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#### **EDITORIAL - NEW ALERT SA APP**

We have been advised by the Onkaparinga Council regarding the newly released "ALERT SA" App. A new smart phone app designed to help keep South Australians safe and informed during risky bushfire conditions is now available.

Alert SA is an emergency services smart phone application that provides timely, relevant bushfire information to communities. It combines data from the South Australian Country Fire Service (CFS) and the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) and displays bushfire alerts, warnings and updates as well as Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Ban information.

Other hazards like flooding and storms will be added to the app in 2020.

Residents can download the Alert SA app now from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

The <u>Alert SA website</u> provides further information about the app including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

Other methods for keeping up to date this bushfire season include:

Visiting <a href="http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au">http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au</a> and subscribing to bushfire warnings

Checking and following Facebook@CountryFireService or Twitter@CFSAlerts



#### Be Bushfire Ready and prepare your plan!

A reminder that summer is now here and with the state right in the middle of the first major heatwave for this summer it is timely to again remind everyone to be prepared for the fire season.

Take a few minutes to prepare your Bushfire Plan. If a major bushfire is coming through our district remember that being on our roads will be extremely dangerous as

we have bushland right up to the road verges and modern cars provide no protection or safety at all. If you can't protect your house, then leave early.

#### **NEXT CC MEETING**

7.30pm Tuesday 11th February at Don & Bev's home. Articles to be received by 5<sup>th</sup> of each month – without exception.

#### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

Opinions and articles printed in the Cherry Chatter are not necessarily shared by the members of the Cherry Chatter Committee.

NOTE – The Cherry Chatter Committee will not approve any controversial article for publishing unless the name and address of the author is supplied.

#### **RAINFALL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER**

2019 continues to be a below average year for rainfall.

**Cherry Gardens Rainfall** 

Rainfall for November 2019 41.8 mm
Rainfall for November 2018 74.2 mm
Average rainfall for November 49.5 mm
Rainfall to the end of November 2019 743.6 mm
Rainfall to the end of November 2018 747.8 mm
Average rainfall to the end of November 880.0 mm

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#### **COUNCIL BOUNDARY PROPOSAL**

#### Community Meeting Re Leaving Onkaparinga Council announced - Darren Kruse

The potential for lower rates (by ~ \$257 pa) and the facts that AHC is closer (by ~ 8km) and that we would have better representation (1:2,400 vs 1:9,900) has sparked interest within the community.

Following the strong interest of more than 80 people shown in the informal petition for Cherry Gardens and surrounding suburbs to leave Onkaparinga and join the Adelaide Hills Council, it has been decided to hold a Community Meeting at the Hall on Wednesday 12 FEBRUARY 2020, 7 for a 7:30pm start.

Representatives of Onkaparinga, Adelaide Hills Councils, our State MP and the local community groups will be invited to attend.

The petition is online here; <a href="http://bit.ly/Cherry2AHC">http://bit.ly/Cherry2AHC</a>; signing this informal petition will ensure that you are kept up to date with developments. I'm also intending to add a FAQ there.

The first purpose of the meeting is to answer questions about this proposal and further discuss the formal process - which is very structured, as per the flowchart. It is appreciated that people will have concerns. However, the full range of impact of any proposed change will only be properly known once the councils are formally invited to have their say by the Boundary Commissioner at the Inquiry stage. That will only happen after a formal petition with the required number of resident's signatures (10%) is presented asking for the review.

The second purpose of meeting will be to form a committee of locals to prepare the formal proposal and to obtain the required minimum number of signatures -10% of the affected residents. According to Australian Bureau of Statistics in 2018 the community of Coromandel East - Cherry Gardens - Chandlers Hill -Ironbank had 1,933 residents.

I look forward to seeing many of my neighbours and friends at the meeting. Enjoy your Christmas.

regards, Darren Kruse

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#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS for JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

#### **JANUARY Bev Watton** Mark Fox Leonie Kruse Karl Kruse layden Hughes

#### **FEBRUARY** Kerry Holtham Rick Chenoweth Ben Kirss Stefan Chenoweth Joel Pillar Tamia Porter-Wright Mike Smith

#### **HALL NEWS**

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#### The Fridges have arrived...a big thank you to the City of Onkaparinga.

You will recall that the Hall was successful this year in winning a grant to replace our aging 1000L refrigerator with 2 new 420L refrigerators. This means that for most functions we will only require having one smaller fridge turned on, a significant power saving.

Below is a photo of Chairperson Bill Semple and Bookings Officer Terry Whittle pondering how to unwrap and install the new units. We hope to have this done in time for our next event, the Cherry Church Christmas Carols on December 17th.



#### What was the point of that...?

You may also recall that we received a grant to extend the storage facilities at the rear of the Hall. The removal of the old small area required us to relocate some of the items which have been stored there. Our 2 barbeques were placed temporarily outside under the pergola at the side of the hall. Unfortunately we have had a visitor or visitors who thought it would be fun to destroy one of the units. They completely bent 2 of the legs and dropped a concrete block onto the burners.

The barbeques are used for functions such as the Community Campfire, Anzac Day breakfast, Election Day sausage sizzle, and are also available for use by hirers. We will need to look at replacing the damaged

unit as soon as funds permit.





#### **CHERRY GARDENS CFS**

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



Happy New Year from your Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade! After a relatively quiet period during the second half of

2019 the brigade had an eventful November and December. In addition to the usual traffic incidents and wayward burn-offs the fire season started with an unseasonable "Catastrophic" fire danger day in November. That day the brigade was called to active standby, meaning truck crews were assigned and were required to attend the station for most of the day, ready

to head out quickly should an incident occur. Thankfully, despite a number of small incidents, the local area remained quiet for the day, but the work was far from over for many of our firefighters. At 3am the next day 7 of our members departed as part of the Sturt Group strike team to the Yorketown fire, which at that time was burning out of control and threatening Edithburgh and other settlements on Yorke Peninsula. Thankfully the fire was quickly brought under control, but further strike teams were required to prevent any spot fires from reoccurring.

In addition to local and South Australian deployments our brigade has also been strongly represented in interstate strike teams to New South Wales and Queensland, and at the time of writing these are predicted to extend well into December if not later. These deployments average 5 days in length and those of our members who have already returned have said the conditions were extremely challenging and exhausting, with the local communities extremely grateful for their assistance.

On another note, the brigade was honoured to participate in the annual Blackwood Christmas Pageant in December along with other appliances from the Sturt Group. Our members are always encouraged by the tremendous support shown to us at these kinds of events and we thank you.

Around Cherry Gardens the hills are back to their usual summer brown despite some heavy December rainfall so please remember to work out your Bushfire Survival Plan and clean up around your properties if you haven't done so already. Please check out the CFS website at cfs.sa.gov.au for more info.

Here's hoping for a quiet and uneventful fire season!

#### **CFS AIR STRIP**

The Cherry Gardens Air Strip group has been called out to support the aircraft on a number of smaller fires locally and down the Fleurieu Peninsula, including the fire at Myponga.

#### **CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB**

## GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR JANUARY 2020

Watering is always high on a gardener's priority list at this time of the year, so if you just want to maintain a small patch of herbs or summer vegetables why not look at establishing a wicking bed? It takes a bit of effort to set up, but the work involved will be paid back by the results you will achieve, with far less watering! Most roses have finished their flush of flowers by now and if you have not already taken off the dead heads now is a good time to do it. For roses with lots of dead heads, no black spot and no thorns you can do the job with a pair of hedge shears - just cut them all off and let them drop to the ground for mulch. Obviously, you will need to be more fastidious with varieties that do not fall into the above category.

Tomatoes are a favourite summer crop and need to have regular watering to prevent blossom end rot. Apply a side dressing of sulphate of potash for strong plants and a bountiful crop with good flavour. You can still plant out seedlings; give Burnley Bounty a try as they will crop well into the cooler months

Stone fruit trees should be summer pruned now to keep them in shape, it is a good time to fertilize these trees to keep them healthy.

Weeds will be invading parts of the garden where there is little or no mulch, a good time to remove them is immediately after you have watered when the soil is damp and soft

#### **NEXT MEETING Feb 10th**

We will meet at Adelaide Advanced Trees for a tour of their nursery with Jordan

Meet at 264 Cherry Gardens Road at **6.30pm**, following the tour we will resume our meeting in the Church meeting room.

#### **LAST MEETING**

Every speaker we have seems to surpass the last in some way. Kris Messenger and James of "Bugs and Slugs" taught us about the vital role, albeit an increasingly precarious presence, of beneficial, predatory insects in our gardens and environment and most usefully, about the formation of their habitat. Kris explained that in the formation of hollows in large ancient trees. in our vicinities shelters and houses all manner of beneficial, predatory beetles and insects which play a huge role in reducing the populations of sucking insects, which prey on our garden plants.

Many of us had no idea that of Earth's 36 Fila of creatures, only one Fila is made up of all the animals, birds, fish and other vertebrates we think of as earths creatures! Then astonishingly the majority, the remaining 35, are made up of invertebrates and that includes insects. Kris explained, aided by of a piece of holey 300year-old tree trunk, how insects play their part in, one after the other, forming a hollow which could eventually, also, one day, provide vital habitat for a large marsupial or bird. A large moth, like a rain moth may have sprayed its eggs around and some landed on a tree trunk. When the caterpillars emerge, they might because they have no cocoon, burrow down into the tree for shelter. When in time it vacates this home. another, possibly slightly larger, invertebrate might consecutively, over the years, utilize and enlarge the tunnel to suit their purposes. This type of tenancy, possibly by various insects, continues for decades until, possibly moisture enters, dry rot occurs, fungi play their role. Each vacation makes it easier for some larger creature to enter and burrow further until, eventually, after many episodes of sheltering, burrowing, vacating, etc, - a hollow is formed which is large enough for a vertebrate to use.

Kris drew our attention to the alarming loss of these large trees which might contain dozens of hollows in various stages of development, providing along the way, habitat for many creatures and insects until the older, larger ones might be used by creatures such as sugar gliders, or pygmy possums. If the tree which by then,

may have been substantially hollowed out by termites, should one day fall over Echidnas may even find shelter in the log.

It was easy to understand Kris's belief that maybe it is because so few people are aware of the role of beneficial predatory insects in the garden environment and eventually the development of essential hollow log habitat, that we are not more pro-active in ensuring that very large significant trees remain in our environments. The Tree protection by-laws cannot cover every scenario and it is up to us gardeners, who love our environments, to help inform, protect and so on these vital parts of the environment.

For a gold coin donation, and so that they are aware of these facts, Kris runs "Little Buggers" a group for children and young people at Bower Road, Semaphore on the last Saturday of every month at 10am to 11:30am which coincides with the veggie swap.

As always, to end the evening a really, lively plant auction followed, and a great

"supper with our cuppa's" was shared amidst lively conversation.

#### **OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish**

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

As most of you know by now, I really like my food, but too much of a good thing is not in my best interests either (bother!). There are certain things which are in the best interests of us equines however and these are not too hard to follow.



They are called the five freedoms or five domains. The first is freedom from hunger and thirst – pretty easy really! This means checking water supply on a daily basis, especially during the summer months and also ensuring that there is sufficient water. We will drink up to 60 litres of water on hotter days. Freedom from hunger -I-I.5% of body weight when in lightish work (depending on the individual) and around 80% of the feed should be roughage.

Secondly, freedom from discomfort – this means providing shade, shelter, somewhere comfortable to lie down and also room to move. The gear, including halter, bridle, saddle and rug should all fit well.

Thirdly, freedom from pain, injury and disease – health is a priority. Knowing your horse and recognising any changes and having access to regular and emergency veterinary care (keep phone numbers handy on your phone, in the house and the stable).

Fourthly, freedom to express natural behaviours – this means that your horse should be able to see other horses and ideally have physical contact with them. He should have space to canter and have access to some low quality forage/hay for at least 13 hours per day. Lastly, freedom from fear and distress – try to ensure that your horse is ridden and handled by people who

understand how he learns. Avoid training systems which involve punishment or excessive pressure.

It is only 5 things and when you think about it, not that difficult to maintain. Good luck with that and safe riding, Hamish (at just under 500kg!). So long as I stay under this weight, I don't have to go on a diet. My owners are keeping me fit and regulating my grazing.

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 $website \ \underline{www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au}$ 

You can also now follow us on our Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp">www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp</a> where you will find up to date information about our activities, including photos of the park's flora and fauna. All working bees during summer meet at the earlier time of 8.30am at the Almanda Car Park on Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet

To attend bird banding, contact the coordinator Jim Spiker on 0430 247 705.

#### Programme of activities

January

weather).

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Sat, Sun 4, 5		Bird banding	
Tue	7	Working bee	
Sun	12	Working bee	
Sat, Sur	18, 19	Bird banding	
Tue	21	Social lunch	
Sat	25	Working bee	

#### **February**

Sat, Sun I, 2		Bird banding	
Tue	4	Working bee	
Sun	9	Working bee	
Tue	11	General meeting	
Sat, Sui	n 15, 16	Bird banding	
Wed	19	Social lunch	
Sat	22	Working bee	



Eastern Water Skink basking on a log along Scott Creek.



A large Pussy Willow drilled and filled earlier this year in the Park.

#### **CHERRY CHURCH**

87 Hicks Hill Road, Cherry Gardens Services – Sundays, 9.30 am Cherry Church contact: Rob Linn 0407 971 650



Each year we are pleased to provide the Cherry Gardens Community Carols. Our thanks go to The Cherry Chatter Committee for much needed advertising, The Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall who provide use of the hall free of charge each year, The City of Onkaparinga for their grant. Other supporters who give their time and talents free of charge include: the award winning Sherrahs Family Harmony Band, Tabor Music, Rebekah Nelson, Red Brick Music for the superb sound system, John Penberthy, The Cherry Gardens Men's Poetry Club and the many volunteers from the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church including the committee, Dianne Dyson, Stephanie Dube and Gillian Marshman, who helped to provide this event for the community. We look forward to providing a

similar quality event for the community in December 2020.



Cherry Church and the morning tea room are both airconditioned and comfortable all year round. We hold Holy Communion during the service, generally on the first Sunday of the month, which will be the 5<sup>th</sup> of January this month. Everyone is welcome to participate in Holy Communion in the Uniting Church. The coming church services which are all at 9.30am are:

Date	Speaker	Leader	Music
December	Alan Light	Stephanie	John
29		Dube	Penberthy
January 5 🕆	Revd. Roger	Dianne	John
	Brook	Dyson	Penberthy
January 12	Annetta De	Rob Linn	Alex
	Воо		McFarlane
January 19	Daphne	Ruth Work	John
	Weatherill		Penberthy
January 26	Alan Light	Gill	Alex
	-	Marshman	McFarlane



Where I grew up in the South-East, I knew my neighbours and most of the people in my country town and many of them went to the local church service. Church was where we shared, fellowshipped and cared for one another. It was the core of the community where help was given when needed. The general store too, was a place of greeting or a chat; somewhere to catch up on local news.

Cherry Gardens doesn't have a general store, but we certainly do have the Church.

For over 170 years, Cherry Gardens Church has been an integral part of the local community – a centre of

fellowship, worship and pastoral care. Situated on Hick Hills Road, it was at one time part of a bustling hub of Cherry Gardens. For many residents it was the centre of their lives. Today, located off the main road, many may not realise it exists. But the Cherry Church is very much alive and active

We would like to invite the whole community to join with us in a *Community Service* to be held on 15 March 2020 at 9.30am.

You may never have attended a local church service at Cherry, but **you are most welcome** to come. Our services are about I hour in length and are followed by a shared, delicious morning tea.

It would be wonderful to see you at this special service in your community.

Matthew 18:20 "for where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them"

Ruth Work

#### **RECREATION GROUND**

## **CLUBROOM FOR HIRE**

KITCHEN - BAR - AUDIO/VISUAL

Looking for somewhere to host that next Event or Party? Run a weekly group or class? We're always on the lookout for hirers. Get in contact with the Cherry Gardens Ironbank Rec Ground to see our Hire Agreement, prices and different options.

Find us on FB or email andyrvadams@gmail.com



It's been a big year for the Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground. We kicked off our fundraising campaign, 'Dreams to Reality' in order to pay for much needed upgrades to the club rooms and have made some positive inroads.

Just some background, for many years the community owned facility has struggled financially, with little luck obtaining grants for our plans and the small amount of profit made distributed to the Sporting clubs to ensure their survival.

We've received some amazing donations from the Clubs, from the Cherry Chatter & from individual supporters. Also, Di & the girls in the kitchen have been volunteering every Thursday cooking and serving dinners. We've raised some great money from this and encourage the community to come grab a meal from 5 till 8pm.

So far, we've funded new stainless steel bench tops and splash backs and are half way to being able to install a large enough sink to wash pots in & a dishwasher. Add to the above two super community events held (AFL GF & Christmas Fair), many private hirers and a giant Solar System installed (thanks to a SA Govt Solar Grant) and we've had a productive year.

We think there's some real momentum here and are very excited about what's to come but we still need your help to survive.

As always, I encourage everyone to visit our website to find out more on the above, follow us on FB for all the latest updates and visit the Rec Ground for a meal & drink.

#### https://cgibrg.wixsite.com/cgibrg

At the Christmas Fair this year it was very much focused on the kids with lots of games including Bubble Soccer and a myriad of activity-based toys and games as well as a Jumping Castle and a Water Slide.

With the weather being a bit hotter than we had hoped the water activities got a good workout by the kids. Most of the kids (including the older ones) had their face painted and everyone was very excited to welcome Santa who arrived on the Ironbank CFS Truck and all the kids had their opportunity to let Santa know what they were hoping for.

A big thanks to all the volunteers and people who donated on the day and for the community support

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

#### **IRONBANK CHERRY GARDENS TENNIS CLUB**

## Ironbank Cherry Gardens Tennis Club QUIZ NIGHT

## Saturday February the 22nd at 7:30pm Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground

Everyone's welcome, get together with family, friends or teammates 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 <a href="mailto:IBCG@bigpond.com">IBCG@bigpond.com</a> or contact Phil Battersby (0417 215 647) or Graham Bate (8270 3041)

#### **REBEKHA SHARKIE**

Memo from Mayo 25 October



Welcome to the latest edition of my Memo from Mayo. Unfortunately, despite our steadfast support, the Medevac laws were repealed and we are bracing ourselves for a battle to ensure water continues to flow for the environment in the Murray-Darling Basin. Please read on to learn about some of my work in the parliament and the community.

#### Fight for the Murray



Photo: Dredges at the Murray Mouth.

Centre Alliance notes with disappointment statements being made by the New South Wales Deputy Premier threatening to pull out of the basin plan unless a number of demands are met. These demands include NSW not contributing to 450GL of water recover efforts, the lifting of the barrages, the inclusion of transmission losses as water returned to the environment and not progressing the water sharing plans until after the drought is broken.

Centre Alliance supports the SA Government's characterisation of the NSW's demands as "irrational" and anticipates the SA Water Minister will resist any attempts to advance them.

Centre Alliance will use its position in the Senate to support the SA Government to ensure the upstream states meet their obligations under the basin plan.

#### Political donation reform

Rebekha Sharkie has introduced a Private Member's Bill that seeks to place all political donations of \$1,000 or more on the public record.

The Centre Alliance MP's Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering the Donation Disclosure Threshold) Bill 2019, if adopted, would set the donation disclosure threshold at \$1,000 with no indexation. The current disclosure threshold is \$13,800 and the law allows for indexation.

"This legislation would complement another Private Member's Bill I introduced back in September to make political parties and campaigners disclose donations in real-time, within five business days rather than the current notification deadline of 18-months," Rebekha said.

**NDIS** Age Discrimination



Anders Halvorsen Chair of ParaQuad, left; Rebekha; Member for Warringah Zali Steggall; petition writers Chris and Bobbie English and supporters at this week's press conference. Two petitions calling on the Federal Government to eliminate age discrimination of older people with a disability were tabled in Federal Parliament on International Day for People with a Disability, with the support of Rebekha.

The written petition was signed by 14,020 people and the electronic petition collected 5,426 signatures and both called for legislative change so older people who acquire a disability after the age of 65 can access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Under the current system, if you are aged over 65 and have not had access to the NDIS previously, you cannot access the scheme even if you are involved in an accident.

"The NDIS was established to address the inequitable, underfunded and fragmented disability care system," Rebekha said.

"But we need to be wary of setting up a system that so openly discriminates against those who acquire a disability after they reach retirement age.

"If this Government believes Australians are fit and able enough to work long after the age of 65, then the Government should acknowledge that Australians over the age of 65 should have the same access to resources if they acquire a disability later in life."

#### **Connectivity solutions**

A motion congratulating NBN Co on the introduction of the <u>Sky Muster Plus satellite service</u> was lodged in Parliament last week.

Rebekha used the opportunity to speak about the NBN "lottery" in Mayo and the internet and mobile connectivity problems faced by some communities and the upgraded 4G solution negotiated by Centre Alliance for **Cherry Gardens.** 



Photo: NBN Co has 10 Road Muster Trucks for deployment to emergency situations to provide satellite internet for communities and emergency services. One visited Canberra last week for a presentation.





RS53721

Mr Don Watton CHERRY GARDENS, SA 5157

BY EMAIL: dwatton@ellex.com

Dear Mr Watton

CHERRY GARDENS CONNECTIVITY

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your ongoing problem with connectivity in the Cherry Gardens locality. I have been meeting and exchanging correspondence with the Federal Government, the State Government and telecommunication companies over several months in relation to this issue so I apologise for the delay in responding to your concerns.

I am pleased to announce that Centre Alliance has successfully negotiated a \$200,000 Federal funding allocation towards a \$350,000 Regional Digital Connectivity Infrastructure project to set up 4G equipment on the existing NBN tower at the Blackwood Golf Course. I had been waiting on a formal announcement regarding the State Government's \$50,000 contribution to the project before writing to the community. However, since that announcement appears to have been delayed, I felt it was important to share the letter from Federal Regional Services Minister, the Hon Mr Mark Coulton MP, as soon as possible. Please find the Minister's letter enclosed \*.

I have also enclosed \* a response from the Federal Minister for Communications, Senator the Hon Mr Paul Fletcher, to my Question in Writing regarding the removal of ADSL retail services. In summary, the Minister advises that Telstra is obliged to continue to provide ADSL services over its legacy copper network to retailers but it is a commercial decision from retail service providers whether they offer the service to customers.

Thank you again for contacting my office. I and my Centre Alliance colleagues are committed to finding solutions for our constituents.

Yours sincerely

REBEKHA SHARKIE MP Federal Member for Mayo

\*Encl.

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ms Sharkie,

Thank you for that very welcome news.

As you are well aware, NBN connectivity in our community is woeful. Satellite NBN is a joke and the commercial ADSL providers have been pulling out, leaving just Telstra. My own ADSL service with Internode (now TPG/ iiNet / Internode) was discontinued in August 2019 with just 30 days notice and I was forced to choose another provider.

Rather than going to Telstra ADSL, I chose to install a 4G antenna on my roof and now enjoy 500GB of data at \$85/month from an Optus tower ~ 4km away in Clarendon. The link stability, speed and latency are all excellent - far better than ADSL that was always dropping out.

So, I think this is the best option for the Adelaide Hills, peri urban fringe - more 4G (that in a few years will become 5G)

HOWEVER, when considering the proposed tender process, the 4G plans that are offered must be of a sufficient data size that they can be used to replace

ADSL. Most ADSL plans offer at least 200GB of data, with unlimited data being common.

I look forward to hearing from the State Government regarding the status of their \$50,000 contribution to this very necessary upgrade of our communication services. Please note I have copied Steve Murray MP who has given strong support and interest previously in this issue. regards,

Darren Kruse, Cherry Gardens

#### STEVE MURRAY - DAVENPORT MP

Dear Residents

I take this opportunity to extend my best wishes for a safe, happy and joyful Christmas to you all. I am looking forward to 2020 being a prosperous year for all South Australians.

Cherry Gardens is a beautiful and vital part of the Davenport electorate. I am very proud of the close-knit spirit and achievement in your community.

I know that many of you face challenges with the NBN and telecommunications and I have worked with my Federal colleague, Ms Rebekha Sharkie MP to have your voice heard and solutions considered. I am hopeful that 2020 will see an end to the many frustrations you have experienced for so long with collaboration from Federal and State governments and the Telcos.

Bush fires and catastrophic risk days will be upper most in the minds of all as we head into the summer which is forecast to be hotter and drier than ever before. We have already had a catastrophic fire risk day in November and there will be more to come. Support your magnificent CFS and ensure that you are bushfire ready and have your action plan firmly in place. Take no chances!

Of concern is the current unacceptable road toll in South Australia. I shudder every time I see that a South Australian has lost a loved one in an accident that could have been prevented if speed, alcohol and drugs had not been a factor. Please take care and don't take risks when driving, walking or cycling over the holiday period. Please respect and value the road rules and the safety of your family and other road users.

I am visiting your community on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December with my State colleague and Minister for Police, Emergency Services/Recreation, Sport and Racing the Hon Corey Wingard. We are looking at the Recreation Ground facilities as it serves so many diverse community and sporting groups and female change rooms are desperately needed.

I remain committed to the Cherry Gardens community and look forward to visiting and offering my assistance whenever needed in 2020.

My best wishes to you all.

Steve Murray MP Member for Davenport



#### City of Onkaparinga Councillor Update

Well the festive season is now completed and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable time with your family and friends. It is a great time of the year to just relax and enjoy the company of those who mean the most to us. I know as I had a great time with my two grandsons as I always enjoying their company.

#### Appointment as Deputy Mayor

It was with much pleasure that I accepted the role of deputy mayor for the City of Onkaparinga at the 19 November Council meeting. When the new Council was elected in 2018 it was decided not to have a deputy for the first 12 months. I am certainly looking forward to

the next 12 months fulfilling this role and I know it is going to be busy, if the months of November/December are any example. My diary filled up very quickly.

Australia Day Breakfast & Bush Fairl hope that some of you may be able to attend the Australia Day breakfast being held at the Aberfoyle Community Centre starting at 8.00 am. The Australia Day Bush Fair is on again during the afternoon of Australia Day at the South Adelaide Football Club oval Lovelock Drive, Noarlunga, where Council's Australia Day Awards will be presented. These awards recognise the commitment given to the City of Onkaparinga by residents. I participated on the Australia Day Awards Committee. Also, a Citizenship Ceremony will also be held during this event and I encourage our community to attend.

#### Rates Rebate Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall.

At the Council meeting on Tuesday 10 December it was decided to grant a 100% rebate on the council rates for the hall, even though the committee had made an application for a 75% rebate. This is a good outcome for the Cherry Gardens community and I look forward to working with the community to see what else can be done.

#### 2020 - 2021 Community Budget Workshops

A new initiative was introduced last year during November to hold community budget workshops, so that residents can gain a better understanding of what is involved and assist in the prioritisation initiatives. These were held at Elizabeth House, Aldinga Library and the Aberfoyle Community Centre. Thanks to Bill Semple for attending the one at the Hub. I managed to attend all three and I hope that this will be a process followed each year from now, as it provides residents an opportunity to be included in the budget process at an earlier stage so I thank the administration for introducing this.

#### City of Onkaparinga Clubs Forum

This is the former Sports, Recreation and Surf Life Saving Clubs Forum (City of Onkaparinga) held its most recent meeting at the Old Reynella Oval during the evening of Monday 9 December, but unfortunately I was unable to attend due to my commitment as one of the judges for the Christmas lights competition and hadn't received any updates on what occurred to be able to provide some information in this report. I encourage our sport clubs committee members to attend these meetings so that you are able to have a say in relation to initiatives across the whole of the City.

#### **Disclaimer**

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

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#### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - 2019**

Here are a few photos from the Christmas Fair held at the Recreation Ground early in December. It was a great community gathering and well done to the organisers for putting such a focus on the kids this year. Unfortunately with it being quite a warm day the numbers of people coming along was not quite what we hoped for but everyone that did come along had a great time.



Christmas decorations on the oval fence



Some of the activities for the kids



Some shade for families on the oval



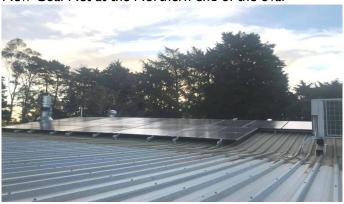
Santa was a bit hit with the kids

#### Renovations at the Recreation Ground

The committees continue to be busy with ongoing renovations and facility upgrades so that everyone in the community can make the most of the club.



New Goal Net at the Northern end of the oval



Solar power system installed on clubrooms





New Stainless-Steel Kitchen benches and splashback

## ONKAPARINGA **NEWS**

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Join us for a range of activities across our network of six libraries.

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- Family Tree Tuesday
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- Lego club
- Make it Tech it

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#### **Twilight Markets**

3, 17, 31 January, 5-9pm Rotary Park, Beach Road, Christies Beach Set on the stunning foreshore at Christies Beach as the sun goes down, the twillight markets feature live music, stalls, food and free activities for the whole family to enjoy.

#### Sunset yoga for all ages

Fridays and Sundays in January, 7.30-8.30pm Moana Beach and Christies Beach | Free

Sunset yoga classes have been designed to cater for all age groups and skill levels, so if you've never tried it before there's no better time to join in the fun! See website below for dates.

#### More information and events

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Previous grant recipient, SAVEM volunteers nurse Linda and Dr Oliver with Sooty.

#### Applications are now open for the City of Onkaparinga's 2020-21 Grants, Sponsorships and Donations Program.

There are a range of different grants, sponsorships and donations available to support individuals and community groups for things such as training and development, environmental projects, facility upgrades and equipment purchases, sport and recreation, and youth programs.

Grants for small businesses will open on 2 March. Offered through the ON Business Partner Program, the grants aim to help local businesses unlock new opportunities, support projects and build a resilient and innovative local economy.

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# Australia Day in Onkaparinga

The City of Onkaparinga is the perfect place to spend Australia Day with plenty of activities on offer throughout the day.

Kick start the day at one of the free **Australia Day Breakfasts** being offered from 8am to 11am at Symonds Reserve at Aldinga Beach, Ramsay Place at Noarlunga Centre, Bassett Street reserve in Willunga, and Bob Such Reserve at Aberfoyle Park.

Bring along a picnic rug or a chair and enjoy connecting with your community over a free breakfast, live entertainment and children's activities.

During the day check out all the cycling action at the **Santos Tour Down Under**.

Riders will take on the 151.5km route from McLaren Vale to Willunga before tackling the infamous Willunga Hill.

Community events will be held at Snapper Point in Aldinga, Ellis Park at McLaren Vale, and Willunga township.

Later in the day, enjoy an evening of family entertainment at the annual **Australia Day Bush Fair** at the South Adelaide

Football Club oval, Noarlunga Downs.

There'll be plenty to keep the kids entertained including live music, activities and fireworks. Pack your picnic rug and some nibbles, or check out the local food vendors at the event.

The Bush Fair starts at 5.30pm and entry is a gold coin. Alcohol, pets and smoking are not permitted.



#### AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY 24 JANUARY

Fridays After 5 | 5–9pm Old Coach Road, Aldinga

#### **SATURDAY 25 JANUARY**

#### TDU Race Day - Stage 5

Glenelg to Victor Harbor via Old Noarlunga and McLaren Flat

Willunga Farmers Market | 8am–12.30pm

Willunga Town Square

#### **SUNDAY 26 JANUARY**

#### Australia Day Breakfasts | 8–11am

Enjoy a free breakfast at one of the following locations:

- Symonds Reserve Butterworth Road, Aldinga Beach
- Bob Such Reserve
   Jessica Street, Aberfoyle Park
- Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre,
- Bassett Street Reserve, Willunga

#### Race Day - Be Safe Be Seen Stage 6

The final stage of the tour will race through McLaren Vale, Willunga and Aldinga

- Party in the Park | 10am–2pm
   Ellis Park, Main Street, McLaren Vale
- Aldinga Bay Beach Market | 9am–3pm Snapper Point, Aldinga Beach
- Tour Willunga | 8am–4pm
   Tour Village, Market Square, Willunga
- Peloton Picnic | 10am–4pm
   Old Courthouse, Willunga

#### Australia Day Bush Fair | 5.30-9.15pm

South Adelaide Football Club Noarlunga Downs Gold coin entry

Free family activities including rockclimbing wall, face painting, sheep shearing and woodchopping displays, native animals, art and craft and food vendors.

#### **MONDAY 27 JANUARY**

#### The Vale Market | 10am-3pm

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