



# Cherry Chatter

Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

## EDITORIAL



At the time of writing, the rains have now arrived in Cherry Gardens and the long dry start to the year is behind us. Take extra care on the roads during winter, adapting your driving to the wet conditions is very important due to less visibility, requiring extra stopping distances due to wet roads and dark overcast nights. Are your tyres and windscreen wiper blades up to winter conditions?

Just prior to ANZAC day, we were called to perhaps the biggest event in the area for many years, as shown in the aerial photo. A fire broke out to the north of the western end of Cherry Gardens Road, and both Cherry Gardens 34 and Ironbank 24 were responded immediately as well as the Cherry Gardens radio base becoming active. As the first arriving appliance, Cherry Gardens 34 assumed the role of incident control, and it was quickly realized more firefighting support was needed. The incident was escalated to level two and shortly after to level three, with air support called in. In all, CFS brigades from Bradbury, Clarendon, Coromandel Valley, Eden Hills, Happy Valley and Ironbank assisted both Cherry Gardens appliances and the Sturt Group bulk water carrier (which is based at the Cherry Gardens station). Two aerial drops were carried out, but the close proximity of high-tension power lines above the fire ground limited the water bomber operations. With the combined efforts of all these brigades, the fire was controlled, extinguished and the area made safe within two hours. As other crews

were released from the fire ground, the Cherry Gardens appliances spent the rest of the day "blacking out" and dealing with any hot spots. Further patrols were conducted over the next two days to ensure there would be no chance of a re-ignition. All in all a great team effort with a good outcome.

During de-briefs after this event we discussed any learnings. Please be aware of access to properties for the appliances – overhanging tree branches, gates not wide enough etc. We are able to negotiate most things, but it does slow down arrival times on scene. Please do not block road / driveway access with vehicles sightseeing and if possible, someone directing the appliances to the scene is always helpful if you are sure of the best access. The first appliance to arrive needs to quickly assess the situation, so any local input (fence lines, gates, and water sources) will help speed up the firefighting process. Stay safe!

## RAINFALL REPORT FOR APRIL

### Cherry Gardens Rainfall

Rainfall for April 2019	7.0 mm
Rainfall for April 2018	77.0 mm
Average rainfall for April	71.2 mm
Rainfall to the end of April 2019	48.0 mm
Rainfall to the end of April 2018	120.6 mm
Average rainfall to the end of April	166.8 mm

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## NEXT CC MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Bill Semple's home  
**Articles to be received by 5<sup>th</sup> of each month – without exception.**

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

### June

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## HALL NEWS

### CHERRY GARDENS

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### Community Dinner

The Annual Community Dinner this year will be held at the Hall on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Details are:

**Date:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 6:15pm for 7:00pm

**Bookings:** Contact one of the Committee members, (Bill 0433 656 803 or Terry 0414824110) or through [www.trybooking.com.au](http://www.trybooking.com.au), "Cherry Gardens Community Dinner".

**Closing Date:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Prices:** Same as last year, \$35 a head, or \$20 for under 14.

We will again have a 3-course meal, mulled wine on entry, entertainment and an opportunity to meet with other residents of Cherry Gardens. You will recall we had a full house last year, so make sure you book early, and **please note the closing date** for bookings.

## Hall Upgrade

As part of the upgrade of the Hall, the committee obtained a quote to cap the facias. They are in very poor repair, and capping will be a better option than ongoing maintenance and painting.

We have had a very good relationship with the Blackwood Lions Club for a number of years, so we approached them to see if they would be able to assist by donating half of the \$1,900 cost. We were delighted when they advised that they would meet the full cost of the project.

They have been very supportive of the Hall, and we continue to assist at the Bargain Centre on Shepherds Hill Road on Saturday mornings.

At a recent Working Bee a watering system was installed by committee members at the front and side of the hall. We planted some shrubs last year, but they struggled through our very dry season. Using a tap timer we hope to keep everything alive, adding to the appearance of the Hall.

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

## CHERRY GARDENS CFS

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

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



## WELCOME



The Cherry Chatter committee would like to welcome the newly settled families who have recently moved into the Cherry Gardens area.

We hope you love living here as much as we do.

### WELCOME PACKS

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



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## CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

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

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### Next Meetings

Monday 17th June - Freebies Night - Free entry. Please bring an item for the draw. Three speakers from within our Club

Monday 8th July - Winter Warmers; an evening of soup and slices. Please bring a gardening Tip or Trick you can share with others

### George's Gardening Suggestions for June 2019

Brassicas can continue to be planted as well as onions and peas. Beware of snails as this is their favourite season, they can be trapped with a beer trap or poisoned with organic pellets that are iron based and safe for pets and humans.

Keep on top of weeds as they can smother crops if left unattended.

Asparagus crowns can be planted now into deep rich soil, avoid the temptation to harvest spears in the first or even second year, if they get off to a good start, they will happily produce a crop for the next 20 years!

Larkspurs, linaria and lupins can be planted in the flower garden now. Avoid the temptation to prune roses just yet, leave it till July and then only do it in fine weather.

Now is a good time to plant out bare rooted deciduous trees and shrubs, wash off all of the sawdust that comes with the packaging and plant into a well-prepared hole - raise the soil level if there is a likelihood of waterlogging. All plants have slowed their growing in the cool conditions so ease well back on fertilizing.

### Last meeting

Members reported on recent Garden visits, and some forthcoming events:

- Ravenswood Homestead and Gardens near Bendigo is a beautiful historical homestead which you can stay in. It is maintained in its former glory with beautiful gardens and grounds to wander and relax in.
- Wombat Hill Botanical Gardens overlooking Daylesford are included on the Victorian Heritage Register as they are of historic, scientific (botanic), and aesthetic significance to the state of Victoria.
- Orchid Show - Torrens Parade Ground, 15/6 0900-1700hrs and 16/6 1000-1600hrs.
- Watchman House, Main Road, Coromandel Valley - 4/5 1000hrs - it might be possible to organise a visit to Watchman House as a Garden Club morning tea event at a suggested price of \$10 pp to be confirmed.

### The Guest Speakers:

George Hoad, President of the Garden Clubs of Australia, was the Guest Speaker at the 6 May meeting of our Garden Club.

Our President, Ray Wise, introduced the Guest Speaker for the 6<sup>th</sup> May meeting, Daniel Holzer, Holman Industries which make irrigation equipment for garden, plumbing, stormwater, raised garden beds, vertical gardens, raised garden lights, and weather stations. Daniel demonstrated some of their products including:

- Tap fittings realigned and which click onto a plastic or brass hose;
- A multi-function gun with thumb control, which controls the amount of water and type of spray, and which has an extra O-ring on the bottom to avoid leaking;
- Various timers: Daniel showed one with a screen, and a Bluetooth one (which you can control with your mobile phone). A week or two before you go away you can set up and test it, to ensure you have set it properly. There is one for Android and one for Apple. All 9 Volt standard batteries. Change good quality battery every six months.
- Various pop-up sprinklers and filters, with varying degrees of spray up to 360 degrees, choices of rotary nozzles which have jets and various droplet sizes to prevent evaporation and adjust from 15-360 degrees, or ones that throw spray from 4.9 to 5.8 meters, and another 9 meters;
- Dripper tubing 6ml to 25m; or 50ml to 50m rolls with holes are 30cm apart;
- Raised garden beds 300cm high x 500cm
- Vertical garden beds - mobile green wall that you can wheel to wherever you need, e.g., to catch the sun, or put in shade; and a bench top;
- Spot lights, path lights, deck lights, 12 volt system, Kelvin lights (LED);
- Weather station which shows wind direction/speed/humidity/temperature/rain gauge - a roof unit which is battery-driven with 4xAAAs.
- Retractable hoses - 10, 20, 30m.

Ray thanked Daniel for his presentation and presented him with a gift.

Auction: Members had brought in plants which they had potted, and various other things for the garden, and these were auctioned off. This was followed by supper.

## OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Finally, we have some rain, how good is that? Weather changes often mean changes in feed. Extremes of weather can show up in your horses' hooves. Other factors affecting feet include the health and age of a





horse, the type and frequency of work that he does, his size and weight, whether he wears shoes or not and the type of terrain he is worked on. "No hoof no horse" as the saying goes and it pays to be checking your horse's feet on a regular basis. Normally a horse's foot should be cool to the touch. Heat is an indicator of some type of stress. This could include all manner of things such as a stone wedged between the frog and the sole or between the shoe and the hoof. Greasy heel, thrush, seedy toe, hoof abscesses, tendon wear or damage, laminitis and internal problems involving the navicular.

So, before you even go to groom your horse prior to riding, check his feet first, as this could save you valuable time in getting the vet in. The other advantage of checking your horse's feet on a regular basis is that you will get to know those feet really well. Most horses will have one hoof that is a bit warmer than the others and that may well be normal for him. Getting to know what is normal for your horse will save time and confusion later on when looking for the cause of a lameness problem. Cleaning the feet out regularly, especially once we have some rain, will ensure that the hoof doesn't get packed in hard with mud. This can also cause your trusty friend to look lame too. Conditions such as thrush, seedy toe and greasy heel are notoriously hard to eliminate, so early diagnosis is very beneficial.

Thrush usually occurs between the frog and sole and smells strongly, so it is easy to detect. Daily cleaning with hydrogen peroxide should help to clear this up, but as always consult with your vet. Seedy toe occurs often in horses with flatter front feet. Dampness and bacteria work their way up inside the laminae of the hoof. Needs to be cleaned out and kept as dry as possible. Greasy heel mostly occurs in the lower pastern area, although it can go higher up the leg. It is very painful as the skin can crack and bleed and the horse will appear lame. This needs to be treated ASAP and kept as dry and clean as possible. Good horse master -ship will help to ensure that your horse is kept as healthy as possible in all situations. Of course, horses being horses, things can go horribly wrong, despite all our precautions! At least if those precautions have been taken, it has probably lessened the chances of a more serious injury. Horses tend to either fall into the curious or the suspicious category, and it is those curious ones who regularly get themselves into mischief. One of my paddock mates did just that a couple of months back and ripped open his chest 30cm. Of course, he also ripped out the stitches within 4 days too, so it was looking very ugly. Amazingly after only 8 weeks he was totally healed. Really this month's message is about prevention being better than cure and being a good horse master to your special friend!

Happy munching and safe riding,  
Hamish

## HISTORY CORNER

### "ALL THE ROADS LEADING TO IRONBANK"

The Ironbank & Upper Sturt Community Watch recently posted on Facebook that one of the locals, Betty Frith, has completed her book and it is now available for sale to any interested locals. The book is called "All the roads leading to Ironbank" and is a compilation of many short stories and recollections of Betty's life in Ironbank. Betty and family had a social afternoon on Sunday 26th May at the Ironbank Faith Community Church on Pole Road, where everyone who came along had a good talk, swapped stories and enjoyed each other's company.

The new book was available on the day for \$15 and if any locals are interested they can contact Cherry Chatter by email at [cherry chatter@yahoo.com](mailto:cherry chatter@yahoo.com) and we will arrange to get copies for you.

If you prefer to contact the Community Watch group then you can do so from their facebook site at the link [https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=ironbank%20%26%20upper%20sturt%20community%20watch&epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=ironbank%20%26%20upper%20sturt%20community%20watch&epa=SEARCH_BOX)

Below is Betty checking out the new book.



## FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



It was great to finally get some steady rain early in May, let's hope we return to something more like average or above average rainfall for the rest of the year, so that our bushland (and farmers and home gardens) can recover from the dry start to the year. The good news is that our native vegetation is very resilient and, while it will certainly be impacted by long-term climate change, it will generally recover well from summer droughts.

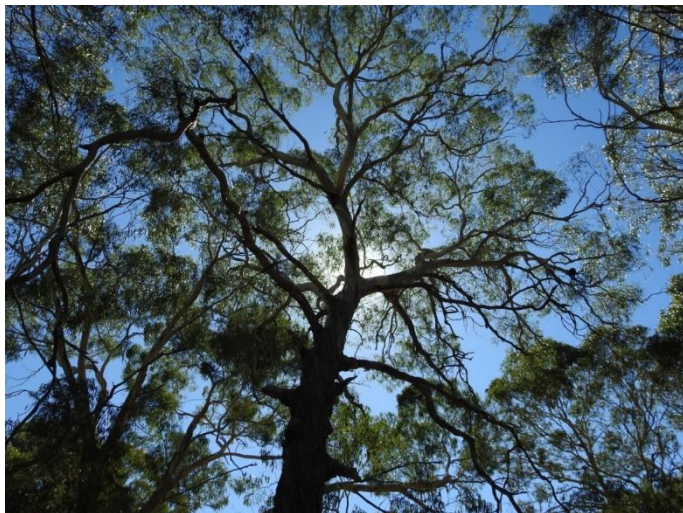
Are you interested in nature? Native plants? Wildlife? Looking for a break from the hustle and bustle? Want to give something back to the community or Mother Nature? We welcome anyone who wants to come along and see what we do at any of our activities.

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

[www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](http://www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au). You can also now follow us on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp) where you will find up to date information about our activities, including photos of the park's flora and fauna. All working bees meet at 9.00am at the Almanda Car Park on Dorset Vale Road (unless there is a MLR fire ban or very wet weather). To attend bird banding, contact the coordinator Don Reid on 83882123. Programme of activities

June

Tue	4	Working bee
Sun	9	Working bee
Tue	11	General meeting
Sat, Sun	15, 16	Bird banding
Sat	22	Working bee
Tue	25	Social lunch



Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) in Scott Creek.



Parson's Bands (*Eriochilus collinus*), one of the early flowering orchids in the park.

## MINTON FARM

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## CHERRY CHURCH

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Ralph Stephens is a member of our congregation. He was asked by his granddaughter to walk her down the aisle at her wedding. Ralph accepted the task happily and confidently knowing his constant companion, Tori the seeing - eye dog, would give him the confidence for this important event. The photo shows a proud Ralph and his two girls Maddi (his granddaughter) and Tori his great friend. Notice that Tori had flowers round her neck to be properly dressed for the occasion. The Royal Society for the Blind said this was the first time that a seeing eye dog had been involved in a wedding.



## The Bell's Back

The church has an historic bell that was cast in Adelaide by C.&H. Wyatt in 1851.



In early times, the bell was hung in a tree at the top of Hicks Hill road near Cherry Gardens Road and used for a fire alarm. It could be heard over a wide area, as there wasn't the noise of modern times. The church acquired the bell and Ken Lewis, likely assisted by the members of the church trust, built a bell tower out of galv. pipe. The bell tower was dismantled to make way for the construction of the new meeting room. It is now on the northern side of the church grounds and on a plinth. Malcolm Dunn kindly made steel footing plates and with his friends erected the tower and welded it to the plates. Ron Williamson made the cradle of red gum, which was how it was originally done. Ron supervised a team of three people Darryl Dyson, Grant Williamson and his friend Alistair Crooks, and given the weight of the bell and its saddle it was quite a task! The Heritage Adviser approved the location and construction of the Tower. The church bell and tower were re - erected and relocated and was rung for the 170th celebrations.





Ron Williams ringing the bell for 170<sup>th</sup>



Murray Brumby ringing the bell when it was mounted in a gum tree

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## RECREATION GROUND

At the recent AGM there were some changes on the committee, so we thought it best to update everyone on the current situation at the Rec Ground.

The committee's goal is to build a Recreation Ground which can become a beacon for the local community and something that residents can be proud of for years to come. To achieve this though, we truly need community engagement. We are currently faced with a chicken & egg scenario in that to increase our patronage, we understand the need to upgrade the facilities, however to keep the grounds open and fund any renovations, we need people attending and utilising the facility.

I would encourage you all to check out the brand new playground and sports area if you haven't had a chance, come up to the clubroom on a Thursday for dinner, or check out the local sporting teams in action.

We have had several meetings with local politicians to discuss the apparent neglect of our centre from a funding viewpoint, while the likes of Blackwood, Mt Lofty, Flagstaff Hill & Hahndorf receive several millions. Unfortunately we are somewhat a victim of circumstance, being that we reside on the border of electorates and council areas meaning we are not high in the priorities.

We have an upcoming meeting with the newly appointed Mayor of City of Onkaparinga Council, Erin Thompson at which we will put forward our case for more support. We don't want to lose the independence we have in being a wholly community owned facility but at the same time we need their help.



In order to better explain our cause to the council and when applying for government funding, we would love to get your feedback as a resident. Even if you don't use the facilities, your responses will be valuable as to why.

Please take the time to complete a quick 3 minute survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VDX2G5V>

We are also currently sourcing grant money to fund a Solar Project which would help ease the financial burden on the Rec Ground. With the cost of electricity almost eliminated, we could put those funds to better use.

Other projects high on our priority list are an upgrade of the kitchen and relaying of carpet in the clubroom. We hope that these improvements would allow us to hire out the room for more events.

Speaking of which, our **CLUBROOMS ARE FOR HIRE**. Please refer to the below ad for more details but a great way for us to generate revenue is hiring out the facility. We've had some great feedback from the events we've held so far so please keep us in mind. Hope to see you up at the Rec Ground soon.

## FOOTBALL CLUB

Well football is now at round 5 for the season and our senior teams are doing well with the A's undefeated and the B's with one loss. The women have now played just the 2 games with one win and one loss but our juniors are struggling a bit this year with the U14's yet to win a game and the U16's and U18's both with just the one win although all games have been very close. We have only had 2 home games so far and both days made for a really good day of local footy with the juniors playing in the morning and the seniors in the afternoon. The women play on Sunday afternoon. For our first home game we had our sponsors and members day and last weekend we had the ladies day and pink socks to support Breast Cancer Awareness. All players from both our teams and the visitors joined in and we raised a good donation to this very worthwhile cause.

We have a number of functions coming up throughout the season and on June 14<sup>th</sup> (a Friday) we have teamed up with our neighbours, the Blackwood Golf Course, for a club function that is open to all our players, sponsors and supporters. If any locals would also like to join in then you will be very welcome. Check out the flyer below. We will also be having a Quiz night, Lamb on Spit and the Thunderball during the season.

As always locals are welcome to come and have a meal at the club on a Thursday evening, watch the home games and stay for a meal and on a Sunday afternoon come and watch the women's game. As well as football there are netball home games every second weekend to enjoy as well.

Being the first weekend in May the Auskick programs at Coromandel and Hawthorndene Primary Schools has now started. There are a lot of kids enjoying this program and our senior players take the kids through all



the skills drills and the kids really enjoy themselves. Lots of girls involved too which is great to see. One of our challenges in recent years and for many other Hills League clubs is the Junior competition. With kids being offered so many new choices, including non-physical activities and parents having so many other things to do with their time other than driving their kids around the Adelaide Hills, many clubs are finding it difficult to recruit junior players. In 2018 we hosted a meeting of all the Country Division clubs to discuss this issue and forwarded our ideas to the HFL Board. In 2019 many clubs have again struggled to field junior teams and the HFL is now looking for feedback from clubs as to what can be done. We hope that the HFL will listen to the clubs and make some changes to ensure the long-term sustainability of Hills Footy.



The A's coming out for their game on Pink Socks Day with the B's cheering them on.



2019 Golf Day @ Blackwood Golf Club

Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00am



Everyone is invited to be part of a great Club building day.

Sponsors, Members, Players, Friends & Family.

Ambrose Competition, Prizes, Catering & Fun.

(An official handicap is not required)

Put it in your Diary now. Booking Sheet and final details to follow.



## NETBALL CLUB



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We are looking forward to another successful winter of netball.

Jenny Pearce

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A reminder to any locals that might like to participate in the Rabbit baiting program to contact Cherry Chatter with your details so that we can get the Department of Natural Resources to contact you.

## MAX RICKS RECOLLECTIONS

### Going to Primary School.

The Cherry Gardens School is situated at the bottom end of Orchard Road on the Southern side of the district. Max Ricks started Primary School at Cherry Gardens in February 1936 at the age of five. Our School taught from grades 1



to 7 altogether in the one room. Numbers were small, and at the time when I finished grade 7 there was a total of 15 students over the full 7 grades. There was only one teacher for the school and he and his family lived in an attached house at the school. Mr. Ralph Basham was my teacher for the first 6 years and the next resident teacher during my 7th year was Mr. Robert Ward. The school teachers formed a real part of the social structure of the district and would invariably take part in the sporting activities and the fund raising which was a big part of the social activities at that time. The wood work room was a popular part of the school, and the girls would have sewing instruction usually from a local person.

If a student did some work which pleased the headmaster, we would be told to take it around to the house and show it to the teacher's wife as a reward. But on the other hand, if we made a number of errors or misbehaved, we would be given the cane. 2 or 3 strokes across the back of the legs or buttocks with a metre long bamboo stick about 1 centimetre thick. This was normal practice at my time at school. Mr. Basham used a rubber stamp with the words very satisfactory inserted on it. To get this stamp on your work was reward indeed. All children walked to school at all times of the year whether it was hot or cold, because hardly any local

residents owned a car at that time. When it was wet, quite a few children would walk barefoot to school, so that their shoes and socks could be kept dry in their school bag for when they reached school. From our place, at 365 Cherry Gardens Road Cherry Gardens, we would mainly walk across paddocks then owned by Ken Edwards which is the paddock below the hall and then the Harry Lewis and Ken Lewis families. Walking across neighbour's fields was quite accepted in those days, with mutual respect given and expected from everyone. I remember that when the weather was very hot, my brother Charles Ricks and I would sometimes bring a bottle of homemade Ginger beer which our Mum Ethel Ricks would make during summer. We attached it to a good length of string and leave it in a deep water hole in the creek to keep it cool. Then we would have something cold to drink on the way home. Mr. Ward was very keen on nature, and during the holidays we would have all day walking trips in the scrub to study nature with him. The school leaving age was variable in those days. Our mum did her full term at primary school as did Charles, our dad Don Ricks only went for 4 years but was very good at reading and mathematics. At my time at primary school we had a final examination at the end of grade 7 to test our marks for what was called The Qualifying Certificate ( QC) my score was 638 out of 700 which entitled me to a Scholarship which paid for the books of 1st year at high school. Regular school concerts with all students participating, and frequent sports days were all designed to help us young people to fit in our future adult lives.

## AGRICULTURAL BUREAU

### CSIRO Controlling Methane from Cattle – Global Warming

The CSIRO are researching the benefits of feeding cattle seaweed; it's one of a number of promising lines of research that have the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Australia's \$17 billion livestock sector.

Australia is a major producer of livestock, and livestock in Australia are responsible for around 10 per cent of the country's overall emissions. Livestock also contribute to 60% of all emissions from the agricultural sector. As a greenhouse gas, methane is 28 times more potent than carbon dioxide

To combat this issue, they are working on multiple approaches that could provide significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions for the agricultural sector, both in intensive and pasture-based systems.

One potential solution is feeding livestock seaweed. Scientists have found that the common Australian red seaweed (*Asparagopsis taxiformis* and *A. armata*) virtually eliminates methane emissions in cattle and sheep, when it's fed as a dietary additive in low doses.

How does seaweed reduce methane? The metabolites in the seaweed disrupt the enzymes that are responsible

for the cattle and sheep producing methane in the rumen (stomach).

And how much seaweed is enough? Studies in cattle and sheep have shown that these results are possible when seaweed is included at 1% or less of the dry diet.

The discovery was made in collaboration with Meat and Livestock Australia and James Cook University, with on-going research currently underway to understand the optimal feed mixes.

The methane-busting seaweed feed could be commercialised within one-to-two years. However, wider adoption (across Australia and overseas) is dependent on establishing a new industry to farm Australian red seaweed at an industrial scale. The possibility of open line seaweed farming is being explored in Southeast Asia and elsewhere.

The seaweed option is very promising for cattle in feedlots (around 1 million cattle in Australia) and dairy cows (around 1.6 million in Australia).

However, applying the feed supplement to cattle grazing on open pasture is logistically challenging, as cattle graze over vast areas but they have to be fed seaweed every day. There is a need to do more research into technologies that can deliver the seaweed and other methane-reducing feeds to grazed livestock systems, to create a solution for all livestock producers.

### Beyond seaweed: less burps with legumes

To work around the logistical problems of feeding seaweed supplements, we have been studying whether the amount of methane produced by cattle decreases when they're fed two tropical legume species: *Leucaena* and *Desmanthus*. Both plants not only reduce methane but also boost animal growth.

Compounds in these plants act on the microbes in the rumen in a similar way to the *Asparagopsis* seaweed. However, the effect is smaller, at around a 20 per cent reduction in methane emissions.

While the effect is smaller, it shouldn't be discounted—these legumes could be planted into grazing systems now, so that they're available to livestock in the near-term. They could feed many more of the 24 million beef cattle in Australia. A 20 per cent reduction in emissions from these plants could equate to a saving of anywhere between half a million and a million tonnes of greenhouse gases per year. That's like taking up to 200,000 cars off the road each year.

Another avenue being explored is whether we can influence the microbiome (that is, the gut bacteria) of pasture-fed cattle from a young age. We hope that this will also reduce methane emissions. This research is still in its early phase, but the idea is to give cattle compounds from a young age to realign the rumen microbiome to produce less methane. The theory is that, once the microbiome is altered, the change to low methane digestion will persist, hopefully for the lifetime of the animal.

The research projects are all based at the Lansdown Research Station, south of Townsville.





Seaweed



Less Methane please!

## COUNCILLOR UPDATE – GEOFF EATON

### Green Waste

Fortnightly green waste collection ... but at what cost? You may have heard some talk about a proposed fortnightly green bin collection for Onkaparinga, rather than the current monthly collection. There is a strong push for the second collection by some Onkaparinga residents, however, it will come at a cost to all of us, likely through a rate increase.

An alternative user-pay system has been suggested where those residents who require a second monthly collection simply buy a second bin. If you have an opinion about it, it is important that you contact our ward councillors to let them know; they can only go into bat for us based on the communication they receive.

Our local councillors would like to hear from us. A simple email sent to either Geoff Eaton or Marion Themeliotis indicating your preference as to either a fortnightly collection (with a likely rate increase) or purchasing an additional bin for those who want the additional collection.

You can provide your opinion by emailing: [marion.themeliotis@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:marion.themeliotis@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au) or [geoff.eaton@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:geoff.eaton@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)

## MEADOWS VET NEWS

### Senior Petizens Month

It is important to remember, pets age much faster than people do, and their rate of aging depends not only on the species type but also on the size of the breed. Cats are generally less than 10kg and are considered senior citizens after the age of 8. Dog breeds, however, display a wide variety of weights. The greater the weight of the breed, the sooner they reach their golden years. The table below gives a good indication of the human to pet age relationship as it has been proven that the old thought of one human year to seven pets' years is not accurate when comparing physiological changes.

As dogs and cats age much faster than we do, health problems progress much more rapidly. Australian pets are living longer than ever, and are increasingly suffering from many of the same chronic diseases that affect humans such as:

- Arthritis
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Kidney failure
- Dental disease
- Liver and intestinal disorders
- Behavioural issues relating to senility
- Vision problems

Early detection is the key, and fortunately there are many ways we can diagnose and treat these conditions and improve the quality of your pet's life.

### How old is your dog in human years?

Dog's age	Small/ Medium	Large dog	Extra large dog
2 months	2 years	2 years	2 years
6 months	10 years	10 years	10 years
12 months	16 years	16 years	16 years
18 months	20 years	20 years	20 years
2 years	24 years	24 years	24 years
3 years	29 years	30 years	38 years
4 years	34 years	36 years	45 years
5 years	39 years	42 years	52 years
6 years	44 years	48 years	59 years
7 years	49 years	54 years	66 years
8 years	54 years	60 years	75 years
9 years	59 years	66 years	80 years
10 years	64 years	72 years	87 years
12 years	74 years	84 years	94 years
14 years	84 years	96 years	108 years

Horses also tend to have more trouble handling cold weather as they grow older so practicing proper winter horse care is important. It's not uncommon for horses in their 20s or beyond to have difficulty holding their weight, staying warm and/or moving around during the winter. The two areas of winter horse care that can have the biggest influence on the health of older horses are feeding and rugging. Giving a horse access to a large amount of hay will help to keep him warm. For horses unable to consume enough long-stem hay, consider adding beet pulp to the diet. This is an easily digested fibre source that can help meet the horse's energy needs. For other hard keepers, you might need to supplement the diet with vegetable oil to increase calorie intake.



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- Code Club and Lego Club
- Magic The Gathering – strategy card game playing group

For more information and bookings visit [www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries)

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## SMART TECHNOLOGIES & AGEING WELL DISCUSSION

**Friday 31 May, 9.30am–2.30pm**  
**Civic area, City of Onkaparinga, Noarlunga office**

If you're over 60 we want you to join the discussion on how new smart technologies may, or may not, help you to age well. All we need is your opinion and ideas!

A light lunch and refreshments will be provided and transport is available on

request. To register phone 8301 7232.

This event is a joint initiative of the City of Onkaparinga, the Office for Ageing Well and the University of Adelaide.

## WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS LUNCH

**Tuesday 11 June, noon–3pm**  
**Southern Districts Workingmen's Club, 24 Epstein Drive, Morphett Vale**

Join us for a subsidised three-course lunch to raise awareness of elder abuse throughout the world and to let older people in our communities know that 'there's no excuse for abuse'. The lunch includes a guest speaker from the Office of Ageing Well and entertainment from the SA Police Band.

Lunch – \$10

Limited transport available – \$5 return

To book phone 8301 7232. Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

## MOVING TOWARDS WELLNESS PROGRAM

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## WELLNESS FOR CARERS PROGRAM

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To find out more about this program phone 8384 0558.

## ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STUDY

If you are over 65, you are invited to take part in a study on activities for older people. The study aims to explore what older people recognise as being most valuable in the activities they take part in. Share your thoughts and ideas on activities such as social groups, clubs and sporting organisations. Even if you do not currently take part in any organised activities your opinion is still valuable.

If you would like to find out more or to register your interest, contact Irene Belperio on 0473 527 332 or email [irene.belperio@flinders.edu.au](mailto:irene.belperio@flinders.edu.au)

This study is in partnership with the City of Onkaparinga, the Office for Ageing Well and ECH Inc. Funded by the Australian Research Council.

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Soon, workers will be on their rooftops, installing up to 1250 solar panels that are expected to save over \$80,000 per year and reduce council's footprint by 33 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) annually.

"This project will triple the amount of solar installed by council," says Director City Operations, Kirk Richardson.

"It demonstrates the City of Onkaparinga's commitment to environmental sustainability and responding and adapting to climate change, with a number of council's other sites being

earmarked for future solar installations.

"It also represents another step in the reduction of our low-carbon city's footprint, adding to the 30 per cent drop in our emissions from 2010 to 2017–18."

Installation is expected to commence in mid-June and it's estimated the project, which costs \$437,000, will deliver an annual saving of \$81,060, meaning it'll pay for itself within six years.

It comes in the wake of another council project that is helping deliver a significant reduction in emissions.

Council's 2018 changeover of approximately 12,250 street lights to 14-watt LED technology will likely deliver annual savings of up to \$600,000 and a reduction of 2000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.



But the council's latest solar project is just one part of the renewables story in the south.

In early 2019, Vicinity Centres laid and connected nearly 5000 solar panels at Colonnades Shopping Centre, with the 1.8 megawatt system being the region's largest commercial installation.

The City of Onkaparinga council area also has a higher overall proportion of residential solar installations at 36.8 per cent,

compared to the rest of the state at 30 per cent.

In fact, Morphett Vale/Woodcroft was the top postcode in SA for household solar installations in 2017 and 2018, and more than 50 per cent of the city's rural areas are now powered by the sun.

If you're interested in switching to solar power, visit the renewable energy page at [www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com).

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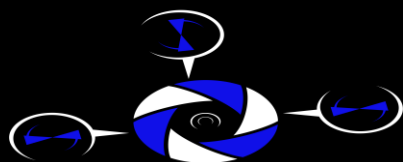
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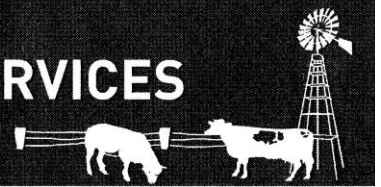


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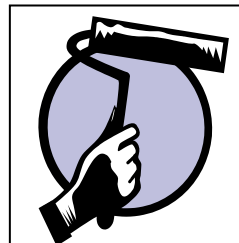
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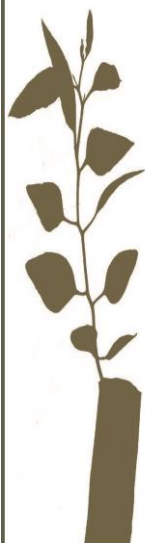


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<b>Backhoe Hire</b> – Jeff Burton – 8388-2268 or 0410 533 268
<b>Bobcat, Excavator &amp; Tipper Hire</b> – Moons Earthworks – 8270-8270 or 0421 376 960
<b>Cleaning – Faithly Cleans</b> – House cleaning – 0410 603 685 E: <a href="mailto:faithlycleans@gmail.com">faithlycleans@gmail.com</a>
<b>Earthmoving &amp; Excavation</b> – Neil Schubert – 8383-7387
<b>Electrical Contractors</b> - Carling Electrical - Mobile 0404 652 862 <a href="http://www.carlingelectrical.com">www.carlingelectrical.com</a>
<b>Equipment Hire</b> – Blackwood Hire - 8370-2488
<b>Face Painting</b> – Therese – 8270-8275 or 0419 037 628
<b>Fencing</b> – Rejuvenate Fencing & Agri Services – Geoff Phelps – 0429 876 071
<b>Fire – Fleurieu Fire Protection</b> – David Parker – 0417 304 004 – <a href="http://www.fleurieufireprotection.com.au">www.fleurieufireprotection.com.au</a>
<b>Fodder, Seed &amp; Fertiliser Supplies</b> - Sandersons Grain & Fodder Ph 8270-2173
<b>Furniture Removalists</b> – Delco Removals – 8326-5333
<b>Glass – Summit Glass</b> – 0418 842 879 E: <a href="mailto:gavin@summitglass.com.au">gavin@summitglass.com.au</a> W: <a href="http://www.summitglass.com.au">www.summitglass.com.au</a>
<b>Hairdresser</b> – Jo Palfreyman – 0401 865 949
<b>Hall for Hire</b> – Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall – 8270-2232
<b>Jewellers – Wishart Jewellers</b> – Phone:8295-1345 Fax:8376-0160 Email <a href="mailto:info@wishartjewellers.com.au">info@wishartjewellers.com.au</a>
<b>Landscaping Services etc – Coromandel Landscaping</b> – 0404 109 919
<b>Lawyer</b> - Kruse Legal – Call Darren on 8278 1779 <a href="http://www.kruselegal.com.au">www.kruselegal.com.au</a> Free initial, no obligation appt
<b>Local Councillors</b> – See advertisement in newsletter
<b>Massage Therapist</b> – Lawrence Muzzatti – 8270-1206 or 0408 011 206
<b>MP Federal Member for Mayo – Rebekha Sharkie MP</b> Ph – (08) 8398-5566
<b>MP Steven Murray – Member for Davenport</b> – 8270-5122 <a href="mailto:davenport@parliament.sa.gov.au">davenport@parliament.sa.gov.au</a>
<b>Nails/Waxing/Tanning</b> – Renee's Nails – 0403 807 038 – Local to Cherry Gardens
<b>Outdoor Home Improvements</b> – Steve Bowden - (08) 8388-2018 or 0412 392 171
<b>Painter &amp; Decorator</b> - David J O'Ryan – 8278-4364 or 0415 347 329 <a href="mailto:djopainting@hotmail.com">djopainting@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Pet Care &amp; Pet Sitting Service</b> – Yvette at Happy Pets - 8358-6560 or 0405 775 250
<b>Photography Services</b> – PhD Photography – Paul Heck 0410 470 309 <a href="http://www.phdphotography.com.au">www.phdphotography.com.au</a>
<b>Plumber</b> - Stephen Wood - 8388-2028 or 0419 807 611
<b>Plumbing</b> – Free Flow Plumbing – 8270-8766 or 0438 314 122
<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>Real Estate</b> – Harris Real Estate – 8278-1322 or check out individual Agents mobile numbers
<b>Real Estate</b> - Timms Real Estate – Valerie Timms – M 0447 312 218 or 8471 6111 <a href="http://timmsrealestate.com.au">timmsrealestate.com.au</a>
<b>Stables &amp; Sheds</b> – Lance Hart - 8388-3516 or 0411 551 750
<b>Trees For Life</b> – 8406-0500 <a href="http://www.treesforlife.org.au">www.treesforlife.org.au</a>
<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>Veterinary Clinic</b> – Meadows Vet - 8388-3455 or email <a href="mailto:admin@meadowsvet.com.au">admin@meadowsvet.com.au</a>
<b>Window Cleaning</b> – Aquarius – Gary – 0438 693 104 or 8270-6038