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From Behind the Desk...

Welcome to the new year and February issue of the One Tree Hill Grapevine. I hope you were able to enjoy a break with your family and friends. The happiness of the season has of course been impacted by the devastating bushfires that have been testing our resilience in the Adelaide Hills, Kangaroo Island, and all over Australia. Thankfully for us locally here in One Tree Hill, things have been safe in terms of bushfires, but our OTH CFS have been kept extremely busy helping out everywhere whenever they can. You can read all about it in the CFS report. Our cover page is of a OTH CFS volunteer at South Para Dam.

A lot of my time so far this year has been taken up by sewing for bushfire volunteers, which you can read about on page 15. Many people from the OTH community were involved in this too, which was much appreciated. If you have any information about local achievements, new ideas or you would like to run something by me, please be in touch.



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One Tree Hill Progress Association ~ President's Report

Dear Residents,

This summer our communities have experienced unprecedented bushfire emergencies that have taken many human lives and the lives of countless animals and birds. For those fortunate to have been spared the direct tragedy of bushfire or the suffering of loved ones, it is perhaps a time to reflect on what we each can do to help families and communities recover and rebuild. There is still plenty of time to either donate or to volunteer as the effects will be felt for many years to come.

Is there enough street parking in One Tree Hill? While the flower beds in the main street certainly help beautify the town, some residents have concerns about the reduction in parking places, which makes it very difficult to park anywhere near the shops on busy days. If you have concerns about the flower beds, please tell us (email below). If there is a groundswell of issues, we will approach Council on your behalf and ask for a review of the flowerbeds, with the possibility that some may be removed to free up parking.

We are still waiting on approval from Playford Council to install a post for the Street Library in front of the Institute. Our next meeting is at 7:30pm on Thursday 13h February in the Institute at One Tree Hill. I hope to see you there.

Kind Regards,

*Steve Huckstepp, President, One Tree Hill Progress Association
president@onetreehill.org.au*

Sunday 1st March 10am-12pm

Community
Clean Up Day



A Clean Up Australia Day event has been organised for OTH township again in 2020, after the success of last year's inaugural event. Meet at the OTH Institute with gloves, bags, sunscreen & water. Some rubbish bags will be supplied. All welcome.

Can you help?

Contact: Ellen Clare 0466 602

One Tree Hill CFS ~ Incident Report January 2020



A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the members of the One Tree Hill CFS and before I go too far I would like to say a special thanks to the families of the members who make it possible for us to get out and do what we do.

First off, my apologies for missing the deadline on the December article and thanks to Bindi for providing a fill in article for the December Grapevine. The week of the deadline started a very busy summer for the members of the One Tree Hill brigade and with more than 40 pager messages in the two months since then it will not be possible to detail all

the calls. In particular, the day of the deadline we were at the station for stand-by on a day when the conditions were "as bad as those for the Pinery fire". Things had been quiet until early in the afternoon when one crew was called on a Strike Team for a fire at Angaston. This Strike Team was diverted on route to attend the Yorketown fire and after travelling for several hours had a hectic night trying to control this fire prior to the wind change. A second crew was sent later that night but unfortunately, the fire broke containment lines and threatened the township of Edithburgh before being brought under control.

The following week saw the arrival of our new 11,000 litre Bulk Water Carrier (BWC), this is a replacement for our decommissioned 30-year-old 6,000 litre Tanker. Many people would have seen the BWC around the area over the following weeks as the drivers at the Brigade became familiar with the new truck. This arrival proved timely and many of the members have now had operational experience on the BWC with the new appliance spending more than a week on the fire-ground at Cudlee Creek.

Speaking of which, the 20th of December was another Total Fire Ban and with a change predicted in the afternoon we were once again on stand-by at the shed. This time the call came early and the BWC and one crew were dispatched to the Cudlee Creek fire. This crew worked hard all day arriving back in the shed around 11 o'clock that night and by all accounts were responsible for saving many structures including the Bird In Hand winery. This was the start of a massive commitment by the Brigade with crews attending the Cudlee Creek fire every day (apart from Christmas Day) for more than a week helping to black-out after the initial fire. On that same day we sent crews to the fire at Hillier and then another at Virginia and by the end of that night almost every member had spent time out fighting fires in the stifling conditions.

Locally, there have been several vehicle accidents and one significant fire which started with a car dumped at the end of Walters Road. Fast action from near-by residents prevented this from being far worse. A bit further from home, we have had two fires just down at the road at Williamstown both of which threatened to enter the Mount Crawford forest. Favourable weather conditions in both cases prevented these from becoming major fires. In the case of the fire at Watts Gully Road, the wind-change passed over the fire ground but had no effect on the fire.

As I write this article the fires on Kangaroo Island are still a problem and in addition to the members that have gone from OTH, we have plans in place for deployments to KI right up until the end of January. Hopefully by the time you read this, these fires will be extinguished.

The members of the CFS are deeply saddened by the loss of any life due to fire. The loss of fellow fire fighters is particularly upsetting and sobering. Our thoughts go to the families and friends of the people who have perished and to the hundreds of families who have lost houses as a result of the horrendous fires that have devastated our country over recent months.

Thanks to all the people who have been so generous with donations to the brigade and to those who responded to our call for help with the Operational Support Unit. The OSU now have a full roster and have gained some experience providing much appreciated meals during our stand-by days. A quick reminder that the new Alerts SA application is now available for iPhone and Android.

For general information please contact OTH Duty Phone on 8280 7055. You can also visit the CFS website at <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au> or phone 1300 362 361.

Garry Walsh, One Tree Hill CFS

One Tree Hill Rural Watch ~ Crime Report

Offences Reported between 13th December 2019 — 12th January 2020

Overnight 13 – 14 December	Property Damage - Graffiti	Bassnett Road Humbug Scrub	Shipping container on property targeted with graffiti
Between 15 December 2019 and 5 January 2020	Residential Serious Criminal Trespass	Kestel Road Humbug Scrub	House broken into and graffiti marked inside. Nil stolen
Daytime 28 December 2019	Arson of motor vehicle	Walters Road One Tree Hill	Vehicle stolen from Dernancourt and burnt out at Walters Rd
1 January 2020	Arson	Blacktop Road Gould Creek	Small fire as a result of fireworks on New Year's Eve
Overnight 7 January	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Lorna Court One Tree Hill	2 x vehicles broken into overnight and tools stolen
Daytime 9 January	Residential Serious Criminal Trespass	Williams Road Gould Creek	House broken into and items removed. 2 suspects from Blakeview arrested for this incident and appearing in Elizabeth Magistrates Court



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As always, if you have any information to assist with any crime issues in the area please call Police Communications on 131 444.

Darren McCue

Senior Sergeant First Class, ELIZABETH POLICE STATION

How to donate directly to OTH CFS



Many locals wishing to contribute financially towards the bushfire recovery may have been overwhelmed by the choices of so many different fundraising options. So many of the funds set up are extremely worthy, while others may leave you questioning where the money really goes.

Another option for OTH locals is to make a payment to directly support our One Tree Hill CFS Brigade. You can do this by making EFT payments to:

NAME: One Tree Hill CFS / BSB : 325185 / ACCOUNT: 03721735

If you require a receipt, you can email Ian Fordham (OTH CFS Finance Officer), to let him know your payment reference. Ian.Fordham@sacsvolunteer.org.au Another way to help is by donating your cans and bottles for 10c container recycling, around the back of the station. Thank you to the OTH community for your support!

One Tree Hillians Out & About

If you have any photos you would like to see in the Grapevine, please send in to grapevine@onetreehill.org.au



ABOVE: The new Para tanker based at OTH
(Photo credit: OTH CFS facebook page)



ABOVE & RIGHT: OTH scouts Blake, Maya and Lucy attended a NZ Jamboree, participating in lots of fun and adventurous activities in NZ's North Island.

BELOW: Past student of One Tree Hill Primary School, Laura Salisbury has completed her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. Doctor Laura has accepted a position in country Victoria to build and enhance her experience. Laura who has lived at Nyroca, Yattalunga, for most of her life is looking forward to the new challenges ahead and will be missed greatly by her father Steve Salisbury.



Playford Council ~ Local Councillor's Report

Dear Fellow Ratepayers and Residents,

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone well for the new year. Hopefully everyone has taken a break and has had a chance to recharge for the year ahead.

I am often asked how council is going and if I'm enjoying the experience. While the wheels often turn slowly in government and the processes can be very frustrating, I'm happy and satisfied. While I still have concerns, I'd consider the foundation discussions and groundwork are moving positively into the future.

There are many items on the agenda to address in 2020 and I plan to diligently work through these throughout the year with the other elected members.

This year I plan to increase my engagement with the community and I will be using my Cr David Kerrison – City of Playford Facebook page to do this. Over the last fifteen months I've felt the need to engage with the community on a timely and interactive basis, especially with the Annual Business Plan and Budget, long Term Financial Plans and other topical matters that arise. I am hoping that this medium will serve us all well.

Observing the verge and roadside growth in October and November 2019, again raised my concerns with the City of Playford's Verge Management and Slashing. On the 26th November 2019 at the Ordinary Council Meeting I moved a motion for an Informal Gathering to be held to address the fire safety and verge slashing in the City of Playford, highlighting the hills and rural areas which are at significantly higher risk. Please visit the minutes of the meeting or visit my Facebook site for further details.

The bush fires and devastation has had us all on edge and I wish to acknowledge all of the devoted CFS members, volunteers, their families and associated support groups helping those impacted and in need of help.

If I can be of assistance to anyone, please give me a call.

Until next month.

Best wishes and regards,

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3. What are 'mate's rates'?
4. What does it mean to "have a crack"?
5. What does "she'll be apples" mean?

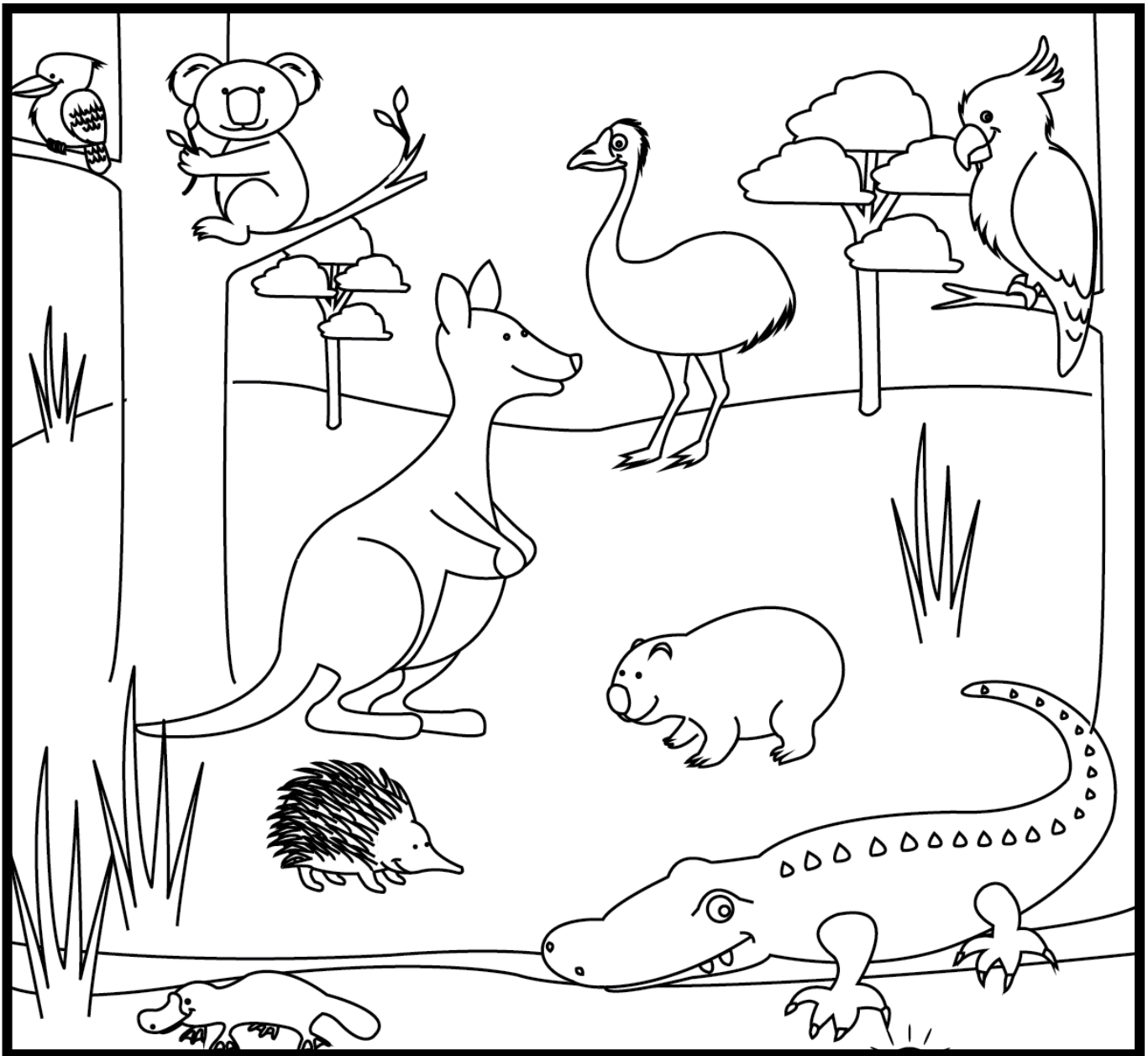
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Where in One Tree Hill?

December's location was at a property along the Gawler-One Tree Hill Rd, where a resident makes a Christmas display using bales every year. I'm having a break from hidden locations for a while.

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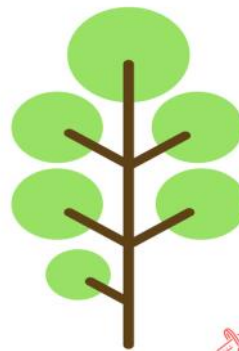


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What's Flowering In My Garden?

At this time of the year, there aren't many flowering plants in my garden. Just when I thought that there were no flowers, I took a leisurely stroll and to my delight, I picked a lovely bunch of flowers.

Many Eucalypts are still in flower, providing much needed nectar for a variety of birds. *Eucalyptus cladocalyx nana* is in full flower and is a delight to the senses. Large bunches of off white/creamy yellow strongly scented flowers are held on almost every stem and are displayed over many mid green leaves. The heavy weight of the many flower clusters is causing the branches to become pendulous, creating quite a lovely effect surrounding the sturdy pale cream and brown main trunk. The bees are enjoying capturing pollen and nectar from the flowers whilst the Pardolottes and Silvereyes gleam tasty morsels from along the branches and leaves. This Eucalypt is found naturally occurring in South Australia in three locations. One being in the Flinders ranges between Dutchman's Stern and Wirrabarra and has been classed as sub species *Euc. petila*. A second location is in NW Kangaroo Island, known as sub species *Euc crassa*. My tree, with the sub species of *Euc. cladocalyx nana* occurs near Pt. Lincoln. Locally, there is a very old stand of tall *Eucalyptus cladocalyx* in a paddock on the eastern side of Yorketown Road opposite Kelly Road at Yelki.

I like having this tree in my garden as it is usefull as a shade tree for the kangaroos and as a windbreak plant. It provides food for the bees and the Thrike-Thrush has been seen finding spiders and other insects that inhabit the bark on this tree. Left alone, this variety of *Eucalyptus cladocalyx nana* may grow to 3 to 4 metres high and spread to about 5 metres wide but it can be cut back quite hard. Although it has no lignotuber, it will resprout from the cut with new lush mid green foliage. It is a very worthwhile small drought hardy Eucalypt for any garden.

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Article submitted by Heather Fischer

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Cool Ties For Bushfire Volunteers ~ OTH Sewing Bee

“Cool the Vollsies” is an initiative started in Victoria, with a free sewing pattern to make cooling neck ties to provide relief from the heat for volunteers in the bushfire recovery. The cotton ties are filled with water crystals, which when wet, evaporate against the back of the neck, creating a cooling effect.

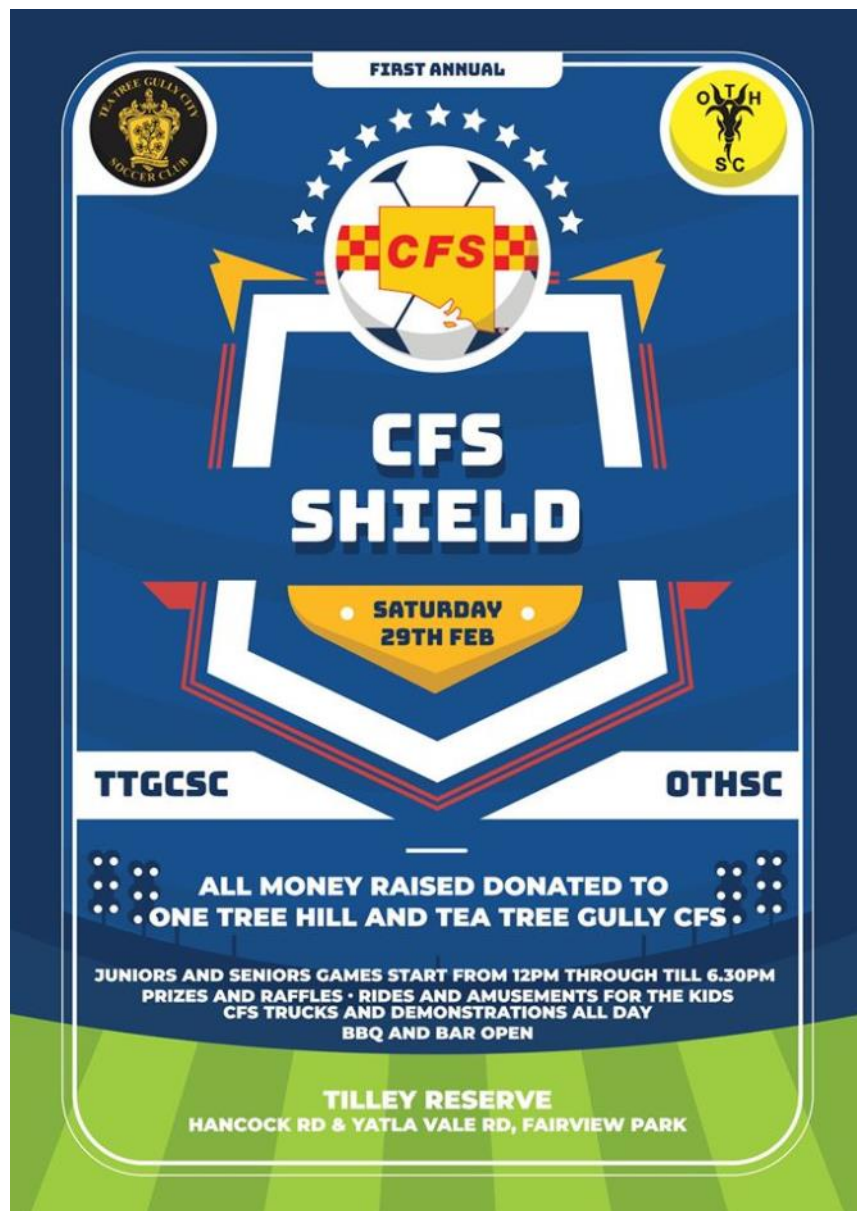
What started as a quick share between sewing friends, and a 2 hour exchange of messages, quickly gained momentum over 2 days. A flyer was created and shared to promote the sewing bee via the OTH Grapevine facebook page, reaching over 25,000 people. On Tuesday 6th Jan we opened the doors to the OTH Scout Hall and had an incredible turnout, with nearly 60 people—Men, women and children - some could sew, some can't, but we had a job for everyone. We completed 200 Cool Ties, then we did it again on the next Saturday. Another great turn out, a donation of free snags for lunch, another successful day making a total of 500 Cool Ties over the 2 sessions, with more to come.

Our Cool Ties have so far been donated to Warrawong Sanctuary for their volunteers building an overflow native animal hospital, and several CFS brigades, both locally and further afield in the Adelaide Hills and the South East. We have also had enquiries from Blazeaid and Fauna Rescue SA. We will do our best to fulfil all requests we get over the coming weeks to support volunteers working in the heat.

Thank you to everyone that come along to help cut, sew, turn, iron, fill write letters of support, cook our lunch, made cuppas and donated fabric and supplies. We've also received support and a visit from Cr David Kerrison and Cr Clint Marsh (see photo below) to print our leaflets, and offers of help from Paula Luethen to source postage options. We thank you all from the bottoms of our hearts. If we set another date we will share again.

Bindi Hawkey, Kylie Pannell & Leanne Galgey





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OTH GRAPEVINE ISSUE	MONTH	OTH GRAPEVINE SUBMISSION DATES (WEDNESDAY)	OTH COUNTRY MARKET DATES (SATURDAY)
1	FEBRUARY	15 th January (early)	1 st February
2	MARCH	19 th February	7 th March
3	APRIL	18 th March	4 th April
4	MAY	22 nd April	2 nd May
5	JUNE	20 th May	6 th June
6	JULY	17 th June	4 th July
7	AUGUST	22 nd July	1 st August
8	SEPTEMBER	19 th August	5 th September
9	OCTOBER	16 th September	3 rd October
10	NOVEMBER	21 st October	7 th November
11	DECEMBER	18 th November	5 th December

33 Years of Australia Day Breakfasts in Tyeka Drive



I received a call during the week from Margaret Sebastian from Tyeka Drive, who wished to express thanks to her neighbours.

"I would like to thank Joylene and Trevor Bateman. They have just celebrated 33 years of Australia Day in their front yard, for the people who live in Tyeka Drive."

This sounds like an excellent display of community spirit and pride. Such a longstanding tradition over 33 years, but this year will be their last. Hopefully, another family in Tyeka will decide to take it up and keep the Australian spirit going next year, and for many more years to come.

HONEY SOY BEEF STIR FRY RECIPE

SAUCE INGREDIENTS:

- ¼ C Honey (local product Tyeka Honey is available at the OTH markets)
- ¼ C Tomato Ketchup/Sauce/Chutney (local products Heathers Sauces available at the OTH markets)
- 40mL Soy Sauce
- 20mL Oyster Sauce

STIR FRY INGREDIENTS:

- 500g Beef - Schnitzel Cut or Rump (local product Kamcheyenne Limousin beef always available at the OTH General Store)
- 1 Large Onion, sliced
- ½ tsp. Crushed Garlic
- ½ tsp. Grated Ginger
- 2 Carrots, sliced thinly
- 200g Mushrooms, sliced
- 1 Bunch Bok Choy, sliced (this can be replaced with snow peas, cabbage and/or capsicum)
- 1 Red Capsicum, sliced thinly
- Oil for frying (various local olive oils available, such as One Tree Hill Olive Oil Company)

RECIPE METHOD:

1. Combine the sauce ingredients in a jug or bowl, microwave for 30 seconds to mix, then set aside.
2. Cut beef into thin strips and place in a bowl with some olive oil and any flavouring you may wish to add, i.e. salt, pepper, chilli flakes. Set aside.
3. Heat oil in wok or frypan; add onion, garlic and ginger, and cook for 1 minute.
4. Add carrots, mushrooms, capsicum and root end of bok choy (root end only at this point, the leaves will be added at the end with the meat), and cook for 2 minutes or until just softened.
5. Add jug of prepared sauce, mix through and bring to the boil to allow sauce to thicken and veggies to cook. Once thickened, remove from heat and set aside. If the sauce is not thickening, you can add 1 tsp. of cornflour mixed in a little water to assist.
6. In a separate fry pan or skillet cook the beef in small batches till just golden. As each batch browns, place on your vegetable mixture in the wok. If you are using Limousin steak, you won't need any oil; be sure your pan is on high and keep the beef moving to prevent sticking. It is important to cook the beef in small batches to prevent your pan cooling too quickly and boiling your beef, rather than frying it.
7. Once all of the beef is cooked, add your bok choy leaves to the wok and reheat, mixing thoroughly.
8. Serve with rice.

This recipe will be available for tasting from Kamcheyenne Limousin at the One Tree Hill General Store on the 1st February Market Day.

Recipe submitted by Kamcheyenne Limousin



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One Tree Hill ~ Weed Of Concern ~ Blackberry



Typical Blackberry leaf with five spreading tooth leaflets

This month's weed of concern for the One Tree Hill area is **Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus aggregate*)**. Blackberry comprises a number of closely related plants within the *Rubus fruticosus* aggregate. There are currently 16 known species established in Australia, with the effectiveness of blackberry control varying amongst the species.

Blackberry is a Weed of National Significance and a declared plant in South Australia. It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts. Blackberry forms impenetrable thickets and mounds that fill gullies, block access to waterways and alienate productive pasture, orchards and forestry land. Landowners have a legal responsibility to control it under the South Australian Natural Resources Management Act 2004. Regional NRM Boards coordinate and enforce local and regional control programs for declared plants.

It should also be noted that thickets can pose a fire hazard because of the dry material contained within them.

Blackberry is a perennial, semi-deciduous, prickly scrambler that can invade large areas quickly, grow vigorously and is able to propagate vegetatively from cane tips. It is a semi-prostrate to almost erect shrub, with arching and entangling stems arising from a woody crown and forms thickets up to several metres high. It forms impenetrable thickets up to 7 m high. It can also reproduce from seed with a single plant producing 170,000 – 400,000 seeds per year and thickets producing 7,000 – 13,000 seeds per square metre.

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One Tree Hill ~ Weed Of Concern (continued)

Blackberry seeds are spread by fruit-eating birds and mammals, including foxes. The plant can quickly smother other vegetation and is relatively unpalatable to most livestock. The root/crown system is the only perennial part of the plant.

Blackberry stems are erect, or semi-erect, canes. They can be green, purplish or red, smooth or moderately hairy, round or angled, with numerous curved or straight prickles of different sizes and sometimes with small, stalked glands. Blackberry has a two-year growth pattern. Young canes start growing in spring. Canes that have arisen from the crown in the current year (first-year canes, known as primocanes) usually do not produce flowers. Second-year canes (floricanes) grow as side shoots from the primocanes during the second year of growth and bear the flowers and fruit. The flower stalks are less than 1.5 cm long. Flowers are white or pink. Flowering occurs from late November to late February and fruiting from late December to April. Blackberry fruits are initially green, ripening black. New (daughter) plants develop at the tips of first-year canes throughout autumn and winter. Most germination takes place during spring and early summer.



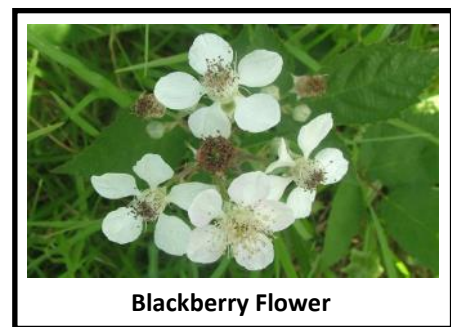
Blackberry Infestation



Blackberry Fruit

In its long history as a noxious weed, blackberry has been managed by a range of control techniques, including burning, slashing, grazing, grubbing, chemical spraying and biological control. Blackberry management programs must be planned and sustained over a number of years to prevent the rapid return of the infestation.

Hand weeding is only effective in very small infestations. Even seedlings and small plants are difficult to pull out by hand. If possible, all of the root system should be removed using a mattock or shovel because blackberry will regrow from any root fragments left in the soil. Slashing will not kill blackberry, but it can help open up dense stands for follow-up control by other methods.



Blackberry Flower

In general, the best time to spray blackberry is during the flowering–fruiting period, but the effective spraying season can start before flowering and extend long after fruiting, in other words from late November till April. It is easy to kill young blackberry seedlings with herbicide. However, well established blackberry thickets have a large number of root crowns of different ages, and the older and bigger ones are usually hard to kill. If using herbicides taken up by the leaves, avoid slashing in the season before application; it can reduce the effectiveness since only the new canes will be available to take up the herbicide. Do not spray while it is heat stressed.

Various strains of the biocontrol agent, leaf rust fungus have been released in South Australia. However it is considered that the leaf rust fungus may not be suited to South Australia's dry summers, but may be promising along watercourses where summer moisture is present.

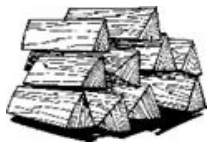
The Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board has produced the video "Weed Info: How to Control Blackberry" which can be accessed from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyUsVhx_tI4

Information for this article was extracted from Weeds of National Significance – Weed Management Guide, PIRSA Fact Sheet - Biological Control of Blackberry, Weeds in Australia - *Rubus fruticosus* aggregate, Brisbane City Council – Weed Identification

Information for this article was extracted from AMLR NRM Fact Sheet, SA Declared Plant Policy, and NSW DPI WeedWise.

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