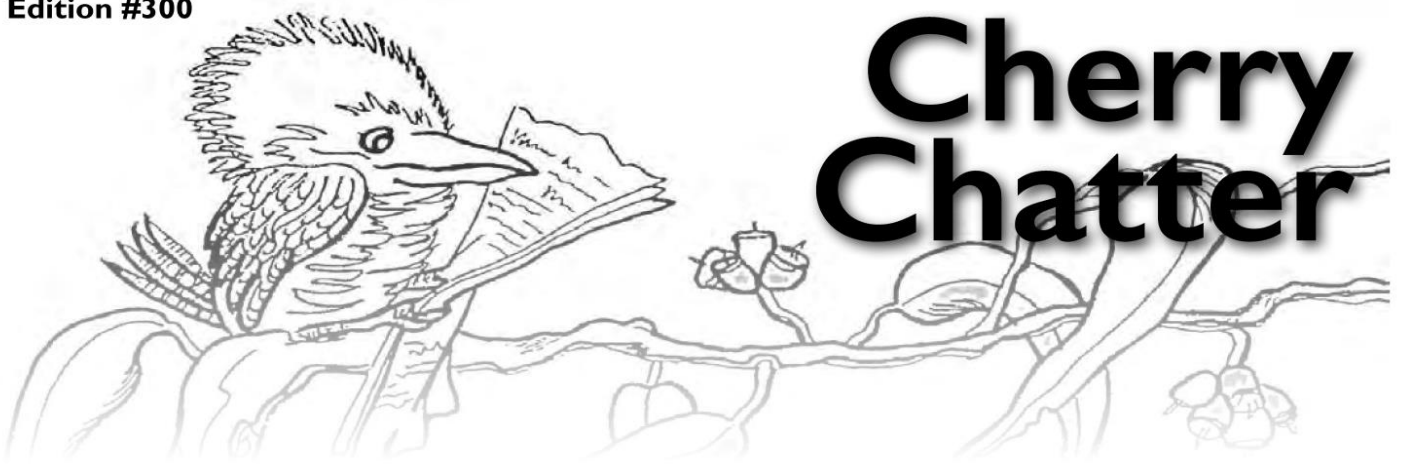


Cherry Chatter



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EDITORIAL

25th April 2019

ANZAC Day this year is on the last Thursday of the school holidays and the service will be held at the Cherry Gardens Soldiers Memorial Park at 8.30am followed by breakfast at the Memorial Hall. We expect that many people will be away this year however if you are in the district then please come and share this time with your neighbours and friends and pay your respects for those that served and sacrificed their lives for their country.



What a milestone!

This April edition is the 300th Cherry Chatter that we have published! In May 1992, a small group of dedicated locals got together and published the first edition which was all of 2 pages! We had support from a few local businesses and 2 of those businesses have supported us for the 300 editions and nearly 27 years. Thanks to Jeff Burton Earthmoving with his backhoe that most of us would know and Neil Schubert, also an earthmover who used to live here but now lives at Kangarilla.

3 of us have been there from the beginning, Don and Bev Watton and Gill Sims. Over the years many have come and gone but throughout the life of Cherry Chatter, everyone who has been involved has contributed and enjoyed many fun evenings and community events.

What started as a small group of people who just wanted to put out a newsletter for the district has become a very well-known community organization that represents everyone in Cherry Gardens when there is something that needs to be done, runs community events such as ANZAC Day, and provides financial support where we can for the other volunteer organizations in Cherry Gardens such as the CFS, Hall, Church, Minton Farm, Sports clubs, Garden Club and any other group that asks.

Whether we are still around for edition #600 remains to be seen. But for that to happen we certainly need to recruit a few new members and we must continue to evolve and remain valid to our community. We know that in the future we may not be printing newsletters and what we have already done is create a new website with an online version of the newsletter. Check it out here <https://www.cherrychatter.org.au/>

For now though, enjoy edition #300, and if there are any volunteer organisations out there needing some support, then send us an email or a request and we will see what we can do.

Happy reading!

The Cherry Chatter crew

RAINFALL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Rainfall for February 2019	22.2
Rainfall for February 2018	11.8
Average Rainfall for February	29.4

Rainfall to end of February 2019	22.2
Rainfall to end of February 2018	26.0
Average Rainfall to end of February	57.2

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting 7.30pm Tuesday April 9th at the CFS Shed.

Articles to be received by 5th of each month – without exception.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Cont P8....)

Dear Editor

Re: Australia Post

Is it just me or does Australia Post conspire not to deliver parcels in Cherry Gardens?

I will receive a text from Australia Post saying that they will be delivering a parcel tomorrow. I follow the prompts and allow them to leave the parcel in a safe place being my front veranda.

The next day I have in my letter box an Australian Post card asking me to pick up a parcel from Australia Post Blackwood. This is not what I paid for nor is it what is promised and implied by Australia Post?

Is anyone else having this issue?

Kind regards, Clinton Alcock

Further to my letter to the editor, I received an email from Australia Post that may be of interest to your readers. *Available to read on the Cherry Chatter website* www.cherry chatter.org.au

Whilst Australia Post promotes and markets parcel delivery to your home, they deem Cherry Gardens as rural and they can't be bothered to deliver parcels in our neighbourhood. Whilst this is dishonest marketing in my opinion, residents can write to the Verdun centre if they wish however a change is unlikely.

Clinton Alcock

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

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HALL NEWS

CHERRY GARDENS

MEMORIAL HALL FOR HIRE

Available for hire for all functions, meetings & social occasions

Very reasonable rates

For bookings and more information phone 8270-2232



The Annual General Meeting of the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall was held on Tuesday 26th February. The meeting approved a number of changes to the Constitution. Committee members were nominated at the meeting, and at the subsequent Committee meeting the following Office Bearers were elected:

Bill Semple	Chair / Treasurer
Helen Whittle	Secretary
Terry Whittle	Bookings

Committee members:

Belinda Angus
Edie Brooks
Andrew Desteno
John Duckmanton
Adrian Mallin

Two of our longstanding committee members tendered their resignations on the night. Veronica Jones and Eric Annett informed the Committee of their intention to step down. They have both been involved with the Hall over many years, and the Committee has recognised their valuable contribution over that time.

The Committee is currently exploring ways of upgrading the appearance of the Hall; hopefully you will notice some positive changes over the coming months ... and on that matter, we will shortly be having the hall facias, which are in poor repair, capped with matching Colourbond sheeting. We have had a great relationship with the Blackwood Lions over a number of years, and sought a contribution to the cost. We were delighted that they have donated the full amount, so work will commence very shortly. You may be aware that we volunteer Saturday morning labour at the Lions Bargain Centre on Shepherds Hill Road for a few months of the year, for which the Lions make a contribution to the Hall funds. I would encourage a visit to the Bargain Centre if you have some time on a Saturday morning, if just for a

look around, and maybe a sausage or an egg and bacon sandwich.

The Centre has furniture, books, toys, mattresses, homewares, building supplies, whitegoods ... the list goes on.

Remember to visit the Hall Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/cherrygardens/>. We will be acknowledging the Lions assistance, and you will keep updated on functions and other happenings at the Hall.

CHERRY GARDENS CFS

Cherry Gardens Air Operations Support



Well summer is now over, and the weather definitely seems to have turned with cooler nights, shorter days and daytime temperatures not getting above mid 30's.

We have been fortunate so far to have had a quiet season and only a handful of callouts to support the Air Operations group. Our last incident was the fire at Jupiter Creek which had 4 aircraft fighting the fire and keeping us very busy with rapid turnaround.

Evidently that fire was started by someone brush cutting so please remember to take care until the season breaks with good rains – who knows when that will be!

We have a good team now, but are always looking for more locals who are in the district during the day time so if you're interested, then please contact us through the Cherry Chatter group.

Cherry Gardens CFS

This month the brigade has been continuing with training and station improvements, with just a few call outs along the way.

At the time of writing, our area has had no major fire threats and this is obviously a great result. Thanks for all your efforts with good fire season practices and please keep up the good work. Although summer has passed, the following is from the CFS website and it may be worth keeping in mind.

Ever wondered about the difference between "Bushfire Safer Places" and "Bushfire Last Resort Refuge" as designated by the CFS and local Government?

Bushfire Safer Places

A Bushfire Safer Place is a place of relative safety. It may be used as a place for people to stay in or as a place of first resort for those who have decided, they will leave high-risk locations early on a high fire risk day. These areas are relatively safe from bushfire because of low levels of fuel, lower ember/spark risk and access to government services.

The closest CFS bushfire safer place to Cherry Gardens is the suburb of Aberfoyle Park. As part of your planning, consider travelling time, under what circumstances to relocate and what you will take. If you intend to relocate

to a Bushfire Safer Place, you should do so early in the day. Last minute decisions to relocate in the face of fire are extremely dangerous.

Bushfire Last Resort Refuges

There are no designated Last Resort Refuges in Cherry Gardens; our closest is Waymouth Oval in Coromandel Valley. Last minute travel from Cherry Gardens to this location will be extremely dangerous and potentially not possible. The following may assist if you are travelling or working in another area. It is important not to confuse Bushfire Last Resort Refuges with the above Bushfire Safer Place. Bushfire Last Resort Refuges are your LAST choice of location to shelter from a bushfire. They are an area or building which you could go to and remain in during a bushfire. They are intended to provide a place of relative safety during a bushfire but do not guarantee the survival of those who assemble there. You should only use a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge when your personal Bushfire Survival Plans cannot be implemented or have failed. They may have limited capacity, subject to ember attack, no emergency services and no access to amenities. A Bushfire Last Resort Refuge is not designed to replace a personal Bushfire Survival Plan.

Again, the above information is from the CFS website, www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire/bushfire_safer_places.jsp



We train every Monday night for those who may be interested in what we do.

To report suspicious behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. For all other emergencies dial 000 and ask for "Adelaide, Fire" "South Australia"

Below is a letter of appreciation for the recent donation made by Cherry Chatter Community Association. To see full size, please go to our website www.cherrychatter.org.au

South Australian
COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE



Cherry Chatter
C/- Don Watton
409 Cherry Gardens Road
Cherry Gardens, SA, 5157

cc John Coppi

Dear Cherry Chatter

On behalf of the Cherry Gardens Airbase members, I would like to thank Cherry Chatter for the very generous donation of the twelve new chairs and folding table for use at the air strip. They will be well cared for and come in very useful at future brigade meetings and social gatherings.

Sincerely,
Scott Button
Admin Coordinator

WELCOME



The Cherry Chatter committee would like to welcome the newly settled families who have recently moved into the Cherry Gardens area. We hope you love living here as much as we do.

WELCOME PACKS

If you are new to the area and have not yet received a welcome pack, please contact the editor at cherry chatter@yahoo.com with your address.



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CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

Meetings are held in the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church meeting room, at 7.30pm usually on the 2nd Monday of the month from February to November.

President: Ray Wise: raywise@hotmail.com.au
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Secretary: Shirley Callaghan: shirleyc5159@gmail.com
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NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 8th April - Daniel Holzer from Holman Industries, a WA based irrigation component manufacturer will show their range of products suitable for the home gardener.

Monday 6th May - George Hoad President of Garden Clubs Australia will be our Guest Speaker. We will also have a chance to meet Julie Myer, our zone coordinator.

Our meeting on 11th February was a very special one. We say "we are what we eat". Food is what keeps us all alive and healthy. Our plants too need excellent food to be excellent plants. For example, many of us learnt through the last heatwave - plants can much better withstand drought conditions when well nourished. In South Australia we have the privilege of being the home state of a very special organization producing top quality, organic, specialized food for our vegetables, roses and fruit and green crops. We were fascinated as we heard from well-known Kanmantoo organic plant food manufacturer, Neutrog's Paul Dipugli about their founder's passion for credibility and integrity. How reassuring that the nutrients which go into the locally

produced organic fertilisers are also locally sourced. We heard of their origins and location; that more than 50 South Australians are employed in their factory at Kanmantoo. Neutrog products are exported across Asia and also have a manufacturing branch in South Africa. Various Associations, and Organisations such as the Rose Society and Flemington Racecourse endorse products such as Sudden Impact for Roses and Seamungus Lawn Fertiliser.

Research and development are what has ensured us a credible, authentically organic product. Their Dr Uwe Stroehrer of the Wood Wide Web is a world-renowned microbiologist. Thermophilic composting of 600 tonnes in 40 – 60 piles at any one time, takes place.

It is concerning that millions of plants get starved to death. People would never leave their pets to starve the way they often do their plants! Especially so for pot plants which have only their human to notice once the nutrient in the pot is used up. Many of our members belong to the Poo Bah club and receive regular information on optimum feeding of our plant.

TOMATO CHALLENGE

The annual tomato challenge was well and truly won by Ray Wise whose plate full of large, juicy looking, Mighty Red tomatoes with their irresistible eye appeal also won over the judge's palate.

Several members benefitted from the multi draw Poo Bah prizes.

Surely as we munched through our delicious supper treats we all spared a thought for any of our pot or garden plants that were in need of FOOD.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR APRIL 2019

Vegetable seeds for sowing include broad beans, white onions, turnips and swedes. Divide garlic cloves and

plant with a side dressing of superphosphate.

Flower seeds to plant include calendula, cornflower, hollyhock, linaria, pansy, Iceland poppy, and snapdragons. Sweet peas also, if you missed St Patrick's Day! Spring bulbs - some gardeners may have



noticed that some of their bulbs "cooked" in the ground during the heatwaves of Summer - when planting err on the deeper side of recommended planting depths to avoid the extreme surface temperatures of the soil.

Herbs - Easter is the traditional planting time for parsley, also plant borage and lavender to attract pollinators into your garden.

In the orchard it is time to fertilise Citrus trees.

Lawns - aerate and fertilise, raise mower height as the weather cools. Rake leaves from the lawn, if left in place they may encourage fungal problems - compost them.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!



Well that much needed rain is certainly slow to appear! The forecast has been for an Indian Summer, which can be lovely riding weather, but feed is certainly low. As always, when in doubt as to what to feed, the safest is always good quality, low value roughage, usually in the form of hay bales. Good quality need not necessarily be expensive, but it should not be dusty, have any weeds, especially barley grass and should not smell 'off'. If you are buying in, then see if you can get one bale for trying before spending on a large amount. If not sure where to source your feed from, fellow horse owners can often recommend someone or even give some to try.

After this dry spell, there will be many bare areas in paddocks, so when the rains do come, there may be a glut of weeds as there won't be any competition for them, so that is going to be the first problem. After a good soaking rain, some weeds are easy to pull by hand, such as cape weed and salvation jane. Dandelion, dock and others are more difficult. Dandelion can be sprayed. Dock has a long tap root and is very difficult to pull, but you can cut the top off (where the seeds are) and bag it. Weeds often thrive where there are deficiencies in the soil, so it may be useful to get a soil test done. Early autumn is a good time for this.

As far as us neddies go, we may be needing new rugs, or at least a good check over last year's. Check halters for signs of wear as many are not made as robustly as in the past. Also check our saddlery for any dryness and general cleanliness. This can have a safety benefit as well, especially with stirrup leathers or other attachments. With last year's rugs, ensure that they ready to be used with all clips etc. in good order. The lining of the rugs should have most of the excess fur brushed off and it is a good idea in this milder weather to hang them out for a good airing.

Older neddies may be needing that warmer rug, so that needs to be considered too. But, just be aware not to over rug, as this is detrimental to us. Unless we are clipped out, we are already wearing our own fur coat, so really, a paddock rug is just that – it keeps the wind off, keeps us dry and also helps to keep us clean. We don't need to wear doonas in the paddock all day!

Good horsemastership means checking us at least once a day. We do have a habit of getting playful at times and getting the odd clip undone or broken – and sure as eggs, it happens just when we are not checked!

Yours truly has been keeping my weight hovering around the 500kg mark, which is not ideal. My owners say I don't have an 'off' button and never know when to stop eating, and this is probably true as I can't imagine what it is to not eat. They do keep my fitness up and restrict my

grazing AND weigh me on a regular basis with a weight tape. All of which helps to keep me safe.

Safe riding everyone and looking forward to some rain!
Hamish

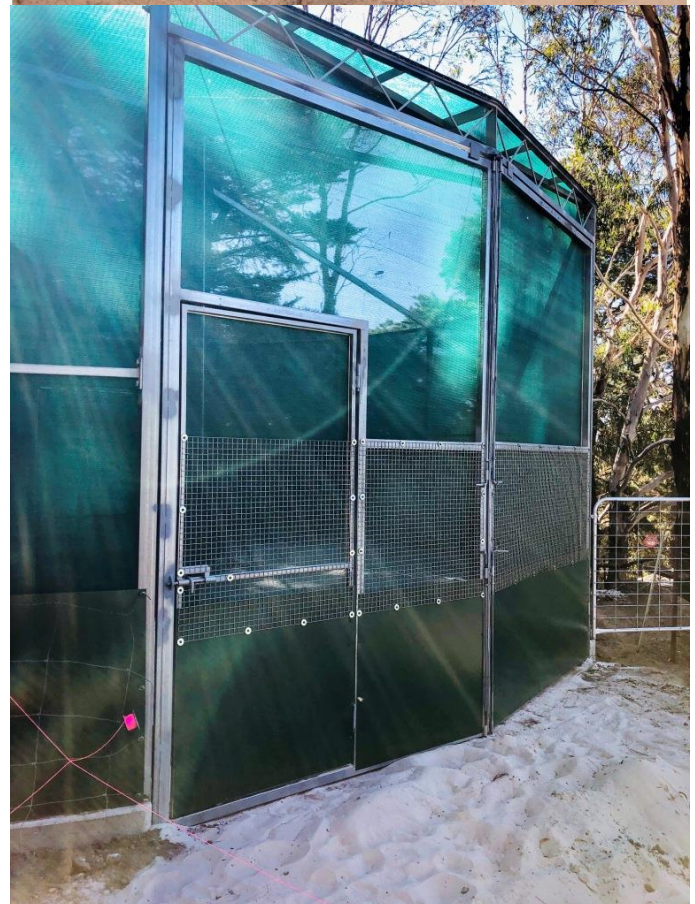
MINTON FARM

Hello all

I would like to let you know that Minton

Farm's circular bird of

prey flight is now completed. It is the first of its kind in SA and available for you all to access to rehabilitate injured kookaburra, tawny frogmouth, owls, falcon,



hawks and eagles.

The freedom flight allows the bird to have continuous flight with no end in sight. Most flights allow them to fly back and forth only which doesn't build up muscles and

fitness levels ready for release. They need supreme fitness levels in order to catch prey and compete for territory.

Thank you to Fund My Neighbourhood, Suzanne Elliott Trust, and City of Onkaparinga for grants received. Thanks also to Saekey Engineering for designing and building the structure and to the myriad of supporters and contributors to this worthwhile free community service designed to improve our local biodiversity. Bev Langley

www.mintonfarm.org

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CHERRY CHURCH

87 Hicks Hill Rd, Cherry Gardens
Services held on Sundays at 9.30am

Cherry Church Contacts:

Pastor: 0404 008 372

Chairperson Congregational

Council: Darryl Dyson 0412 075 063

<https://www.facebook.com/CherryGardensUnitingChurch/>



As mentioned in last month, a Ladies Guild was formed at Cherry Church in 1936, supporting the church both spiritually and financially until recent times. History in Australia was often male centric with ladies referred to by their husband's name and our Guild ladies were no different.

These two photos dated 1948 were taken on the Strange property in Star and Arrow Road. Those in the list with an * are those who we know were foundation members. We are keen to find out more names of Guild members and more photos too if possible.



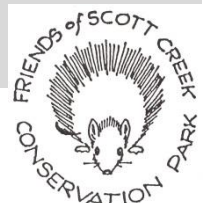
Figure 1: Back row: Effie Lewis, Mrs Strange, Mrs Daphne Lewis, Mrs L Terril, Mrs Marjorie Jacobs, Ruby Edwards.
Front row: Mrs Basey, Mrs Brumby, Mrs Davis, Vera Stone (Effie's sister)



Only one minute book survives, so if anyone knows of other minute books, or other information about the Ladies Guild, we would be grateful to have them. We would also be grateful for ladies first names and maiden names where we currently do not know them.

We have so far, members and those ladies who attended from time to time; Mrs Barnes (Minister's wife), Mrs Basey, Mrs Basham*, Connie Brumby, Evelyn Brumby*, Elsie Chapman, Annie Coats, Kath Coates, Mrs Davis, Mrs Dunn, Ruby Edwards, Evelyn Frith, Mrs Frith, Irene Harvey, Mrs Haythorpe, Mrs Houston (Ministers wife), Thelma Jackson, Barbara Jacobs, Coral Jacobs, Miss L Jacobs, Miss Margaret Jacobs, Marjorie Jacobs*, Martha Jacobs, Daphne Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Miss E Lewis, Effie Lewis, Dorothy Mahar, Mrs L M Makins, Mrs Mashford (Ministers wife), Mrs M A Paddick, Mrs Parrot (Minister's wife), Mrs Ricks, Nance Rosenthal, Mrs Smith, Mrs Strange*, Mrs Stone*, Vera Stone* (Effie's sister), L Terrell*, Mrs Trigg (Minister's wife) and Mrs Watchman.

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



Are you interested in nature? Native plants? Wildlife? Looking for a break from the hustle and bustle? Want to give something back to the community or Mother Nature? We welcome anyone who wants to come along and see what we do at any of our activities.

Anyone wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, or wanting to get involved, can contact us on info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au or visit our very informative website

www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au. You can also now 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 flora and fauna.

All working bees meet at 9.00am at the Almanda Car Park on Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet weather). To attend bird banding, contact the coordinator Don Reid on 8388-2123.



Volunteers digging up bulb weeds in the Park



Volunteers and visitors at bird banding during February

Programme of activities for April

Tue	2	Working bee
Sat, Sun	6, 7	Bird banding
Tue	9	General meeting
Sun	14	Working bee
Wed	24	Social lunch
Sat	27	Working bee
Sun	28	Display at Longwood Institute

RECREATION GROUND

The Recreation Ground AGM was held recently and congratulations to Andy Adams who was elected as President for the 2019 year. All other positions were filled by the incumbent committee members. If anyone is interested, then you would be welcome to attend and join.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Football season for us starts on April 6th at Torrens Valley but before then we will have already played a couple of trial games. The first was on the 17th March against Marion and the second was on Saturday 23rd against Kenilworth both games at the Kenilworth Football Club.



Football Club trial game against Marion



New HFL Women's Competition Teams

A good run for the seniors. On Wed 20th the Juniors had their trial games.

Every week night is quite busy with training and as the days get shorter it won't be long until we will need to be training under lights again. If you have time, I suggest you visit the oval and enjoy the evenings and check out the teams as they train and prepare for the new season.

I would again invite any locals who would like to meet a great bunch of people, contribute in any way we would love to hear from you. In 2019 we will have 8 home games and for every home game we need volunteers to help out in the canteen, cooking the BBQ or serving in the Bar so if this sounds interesting then please contact us by phone on 0417865044 or send us an email at info@ironbankfootball.com.au

Our first home game will be April 13th and we will be playing Birdwood. This first home game will be our Members Day and Sponsors Day – a big start to the season.

Speaking of Members the club offers an annual membership for just \$75 which gets you entry for all home games, a merchandise pack, some vouchers and discounts. It is a great way to support the club and good value if you enjoy watching a bit good local footy! Go Thunderer's

NETBALL CLUB

Summer season

What a great Summer season of Netball we had. We would like to thank everyone involved to make this such a great competition. We



would like to also thank Di Morgan and Kat Mackereth for the meals every week. Brian Morgan and Bernie Hegarty for supplying us with some much-needed beverages. Thank you to all our umpires without you, we would not be able to play. A huge Thank you to Terry Wigzell for helping with the Tennis nets each week. And last of all thank you to all our teams for once again joining us is the summer season and hope to see you all again next year.

Grand Final Results

*U11 - The Besties 20 v The Purple Ninja 19
Best and Fairest – Reese Johnson*



*U13 - Thunderstorm 25 v Pink Thunder 17
Best and Fairest – Poppy Neilson*



*U16 - Blackwood Blitz 38 v Clovers 35
Final scores after a draw with 5 mins each end.
Best and Fairest – Lauren Strachan*



*Seniors - We Showed Up 39 v Blackout 17
Best and Fairest - Tegan Morgan*



Upcoming Winter Season

AGM : To all members and supporters, We wish to advise you that the AGM of the club will be held in the main club rooms on Sunday 24th March at 10.30am This is between the trials for the junior players. Hope to see many members there. Nominations for committee positions can be provided in advance to ibcg.secretary@gmail.com or on the day.

Training will start 4th April 2019

4.30 till 5.30 – 9 & under, 11 & under and 13 & under
5.15 till 6.30 – 15 & under and 17 & under
6.30 -Seniors

All grades will be training in squads for the first few weeks while teams are still being finalized. Games will commence either 27th April or the 4th May depending on the draw.

Game times

9.00 am - 11 & under and 15 & under
10.45am - 13 & under and 17 & under
12.15pm - 9 & under
1.45pm - Seniors (swap half way)
3.30pm - Seniors (swap half way)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (cont...)

STILL NO NBN FOR MANY OF US

Two years on from speaking in person with and writing to our independent MP Rebekha Sharkie and our community **STILL** doesn't have proper NBN coverage. The NBN fixed wireless tower at oval doesn't work through trees, so residents as close as 400m away have no signal. Looking south, the tower signal peters out before it even gets to the CFS shed.

Now we learn that Clarendon is to get a new NBN tower in a few months' time. Judging from past experience, that won't reach very far north! There is a larger map on the website www.cherrychatter.org.au or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/92CherryChatter/> shows the various coverages as at March 2019. Purple is the "nominal" NBN coverage from the oval tower. The green oval with the X is my estimated coverage of the proposed Clarendon tower. The red circles are the approximate coverage if we had a service installed at the Marshall Road Tower - marked MRT. Finally, that red pin is my home - caught like so many of my neighbours in no man's land.

We deserve better than this. We are not in the remote outback. The NBN satellite services offered are rubbish because streaming services like ABC iView won't work and the GB data allowances are pitiful. NBN satellite plans offer around one third the data for around double the price of NBN fixed wireless. Refuse to give in. Don't accept satellite NBN as being even remotely (hah!) acceptable.

I asked a question last month on a very dodgy Skype video call on the ABC Q&A program – "what is the point of having an independent MP, if this is what we receive as a community?" The quality of my Skype was so bad it was laughable. The non-answer I got from Sharkie was some waffle about mobile phone blackspots and "please contact me".

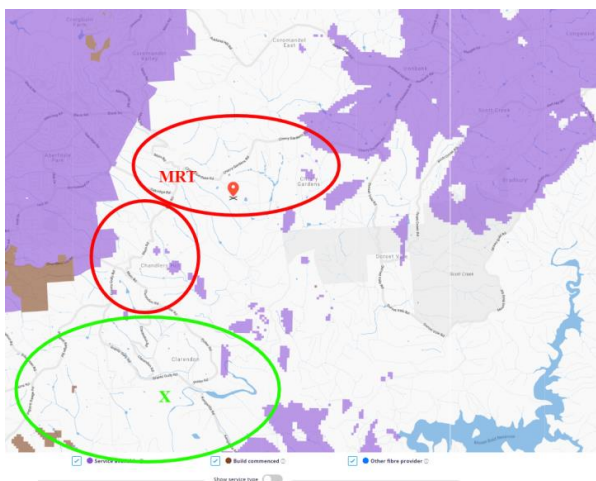
Well, I did write to rebekha.sharkie@ca.org.au on 20 June 2018: "If you could use your vote as leverage to extract from Mitch Fifield some decent NBN coverage for the forgotten people in Cherry Gardens (and most of the rest of semi-rural Mayo) who are expected to make do with satellite \$\$ NBN (as you and I have discussed previously), that would be even better. What's the point of having an independent member if we can't get some benefit?"

I never received an answer to that email. Great swathes of our community still have no decent NBN.

There is a federal election coming soon. We can either support the candidate who will support our community, or DIY and get a community co-op going to get our own coverage up on towers with a wireless ISP.

Darren Kruse

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MAX RICKS RECOLLECTIONS

Cherry Gardens Monthly Dances

After the opening of The Cherry Gardens Hall in 1956, it was decided to hold regular monthly dances as a fund raiser. It was suggested at the opening day Ball that we would need to hire dance bands to provide music, instead of using



Mrs Cliff Frith on piano and Lester Jones on accordion. These local people had played regularly for local functions. So the Green and Gold Band from Strathalbyn played at the next dance held a month after the opening. A good crowd attended, but we had a problem with dust rising from the hall floor, brought in from the dirt surroundings from outside. A band member suggested that we prepare the floor the day before by spreading sawdust, which had been dampened with Kerosene, and drag lightly weighted hessian bags over the floor. This collected any dust which left the jarrah floor clean and shiny. We used commercial Floor Speed preparation to add polish, which conditioned the floor well for dancing. There was no shortage of help from the local young people who had much fun dragging a companion sitting on the hessian bags. The monthly dances continued to attract good crowds. We used several different bands to provide the music, usually 3 piece comprising of piano, saxophone and drums. Among the bands that played at different times at the Cherry Gardens Dances were the Green and Gold from Strathalbyn, The Barney Fry Group from Echunga, and Adelaide bands, The Jack Stone Trio, The Harmoniques, and the Jack Stone Group, and The Starlights. Those who compered at the dances were Caleb Terrell, Bill Robertson, Barney Fry, Max Ricks, and John Terrell. We had an annual Spring Ball in September, and always a New Year's Eve Ball. Special occasions such as The Belle of the Ball, and the presentation of Debutantes on a number of occasions were real highlights of the dance program. The ladies of the district provided an excellent supper for each dance, which was shared by all by using tray mobiles filled with specially decorated cakes, sandwiches and cups of tea wheeled among the crowd at supper time. We also had a sweet stall in the foyer, and a cool drink refrigerator for the convenience of patrons. The dances were attended by people who came from many surrounding districts, with many couples and families coming from Adelaide, and enjoying the casual and sober nature of our dances. The average attendance was about 200 per evening. The Cherry Gardens old style monthly dances continued regularly for about 20 years, and raised much needed finance for the Hall and other societies of the district.