

Cherry Chatter



Incorporated by the Cherry Gardens Community Association Inc.

\$50,000 for green grassroots actions

JOSEPH MOORE

Friends of parks groups in the Hills have received more than \$50,000 in funding from the latest round of Green Adelaide Grassroots Grants, bolstering support for programs like invasive weed management at Scott Creek Conservation Park.

Green Adelaide offers funding annually through its Grassroots Grants program for plantings, nature education, citizen science, wildlife habitat, weed and pest control, erosion management and community engagement for environmental groups and individuals in non-regional areas.

Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park's bushcare efforts take place across two council areas, with the park located between the Adelaide Hills and Onkaparinga Council areas, the latter of which meets the non-regional council area criterion for Green Adelaide funding.

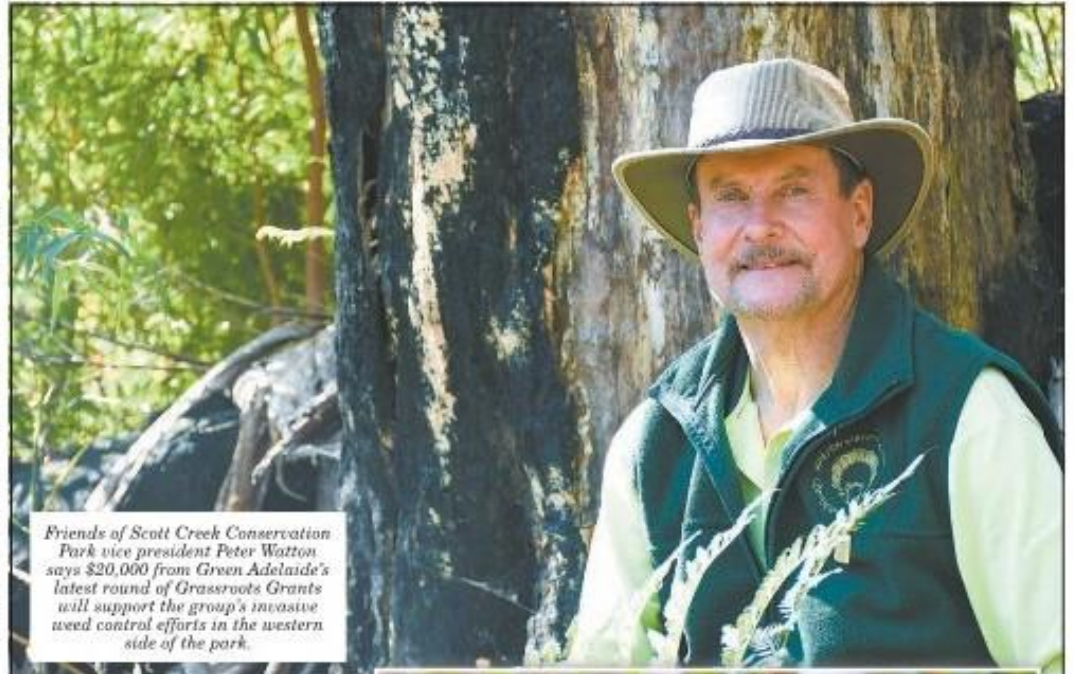
The Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park has received \$20,000 from Green Adelaide to engage contractors that will support two weed control projects, one in a bushfire affected part of the park and another to control blue-bell creepers and other weeds in an area not affected by bushfire.

Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park vice president Peter Watton said engaging contractors was necessary to complement the small-to-medium sized weed control efforts undertaken by the group's volunteers, enabling the removal of invasive weeds on a larger scale and from difficult-to-reach areas.

"I came through here earlier this year to arrange another follow up with the contractor and it blew my mind how quickly it had all grown," he said.

Mr Watton said invasive weeds such as Montpellier broom and English broom have quickly spread across the park as a result of "mass germination" following the Cherry Gardens bushfire in 2021 – which burned two thirds of the park – and the subsequent wet summers.

For the Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park, this meant volunteers have had to accelerate their efforts to control the dense growth, which Mr Watton said smothered native vegetation and increased fuel loads,



Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park vice president Peter Watton says \$20,000 from Green Adelaide's latest round of Grassroots Grants will support the group's invasive weed control efforts in the western side of the park.

leaving the area at increased risk of being adversely impacted in another bushfire.

"These weeds are a particular problem because they grow quite big, dominate big areas and create big patches," he said.

"We have to patrol big areas to find them."

Mr Watton said the Green Adelaide funding was welcome, but weed control in the area would likely be an ongoing effort requiring future funding, with Regional Development Australia support being sought for the Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park's efforts on the eastern half of the park.

Other Hills Grassroots Grants recipients were the Friends of Belair National Park, which received \$23,232 for its bushcare support program and the Friends of Cleland National Park, which received \$9900 to control giant reed in First Creek and Waterfall Gully.



The blue-bell creeper (Billardiera heterophylla) from WA is an invasive species in SA. Its fruits contain up to 80 seeds which can be spread by wildlife after being eaten.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Cherry Chatter committee meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th of November at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall. For more information, please contact a committee member.



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CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL SEPTEMBER

Rainfall for September 2023	43.8 mm
Rainfall for September 2022	116.2
Average rainfall for September	99.8

Rainfall to the end of September 2023	788.7
Rainfall to the end of September 2022	778.6
Average rainfall to the end September	759.7

Number days of rain for September 2023 10

Number days of rain for September 2022 22

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COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE AND HAPPY HOUR AT THE HALL

The 2023 Community Campfire was held at the Hall on Sunday September 24th. It was well attended once again, and the Campfire provides an opportunity for locals to get together, and maybe meet some new folks.

There was a sausage sizzle, soups, damper, wine and a blazing fire, with some marshmallows to toast. The damper, Terry's speciality, was so popular that some people wanted the recipe. Terry has a number of flavours, so we will put one of these in each month in future editions.

Thanks again to the CFS who attended with a truck, always a great favourite with the kids. Thanks to Andrew, Bodie and Tim.

Thanks also to the Hall Committee; there is a lot that goes on to prepare for the function, to make it the success that it has been over a number of years.

Here are some photos taken on the night.



THE CHERRY GARDENS POPPIES

The Great War of 1914 – 1918 saw forty-nine men and one woman 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 Australian's 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.



Remember that we have the Community Happy Hour on the last Sunday of each month. It is a BYO, and an opportunity to spend time and chat with other locals. Attendances so far have been very good.

The upcoming Happy Hours will be on October 29th and November 26th. The A frame will be out the front of the hall for a week before as a reminder. Hope to see you there.

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www.facebook.com/cherrygardens/



CHERRY GARDENS TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

The Cherry Gardens Team Played in the Preliminary Final on September 14th, and recorded a win, which put us into the Grand Final.

In a nail-biter we went down to Aldgate, the score was 6 rubbers each, 17 games to 14. Missed by that much!



The team after the Grand Final match.
Dave, Seb, Steve, Alison and Edie.



Collecting the Runner-Up Trophy at the Presentation Dinner.
Bill, Dave, Steve, Edie and Alison.

Following their success last year, Steve and Edie again won the Division 4 doubles at the annual tournaments. Two in a row, maybe next year the Trifecta!



Steve and Edie at the Presentation Dinner.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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Cherry Gardens
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Sundays at 9.30 am –
all are welcome.

Excuses! Excuses!

The willingness and the ability to make excuses seem to be a part of human nature. Speaking for myself, of course! We can so easily come up with excuses: for not doing the vacuuming, not weeding the garden, not emptying the dishwasher, eating that extra piece of cake, arriving late for a meeting, not donating to some charity, not going to work; if we've been caught speeding, it's never our fault; and so the list goes on!

The Bible seems to suggest that people have been like that since the beginning. In the first chapters of the Bible,

when God challenged Adam, Adam said it was Eve's fault; and when God approached Eve, she blamed a snake.

At one stage, Jesus told his listeners a story about a very prominent man in the community who invited everybody to a banquet. One after the other, people told him, 'I can't come', and came up with excuses why they couldn't attend. One person cited family responsibilities; another, work obligations; another had to supervise and manage his property. These were all legitimate commitments, but in that situation the people had their priorities wrong. They were not reasons; they were just excuses.

And still, in 2023, when people are faced with God's expectations and requirements they often make excuses. If we know we've done something that's not right by God's standards, often we tell ourselves that 'Everyone does it', or 'I'm not doing anyone any harm', or 'I'm not as bad as some other people', or ... And when we think that God is making a claim on our life, we protest that we can't: we don't know how, or we don't have time, or we can't afford to, or ...

Jesus didn't look for excuses - even to avoid the cross. When facing being executed in that most cruel and gruesome manner, he prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me. Yet not what I want, but what you want.' Jesus was prepared to die on a cross for us! He didn't try to come up with some excuse to get out of it. There we see another proof of how great is Jesus' love for us!

In view of Jesus' love for us, what would be an appropriate response for us to make when Jesus comes to us? when Jesus comes to us and makes a call on our life, long-term or short term or 'one-off'? when Jesus comes to us and challenges us to do something for him? when Jesus comes to us and challenges us to live our lives in his service, in the special events and in the ordinary day-to-day?

In view of Jesus' love for us, what is the only appropriate response for us to make when Jesus comes to us?

Something to reflect on perhaps?

CHERRY GARDENS CFS

If you would like more information or a visit to the station, please contact Lawrie Lingood on 0400 285 697.



As a Brigade we have been focusing on our firefighting skills in the lead up to this bushfire season. There are enough media reports around climate patterns and adverse fire weather predictions to remind us that we all will need to be prepared this year. At the time of writing, large areas of the Northern Territory and the East Coast of Australia are already burning. We all have completed our mandatory training for this fire season and are prepared

- but as a general rule there will never be enough firefighters or appliances if things really go bad.

The following is data and comments from the Sampson Flat fires. Although this was nearly ten years ago, it still has much relevance today. Residents who were impacted by this event were asked what they observed and what they learned. Here is a summary, under various headings **What worked?** CFS attendance and assistance on the ground and in the air/ Having a Bushfire Survival Plan and doing the preparation work required/ Having lots of firefighting water /Having a defensible space/ Help from neighbors/ Having a good fire pump/ Having a generator/ Protecting important infrastructure like tanks, pumps, pipes hoses etc.

What didn't work Relying on electric pumps when the power failed/ Not checking firefighting equipment pre-season/ Leaving cars close to buildings and not in a clear space/ Having wood piles close to sheds etc./ Pipes and fittings melting which had not been buried.

Oh # moments Inability to refill storage water tanks/ Seeing a spot fire start/ Seeing embers falling all around and on everything/ Forgetting how things worked/ Power tripped out due to fire melting an outside power point/ Running out of fuel/ Realizing melted pipes etc. had compromised my ability to defend the property/ Wind changes/ Realizing there was too much to do at once.

How did you feel during/about the fire? Scared (before and during the fire) / Tired / Emotionally exhausted / Wondering when it all would end / Frustration at not being able to return home / Terrible week after the fire with shortages of water, food, phone, power and continuing flare ups and spot fires / Surprised at the noise/roar of the approaching fire.

The comments above are from real people and hopefully give an insight of issues faced during a fire. To stay and defend is a major decision and it is vital you have the proper resources, emotional strength and have fully prepared your property. Staying is not a decision to take lightly and certainly not at the last minute.

Please always remember to ring "000" immediately if you see smoke, fire or suspicious activity this fire season - this starts off an entire process of assistance and gives us the best chance of dealing with the situation.

CFS FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

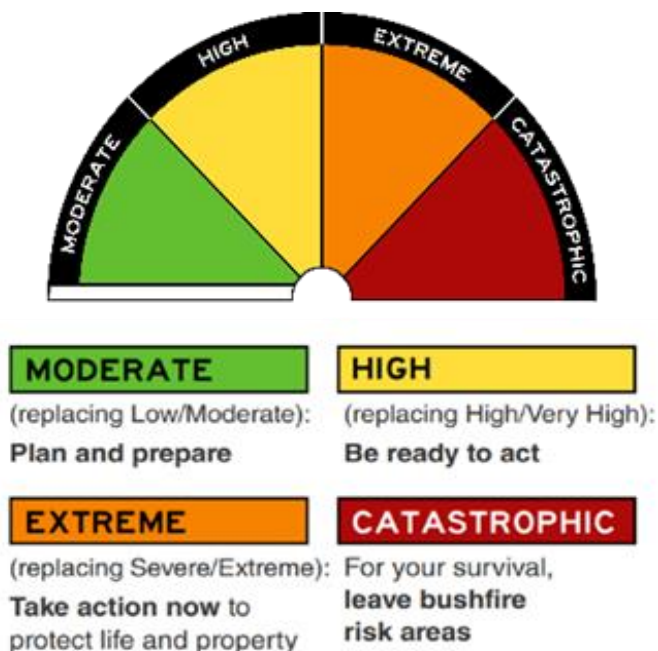
Changes were made last year to the fire danger rating system which is worth reviewing as this bushfire season approaches. This system takes a national approach and sought to simplify the current different systems used in Australia, some of which were more than half a century old.

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 below.



Colour coding is as follows:

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

FIRE MANAGEMENT 2023

The fire danger season in the Mount Lofty Ranges and Adelaide Metropolitan Fire District areas commences on 1 December 2023 and will run until 30 April 2024. Dates to be confirmed when details are available on the CFS website.

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.

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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.

President - Darryl Parslow 0408 847 293

djparslow@bigpond.com

Secretary - Jan Ball 0432550274

Cherry Gardens Garden Club 11th September 2023

A very informative talk was given by Nikola Manos the Nature Conservation Project Officer for Onkaparinga Council.

A council wide project survey has been done over the last ten years to see where and what biodiversity values and native habitat remains, to ensure that wherever the energy for conservation is targeted gives us the most bang for our buck. Questions have been asked like - Where are the most important areas. How do they contribute to eco systems function? A study has been done of 70 kms of

weedy creek lines. They now have a snapshot of the health of our ecosystem.

They've done Spatial modelling.

Flagship species as indicators of ecosystem health.

Role and opportunities of wetland and greenspaces and constructed assets in supporting biodiversity.

Roles of land managers.

In looking after the flagship species opportunities arise for identifying other species.

We saw a map showing us the red areas indicating where species are threatened.

Some very precious and rare birds are;

- Red browed Finch
- Sacred Blue Kingfisher
- Yellow tailed Black Cockatoo

Rare animals include:

- Rakali (small rat like river marsupial I Sturt River and Byards reserve).
- Echidna in low dense vegetation needing termites as food - not all termites eat your houses!
- Southern Brown Bandicoot
- Chequered Swallowtail butterfly which feeds on Scurf Pea or Cullin - available from State Flora at Belair National Park
- Spotted rare long tailed Pea Blue butterfly.
- And also the common brown butterfly which feed on Native grasses, introduced Kangaroo Grass (which feeds 4 different butterflies), and Tussock grass.

www.inaturalist.org

She encouraged us to become a Frogspotter. See FrogwatchSA App. Nikola also recommended that we look up Matt Endacott of Green Adelaide to get ideas on how to assist in conserving our native flora and fauna.

Nikola adjudicated the daffodil entries and Ray and Lyn Wise's King Alfred Daffodils won first place.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

- Deadhead roses to keep them looking fresh. Aphids can be prolific – try to avoid spraying chemicals to allow the predators to do their job – help them by jetting the aphids with the garden hose in the morning.
- Mulch any bare patches in your garden (pots too)
- Group pot-plants together for more efficient watering which may have to be on a daily basis during heat waves.
- Continue with fortnightly applications of liquid feeds for all leafy greens to enjoy them fresh and sweet for salads.
- Crowded Clivia clumps can be divided at this time – water well after replanting and don't fertilize until they have had time to settle in. Feed with a general purpose fertilizer.
- Prune your proteas – cut back spent flower stems by one third.
- You may have a chance to give your daffodils one last liquid feed before they die down. If they are yellowing it will soon be time to cut them to ground

level and neaten the garden, composting or mulching the prunings. Mark where the bulbs are located so when digging for them later you know where to find them. Similar story for freesias and nerines which may be able to be completed earlier – especially freesias which can become an environmental weed if their seed heads are allowed to mature, if you want to be in control prune and bin the seed-heads before they mature

- Any planting should be planned for a cool spell – water and prepare the soil in advance and wait – if you have already purchased the plants/seedlings, keep them in a sheltered and cool position until ready.
- Dipel will control leaf-eating caterpillars on vegetables
- Apply Sulphate of Potash to tomatoes to avoid 'blossom end rot'. Healthy tomatoes are less likely to fall prone to wilts and mites, so feed and water on a regular basis
- Corn, pumpkins, cucumbers, and beans love hot weather, but only with plenty of water and some shade on those really hot days.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Certainly, topsy turvy weather this spring. However, before we know it, we will be into the heat of summer. There have already been plenty of warnings about

the heat to come, so plenty of work to do. Around houses, sheds, stables, fence lines or any sites where 'stuff' is collected - these areas should be well cleared, weeded, mowed or whatever it takes to make it as safe as possible. Go over your fire plan and make adjustments or alterations if needed. Keep this plan in a convenient and visible place (back of the kitchen door is a good one!). Even have other copies in your stables/sheds. Decide if you are staying or going and make arrangements accordingly. Here are some suggestions to follow:

Include your animals in your emergency plan.

If your horse is not already microchipped, you can add identity marking on your horse with stock markers (phone number etc.).

Keep a record of all identification features of all horses.

If possible, make arrangements for temporary sites for relocation (in writing). You may never need this, but if you do the homework now, it could save a lot of heartache later.

Act early, keep up with fire news so you can implement your emergency plans calmly - because this could help

prevent you risking your own or someone else's life trying to rescue your horse.

Make sure that your horse is well trained to float load calmly, don't wait until the day, that will never work. As always with horses, doing the homework in a calm environment and establishing good habits will pay off in the long run.

If staying on the property, ensure all areas around sheds etc. are well cleared (already mentioned). Access for fire vehicles is important. Keeping horse baths and other water points full, areas around the house well-watered. Horses should be unrugged and without halters (rugs can burn and melt onto skin and halters too). Keep manes and tails trimmed as much as possible.

If relocating the horses, things to consider include spare halters, medicine kit, separate feed for several days, a container of water, containers for feed if necessary. There may be other items which individuals would like to add, but essentially keep it to a minimum. Have all gear, feed etc readily accessible to be loaded quickly and efficiently. It may seem obvious but ensure that your float is in good working order, such as brakes, tyres, rego.

I may have left some things out, but that is why we do these preliminary notes to be better prepared. I'm sure individual horsey families will have their own system and other things to add. Let's hope that this summer these plans don't need to be implemented rather enjoy the heat and the riding!

Still keeping my weight and my Cushings under control. I will be 20 this month on 31st October; quite the mature gentleman! Keep safe everyone and safe riding always.

Hamish

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

Rob Edwards
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ONKAPARINGA COUNCIL GEOFF EATON

I had a meeting with council staff and Trevor Conlon (National Trust Coromandel Valley and Districts) regarding the future of the old CFS shed on Main Road, Coromandel Valley next to the Watchman House. The shed was used by the Lions Club to sell second handbooks but unfortunately it was severely damaged during the November 2022 storm event and is beyond repair. Lions will be re-establishing their second handbook shed to Byards Road, Happy Valley in the Byards Community Hall area shortly. The National Trust is asking for some signage to be erected where the shed is currently recognising the history of the old CFS shed.

Love Where You Live

The City of Onkaparinga is about to start shaping our new community plan and the most important ingredient will be your voice. Regardless of how old you are, where you live in Onkaparinga, where you work, what services and facilities you use, we want to hear from all walks of life.

We want to hear from as many people as possible about what you love about where you live, and what would make our city even better. Your feedback will shape a new vision for our community plan and guide our decisions over the next 10 years.

There are plenty of ways to take part. If you're an Onkaparinga resident, you can head to www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay to complete a 10-minute online survey **before Sunday 5 November**.

Once we have received your input, we will begin analysing the responses. Responses will also be used to inform reviews of two other key strategic documents—the council's Long Term Financial Plan, which guides long-term financial sustainability; and Strategic Asset Management Plan, which helps ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place for current and future generations. The three draft plans are scheduled to be released for community engagement in April 2024.

Similarly I would like to remind our community that the 2024 City of Onkaparinga Australia Day Awards nominations opened on Monday 18 September., so it is time to recognise all the hard-working people in our community that help make our region a great place to live. These awards acknowledge and celebrate local individuals and groups who have made significant contributions to our community.

Nomination categories include:

- Citizen of the Year.
- Young Citizen of the Year (aged 13-30).
- Little Hero of the Year (aged 12 and under).
- Sports Person of the Year.
- Community Event of the Year.
- Active Citizenship (for none-Australian Citizens).

Nominations close on 17 November 2023 and recipients of these prestigious awards will be announced on Australia Day, 26 January 2024. For nominations or further information [click here](#).

Beat the Heat

The warmer weather that we have recently experienced is a timely reminder for all of us to prepare for bushfire season and heatwaves, with experts predicting hotter and drier conditions in spring and summer. Heatwaves cause more deaths in Australia than any other natural hazard, but there's a lot we can do to care for ourselves and vulnerable family and friends. For hot weather, getting organised can mean monitoring heatwave warnings; making your home cooler through awnings, shade cloths or cooling units; and planning to avoid going out during the hottest parts of the day.

If you do not have air conditioning, Onkaparinga's libraries and community centres provide safe and welcoming spaces where you can shelter. Stay connected by planning to check family, friends or neighbours that are at particular risk; know the signs of heat-related illness such as dehydration; and identify your support network, including those who can help you during a heatwave.

We are also entering a period of increased bushfire risk. To prepare for bushfires, advice includes creating a bushfire plan; reducing and removing vegetation from around your property; packing an emergency kit; and staying informed via multiple sources of emergency warning information. Head the CFS website for more information cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare.

Another fantastic way to prepare for bushfire season is to connect with a local community-led disaster resilience group, which bring residents together to better support each other and prepare their community for emergencies. The groups, including in [Cherry Gardens](#), Clarendon and Kangarilla, are supported by council thanks to South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission grant. To connect with a local group, contact council's Community Connections Officer – Resilience on 8384 0666.

Major Projects Thalassa Ward

Councillor Themeliotis and I are often asked by residents what projects are being undertaken by council in Thalassa Ward. The following projects have approved budgets for on ground delivery in the 2023/2024 financial year.

Road works:

Cherry Gardens Guardrail - Horse Trail Segments and Guardrail Motorbike (Complete).

- *Over two years council has widened shoulders and installed guard railing to improve road safety along the roadway. These works have been undertaken with consideration of the Tom Roberts horse trail that runs along the same corridor. These works were undertaken through the Government's Black Spot program.*
- *The 2023-24 Road Reseal program includes reseal of segments of the following roads:*
 - Sturt Close Ironbank
- *Park and reserve improvement works:*
 - Cherry Gardens Cemetery path renewals.
- *The above list includes projects to be delivered on ground and excludes projects that are in planning, design and subject of community engagement in 2023-2024.*

The following projects are currently identified in council's forward budget for on ground delivery in the 2024-25 financial year. This list remains subject to any changes as a result of unforeseen emerging priorities and Council approval of through the annual budget process.

The 2024-25 Road Reseal program includes reseal of segments of the following roads;

- Ben Loman Road Coromandel East
- Ackland Hill Road Coromandel East
- Oakridge Road Chandlers Hill

Disclaimer

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

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ONKAPARINGA COUNCIL SURVEY

Community survey

The City of Onkaparinga is about to start shaping its 10-year community plan and we want to hear your vision for the future. Their annual community survey is now open, providing an opportunity for residents to tell us what matters to them, how connected they feel to their community, how they stay active, their thoughts on the local economy and more.

Survey responses provide the council with a snapshot of our community and helps track changes and trends that shape the future of our region. You can also win one of four \$500 vouchers. To enter, simply complete the survey below and add your details at the end.

Prizes will be drawn on 8 November and winners will be notified by email or phone.

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- shopping voucher

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The survey takes 10 minutes and is open until Sunday 5 November.

During the six-week engagement period they're also asking the community what their vision for the region's future is. The question form is available at council offices, libraries, community and youth centres, recreation centres, and selected events.

Responses from the survey and vision questionnaire will also be used to inform reviews of two other key strategic documents—the council's Long Term Financial Plan, which guides long-term financial sustainability; and Strategic Asset Management Plan, which helps ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place for current and future generations.

The three draft plans are scheduled to be released for community engagement in April 2024. Take the survey now open in new window <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N27DHG8>

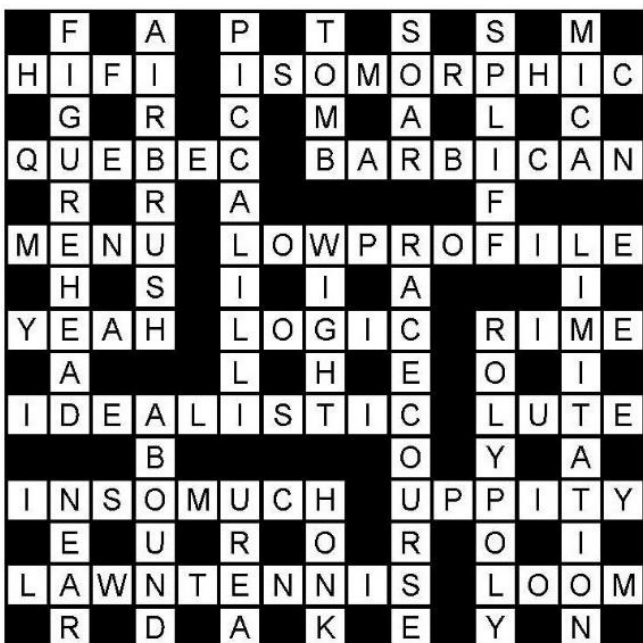
Have your say in person

The Council will be out and about across the city speaking with the community and capturing feedback. Staff are available to assist you at any of the libraries, community, youth and recreation centres.

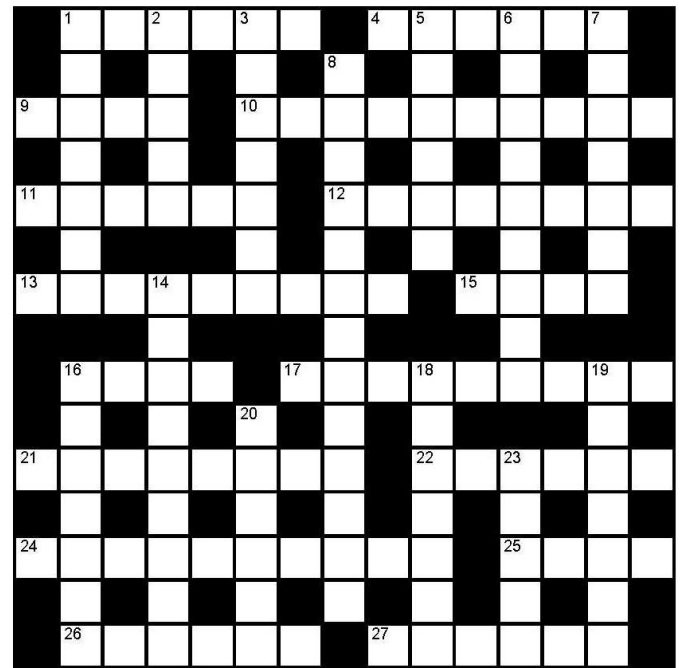
The community survey will remain open until Sunday 5 November 2023.

MONTHLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

OCTOBER SOLUTION



NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 A terrestrial burrowing rodent (6)
- 4 Capable of being put to use (6)
- 9 Catch sight of (4)
- 10 It comes with heavy wide smooth rollers (4,6)
- 11 A statement that limits or restricts a claim (6)
- 12 Not criminal law and not family law, but ----- (5,3)
- 13 Think telephone, but not STD (5,4)
- 15 An indirect suggestion (4)
- 16 Informal term for what you might have with your scotch (4)
- 17 One who buys (9)
- 21 Worn or broken down by hard use (8)
- 22 A diacritical mark (two dots) placed over a vowel (6)
- 24 A group of reporters (in a specified place) (5,5)
- 25 "Come From ----" (a musical recently in Adelaide) (4)
- 26 Very not expensive (informal) (6)
- 27 A late time of life (3,3)

Down

- 1 Secret state police in Nazi Germany (7)
- 2 Receiver of money (5)
- 3 Liable to sudden unpredictable change (7)
- 5 Attempted by employing effort (6)
- 6 A Russian musical stringed instrument (9)
- 7 Graceful in form and movement (7)
- 8 Blocking or removing someone as a way of expressing disapproval (and don't worry about free speech) (6,7)
- 14 The intended recipient of a letter (9)
- 16 Of or relating to or composed of fat (7)
- 18 A lawyer who pleads cases in court (7)
- 19 Teach or train (7)
- 20 A reflex spasm of the diaphragm accompanied by a rapid closure of the glottis (6)
- 23 South American cud-chewing animal (5)

Onkaparinga Now



Retire into something great

Retirement looms and you're itching to discard those work clothes. But what then?

"After buying a caravan and travelling around Australia, what do you do? You can't do that for the next 30 years," says Marg Hobby, a life coach and secretary of the Ladies Probus Club of the Fleurieu.

Marg says some people arrive at retirement with no plans – or only short-term plans – and find themselves lonely and at a loose end. Their health, wellbeing and sense of self can be damaged.

Social clubs, educational organisations and community centres like the City of Onkaparinga's positive ageing centres help people make social connections and find purpose in retirement.

"There is incredible value in interacting with people outside of ourselves and outside of our own concerns," says Marg.

"People are so focussed on themselves, that they don't benefit from being focussed on the community. This 'me' focus means that loneliness is now one of our biggest diseases."

Probus is a social club that is all about fun, fellowship and friendship. The members are people aged 55-plus years and are either retirees or semi-retirees.

The Fleurieu Probus ladies club meets once a month in Willunga, hearing speakers on topics such as security, guide dogs and drywalls, followed by lunch. The group also embarks on outings together, such as the forthcoming Mystery Bus Tour.

"Probus is not a service club. It is all about socialising, people connecting with each other," says Marg.

"Some of us have been part of the club since Adam played fullback for Palestine, but others are newer and we would love to have new people with new ideas come through the door."

University of the Third Age (U3A) is an international volunteer organisation providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities for people over 50 who are no longer in fulltime employment.

U3A has 21 campuses in South Australia, including two in Onkaparinga at Aldinga and Noarlunga. Term 4 courses include topics such as chess, creative writing, philosophy, French, poetry, Scrabble, and book reviews.

Retire Active SA, formerly the Australian Retired Persons Association (ARPA), helps older South Australians to lead active, healthy and connected lives.

Retire Active has eight groups across the state, including at the Blackwood Football Clubrooms and the Port Elliot Institute Hall. Activities include card and board games, table tennis, indoor bowls, snooker, guest speakers, outings and shared meals.

Onkaparinga's positive ageing centres, Wakefield House and Elizabeth House, encourage older people to drop in or take part in one their diverse programs including

fitness, art and craft, music and dancing, creative writing, café get-togethers, yoga, table games, gardening, chef-cooked lunches and a men's woodwork shed.

Wakefield House's Friendship Club is a centre-based respite program focusing on social inclusion and fun activities. It is open to those eligible through Commonwealth Home Support Program funding.

The Kookaburra Club at Elizabeth House connects older people in a safe and friendly environment with activities from bus outings to group exercises led by a physiotherapist.

The City of Onkaparinga also offers a senior fitness program at the Seaford Community Centre and Strength for Life at the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre, which promotes health and wellbeing for people aged 50 years and over. A men's strength group for men aged 50 and over and aquatic exercise classes are available at the aquatic centre as well.

The council's Living Well Matters program is free for people aged over 60. It offers workshops to encourage people to live well through good eating, active movement, quality sleep and keeping the brain active.

Whatever you do, retire into something great!

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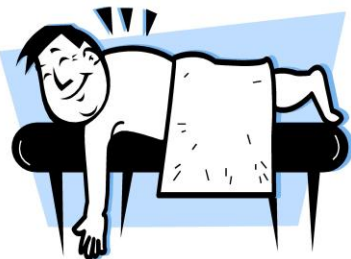
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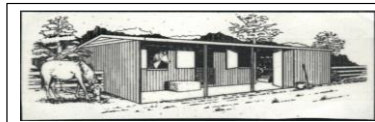
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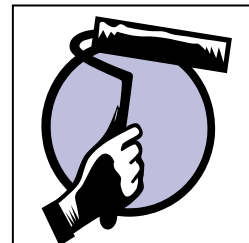
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