



Cherry Chatter

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LOCAL HISTORY

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RECOLLECTIONS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE CHERRY GARDENS SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK

The two acres of land was given to the Community by Henry Jacobs for a park in memory of the soldiers of World War I. The area was to be fenced.

On Saturday afternoons the men of the district worked to clear the land. The trees on this land was mainly stringy barks with some gum wattle and scrub. The women-folk brought afternoon tea to the men. Most of the stringy bark wood was bought by Mr John Brumby to be used for the brick kilns. Mr Alex Coats was paid to clear the top end of the park. Many of the larger stumps were blown out of the ground with gelignite. A pole was erected near where the memorial trees are now planted and a four-gallon tin of Kerosine was fixed to the top. The bushes and scrub that had been cut down was stacked as high as could be up the pole, it was a huge heap.

A Saturday evening was set aside to light the bonfire. Everybody in the district gathered. Mr. H. (Bo) Jacobs with his shotgun and Mr Sid Brealey using Mr Henry Jacobs shotgun shot into the tin of kerosine as soon as the fire was lit, the kerosine poured over the pile of wood and tree cuttings and the fire and flames shot feet into the air.

Mr. H. (Bo) Jacobs and Mr Erol Broadbent were paid to erect the fence around the park. Mr Hocking from Stirling landscaped the area and advised what trees to be planted and the distance between the trees. To loosen the subsoil for some of the trees a hole was made by a crowbar, some gelignite was placed in the hole and the charge lit.

Eric Jacobs placed his hat over one hole after it was lit, you can well imagine what happened to his hat. When the memorial trees "Golden Cyprus Pines " were planted a stake with the soldier's name on a plate attached to it was placed by each tree.

A rose garden was laid out on the western side of the memorial trees near the road fence. Mr. Gartland cleared the land on the road in front of the park.

The Soldiers Memorial Park was officially opened on October 13th, 1923.



This photo was taken in the late 1920's before the Cross of Remembrance was dedicated

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CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT

AUGUST 2020

Rainfall for August 2020 108.4 mm
Rainfall for August 2019 112.6
Average rainfall for August 117.7

Rainfall to the end of August 2020 730.4
Rainfall to the end of August 2019 591.2
Average rainfall to the end of August 658.4

Number days of rain for August 2020 20
Number days of rain for August 2019 16

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CHERRY GARDENS

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We have written previously about the improvements we have been making at the hall. Unfortunately, the extension to the storage area is still trying to get Council approval – we have engaged engineers to carry out Soil Tests and Footing Reports. The latter is with the Council's engineers and at time of writing we are awaiting their response.

On a brighter note, we received a grant from Council to erect a fence along the front of the hall. As we now have a few hiring's each week involving children the Committee felt it was important to completely fence the grounds, as cars travel quite quickly along Cherry Gardens Road. The grant covered about half of the cost of purchasing the fence; we obtained some quotes to have it erected, but these were too much for our budget. Coincidentally, the Aberfoyle Park and Districts Lions Club made contact with Terry Whittle to see, as we are in their area, if there was anything, they could assist us with. Well, is there just! Members of the club agreed to meet us at the hall in late September to assist with the installation, and as at this time we have nearly completed fencing the Eastern side of the hall with vehicle and pedestrian access gates. Wind and rain notwithstanding, we made a great start. By the time you read this the fence will be complete.

Our thanks to the Onkaparinga Council for the grant, and to the Aberfoyle and Districts Lions Club for their labour. Below are a few photos taken on day 1.



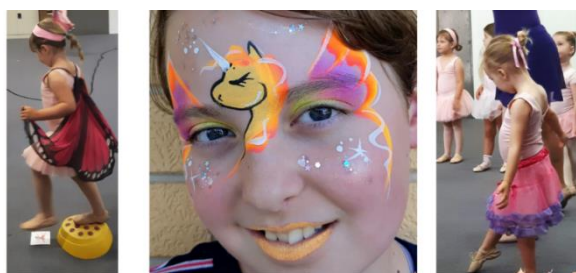
Digging the post holes



Looking good at the end of Day 1

Laughing Lama Dance and Drama

This group is holding classes at the Hall, and they are going well. Check our Facebook page for more information.



Now available for birthday parties!



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 3 - 5 yrs 10:30am - 11:30am
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR OCTOBER



CHERRY GARDENS CFS

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



During August, the Cherry Gardens CFS brigade had the amazing opportunity to receive Deaf Awareness training from the wonderful team at Deaf Can:Do. (deafcando.com.au) This training was to enable us to better assist members of the deaf community during an incident. It included an introduction to deaf culture, the use of Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN) and other methods of communication, as well as learning specific AUSLAN that can be used in emergency situations.

Our brigade is incredibly thankful to everyone at Deaf Can:Do who helped provide this customised training evening. It was both an enjoyable and enlightening

evening, and we now feel better equipped to help those around us who are deaf or have hearing loss. This type of training is new to the CFS and it has generated much interest from other Brigades – great to see Cherry Gardens leading the way!



Now is the time to have your summer bushfire preparations well under way as we have had many large fires during November in past years. It is important for everyone to resolve the “do I go or stay and defend” question - the following is from the CFS website.

Please take some time to read this and consider your own circumstances.

“People often panic when a fire approaches and their first thought is to flee. More people die in their vehicles attempting to out-run a bushfire than those who stay and defend once a fire has arrived. It is important that you try to stay calm in a bushfire, avoid making panic-driven decisions, and keep to your Bushfire Survival Plan. Defending a property from fire is traumatic, and both physically and mentally exhausting. Smoke and radiant heat can be hazardous to your health and defending your home can be a very long process. If you intend to stay and defend your property, you will need to be able to physically and emotionally cope with intense stress. You will need to be alert, be adaptable to changing conditions and be prepared to act independently. Ideally you will need at least two people to help you defend your property. You will need to be able to make decisions under extreme pressure, be able to help members of your family, keep others calm, and be able to deal with the physical and emotional stress of a fire for many hours. If you have any doubts about your ability to stay and defend, or the preparedness of your property, you should plan to leave early.”

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

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A smaller than usual number braved the cold and wet conditions to attend our AGM at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall on Monday 10th of August. Secretary and President reports were given and election of officers for 20/21 took place. We have the same Committee as last year but there have been some changes to the executive – Jan Ball has volunteered to serve as Secretary while

Marilyn Marsh will take on the role as Treasurer. We have appreciated the work Glyn Brown has done as Treasurer over the past 10 years as well as Shirley Callaghan who has been our Secretary for 8years.

Following the elections, we had our gardener's quiz which kept everyone amused and sometimes frustrated. The team 'Shrinking Violets' came out winners, taking home a delightful plant each, from Karkoo Nursery.

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 12th October 7.30pm Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall - Sally Graham a resident on Kangaroo Island will show photos and talk on the devastation caused by the bushfires.

Monday 9th November 7.30pm - Mark Smith from Adelaide Hills Vegie Gardens will talk on wicking beds

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2020

Container-grown plants/trees can be planted out at this time of the year, be careful not to disturb the root-ball as they are now in active growth, be sure to water in well and stake if in a windy spot.

Some annuals in the flower bed you may like are; carnation, celosia, chrysanthemum, penstemon, petunia, phlox, and statice.



Carnations

It is time for planting seeds or seedlings of beans (dwarf or climbing), capsicum, cucumber, pumpkin, and of course tomato plants.

Keep plants watered on dry or windy days to maintain a good spring show, remove deadheads, and keep vegetable beds weeded.



Herbs are attractive and useful plants. Many of them have decorative foliage, all are aromatic, and some have flowers which are pretty enough to justify their place in the garden. Most of them like plenty of sun although mint and parsley appreciate a bit of shade

SPRING WEEDING ACTIVITIES

Spring into effective weed action

A key to success in bush regeneration is knowing which weeds to target in which season to have the most impact.

In spring spend some time on the annual weeds and bulb weeds that directly compete with smaller native plants like lilies and orchids. These generally aren't able to treat during the warmer seasons because they are dormant. Be disciplined and reduce effort on woody weeds, which can be treated at pretty much any time of the year. It is, however, worth looking in the better quality bushland for isolated woody weeds that are flowering at present, but make sure your main focus is the winter active weeds.

Remember to start in the best areas first and focus on the native vegetation that you are trying to protect, not just the weeds.

Introduced grasses:

Carefully hand weed annual grasses around native plants but don't over clear as it just makes room for more weeds.

Cut off seed heads of other annual grasses before they mature, using a pair of hedge shears in small or sensitive areas, or a brushcutter on larger sites. This may need to be repeated more than once in the season. Over a number of years, this will reduce the number of annual grasses that grow back on the site.

Ideally, larger tussocks can be spot sprayed about a month after slashing, although smaller tussock grass weeds can be cut out below the crown using a serrated knife (like a steak knife). Digging up perennial weed grasses creates too much soil disturbance.

Weeds with bulbs:

Carefully dig up the bulbs of strappy leaved weeds and dispose of in your green waste bin or compost pile,

know which ones have shallow bulbs that can be dug up and which are deeper and may be best treated with herbicide.

Generally, it is best to apply herbicide to bulb weeds before they flower. Use the "tongs of death" (a pair of kitchen tongs with foam stitched or glued onto each side) or a foam swabber on strappy leaved weeds like Cape tulip, freesia, sparaxis, Guildford grass and watsonia.

Monadenia can also be spot sprayed or wiped with a Weed Brush. Try to make sure none are allowed to flower and seed. Spend some time in Oct-Nov walking around breaking off and collecting the developing flower heads. This is quicker than digging up the bulbs and means you don't spend time treating the ones that won't set seed this year. The numbers usually diminish, even without digging up the bulbs or applying herbicide.

Soursob and bridal creeper can still be carefully spot sprayed but try the tongs or your swabber on small outbreaks.

So, don't be overwhelmed. Try to spend some time on the smaller weeds now and get back to the woody weeds later in the season, they will still be there waiting for you! I am sure that you will find that freeing up the small native plants now and encouraging their regeneration will be at least as rewarding and, you never know, you may find some new native plants that you haven't seen before, as you crawl around on your hands and knees.

Trees For Life is a not for profit community organisation that aims to assist in the revegetation of South Australia and protection of its remnant vegetation.

Bush For Life is a program run by Trees For Life, which involves the community in saving South Australia's rapidly disappearing bushland. Trees For Life is keen to involve more of the local community in this important work and encourages you to telephone them on 8406 0500 or email to info@treesforlife.org.au to find out more about their work or to receive a free information brochure.

By Peter Watton
Bush For Life Operations Manager
Trees For Life

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Well it has been nice to have some rain, but not nearly enough. A wetter spring is forecast, so let's hope that is correct. Not enough or too much and the farmers suffer.

It usually means less availability of feed/hay, poorer quality and a hike in the price (which never seems to go back down either). Fingers crossed there is enough rain and at the right time! Start planning now with your hay supplier to ensure a guaranteed lot to see you through for the next twelve months. If you are new to this, talk with friends or your local feed merchant.



If your supplier is new to you, see if you can either see the hay in the paddock or trial a bale or two. The bale should be easy to separate, not dusty, should smell good (it will smell sour or look powdery if it has been exposed to dampness or not cut at the correct dryness). It should also taste good! Fresh hay has a nice sweet taste to it. If the hay is older and been shedded for some time, it will not be as sweet and the nutritional value decreases with age, but if it was good quality when cut and stored properly, then it should still be ok to feed. Those horses who are good doers generally will cope very well with the poorer quality hay – too much sugar and we pile on the kilos! If the bales are light in weight, then more will need to be fed (it was probably cut when quite dry). If the bales are heavy (and they should be a reasonable weight), it will pay to check in case of any dampness.

Damp hay which has gone off can be fatal to horses, so be thorough! Also remember to feed by weight, not volume. Two percent or one fiftieth of your horse's body weight is a good guide for a horse in light work. This is a guide only and will vary with each horse. Factors like age, breed, health and time of year can all affect how a horse is metabolising his feed. Changes in his attitude, consistency of his manure, weight and general overall condition should suggest further investigation.

Yours truly appeared to have recovered from the abscess, but then went lame again. No obvious signs of heat, no crest, weight very good. My mum suspects a touch of arthritis, so at present I am having some turmeric added to my dinner (along with MSM, glucosamine and hoof conditioner which I have always had). This seems to have brought about an improvement, but it is a bit of wait and see just now.

Keep safe if riding on the road. Even the change in speed limits is no guarantee that drivers will obey them. Do wear a helmet, keep to the left in single file, crossroads

together, wear very visible clothing on you and your horse if possible, and remember to thank those drivers who do take care when passing.

Happy munching and safe riding, Hamish



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CHERRY CHURCH

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Chairperson: Rob Linn 0407971650



Spring is very much a season of renewal. In the scrub and bush the native lilies and orchids rear their heads and, in the home gardens, bulbs and the first roses are flowering. All around are signs of new life.

Throughout the Bible there are abundant references to the wonder of this renewal in creation, in people and in nations. The beauties of the natural world are often used to emphasize God's love and the overpowering provision of His grace. Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel makes this point very clearly:

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?"

So it is that, during a time of enormous change, we can continue to see the certainty of new life – through the natural world and through God's living Word.

Certainly, the garden around the Cherry Church features this natural beauty and we are fortunate to share in a wonderful natural and spiritual heritage in our community.

This year, there are other changes occurring. Although COVID-19 has meant that, for 2020, we will not be able to hold the annual Community Carols in the Hall, the Church is looking at other ways of celebrating the joy of Christmas within the community. We will let everyone know more details as these become clearer.

The Church community is always available to assist anyone who has a pastoral need.

FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



To celebrate our group's 30th anniversary this year, we have updated our very popular bird brochure. This lists the 132 bird species of Scott Creek CP, with photos of many of the more frequently seen ones, and a new map of the park showing its tracks and the locations for our long-running bird banding program. Details on how to get your hands on one of the brochures will be on our website soon.

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 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.

October

Sat, Sun 3, 4	Bird banding
Tue 6	Bushcare
Sun 11	Bushcare
Sat, Sun 17, 18	Bird banding
Sat 24	Bushcare
Sat, Sun 31, 1	Bird banding



There are native orchids flowering at most times of the year, but Spring has a particularly wide variety including the Salmon Sun Orchid



Fantailed Cuckoos have been very vocal in the park as Spring gets underway

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

ON Business Awards/Go South Go Local

During the week commencing Monday 7 September the City of Onkaparinga announced the launch of the 2020 ON Business Awards following the success of the inaugural ON Business Awards last year. This is a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the success of businesses within the City of Onkaparinga in what has been a very difficult year for our economy.

I encourage everyone to support our business community by nominating a business you've have had a great experience with, or by nominating a quiet achiever you'd like to shine a light on. Now is the time to vote for your favourite business in our ON Business Awards! 96 local businesses have been shortlisted across 16 categories, so head to onbusinesspartnerprogram.com and get involved. The awards come as our Go South Go Local campaign hits its strides, with messaging and branding appearing in shop fronts, shelves and social media across the city. The campaign is aimed at supporting local businesses to recover and grow amid COVID-19, showcasing the amazing products and services available in the region, and promoting the incredible stories of Onkaparinga's business community. Remember – you can make a difference simply by buying local. Every dollar spent with a local business helps to rebuild our local economy, grow our local business community, ensure local people continue to be employed, and so much more!

If you're a business-owner, council has developed a toolkit to help your business get involved and spread the Go South Go Local message. Go to the ON Business website to download digital assets, receive an introductory pack including in-store displays, learn how to get your business listed in our free directory and gain access to events, business advice, offers and promotions. onbusinesspartnerprogram.com. Together we can help our economy recover, assist our business community to grow and showcase what our region has to offer.

Events – Shimmer and Southern Deadly Yarns

Our renowned biannual photography festival, Shimmer, kicks off tomorrow and it boasts an incredible line-up of artists with exhibitions across the city until 11 October. The event celebrates the creative talents of exhibiting photographers and showcases the region's unique mix of art, food and wine.

Headlining the event are:

- Tony Kearney – an analogue photographer whose work is in the permanent collection of the National Portrait Gallery and has made the finals of numerous national and international portrait prizes.
- Hayden (Rich) Richards – better known as SA Rips. Rich's photography captures the many moods of the rugged South Australian Bight, and he's renowned in surfing circles for braving treacherous and sharky waters to get the perfect water shot. This is Rich's first solo public exhibition.

Other program highlights include Listen / Ngawirnda – an exhibition and workshop from Aboriginal photographer Colleen Raven; the Open Exposure Photo Forum – a free but ticketed industry and educational event featuring artist talks and creative responses by key exhibitors; and Shimmer across the City – a satellite installation featuring posters of works from submissions by photographers from around the world.

Festival venues include the Arts Centre, Fleurieu Arthouse, McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre, Red Poles and a host of cellar doors, including Hardy's Tintara, Hugo Wines and Paxton Wines.

Onkaparinga Libraries' series of digital Aboriginal author talks is now underway, and we're excited to announce that Australian music legend Archie Roach has joined the lineup, presenting his talk on Wednesday 4 November. He joins authors Tyson Yunkaporta and Marlee Silva, whose talks are coming up next month for Southern Deadly Yarns, which complements a range of other regular library author talks.

Go to the events tab at www.onkaparingacity.com for all the details on these events and more.

Hooded Plover breeding season

If you're headed to the beach this spring, keep an eye out for our feathered friends. Hooded Plovers began laying eggs on our beaches last month, officially kicking off the breeding season for the threatened birds. Each year from August to March, the beach-nesting birds lay eggs at sites across Onkaparinga and attempt to raise chicks.

Unfortunately, chicks have a low chance of survival because they can't fly for the first five weeks; become easily frightened by human and off-leash dog activity and are susceptible to a range of predators.

We had a pretty successful breeding season last year after a lean 2018–19. There were 17 fledged chicks in the region last year, including three fledglings in Onkaparinga (from 28 chicks hatched across 18 nests), which was a great improvement on the previous year when there were no fledged chicks across Onkaparinga's beaches.

You can do your part to protect the Hoodies while they're breeding by giving them plenty of room so they don't get disturbed, following the temporary beach restrictions through fencing and signage, and keeping your dogs on a leash.

Hooded Plover volunteers regularly check the beaches, raise awareness and identify when and where the birds are nesting. When a nest is identified, City of Onkaparinga's Parks and Natural Resources team works with project partners from Green Adelaide (through funding from the Landscapes Levy), the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and BirdLife Australia to follow guidelines that have proven to improve breeding success. Regular breeding sites include Moana Beach, Ochre Cove Beach, Maslin Beach, Port Willunga Beach, Snapper Point/Aldinga North, Aldinga Beach and Port Stanvac.

RSPCA desexing program

Australia's largest cat desexing programme kicked off at Lonsdale this morning, with RSPCA South Australia's veterinary team operating on the first cats booked for a free snip by their owners. Under the joint initiative between RSPCA South Australia and the City of Onkaparinga, Onkaparinga residents are eligible to have their cats desexed for free by the veterinary team at RSPCA's Lonsdale animal shelter, or at several vet clinics in the region.

The aim is to desex 2000 cats over the next two years and it's hoped the program will reduce the usual surge in unwanted litters arriving at the Lonsdale shelter. This landmark initiative to combat cat overpopulation (funded by a \$200,000 donation from a single donor and \$50,000 from the City of Onkaparinga), is part of a three-year partnership between RSPCA South Australia and the council for the management of stray dogs and cats from the Onkaparinga area.

Find out more about the program or register to have your cat desexed at the RSPCA website rpscasa.org.au

Onkaparinga Now winter edition

The winter edition of City of Onkaparinga's quarterly magazine, Onkaparinga Now, is now available, featuring the latest council news, lifestyle and environment stories and feature articles on community members and local businesses.

You can obtain a copy for free at our council offices, libraries and centres, but you need to be quick as they're snapped up fast. You can also read all the magazine's stories – and plenty additional online-only yarns – at

onkaparinganow.com, where you can subscribe to receive newsletters direct to your email inbox.

Some of the great stories in the winter edition include:

- a fascinating look at the history of the Clarendon Weir
- a look at our libraries' personalised book advisory service Bibliophiles
- a feature on a Willunga couple whose sustainable home will inspire
- and a touching look at a Wellbeing and Resilience Program that's fostering a sense of wellbeing among older residents and helping create social connections.

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RECREATION GROUND

We continue to be grateful that SA is relatively free and back to the COVID normal which allows us to stay open and engage with the community through the many sports clubs and locals that use the Recreation Ground regularly.

We are still allowed up to 90 people in the clubrooms and up to 1,000 spectators to watch games (which is a lot more than we would ever expect). That being said at one of the recent home games we actually had more than a 1,000 people through the gate on the day but just not all there at the same time. The football and netball clubs are either in finals now or finished (football) and a few months ago we really did not think we would get this done.

There are still meals on Thursday nights after training and everyone is welcome. It's great to see locals dropping in for a meal and staying connected. As the footy season ends it means the cricket club will start and summer netball is on its way.

We are moving ever forward on the changeroom project and have now selected a builder, "Centina", and are working with the architect to get the design locked down so we can get the application in to the council for planning and building approval. The plan is to start the project in December this year!

We have also contracted a company, "Cool n Cosy" who supplied and installed the solar panel system to the club to supply and install the new solar battery system that we were successful in getting a Grant for. That should also be installed before summer is here and hopefully will enable us to be relatively independent for our electricity needs throughout the year.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Last month I said that it was possible that all of our teams could end up playing finals footy and I was almost correct. The only team that did not get to play finals was our young U18's side who played their own grand final in the last minor round game coming away with a good strong win. They have come up against some very strong and experienced competition this year but stuck with it and it sounds like most want to come back next year. Thanks to all the people who supported these young men this year with a special mention to Dave Farmer and Scott Chandler who shared the coaching.

Our other 3 teams finished strongly and played finals footy.

With both the senior teams finishing as minor premiers they had the first week off but the U15.5's had to play and won through to the next semi-final round which was played at Macclesfield. The U15.5's held on for a close win against Bridgewater and through to a Grand Final against Meadows. Unfortunately, the B's had a shocker of a game against Birdwood and went down by a few goals and missed a chance for a Grand Final.

The A's played Gumeracha who were the premiers in 2019 and had a strong win going to the grand final against Birdwood.

During the next week the Hills Courier turned up and presented the Courier Cup to our seniors for finishing as minor premiers for both the A's and B's teams.

We had a big turnout of supporters to the grand finals at Kersbrook. The weather forecast sounded ominous and we expected it would keep a lot of people away however none of the storms came and the weather was perfect for footy. The U15.5s played their heart out but Meadows took the honours by a couple of goals in the end. We had a young team and the big bodies of a number of the Meadows boys was quite daunting for our lads, but they worked hard all day and did themselves proud.

The A's started a bit slow and by quarter time were down by a couple of goals and by half time this could have blown out to nearly 5 goals expect for a last minute snap from Thomas Watton that meant we went in just under 4 goals down. After half time the boys started to get their game going and with Jeremy Johncock going back to halfback to support the defenders we held Birdwood to just the one goal for the rest of the half while our boys kept the pressure on our goals. By 3 quarter time we had turned around the game to be up by 10 points and then in the last quarter we kicked away to set up a win by over 6 goals. Very proud of all the boys and everyone at the club who helped make the year of COVID such a success for the club.

The Moddies kids have just the one game left till they finish the season. Many of the kids have not played footy before and you can see week after week them improve and start to understand the flow of the game

and how to kick goals. Of course, you do not keep score with the Moddies however the kids always know how they are going and the game last Friday they kicked a bunch of goals but "lost" by just the one goal. The Moddies play on a Friday evening and it is always a fantastic social event for the parents. A great way to finish the week with hot chips, sliders (a specialty of our parents) and of course a drink or two after a long week at the office.

The Moddies enjoyed their moment of glory when they played their game at home on match day under lights in front of the home day supporters. The U18 lads took them for the pre-game warm up and then the A's grade players did a guard of honour for the kids as they ran out onto the ground. You could just see how proud the kids were!

The Moddies organisers have told me that they believe for season 2021 they will be able to field 2 Moddies teams which will be a sensational effort. If you are interested, then contact someone at the club.

So, the season is now nearly done and dusted. Early in the year we really did not think there would even be any footy so to finish up fielding 6 teams and three of them get into the finals and a premiership for the A's is a fantastic effort.

We now just have the Junior Presentation night on Friday 25th at the club followed by the Mail Medal count and then the senior's presentation night which will be held at the South Adelaide Football Club at the end of October. The season then closes with the AGM which will be in the first week of November. **What a year – 2020 the Year of COVID!**



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AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST CAT DESEXING PROGRAM

Australia's largest cat desexing program heralds the start of three-year partnership between RSPCA and the City of Onkaparinga.

More than 2000 cats and kittens south of Adelaide will soon get the snip – at no cost to their owners – thanks to a joint initiative by the City of Onkaparinga and RSPCA South Australia.

Funded by RSPCA South Australia through a \$200,000 donation from a single donor and \$50,000 from the City of Onkaparinga, the cat desexing program will be the largest ever undertaken in Australia.

For two years, all City of Onkaparinga residents will be eligible to have their cats desexed for free by the veterinary team at RSPCA's Lonsdale animal shelter. Subsidised cat desexing will also be available at several vet clinics located in the Onkaparinga region.

Aligned with recommendations made in the RSPCA/AWL Cat Management Plan for South Australia (released last year), this two-year cat desexing campaign is part of a longer three-year partnership agreement between RSPCA South Australia and the council for the management of stray dogs and cats from the Onkaparinga area.

As part of the agreement, RSPCA South Australia will continue to provide dog and cat impounding and re-homing services to the City of Onkaparinga.

RSPCA South Australia CEO Paul Stevenson praised the council for its innovative approach to the management of stray cats.

"Uncontrolled reproduction is the root cause of cat over-population in South Australia, and the current piecemeal approach by some councils isn't working," Mr Stevenson said.

"To date, we have seen 36 local councils introduce cat by-laws that although well-intentioned, overall are highly inconsistent and we've not seen any tangible results through this approach.

"The City of Onkaparinga should be lauded for taking a lead in addressing cat management in this state, and for rejecting the punitive interim approach of introducing a cat by-law.

"We expect the data collected as part of this project will prove that large-scale cat desexing programs, supported by local councils, are the most effective way to stop indiscriminate breeding."

Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson said higher desexing rates will make the biggest difference to cat management across the region.

"We want people to enjoy having cats as pets, but when cats are having unwanted litters of several kittens, it can create a real problem for our city," Mayor Thompson said.

"Together the RSPCA and Animal Welfare League receive over 10,000 unwanted kittens and cats at their shelter each year. Clearly, desexing cats is the answer."



RSPCA South Australia and the City of Onkaparinga will also work together to promote the three core elements of responsible cat ownership – desex, microchip and 'indoors at night'.

"Responsible cat ownership is good for cats, it's good for wildlife, and it's good for neighbours," Mayor Thompson said.

Paul Stevenson said tangible change would come from this joint approach to education.

"Far more people will become responsible cat owners in response to Onkaparinga Council's education and desexing programs than other councils will achieve through fines and penalties," Mr Stevenson said.

The first surgeries began in September, prior to the spring/summer kitten breeding season. Since the initiative was announced in late July, nearly 300 people have already registered their cats for desexing.

For more news on council programs, initiatives and events subscribe to onkaparinganow.com



RSPCA SA CEO Paul Stevenson, Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson and RSPCA President Rob DiMonte.



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CIRCULAR SUCCESS

Nine SA councils, including Onkaparinga, have bought over 17,000 tonnes of recycled materials in the first six months of a pilot project aimed at supporting the development of a circular economy in South Australia.

The nine councils, led by the Local Government Association (LGA), signed a Memorandum of Understanding in September last year with funding provided through a Green Industries SA grant, committing them to prioritising recycled content through their procurement processes. Since tracking purchases from January, the councils have:

- identified over 150 suppliers of recycled-content products and materials available in SA
- made more than 450 individual purchases of these products
- bought over 17,000 tonnes (or 13,000 cars worth) of recycled materials
- bought 106 tonnes of recycled plastic (the equivalent of 17,000 households' milk bottles for a year).

Looking further back, City of Onkaparinga purchased over 7900 tonnes of recycled materials in 2019-20, including:

- 44 tonnes of recycled plastic in new kerbside bins for residents, road reseals, street furniture, decking, bollards and signs
- 43 tonnes of recycled glass in asphalt for road reseals
- 11 tonnes of recycled tyres for road reseals, spray seals and playground surfaces

- 11 tonnes of recycled toner in asphalt for road reseals
- 7800 tonnes of recycled asphalt for road reseals and rural road resurfacing.

Popular sites where recycled materials were used include the new Wilfred Taylor Reserve nature playspace, Dinton Farm Dog Park, Birman Crescent playground at Flagstaff Hill and the Sellicks Beach shelter, as well as in roads across the city.

City of Onkaparinga Mayor Erin Thompson said the six-month circular procurement figures were a pleasing result, demonstrating the way councils are working together to find long-term solutions to the state's recycling challenges.

"Projects such as this not only help us achieve City of Onkaparinga's key focus on being a leader in the transition from recycling to a circular economy, they show councils across SA are committed to developing local markets for products made from recycled materials," Mayor Thompson said.

"The procurement figures also follow the recent announcement that Holdfast Bay, Marion and Onkaparinga councils will build a new material recycling facility in the south in 2021 through our joint subsidiary, the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority, delivering more major benefits to the environment and local economy."

LGA President Sam Telfer said councils had experienced huge increases in waste costs since China and other countries stopped accepting Australian waste.

Read the full story on Onkaparinga Now – onkaparinganow.com/winter-2020/circular-success

FINDING GOLD

Join the Garage Sale Trail and improve the health of your wallet and the environment.



During the weeks and months of staying safe at home during the coronavirus pandemic, many people took to decluttering their cupboards and sheds to make their space more comfortable. If you're wondering what to do with all of that stuff now, register for the Garage Sale Trail on the weekend of 21 and 22 November.

Garage Sale Trail promotes re-use and recycling using a national community focus to turn suburban streets into a buzzing marketplace. The initiative raises awareness of consumption habits.

From its beginnings in 2010 with 130 garage sales, Garage Sale Trail has grown to be supported by more than 140 councils nationally including the City of Onkaparinga. On average, household sellers make more than \$300 from selling unwanted items such as clothing, books, music, games, toys and homewares.

Pre-registrations to host or join a sale or take part as a shopper are open now at garagesaletrail.com.au. Sellers get their own sale listing or webpage, plus free supporting materials and social media templates to use to promote their sale.

There will be a significant online element to the weekend, including the option to host a virtual garage sale.

Onkaparinga residents will also have the opportunity to participate in a series of online workshops focussing on mending, reducing waste, and reusing and repurposing items.

To read the full article visit Onkaparinga Now – onkaparinganow.com/winter-2020/finding-gold



COVID-19

We are continuing to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation.

The safety of our community, customers, staff and volunteers is our number one priority. We're keeping our community up to date with information about changes to council services, centres and events on our website at www.onkaparingacity.com/COVID19

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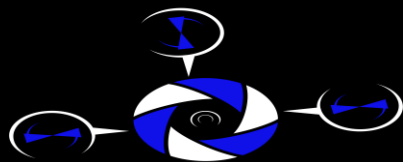
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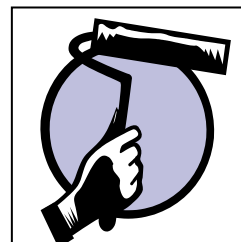
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