- 7 Witty language used to convey insults or scorn (5)
- 8 Feeling intense pleasurable excitement (8)
- 9 A word that modifies something other than a noun (6)
- 16 A complete list of things (9)
- 17 A ball that keeps low (baseball) (8)
- 19 An incrustation that forms on the teeth (6)
- 20 A hinged blind for a window (7)
- 21 Any evergreen shrub or tree of the genus Myrtus (6)
- 23 One of five equal parts (5)

Onkaparinga Now



Celebrating Onkaparinga's favourite trees

Is there a tree that's special to you that deserves a shout-out and more adoring fans?

Maybe it's the tree that shades you while you read, or the one that's filled with beautiful birds and makes you smile, or is it the one your grandkids climb when they visit?

The City of Onkaparinga celebrated National Tree Day (Sunday 30 July) by launching its new Tree of the Month initiative, which showcases an iconic or beloved Onkaparinga tree each month as chosen by residents or staff.

Trees play such an important role, creating more liveable cities and providing environmental benefits by supporting local wildlife, cleaning the air and protecting us from the heat during our increasingly hot summers.

You can show your favourite tree some love by nominating it using the online form at council's website. The tree can be located on private or public land, but it needs to be visible to passers-by.

Council staff will review the nominations and let you know whether your tree has been chosen as a Tree of the Month (or not), with successful nominators to receive a gift voucher from State Flora so you can buy native plants for your garden.

Each winning tree will be measured by council's arborist so a tree tag can be created to demonstrate all the benefits the tree produces, and a story published on the website and social media.

Planet Ark's National Tree Day is Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event, encouraging Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to their community. You can see what planting events are happening in Onkaparinga at the National Tree Day website.

You can learn more about Onkaparinga's trees, the benefits they provide, planting at home, and more, at council's website.



McLaren Vale to host SA's first pro mixed golf tournament

South Australia will play host to its first professional mixed golf tournament in October, with the TPS South Australia coming to City of Onkaparinga's Willunga Golf Club in the stunning McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Coast region.

TPS South Australia will be the first event in the 2023–24 Webex Players Series, an innovative series of tournaments now held across three states, that sees male and female professionals, elite amateurs, and all abilities golfers, lining up in the one field on the same golf course.

Hosted by former Australian cricketer and SA golf representative Greg Blewett, the \$200,000 tournament from October 19–22 will be the first time both the International Sports Promotion Society (ISPS Handa) PGA Tour of Australasia and the WPGA Tour of Australasia have played in the McLaren Vale region.

The WPGA's most recent event in SA was the Women's Australian Open in 2020, while the men's tour hasn't visited the state for a tournament since the 2007 Jacob's Creek Open.

Across the weekend of the tournament, 16 junior golfers will also tee off alongside the professionals in their own 36-hole competition.

City of Onkaparinga Mayor Moira Were said it was a coup to attract SA's first professional mixed golf tournament to the region.

"Onkaparinga has a rich sporting pedigree and community, with the TPS South Australia joining the likes of the Santos Tour Down Under in our city," she said.

"We're so lucky to have the picturesque Willunga Golf Course on our doorstep, and it'll be great to see some of Australia's best golfers putting it through its paces and enjoying our historic townships."

PGA of Australia Tournaments Director Australasia Nick Dastey said South Australia would see a golf tournament with a difference at Willunga.

"We are delighted to bring the PGA and WPGA tours back to South Australia and in particular, to Willunga Golf Club and the stunning McLaren Vale area," Dastey said.

"Our TPS calendar is growing at an exciting rate. In just three years, TPS events have grown from two inaugural events to five, giving players fresh and exciting opportunities to compete at the professional level."

WPGA Tour of Australasia CEO Karen Lunn said: "With our women and men playing on the same course, for the same prizemoney purse and trophy, plus the All-Abilities golfers contesting their event, TPS South Australia will provide something for everyone.

"We are confident South Australians will embrace the innovative, fresh and exciting mixed format and come along in numbers to Willunga in October."

SA Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing Katrine Hildyard MP said: "This tournament will bring professional golfers to South Australia and the beautiful McLaren Vale wine region – a big win for South Australia and the local area."

"This unique event includes everyone, with golfers of all abilities - women, men and juniors – playing the same course at the same time. Willunga Golf Club will be the perfect host for this innovative event, which I am sure the local community will embrace" Minister Hildyard said.

Member for Mawson Leon Bignell said: "As the local MP for the region and the chair of SA's Major Events Committee, this is great news for SA."

"We have seen a growing appetite for golf in SA, and now some of Australia's best men and women golfers, all abilities golfers and juniors will be competing in one of the world's best food and wine regions."



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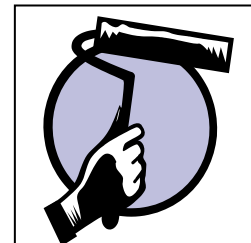
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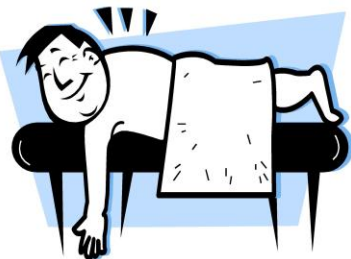
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