



# Cherry Chatter

Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

## EDITORIAL



The Great War of 1914 – 1918 saw thirty-nine men enlist from the Cherry Gardens district, with thirteen of them paying the supreme sacrifice. The devastated community needed a place to commemorate and remember these men and a Soldiers Memorial Park was created in 1920 on land donated by Mr. Henry Jacobs. A Golden Cypress was planted for each of the fallen soldiers and the community now had a place to reflect and remember. The park opened in 1923 and a Cross of Remembrance was unveiled in April 1935.

With the centenary of the ending of the Great War in 2018, an increasing number of Australians continued to commemorate and reflect on the tragedy of war. The Flanders Poppy has long been a part of Remembrance and Anzac Day observances. During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium.

Around December 2018, members of the current Cherry Gardens community discussed the idea of decorating the Cross of Remembrance with handmade poppies, to honour the past and to become part of the future.

This idea became reality when locals from Cherry Gardens, their friends and families worked together to design and create the more than 500 individual poppies needed. These poppies were then transformed into the

display at the base of the cross. The Cherry Chatter committee provided funding for this project, and many long hours were spent in the creation of this tribute. Purple poppies have been added to commemorate animals that also died and suffered during times of war. It is planned these poppies will belong to the Cherry Gardens community and will be used for all future Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies, hopefully for the next hundred years and beyond.

## RAINFALL REPORT FOR MARCH

Cherry Gardens Rainfall	
Rainfall for March 2019	18.8 mm
Rainfall for March 2018	17.6 mm
Average rainfall for March	38.4mm
Rainfall to the end of March 2019	41.0 mm
Rainfall to the end of March 2018	43.6mm
Average rainfall to the end of March	95.6 mm

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7.30pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of May at the home of Julie and David Martin.

**Articles to be received by 5<sup>th</sup> of each month – without exception.**

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

### May

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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 Committee

The Hall Committee elected at the February AGM met recently and has started to plan an upgrade to the hall. We have also put in some applications for grants from the Onkaparinga Council to assist the upgrade and hope to get a positive response around mid-year.



New Committee - Rear: Bill Semple (Chair), Adrian Mallin, Terry Whittle (Bookings) Front: Belinda Angus, Helen Whittle (Secretary), Edie Brooks Absent: John Duckmanton, Andrew Desteno

### Resignations

I mentioned in the previous edition that two of our longstanding committee members had tendered their resignations, Veronica Jones and Eric Annett. Bill and Terry visited them to present a gift basket, and a letter and certificate in appreciation of their voluntary service to the hall over many years.



Terry presenting Veronica with her certificate.



Bill presenting Eric with his certificate.

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



## CHERRY GARDENS CFS

I have been asked many times why we voluntarily give up our time and occasionally leave our families in order stay active in the CFS. Here is a personal account of one of our members and their journey to becoming a fire-fighter - Joining the Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade has been one of the best things I've done.

When Judy and I moved back to SA after 12 years in Brisbane, we found a house we really liked in Cherry Gardens, bought it and moved in, all quite quickly. This coincided with my semi-retirement after a long career in biomedical research, so for once I had a bit more time for other things. We were also both very aware of the bushfire risk in the Hills, and so when we saw a sign for an open day at the station we went along and soon after, we both signed up – me as a firefighter and Judy with communications.

I've never done anything like it before, and that's actually been one of the best things about it. Learning so many new skills, new ways of looking at and doing things, and starting right from the bottom as a trainee then a 'newbie' have all been challenging – which is what I wanted - but so rewarding. For example, I could never have imagined 3 years ago that I'd now be learning to drive a 23-tonne fire appliance! Then there are all the technical bits – using hoses, pumps, radios, controlling traffic and so on. To deal with all this, training is well-organised, thorough and importantly, new members are well-supervised and never pushed beyond their limits.

Just as important for me is the feeling of being part of a team when we're working – on real call-outs or even at training. Equally rewarding is the feeling that I'm contributing in a small way to the community I live in. The CFS, as readers of this page will know, doesn't deal only with fires, but also with traffic accidents, fallen trees, and occasional odd events like stray cattle wandering along Cherry Gardens Road. That feeling's been amplified by the amazing sense of community within the Brigade. Judy and I both feel now that we're really part of our Cherry Gardens community, in fact much more so than in any of the (many) other places we've lived. The Brigade membership is very diverse, with people from many different walks of life and points of view, and with an equally broad range of ages from late teens to 70-plus. Despite this, when we work together, and even socially, these differences almost completely disappear, which is quite remarkable if you think about it. And just getting to know such a diverse group is interesting and stimulating in itself.

So, if anyone asks me if I'm glad I joined, or if I'd recommend joining either as a firefighter or a communications operator, my answer is a resounding "yes" to both.



*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 6th May (Note first Monday of the month due to speaker availability)

George Hoad, President of Garden Clubs of Australia, will be our Guest Speaker. We will also have the chance to meet our zone coordinator, Julie Myer.

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

## George's Gardening Suggestions For May 2019

In the flower garden plant calendula, cineraria, hollyhock, linaria, Iceland poppy, snapdragon and wallflower.

Bulbs of anemone, ranunculus, and tulips can still go in.

Now is a good time to divide and plant out Cliveas.

Rhubarb crowns can be planted into deep rich soil.

New strawberry plants will grow steadily through the Winter and early Spring if planted into soil that has been enriched with compost and complete fertilizer. Vegies to plant now include: broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and white onions.

May is a good time for moving shrubs and small trees as the still warm soil aids new root development. Water the plant well the day before the move, and immediately after transplanting, then add some mulch. Continue to water regularly for the next month.

It is also a good time to add gypsum to your soil if it has set like concrete over Summer. Add at the rate of 1 Kg per square metre and water in.

It never ceases to amaze me how our committee manage to arrange a new and interesting topic or speaker/s every time we have our monthly garden club. March was no exception, as we enjoyed a very interesting presentation by a vibrant young trio from University of South Australia Business School. A fairly new member, Joanne, introduced Tristana Sidoryn Coordinator: Community Engagement and Jamil Ameen, Project Officer, Student Engagement, UniSA Business School, and Jaimie Green, Project Officer Student Engagement. Orientation week had just ended when they came to tell us about the Community Garden situated on a rooftop space at City West Campus. UNISA has 35,600 students and 11,300 in the Business school. The enterprise is a way of putting the Uni's commitment to supporting the environment into practice, whilst providing a sociable activity where students from all over the world can be either introduced to or share their knowledge of gardening. This has also revitalized an empty space on campus, connecting 2 buildings on Level 5. Wicking beds, created by people with disabilities from a local Not for Profit organization, are used for plantings, ensuring constantly favorable growing conditions whilst practicing careful water use. Every Wednesday 10am-11:00am during the semester, the Community Garden is open to students' staff and the public, offering a great opportunity to get away from the desk for a while, for fair trade coffee and cake from a coffee cart. Veggies, fruit or herbs are brought in by a local harvest share whilst guests can partake in plantings, followed by harvesting with take home plants at the end. Do come 10 April, 1st May, 22 May. The group has a strong social media presence. The next stage of the garden's development is a shade structure designed by architecture students.

We were all given a pair of ultra-cool, environmentally friendly, bamboo straws in a gift pack with invitations to the coffee mornings with details -

[https://i.unisa.edu.au/students/business/life/community-garden/\(f\)face3book.com/UniSACityWest](https://i.unisa.edu.au/students/business/life/community-garden/(f)face3book.com/UniSACityWest)

There was lots to talk about over our extra special supper, which was supplemented by left over cake from Sunday 17th's 170 year anniversary celebration at our venue – the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church.

## OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

And still the dry continues.

Luckily we seem to have survived the summer without the dreaded bushfires. The risks for horses in such long dry conditions include heat stress, not having adequate shelter, the need to drink extra water and foraging on barren ground. On a really hot day a horse can drink up to around 60 litres of water, so keeping an eye on the water supply is very important. If your horse is in work for competition reasons, he may be needing some extra electrolytes to replace salts lost during exercise. If he is dehydrated, you can do a pinch test on the soft flesh on the side of his neck. If you pinch the skin and let go, it should return immediately to its former state. If it stays up in a little ridge, then he is dehydrated. Horses should always have ad lib access to good quality water. If you do need to work your horse in the hot weather, it is far better to time it for either early in the day or later when the heat has abated. If it is uncomfortable for you, it will be uncomfortable for him too. Give him a nice hose down afterwards, no need to scrape as the water will keep him cool longer as it evaporates.

With the paddocks becoming bare, there is the risk of the horse ingesting soil, sand and grit as he forages. If the soil is sandy, there is quite a risk of ingestion and subsequently sand colic. So make sure your horse has plenty of ad lib hay, preferably off the ground or in an area where he will not pick up soil. A large heavy rubber mat can be useful for that. It would need to be at least 2 x 1m. With more than one horse, the large round bales can work, but there tends to be quite a bit of wastage. It really depends on each person's situation.

Providing shade and shelter is very important too. Again, if more than one horse, make sure that there is plenty of room for all of them to shelter safely, or at least a second area that can be used. Many horses with white markings on their faces etc can be prone to sun burn, even if a shelter is provided. There are many varieties of face masks on the market to suit every horse and its requirements. Some are much better than others, so it pays to shop around. The way some of them fit is not ideal, so it can be useful to have your horse's head measurements when going to purchase. Or check with your horsey friends – share information! Some of the best information you can get will be from people who have used a product, not necessarily what the manufacturer proclaims.

Yours truly is holding my weight at around the 500 kg mark before being worked, but it always drops down afterwards much to my owner's relief!

Safe riding and in anticipation of some rain!



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Hamish,

On behalf of the Cherry Chatter Committee we would like to extend our deepest condolences to Sandy, Jim, you and your fellow paddock friends, on the very sad news of the passing of your dear equine friends Ziggy (30 years) and Mario (25 years). They had long lives and we are sure they will be sadly missed.

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## Cherry Gardens Uniting Church 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

### God the Faithful

On March 17<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church celebrated 170 years of continuous worship at its site on Hicks Hill Road, Cherry Gardens. Approximately 90 people attended a wonderful time of celebration and thanksgiving.

The title of this article, God the faithful, was the title given to a poem written about the history of the church by former member, Bob Ricks. The first and last verses of the poem are as follows:

“The forefathers of the Cherry Church  
Knowing God is faithful  
Left the shores of England  
And came to Australia, hopeful.  
So we celebrate 170 years  
Not of the strength of men  
But praise the God who’s faithful  
Still to us now, as then.”

The service was led by Dianne Dyson and Stephanie Dube, prayers by Rob Linn and the Reverend David Houston brought the Word, entitled “Becoming more than we have been”. The historic 1851 bell was rung vigorously by long-term member, Margaret Jacobs and sent out a wonderful welcome to all. The bell tower had recently been re-erected following completion of the new meeting room.



*Revd David Houston*



*Dr Palmer and Darryl Dyson*

At the Anniversary celebration, the current members of the congregation were joined by past members, lay preachers, people from the local area and descendants of the pioneer families. Dr. Deidre Palmer, President of the Assembly, who is a descendant of two of the pioneer families, attended with her family. A sumptuous morning tea followed the service and a great deal of laughter and wonderful fellowship was evident. Those present spilled out from the newly built Meeting Room onto the outside deck area and enjoyed the unique setting of the church which is built amidst agricultural land.



The following is a quotation from historic information included in the Order of Service handout, some of which was obtained from the Adelaide Register of 1849. “When in late March 1849, about 120 people gathered to celebrate the opening of a newly built Cherry Gardens Wesleyan Methodist chapel, they testified to a living faith in God their Father who had brought them to that place. These Wesleyans and Bible Christian Methodists had been urged by Reverend Daniel Draper, a dynamic Minister of the Word, to combine and construct a place of worship. The church trustees then acquired land from Henry Field, on 30 September 1848 and the proposed Chapel was underway. Long before the Chapel was built, though, these Methodists met in local homes to worship and pray”.





*Margaret Bennett and Margaret Jacobs cut the 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake*

Today, God's people at Cherry gardens acknowledge that their heritage is in the love of Him who gave His life on a cross that they might be free. And so, We'll praise Him for all that is past, And trust Him for all that's to come.

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## FRIENDS OF SCOTT CREEK CONSERVATION PARK



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

Anyone wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, or wanting to get involved, can contact us on [info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au](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

May

Sat, Sun 4, 5	Bird banding
Tue 7	Working bee
Sun 12	Working bee
Sat, Sun 18, 19	Bird banding
Thu 23	Social lunch
Sat 25	Working bee



One of our resident koalas in the Park.



It was great to get lots of younger people along to bird banding in March.

## RECREATION GROUND

If anyone is interested in getting involved with the Recreation Ground, then you would be welcome to attend and join. Contact anyone from the Cherry Chatter committee and we can put you in contact.

## FOOTBALL CLUB

Our football season started on the first weekend in April.

After a few long months of training, recruiting and preparation the juniors and men's teams finally got on the oval and played footy. The juniors have had mixed success and are enjoying their games and getting to know their teammates and the coaches game plans. Our seniors have done well with good wins. Our A's are keen to go back to back premiers after such a good win in the Grand Final in 2018 and the B's just want to go that one better and win the Grand Final. Our first home game was on April 13<sup>th</sup> and it was our Sponsors and Members Day.



I can't place enough emphasis on how important both our sponsors and members are to the success and sustainability of the club. Without them we would cease to exist, and it would be such a shame that such a great outlet for the kids and youth for fitness and wellbeing could not be there.

If you would like to do your bit to help the club, then becoming a member would be a great place to start. The annual membership is only \$80 and this gets you in to all home games, a 2 for the price of one meal on Saturday nights and 6 drink vouchers, as well as a 10% discount on events and merchandise. Anyone interested can email the club at [info@ironbankfootball.com.au](mailto:info@ironbankfootball.com.au)

In 2019 we will have 8 home games and we would love to see locals come along and watch good quality local footy. Park in the car around the boundary if you like, or mix with the club supporters under the veranda.

By the way, our women's team started their season on the last weekend in April and this season they are also playing in the Hills League.

Go Thunderer's

## NETBALL CLUB

We have had trials for the winter season and teams selected. This year we are fielding 10 junior teams and 11 senior teams with games starting 27<sup>th</sup> April or 4<sup>th</sup> May. We usually have at least one team playing at the courts on a Saturday so come by and support our players. All junior matches are played on Saturday Mornings, with senior matches played Saturday afternoons.

- 9:00 am – 11 & under and 15 & under
- 10:45 am – 13 & under and 17 & under
- 1:45 pm – Seniors
- 3:30 pm – Seniors

THURSDAY NIGHT TRAININGS 11 & 13's – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm 15 & 17's - 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm and Seniors - 6:30 pm

We are always looking for umpires to assist us so if you or anyone you know would like to umpire for the club (paid of course) please contact me via email

[ibcgpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ibcgpresident@gmail.com)

### SPONSORS

Welcome back our major sponsor GP Aldinga After Hours (ph 0410190291) (Bulk billed), who have committed to financial sponsorship of our club for the next 4 years – THEIR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. Gavin Chant from Summit Glass has also provided financial sponsorship for a second year. Please support the people who support us.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – the following people were confirmed at our recent AGM

- President: Jenny Pearce [ibcgpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ibcgpresident@gmail.com)
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We are looking forward to another successful winter of netball.

Jenny Pearce

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Rabbit Control

In Australia, European rabbits have major impacts on agricultural productivity and the environment. The Threat abatement plan released by the Australian Government Department of the Environment in January 2016 found that rabbits are a significant threat to biodiversity, affecting 304 nationally threatened plant and animal species. Rabbits also impact agricultural productivity by \$200 million a year.



In March of 2017, phase one of a 20-year long-term rabbit biocontrol pipeline strategy was implemented with the national release of a Korean strain of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus, known as RHDV1 K5. This virus was released at more than 300 sites around Australia in March of 2017 and many release sites have reported seeing an observed decline in rabbit numbers on their property. Preliminary analysis has shown a 50 per cent average reduction in wild rabbit numbers at sites where the new strain was released. This was part of a long-term strategic approach to rabbit control. So, you may ask why are we talking about Rabbit Control in Cherry Gardens? Well we have been informed by a few locals that they are seeing a significant increase in rabbit numbers throughout the district and this sounds concerning. We have been in contact with The Natural Resources, Adelaide and My Lofty Ranges department and they have advised that if there are at least 6 locals who are prepared to participate in a baiting program in Cherry Gardens then they will put together a program for us which will include the supply of the baits (which are in the form of treated carrots).

- So, do you have a rabbit problem on your property?
- Are you willing to allow a baiting program to be run on your property?
- If the answer is yes, then please email us at [cherry chatter@yahoo.com](mailto:cherry chatter@yahoo.com) and we will forward details on to the authorities.



If any residents are concerned about their pet rabbits, then they should talk to their Vet. There is a vaccine available that can be given to pet rabbits to protect them from this virus and it is the responsibility of all rabbit owners to get their pets vaccinated.

## MAX RICKS RECOLLECTIONS

### Vehicles of our Farm.

Transport on our farm at Cherry Gardens in the early days was with a 4 wheeled steel tyred wagon, drawn by two horses, which was used up to the 1930's. By the mid 1930's this was replaced by a 2 wheeled rubber tyred jinker pulled by 1 horse.

This vehicle would hold 20 cases of fruit. By 1950 we bought our 1<sup>st</sup> tractor, a TEA 20 Ferguson, to which we attached the converted jinker. In 1957 we bought a 35 hp petrol driven Ferguson Tractor, which we still have to-day in 2011. We also purchased a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Ferguson 135, 3-cylinder diesel Tractor, which was replaced by a new Kubota 4400 diesel Tractor in 2007.

Our dad, Don Ricks, had a Rudge Motor Bike when he was a young man, around about 1920, followed by a Model T Ford Buckboard. Next, Dad and Uncle Ike bought a Iton International Truck for the use of moving farm produce and also for private needs. This was followed by the late 1940's by a 30 cwt (1½ ton) Bedford Truck. After about 10 years this truck was replaced by a 2.3 ton Bedford Truck. This was used until Dad sold the property to Heather and Max in 1965. In retirement, Dad bought a Vauxhall Wyvern Car. The vehicles which Heather and Max have used since our marriage have been an old blue Holden Ute, followed by a slightly larger Toyota Utility. These vehicles were used on the road, and also for paddock use as required. Next, we had a green Holden Ute formally owned by Heather's Mother who died in 1975. By the 1980's with flower sales increasing, we had a need for our first commercial van which was a twin wheeled 1 ton Mazda Van. This was not a very reliable vehicle, and we replaced it with a new 1 ton 1988 Toyota Diesel Van. This gave excellent service, and we used it until 2009 when we replaced it with a Mitsubishi Van which is giving good service now in 2011.

## CLARENDON AGRICULTURAL BUREAU

The Clarendon Branch of the Agricultural Bureau March 2019 meeting was an open discussion by the group on the 2019 Grape Vintage. Most grape growing members advised that their yields were down significantly, but the quality was extremely good. While a few grape growing members said vintage was slightly down on expectations however, the quality was very good. The meeting

continued with an opportunity for members to talk about their ancestors and how they arrived in Australia. One particular story related to a member's parents and grandparents and how they were treated by the Russians which caused them to flee their native country and eventually settle in Australia. This story was extremely interesting and very moving.

## 100 YEAR CLARENDON BRIDGE ANNIVERSARY

On July 17th the Clarendon Bridge will be 100 years old



In 1851 there was no bridge over the Onkaparinga River and when the river was in flood people living on the other side had to wait until the flood waters receded when they could cross by bullock dray. The local school teacher supported by the doctor thought this most unsatisfactory and complained to the Central Road Board who agreed to build a bridge. The new wooden bridge with stone abutments and approaches cost 4916 pounds, 9 shillings and 1 penny. In 1858 the bridge was opened with great ceremony which included a procession from the hotel led by a band.

This bridge was replaced by the present concrete structure and was opened in July 1919 by the Hon E.A. Anstey. It came in under budget at 2000 pounds instead of the estimated 3000 pounds much to the delight of all concerned. Things must have been very different in those days!

Local resident Geoff Webster's great grandfather, his wife and 3 children were moving with all their belongings from Goodwood to take up residence in Clarendon when they were stopped at the bridge where the opening ceremony was taking place. Although somewhat difficult to see, they are in the photo.

The bridge has an interesting history. During World War II guards were stationed at each end of the bridge in sentry boxes. Holes were bored in the bridge ready to blow it up if there was an invasion. It was thought any invasion would come from the south.

Some of the local lads placed coins in the old wooden bridge which they salvaged when it was pulled down. The same boys left their mark by placing the salvaged coins in the new bridge - wonder where they are!

A section of the old wooden bridge was retained and kept at the Recreation ground until recently when it was shifted to the stables at the Historic Hall. Come and have a look at an important piece of our history. The 'concrete' Clarendon Bridge is 100 years old this year. The CCA, with assistance from Clarendon Museum and Clarendon Primary School, are planning a community event to be held at Riverbend Park on the 21st of July. The details and activities are still being



formalised so please watch this space for more information.

In preparation for the centenary Bridge celebrations, members of the Clarendon community met with local MP for Heysen, Josh Teague, to discuss the shabby appearance of our bridge. All parties agreed that the bridge was in dire need of a facelift, but remedial works would not be completed in time to coincide with celebrations. We are hoping that between the council, our local MP's team and the community, we can at least make the approaches to the bridge and it's surrounds as nice as possible for the big day. We would like to acknowledge the member for Heysen and his staff for how helpful and receptive they have been in assisting with celebration preparations so far.

Please mark the event down in your calendars, for it's shaping up to be a great event that will bring the whole community all together.

### COUNCILLOR UPDATE – GEOFF EATON

#### Possible Council Boundary Changes

At the Council meeting of 19 March 2019, (Item 12.3) Council agreed to undertake discussions regarding boundary reform with the City of Marion, Adelaide Hills Council, the City of Mitcham and the Grants Commission and that the administration reports back to Council outlining the opportunities, challenges and costing as part of the boundary reforms.

The process (should this be agreed to by Council) will require considerable community engagement and take up to 3 years to complete, so it coincides with the next local government elections.

#### Road Works Cherry Gardens

Kirk Richardson, Director City Services advises that Council is aware that the condition of Cherry Gardens Road is deteriorating, and that the road surface is in need of repair.

Significant amounts of heavy patching repair works are required to improve the pavement condition before the road can be resurfaced. The patching works are currently scheduled for the 2019-20 financial year (subject to approval within Council's budget process). Once these heavy patching works are complete, resealing works will be programmed to occur as part of the 2020-21 reseal program. Our Civil Maintenance Team will continue to maintain the road in a serviceable condition until these works are undertaken.

In addition to the reseal and repair works, in 2019-20 we are planning to undertake traffic safety investigations to inform whether shoulder sealing and guardrail improvements are feasible. Details of the investigations may inform a future Black Spot funding application.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Is anyone else sick of seeing this throughout our beautiful neighbourhood? We certainly are, so just for everyone's information this has since been reported to the council (and will hopefully be removed by the time this newsletter arrives in your letterbox) however, given it's the second time this same tag has appeared in our area we thought it worth advising everyone just how you can report any other instances of graffiti that may occur.

For removal of graffiti on council property, you can contact the council's Graffiti Hotline on 1800 040 225 or visit their website

[http://onkaparingacity.com/onka/living\\_here/community/graffiti.jsp](http://onkaparingacity.com/onka/living_here/community/graffiti.jsp) or to report graffiti that's occurred on your

personal property you should always, in the first instance, report it to the police on 131 444 as it is a crime.

Whilst we'd hate to think that someone local is responsible for this, we note there was also a recent reference on the Blackwood Buzz Facebook page that this same tag has appeared on property throughout Belair.

It's so unfortunate to see this kind of vandalism occurring in our area however, hopefully with everyone being aware and vigilant in reporting any similar instances, those responsible will be caught very soon.

On a similar topic everyone should continue to be vigilant and observant as recently someone in a Magna Wagon towing a trailer, stole around 20 railway sleepers from the Recreation Ground. Also it would appear that someone may be helping themselves to the mulch pile without asking the committee.





## **PARKRUN IS COMING TO McLAREN VALE**

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Parkrun is a weekly 5km timed community group run/walk, co-ordinated by volunteers. It's open to everyone and is FREE.

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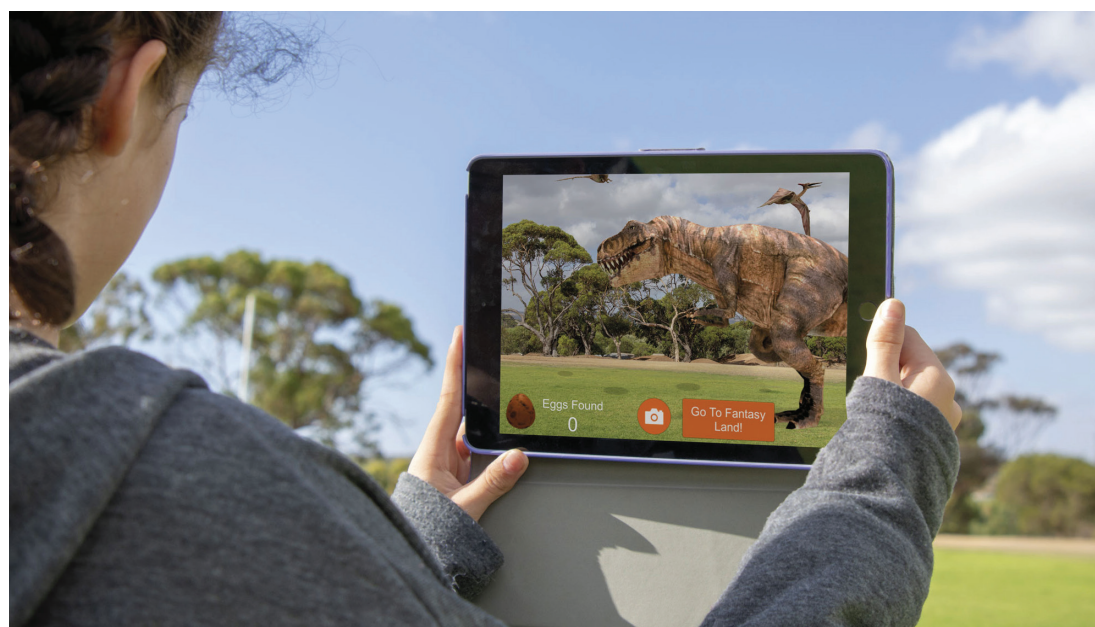
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"Magical Park is developed by Geo AR Games and we've partnered with them as a way to target sedentary children who've been born into a world of computers, tablets, smartphones and



associated technologies," said Gail Burns, Recreation Services Officer.

"We know children won't stop using their devices, so our aim is to get active by turning one of our local parks into a digital fantasy land."

The game is suitable for children between the ages of six and 11

and all that's needed is a smart phone or tablet, and the Magical Park app. It's free to play; simply download the Magical Park app from either the App Store or Google Playstore.

The app is geo-fenced, so it only works within set boundaries, but adult supervision is required to

ensure children are safe while playing, and all participants should be careful and look where they are going.

Head to Gemmel Tassie Reserve and discover what worlds and creatures are hiding at the park.

Find out about Magical Park at [geoargames.com/magical-park](http://geoargames.com/magical-park)



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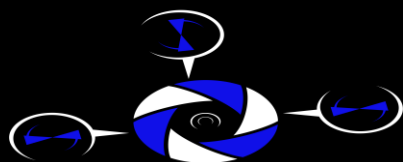
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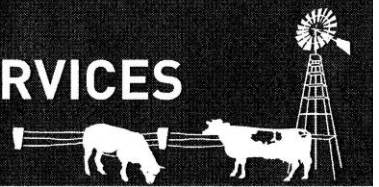


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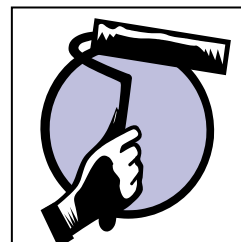
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<b>Printing – Black Cat Printing &amp; Stationery</b> – P 8370-3344 F 8370-2800 <a href="mailto:David@bcps.net.au">David@bcps.net.au</a>
<b>Real Estate</b> – Harris Real Estate – 8278-1322 or check out individual Agents mobile numbers
<b>Real Estate</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



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Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges

The National Landcare Program is conducting an online survey on soil acidity in the Adelaide Mt Lofty Ranges NRM region. The aim is to collect community knowledge on, and key issues with, treating soil acidity in the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges natural resources management region.

Your participation in the survey will help us fill this gap in knowledge, and may help us discover new questions that need to be studied.

Please access the survey by typing <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TLBTQ55> into your browser.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [rebecca.tonkin@sa.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.tonkin@sa.gov.au), or call 0400 488 786.

For more information visit the Cherry Chatter website ([www.cherrychatter.com](http://www.cherrychatter.com)) or the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/92CherryChatter/>

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