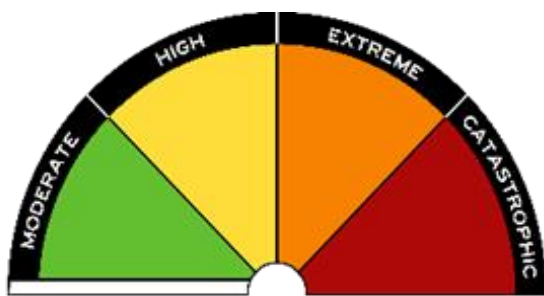




## CFS FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM



<b>MODERATE</b> (replacing Low/Moderate): <b>Plan and prepare</b>	<b>HIGH</b> (replacing High/Very High): <b>Be ready to act</b>
<b>EXTREME</b> (replacing Severe/Extreme): <b>Take action now to protect life and property</b>	<b>CATASTROPHIC</b> <b>For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas</b>

Colour coding is as follows:

- Moderate – Green
- High- yellow
- Extreme- Amber
- Catastrophic- Red

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

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

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

Signs across the country will be uniform.

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

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

## FIRE MANAGEMENT 2023/2024

The fire danger season in the Mount Lofty Ranges and Adelaide Metropolitan Fire District areas commenced on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and will run until 30 April 2024.

A reminder to all residents that it is illegal (and dangerous) to let off fireworks anywhere in the Adelaide Hills. Only accredited businesses with the correct permits can purchase and let off fireworks and not during the fire danger season. The risk to livestock and animals as well as potentially starting a bushfire is high. You may be prosecuted.

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

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

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## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Cherry Chatter committee meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 6th of December at the home of Julie Martin. For more information, please contact a committee member.

## CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL OCTOBER

Rainfall for October 2023	38.4 mm
Rainfall for October 2022	91.4
Average rainfall for October	71.7

Rainfall to the end of October 2023	827.1
Rainfall to the end of October 2022	870.0
Average rainfall to the end October	831.4

Number days of rain for October 2023	12
Number days of rain for October 2022	16

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### HAPPY HOUR DATES

Just a reminder of the monthly Happy Hour at the Hall, on the last Sunday of each month.

Our last Happy Hour for this year will be on November 26<sup>th</sup>, and we will kick off again in 2024 on January 28<sup>th</sup>, then on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### LED LIGHTING

At the time of writing, we had hoped to have the fluro lighting in the main hall replaced with LED lights. The quote was within our resources, however when the time came for the changeover there was concern that the floor might not support the scissor lift required to reach the ceiling. The scissor lift weighed 1.5 tonnes, and our floor is jarrah boards over support walls, no slabs back then. The installer, wisely, decided against putting the scissor lift into the hall, and we are awaiting another option. Very long ladders or scaffolding are the options being considered. Hopefully we can give you good news next edition.

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### From Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

Since the start of spring, we have admitted 49 Bobtail Lizards after dog attacks.

These gentle, slow little reptiles - who are at the height of their breeding season - are being admitted with fractured skulls, jaws and ribs, spinal, ocular and internal injuries

and serious puncture wounds penetrating right into their coeloms or body cavities. Of the 49, 23 had to be euthanised on compassionate grounds and 5 died on the treatment table while we were admitting them.

In one case, a healthy female was brought in for her own protection, not long after her badly bitten mate had arrived. She returned home alone.

The bobtail below is one of the 'luckier' ones. He came in with painful fractured ribs and multiple puncture wounds, but he has a reasonable chance of recovery and is finally starting to eat his food.



If you do find a bobtail lizard or for that matter any lizard that has been bitten by a dog or cat or injured in any way please bring it straight into care, (such as Minton Farm) so we can provide pain relief as soon as possible.



We can offer advice with all wildlife enquires and provide support for you. Call Bev on 0422 938 439 or Glenn on 8270 1169. Happy to assist where we can. [www.mintonfarm.org](http://www.mintonfarm.org)

You can follow us on our Facebook page.

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

## CHERRY CHURCH



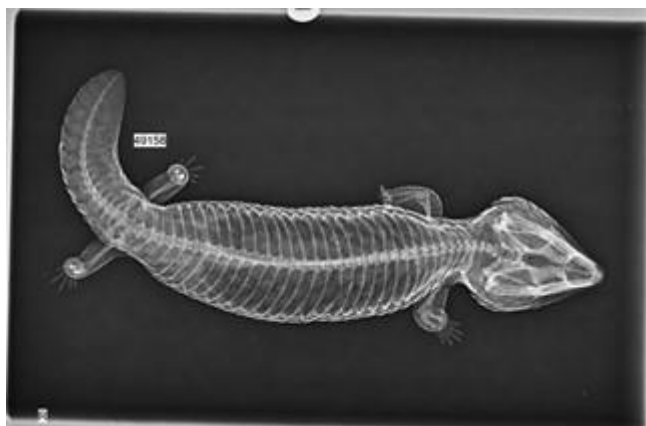
Cherry Gardens  
Uniting Church  
87 Hicks Hill Road,  
Cherry Gardens  
Services held on  
Sundays at 9.30 am –  
all are welcome.

### Thanksgiving.

Around this time of the year, there are a few events on the American calendar that we have become familiar with over the years. One of them is the American 'Thanksgiving'. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November each year, Americans celebrate 'Thanksgiving'. Perhaps you have seen reference to this in US movies or TV series. On this important date for celebrating with family, they give thanks for the provision of the harvest, and for blessings received throughout the year. In its origins, this would have been a time to give thanks to God specifically for his provision. These days, no doubt many still do give their thanks to God, but many are thankful in a more general sense.

Harvest celebrations go back thousands of years. We read in the Bible that approx. 3,500 years ago the 'Feast of Tabernacles' was instituted, in which the Hebrew people were called to give thanks to God for his provision of the harvest, and for his provision in so many ways throughout the year.

In a novel I read recently, a teacher asked her class (of quite difficult students) to write a list of all the things they were grateful for. As she asked around the class, one student said, 'My list has got nothing in it!' <sup>[1]</sup> It's only a



The survival rate for dog-attacked bobtails is only 40-50%. Many dog owners are distressed when they bring these injured animals in and we really appreciate their quick action and interest in adapting their backyards to protect wildlife, but we are also sad to see that some people regard these attacks as inevitable.

Please help us keep bobtails safe:

- 🐾 please teach your dog to leave wildlife alone - regardless of its age
- 🐾 reinforce good recall with clicks or treats
- 🐾 use a leash when walking dogs near wildlife habitat
- 🐾 keep dogs out of national parks or risk a \$2000 fine
- 🐾 use barriers, prickly dense natives and terracotta pipes in your yard, to provide safe areas for wildlife
- 🐾 keep pet food inside to avoid tempting wildlife into contact with pets
- 🐾 consider snake avoidance training to keep both your dog and reptiles safe (there is some anecdotal evidence that this can be an effective deterrent for bobtails, in some cases, although not all)

novel, but how sad it is when we meet someone who has nothing that he/she is grateful for, who sees nothing to be thankful for! Gratitude does not come automatically: some people nurture it; some people seem to choose to suppress and destroy it. Thanks, involves:

- i. being grateful for something, as a thing received; and then,
- ii. knowing to whom to be thankful, knowing the source of what one is grateful for.

If you were asked for a list of all the things, you're grateful for, hopefully you would not be like that student in the novel. We have much to give thanks for: family, friends; the creation in which we live, the fact that the sun rises every day; enriching life experiences including achievements in a profession, travel, sport, hobbies; people who have made our life better (past and present), times when we have been supported by friends, times when we have been able to support others; pleasant memories; challenges faced and met; and much more. Of course, we know well that times can be tough, unpleasant, even life-shattering. But still, in spite of those times, even through such times, hopefully we have yet much for which to be thankful.

As an aside: while we in Australia have not generally adopted the US 'Thanksgiving' tradition, we have in the last few years taken enthusiastically to the US 'Black Friday', with its huge in-store and on-line sales! What does that say about us, and about what we as a country value???

May I encourage you to take time to pause and to think about all the things for which you have reason to be grateful. Perhaps, as well as being grateful in a general sense, you may choose to say thank you to God for all that he has provided for you.

*'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.'* (Psalm 106: 1)

[1] Alexander McCall Smith, *A Time of Love and Tartan*. (Anchor Books)

As we look forward to celebrating Christmas, the members of the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church invite you to the following events:

### **Cherry Gardens Community Carols**

A free event presented by Cherry Gardens Uniting Church at the Memorial Hall, Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens, Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, followed by supper provided by the church.

### **Christmas Day Worship Service**

Cherry Gardens Uniting Church, 87 Hicks Hill Road, 9.30 am.



The poster features a green background with musical notes and a central illustration of the Nativity scene. The text is arranged as follows:

**Community Christmas Carols**  
(a free event)  
**presented by Cherry Gardens Uniting Church**  
at the Memorial Hall Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens  
**Tuesday 19<sup>st</sup> of December 2023 at 7.00 pm**  
Guest Musicians:  
The Sherrahs, Hadya and Merran Jones and Tim Due.  
Supper to follow provided by the church.  
Organised by:  
Cherry Gardens Uniting Church Community  
87, Hicks Hill Road, Cherry Gardens

*All are welcome !!!*

### **CHERRY GARDENS CFS**

If you would like more information or a visit to the station, please contact the Duty Officer on 0438 228 284.



Another year has passed very quickly and the Brigade has successfully dealt with all the challenges that it faced. It was another relatively quiet twelve months from a firefighter's perspective but our dedicated Comms team worked hard all year supporting the wider Sturt Group. We put into service our new CHERRY GARDENS 44 appliance, and it has proven to be a big step up

from both an operational and safety point of view.

This year we have also trained and updated our skills as lessons are learned around the state as the CFS organization continuously improves. We have had people step up to different leadership roles within the brigade; this provides some great development opportunities and is working well. Our membership has reduced over the year, so we are very keen to recruit – if anyone is thinking of joining, now is the time!

Thank you for all the support this year Cherry Gardens is a great community. Special thanks go to the Cherry Chatter who is always ready to help us if needed and all those who donate cans and bottles. The recycling really makes a difference – we have again been able to fund improvements to our equipment and resources. This year we have purchased some chainsaw sharpening equipment and numerous small battery powered lights for working at night – they are fantastic! Your support is really appreciated.

By all accounts, we may face some challenges locally this fire season. We are as ready as we can be, but we also need your help – please maintain your properties, check your plans and look out for each other.

We hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas with family and friends. As always, if needed the Brigade will be around to assist - just call 000.

See you all next year!

## THE ADVERTISER NEWSPAPER REPORT EDEN HILLS BLAZE

People setting off fireworks is suspected to have started a grass fire at Eden Hills on Thursday night, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 that caused panic and nearby residents to be evacuated. Police are now investigating after emergency services including the CFS and Metropolitan Fire Service were called to Shepherds Hill Recreation Park about 11.20pm after reports of a grass fire. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined, however witnesses reported seeing fireworks being set off before the blaze started.



*The CFS fights the fire at Eden Hills which police are now investigating.*



*The fire at Eden Hills is believed to have been started by fireworks.*

Fire crews managed to bring the fire under control quickly and saved nearby properties from being damaged. Residents from nearby Springwood Close were evacuated for their safety, and there were no reports of injuries. Crime Scene Investigators will attend the scene on Friday morning.

With bushfire season set to begin across most parts of the state, police are urging to be vigilant to the danger posed by bushfires, and report any suspicious activity in fire danger areas, to the police.



## Get into Golf at Blackwood

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**Blackwood Golf Club**  
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Friday 9 February: 9.30am - 10.30am (Women)

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book

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For more information, please contact the office on 8388 2313. Blackwood Golf Club is open daily for lunch between 12.00 – 2.00pm and very much welcomes visitors. Bookings are recommended.

## CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB



Garden Club Nights are held on the second Monday of each month (except Public Holidays) from February to November, at the Uniting Church Hall, Hicks Hill Road, Cherry Gardens at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome.

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Secretary - Jan Ball 0432550274

### Cherry Gardens Garden Club 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

A really informative and practical presentation by Lynn Collins of the Fern society, on repotting ferns was our enjoyable topic this month.

She broached many of the myths and pitfalls when growing ferns, especially maidenhair ferns. The 'rules' are the bane of many peoples' lives. They need 75% shade against a wall with shelter from wind especially North winds. They prefer morning sun, free draining soil, with some Osmocote and mixed with bark, when repotting. She brought along a hare's foot fern to repot so that we could learn how to do it. Lynn brought a basket and a coir lining. They are actually epiphytes and need little soil and Bark mulch. Orchid bark is really good. Large bark is better than fine.

Their "Feet" should protrude and may "climb" over the edge of the basket. If there is too much dirt they can "suffocate".

Use liquid fish emulsion fertilizer half strength – Never, ever fertilize a fern on a hot day, or if the soil is dry. A little dishwashing liquid and water make a good soil wetter. Fertilize three times every summer. Ferns should never have wet feet. Sometimes they may completely lose their leaves, don't give up on them they will probably come back. For humidity put a plastic bag over the top of a dead looking plant. Never throw a fern away, they often come back. Some maiden hair ferns are endemic to Australia and New Zealand. Only go up one size when repotting. Use any fern potting soil for Hare's foot mulch. For Maiden hair add some mulch.

Every attendee brought a gift for the lucky dip table and could choose one when their ticket number was called. The posy competition was won by Jan Wissell's unusual herb posy.

### GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS for December 2023

Have you thought about a living Christmas tree? They can be a better alternative to artificial or cut trees as you can use them year after year and enjoy watching them grow.

The only downside is that you will not be able to keep them inside for an extended period and when returning them outside they will need a shady spot for a few days. Woolly Bush is a favourite of mine but many in the Cypressus family or a Wollemi Pine would be suitable.

- Fruit trees need a good deep soaking on a regular basis to ensure they produce a good harvest. Protect your fruit with bird netting strung over some poly pipe and held down at the base with some bricks. The finer mesh is best as it is less of a problem with wildlife becoming entangled.
- Regular watering of tomatoes will go a long way to avoid blossom end rot, which makes the fruit unsightly. Sulphate of potash at planting will also help avoid the problem.
- Stressed plants are the ones usually vulnerable to attack from sap sucking pests such as mites and scale. Keep plants healthy but avoid over-fertilising.
- Continue planting sweetcorn, cucumber, beans and tomatoes as they cope well with the heat if they are planted into well prepared soil and mulched well.
- Keep your compost heap moist to speed up the breakdown of material and turn it regularly.
- Zinnias love the hot weather and provide a riot of colour.
- Petunias, phlox, and verbenas are favourites for summer planting.

## OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Getting into summer weather now, with some dry months ahead according to the forecasters. Hopefully fire plans are all in place by now.

The hay season began early this year and for a pleasant change, very minimal amounts of rain. It's always such a stressful time, this hay cutting business. Whether you have to buy hay in or grow your own, the timing of the cutting, raking, baling and shedding can make the difference between a successful year or the complete opposite. A reliable and knowledgeable hay man is essential, and as many may have discovered in recent years, these important people have become thin on the ground. If buying in, it certainly pays to shop around, chat to neighbours, friends and your local feed merchant. Word of mouth is often a good way to go (but not always!). There are many varieties of hay on the market too. Hay suitable for cows is probably not good for horses but can work the other way round. If dealing with a producer for the first time, see if it is possible to purchase a test bale. Hay which has been baled too early in the day may have some dampness inside the bale, so check that there is no heat or dampness. This can be potentially fatal

for horses not to mention the risk of spontaneous combustion in the shed. Good hay should look clean, shiny (not dull or dusty) and should taste sweetly nutty. The bale should separate easily into batts and should be a good weight. If shedded in cool, dry conditions, most hay will keep for 3 years. The food value will be reduced, but if you are feeding 'fatties', then this is not necessarily a bad thing!

Surplus hay can be sold as suitable for cows, used as mulch or on slopey terrain as an erosion deterrent.

If your hay is still too 'good' for your horse, then putting it in a hay net and soaking for an hour or so will reduce the sugar content. Drain for another hour or so, then feed soon after. Don't delay, as the dampness can encourage bacteria to develop.

Another point to keep in mind is when introducing any new feed, to do so gradually over at least a week. Some horses can be quite fussy eaters and may take that long to become accustomed to a new hay. Horses have evolved to be very adaptable, but they need time to adapt. Paying attention to horse habits, whether it is eating or behavioral is part of being a competent horse owner and guardian.

Although we can't speak 'human' we can let our owners know when we like or don't like something. So we rely on our owners to observe us and read our body language. Personally, I am a very easy going fellow, so I don't show much. My owners need to be very observant to discover if I am not happy.

Happy I am just now into my twenty first year! Safe eating and riding everyone!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK  
CONSERVATION PARK**



On a perfect spring morning in October, we had a good sized group of Friends and locals meet for our annual spring wander in the park. We have called it a "wander"

to reflect its relatively slow pace, as we stop regularly to look at and discuss the wildflowers and wildlife, or some aspect regarding the interactions between them that has been noticed.

After heading up Bandicoot Track from Scott Creek Road, we wandered along Currawong Ridge Track up to Tom's Outlook for morning tea. People slowly headed back at their leisure, while others stayed a bit longer, taking in the views and taking photos of tiny plants and insects.

It has been mentioned several times recently, that since the January 2021 fire that swept through two thirds of the park, as volunteers we have found it very challenging to keep on top of the rapid and continuing growth of fire responsive weeds.

It would not have been possible to achieve the management of these weeds without the assistance of skilled bush care contractors, who undertake much of the work on larger infestations and in less accessible areas, thanks to funding received from a number of different sources.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge the funding we have received from National Parks and Wildlife Service through the Friends of Parks Inc., from Green Adelaide and from Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu. There have also been substantial donations that have been made to our group, to support our on-going work, both from before and since the fire.

Anyone wanting to learn more about what we do and how you can help us with our restoration work, or simply wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, can contact us on [info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](mailto:info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au) or visit our website [www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](http://www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au). You can also follow us on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp](http://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.

December

Sat, Sun	2, 3	Bird banding
Tue	5	Bushcare
Sun	10	Bushcare
Sat	16, 17	Bird banding
Sat	23	Bushcare



*There was lots of stopping and talking at our spring wander in the park.*



*A Blue-spotted Cloak-and-dagger Bee or Chequered Cuckoo Bee, asleep on a Black Rapier-sedge, seen during the spring wander.*

## **ONKAPARINGA COUNCIL**

### **GEOFF EATON**

#### **Local Government Elections Review**

The State Government have recently announced the Local Government Participation and Elections Review (The Review) being conducted by the Office of Local Government. The Review will focus on local government participation and elections, including:

Improving people's engagement with councils

Increasing the number and diversity of council members

Increasing voter turnout

Ensuring council elections are run efficiently, with the highest level of integrity.

#### **Christmas in Onkaparinga**

Christmas is approaching and Santa is gearing up for his annual Onkaparinga visit. You can experience the magic of Christmas at Christies Beach as the 2023 Onkaparinga Christmas Pageant descends on Beach Road, and Christmas in the Park returns to Rotary Park. Join us for an unforgettable experience where festive celebrations and cherished traditions bring together the community to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season.

If you would like to make Christmas special for children living in Onkaparinga, you can donate to the Onkaparinga Christmas Tree. Unwrapped gifts for 0–18-year-olds can be donated from 6 November to 8 December at our Noarlunga Council Office, Aldinga Library, Aberfoyle Hub Library or Woodcroft Community Centre. Gifts will be distributed to children with the assistance of Southern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service, Anglicare Outer Southern Hub, Christian Care and Support Centre Aldinga Beach, Salvation Army Morphett Vale.

#### **Probus Club Flagstaff Hill**

I had the pleasure of attending the Annual General Meeting for the Probus Club of Flagstaff Hill on behalf of Mayor Moira Were and have been asked by them to include the detail below in my monthly newsletter. Probus South Pacific Limited and Black Dog Ride (BDR) are partnering to promote the health benefits of staying

socially connected to Australia's 4.3 million retirees. Recent results from a representative Australian sample found 46% of Australians aged 65 or above felt they lacked companionship at least some time, and with rates of emotional loneliness highest in Australians aged 75 or above, Probus and BDR's partnership could not have come at a better time.

The pandemic is still being felt, with social isolation gripping some older Australians, leading to loneliness, depression and declining physical health. Probus is more important than ever with evidence indicating retirees who remain social through group activities improve their overall well-being.

Probus and BDR are uniting to spread the word on the psychological and mental health benefits social connectedness brings. This partnership will raise awareness and encourage older Australians to join Probus, a social group helping older Australians make new friends and stay active and engaged in their local communities.

Probus offers a wide range of activities including outings, trips and interest groups, encouraging members to become and stay engaged. Clubs meet monthly and host a variety of guest speakers to interest, educate and fascinate.

For further information about the Probus Club of Flagstaff Hill, contact Club President Darrell Wise on 0431087027 or make contact via The Club's website <http://probusclubflagsta@ill.com.au>

#### **Parliamentary Urban Forest Enquiry**

The recent Parliamentary Inquiry into the Urban Forest by the Environment, Resources & Development Committee (ERDC) has released an Interim Report with a number of early recommendations, responding to the community call for urgent action for the protection of the urban tree canopy. The interim recommendations include:

improving tree protections through changes to legislation.

increasing fees and penalties for tree removal.

a new 'Urban Forest Fund' to increase spend on urban canopy renewal.

measures to increase community-based programs for tree planting.

#### **Disclaimer**

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

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## CRICKET

Cricket season is well underway, and it's been an incredibly positive start. We've got players coming out of our ears with over 50 Senior players signing up and the new nets have clearly had an impact as we've never seen so many people wanting to train! Our juniors are chugging along nicely and our Cricket Blast program for the little ones has been fantastic with 10 kids learning valuable cricketing skills on Thursday afternoons.

On the field, results have also been very positive with the A Grade winning their first 4 games, the B's at 3-1 and the C Grade with a couple of huge wins. The most pleasing part is the contribution from our youngsters, with teenagers leading the way in all those grades with big scores and plenty of wickets. All in all, it's created a great vibe around the club and it's only upwards from here.



## IRONBANK CHERRY GARDENS FOOTBALL CLUB

With the 2023 season behind us we are planning and working towards a new beginning in a new league. We have played since forming back in 1986 in the Hills Football League (HFL) however this season the club started looking at the Southern Football League (SFL) and in October our members voted to move to the SFL. Our application to transfer leagues was approved by SANFL and Community Football in early November so our future now is being a part of the strong and well managed Southern Football League.

While the teams we play against will be changing, the key foundations of the club are not changing. Our home is at the Cherry Gardens Ironbank oval, we train there, we play our home games there, and our history is there. Our people are not changing, nor is our culture and community-based country feel.

Our club has a strong and motivated committee that continue to work for the betterment and sustainability of the club, the people, and our place in the community. Our driver is to provide a family friendly club which is inclusive and gives everyone the opportunity to play and enjoy Australian Rules Football.

A large & jovial group (an open bar helped!) turned up for our AGM on November 15<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate our official acceptance into the SFL. Damian McCann from the SANFL and Craig Warman from the SFL addressed those gathered about our inclusion. SFL Vice President Steve Greening was also in attendance as well as local Councillor Geoff Eaton.

Furthermore, we welcomed former State of Origin, Glenelg & Crows Champion Chris McDermott as our Club Patron. Chris was not only a Champion footballer but a leader of people. He was the inaugural Crows Captain when they entered the AFL in 1991. These days he heads up the charity ['Little Heroes' Foundation](#). We are delighted about this and look forward to a long and strong association with Chris. Welcome Chris!



*The footy club committee with guests from the SANFL and SFL*

There was also the Election or re-Election of the following people to the committee:

- Brandon Chaplin - President
- Don Watton - Vice President
- Bec Wilson - Secretary
- Julia Deed - Treasurer
- General Committee - Fern Van Loon
- General Committee - Lauchie Knight

These people join the rest of the committee for the 2024 season.

While season 2024 is still 5 months away we are starting early to get everything in place. Some of the key work we are undertaking right now includes:

- Recruitment of players across the club, from the youngest kids through to the seniors including both male and female players.
- Reaching out for some additional volunteers to help with some specific roles such as:
  - social media coordinator
  - canteen manager for home games
  - game day trainers/first aid
  - bar manager to keep stock up to date
  - member's coordinator
  - sponsor coordinator
  - Home game event coordinator
- Sponsorship and fund raising
- Club membership program

We are very much a community-based club and are keen to get more participation from our local community. If you are interested to get involved and participate in some

way with the footy club, please let us know and we can discuss what you might like to be involved with.

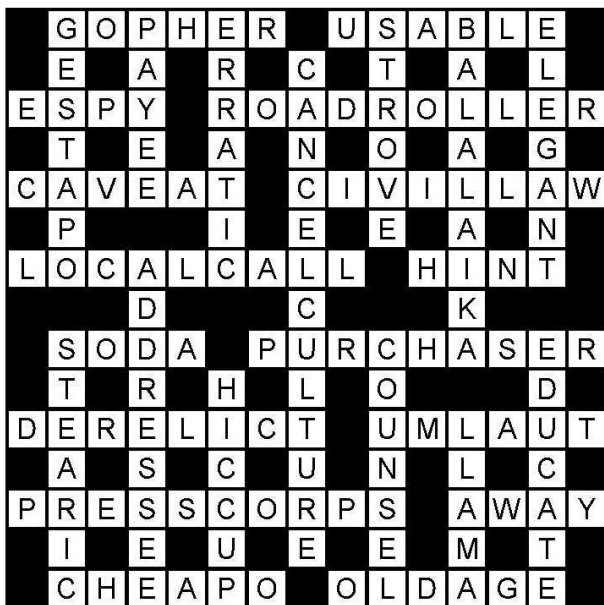
If you are a business and would like to support the club as a sponsor, we would also love to hear from you. If you would like to support the club, plan to come along to some home games next season and we would always welcome locals as members of the club.

You can contact Don on 0417865044 for more information on anything to do with the club.

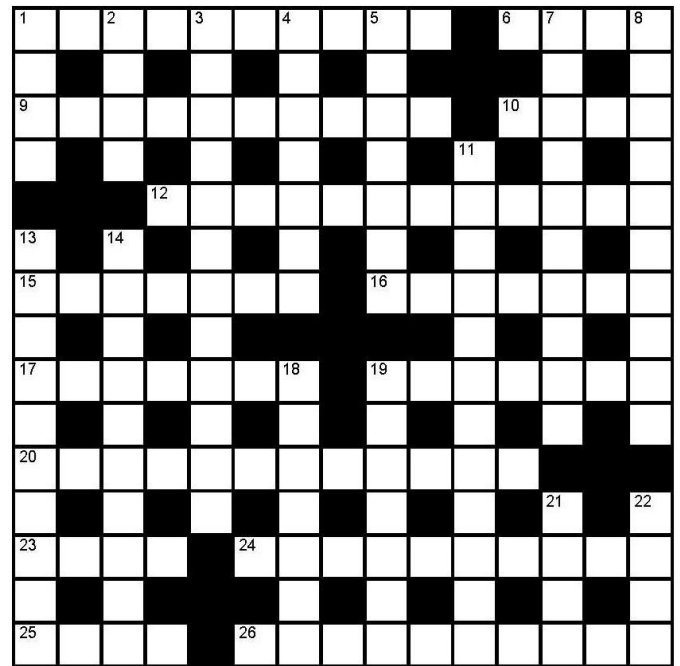
We are also very keen to hear from any families players whether male of female and senior or junior that might like to play for our club. Contact us and we can let you know about our footy program.

## MONTHLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NOVEMBER SOLUTION



## DECEMBER CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1 Music as a subject of study rather than a performance skill (10)
- 6 Imperfection (4)
- 9 A party to a covenant (10)
- 10 Creator of Noddy and Big Ears (first name) (4)
- 12 A building for religious assembly (especially Nonconformists) (7,5)
- 15 In a proficient manner (7)
- 16 Examined, as of a document (7)
- 17 A tremulous effect produced on a musical instrument by rapid reiteration of a note (7)
- 19 Convert into glass especially by heat. (7)
- 20 Calculated to please or gain favour (12)
- 23 An association of criminals (4)
- 24 Surrender under agreed conditions (10)
- 25 A band or scarf worn round the waist or over the shoulder (4)
- 26 To loiter (5-5)

### Down

- 1 Dirt, debris, rubble (4)
- 2 Preserve from harm (4)
- 3 Following accepted customs (12)
- 4 Not short (7)
- 5 No longer a child (7)
- 7 Of or relating to the scientific study of language (10)
- 8 The fourth day of each week for a month (10)
- 11 Tending to speak in a critical or harsh way (5-7)
- 13 Ammunition for a shotgun (10)
- 14 For example, turbojets, turbofans or ramjets (3,7)
- 18 Japanese art of paper folding (7)
- 19 Sulphuric acid (7)
- 21 A correctional institution used to detain people (4)
- 22 A contribution called for from members of an association (4)

# Onkaparinga Now



## Onkaparinga Business Award winners revealed!

Congratulations to the 21 great local businesses who won awards at this year's Onkaparinga Business Awards, presented at McLaren Vale's Vine Shed Venue and Cellar Door on 15 November!

The 21 winners representing 13 suburbs received the most public votes in each of their categories from a field of more than 440 leading businesses from across Onkaparinga.

The awards were MC'd by City of Onkaparinga Director of Strategy and Engagement, Julia Grant, and presented by Deputy Mayor Michael Fisher.

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to the community, which contributed more than 9100 votes!

See who took out this year's awards:

### Fantastic Food and Drink

#### Restaurants, Bakeries and Cafes

- Larger business category: Urban Desserts
- Micro business category: The Macaron Bar

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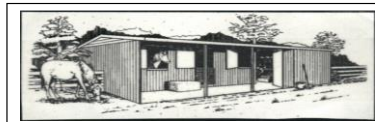
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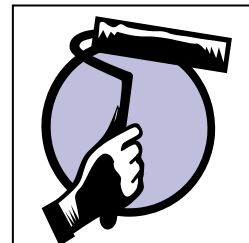
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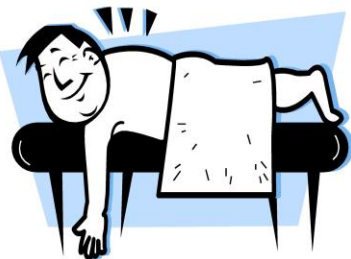
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<b>Printing – Black Cat Printing &amp; Stationery</b> – P 8370-3344 F 8370-2800 <a href="mailto:David@bcps.net.au">David@bcps.net.au</a>
<b>Property Maintenance – Hills All Seasons</b> – Phone Mark on 0433 407 853
<b>Real Estate</b> – Harris Real Estate – 8278-1322 or check out individual Agents mobile numbers
<b>Real Estate</b> - Valerie Timms Ouwens Casserly – Phone 0447 312 218 <a href="mailto:valeriet@ocre.com.au">valeriet@ocre.com.au</a>
<b>Septic Service</b> – Adelaide Hills Septic – 0411 302 025 <a href="http://www.adelaidehillsseptic.com.au">www.adelaidehillsseptic.com.au</a>
<b>Stables &amp; Sheds</b> – Lance Hart - 8388-3516 or 0411 551 750
<b>Tree Removal</b> – Tim Smiles Tree Climbing – 0423 361 704 or 7329-4426
<b>Tree Service</b> – Blackwood – (08) 8278-2538 or 0419 867 724 <a href="http://www.blackwoodtreeservice.com.au">www.blackwoodtreeservice.com.au</a>
<b>Tyrepower Blackwood</b> – (08)8370-2195 <a href="mailto:blackwood@tyrepower.com.au">blackwood@tyrepower.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.tyrepowerblackwood.com.au">www.tyrepowerblackwood.com.au</a>
<b>Venue Productions</b> – (08) 8382 4112 <a href="mailto:matt@venueproductions.com.au">matt@venueproductions.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.venueproductions.com.au">www.venueproductions.com.au</a>
<b>Window Cleaning</b> – Aquarius – Gary – 0438 693 104 or 8270-6038
<b>Yoga</b> – Four Seasons Yoga – Megan Kuchel - 0418 807 703 or web <a href="http://www.fourseasonsyoga.com.au">www.fourseasonsyoga.com.au</a>



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## Poisonous Plants

- Daffodil
- Castor Bean
- Easter Lily
- Sago Palm
- Star Gazer Lily
- Tiger Lily
- Cyclamen
- Azalea



## Toxic Plants

- Aloe
- Begonia
- Bird of Paradise
- Bougainvillea
- Calla Lily
- Carnation
- Chrysanthemum
- Coleus
- Cosmos
- Dumb cane
- Elephant ear
- Fleabane
- Gardenia
- Geranium
- Hibiscus
- Hydrangea
- Iris
- Mother-In-Law Tongue
- Pansy
- Peace Lily
- Pinks (Dianthus)
- Plumbago
- Poinsettia
- Primrose

## Pet-Friendly Plants

- Alyssum
- Blue Daisy
- Boston Fern
- Bottlebrush tree
- Camelia
- Canna
- Ceolsia Plumosa
- Christmas Cactus
- Coreopsis
- Echevaria Succulents
- Gerber Daisy
- Gloxinia
- Impatiens
- Marigold
- Nasturtium
- Pampas Grass
- Persian Violet
- Petunia
- Polkadot Plant/Baby Tears
- Rose
- Snap Dragons
- Spider Plant
- Start Jasmine
- Sunflower
- Sword Fern
- Viola
- Zinnia

