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EDITORIAL

Some residents have had difficulty contacting Georgina Haynes following the "Buffers to Bushland" article published recently. Bill Doyle from the City of Playford and Bruce Hobby have supplied me with the following contact numbers:-

Georgina Haynes, co-ordinating volunteer, mobile 0419 910 128 home 8255 8457

Secondary contact is the City of Playford. Either fax City of Playford, Attention Bill Doyle, Greening Officer, on 8252 3655 or email <bdoyle@playford.sa.gov.au>

Please feel free to contribute to this newsletter with news, views, items of interest, poems, stories, letters, quotations, or any other news which you feel might interest people. However, because our space is limited please try to keep your news brief and to the point. Items sent electronically save me heaps of work so please email me <imclatch@camtech.net.au>. Please send all electronic items in Plain Text Format. We have encountered problems when items are put into the Publisher programme for final setting out. Other items can be left at the General store for me any time during the month. Advertisements are also welcome. Please contact me on 8280 7214 for prices. The closing date for next months edition will be 21/6/99. Jill McLatchie, Editor.

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Our AGM on May 20 was well attended with many new members. The executive and committee for the coming year are listed below:

The AGM was followed by the May General Meeting and here are some key points.

- ⇒ We'll soon have a new town map thanks to the efforts of Gordon Cooksey who has been working with sign writer Gerhard Ritter. It will be erected outside the Institute and will show all roads within a radius of about 5 kms- a big help to the many friends and delivery folk who get lost trying to locate a house in our area.
- ⇒ Council's rating policy has been released for public comment.
- ⇒ A group of residents concerned about the removal of trees on Precolumb Rd. attended the meeting. There was a heated discussion and a motion "that Progress terminate the actions of the Environment Committee" was put and opened for debate.
- ⇒ Further discussion of this motion was postponed until the June meeting under Section 6.4 of the Constitution which allows for adjournment of voting and/or debate. We hope to have some

council staff with us at the next meeting to explain the policies under which they have been operating and processes by which people can apply to have certain trees retained.

- ⇒ We invite people interested in this issue to attend and emphasise that the meeting will be chaired carefully to ensure discussion remains respectful, and to allow those who wish to speak to have their say.

As a member of the environment committee, I am totally amazed at how this situation has escalated! The Environment Committee has a small group of volunteers (many of them young people interested in environmental issues) who have joined with Rotary to work on projects that may arise around OTH. We have assisted on the Bushcare site and are working under the direction of council on other sites - one of which was to be sections of the roadside verges along Precolumb Rd where bridal creeper, olive seedlings and a small number of non indigenous trees were identified for removal by the council greening officer: so too were areas that could be planted.

When we were informed by some residents that they themselves had planted some of the trees and did not want them removed we reassured them that we would not do this and would discuss the matter with council. In any case, removal of large trees was not our particular task.

Despite these reassurances the anger has remained, even intensified, possibly exacerbated by council's removal of many olives along Precolumb Road last week. This anger has been directed against the Progress Environment Committee which had nothing to do with this work, but was conducted by Council under its roadside vegetation policy.

The environment committee has been a valuable means of involving people, particularly young people in positive action around our community. We've built it carefully over the past year and have been delighted with the increased numbers and the enthusiasm. People are getting to know each other whilst caring for and learning about our local environment. We advertise working bees regularly in the Grapevine so that others can join in. To terminate it over this issue and the associated misunderstanding would be an injustice.

It is understandable that residents who have been planting and caring for their roadside verges do not want these culled without consultation. Council's policy does allow for residents to apply to have these trees exempted.

We need to become aware of these policies and talk calmly and constructively with each other and council, to resolve concerns. I hope that we can achieve this at our next meeting on June 20 at 7.30 in the OTH Institute.

Ann Davenport

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION 1999/2000 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

20 MAY 1999

In preparing this report I realized that it was a milestone - the last OTH Progress Association AGM report for the 20th century! So I thought it appropriate to reflect a little on changes in this district and the Association over the past 30 years or so.

From a small rural township in sheep and wheat country, One Tree Hill in 1999, has become a relatively small rural township on the outskirts of suburban Adelaide. Many larger properties have been subdivided into smaller hobby farms and since the 80's, we have seen two new subdivisions in the township. The population in the area has consequently blossomed in comparison to earlier days - growth which is reflected in enrolments at the local primary school, built 26 years ago for 40 children and now catering for over 220.

The landscape too has changed. When I first arrived in 1976, the hills were bare and over the past 23 years they have become greener as more and more trees were planted on open paddocks. Now there are further developments; vineyards are appearing throughout the district - a pleasant sight (especially to wine lovers) but also raising concerns about water supplies, sprays, noise and roads.

Whereas we were once in the District of Munno Para, we are now, with the old Elizabeth Council, part of the new Playford Council, a point reinforced by the wide range of consultations that we have been involved in this year. There has been the Bicycle Strategy, the Playford Open Space Strategy and the Rating Policy consultations as well as consultations about the sale of reserve land (for the development of senior citizen units) and finally, changes to the One Tree Hill Water Scheme, which will now link to SA Water mains rather than utilising local bores.

And down on McGilp Oval (reached via McGilp Rd and our new revamped arch) there are more changes afoot in the form of scores of young children playing - no, not cricket or tennis - but soccer! This year has seen the birth of the One Tree Hill Sports and Recreation Club and as part of this, the OTH Soccer Club. The Cricket Club has always been strong in OTH, while tennis is in decline after quite a hey day in the 80's. Netball, judo and table tennis also had supporters from time to time but now it appears there is new energy amongst our new populace and potential for more sports teams to emerge. This will inevitably provide a real boost for the community.

It was for this reason that Progress Association was delighted this year to provide a loan of \$5000 to the Sports and Recreation Club to help in the establishment phase. This is a good opportunity to congratulate all those involved in the inception of the soccer club which has required a lot of hard work.

Increased use of the oval has highlighted the need for upgrading of the toilet facilities as well as reshaping the grounds and parking areas. These have now been included in the council's budget for the next financial year.

Over recent years we have seen many of our senior members selling their large properties and moving to smaller units outside of OTH. It is for this reason that Don Needham, on behalf of the OTH Senior Citizens, has been pursuing the development of independent living units in the township, so that people can stay close to friends, family and familiar activities as they get older. It's a slow process, but one which is well supported in the community despite some disagreement over where these may be best placed.

In addition to the Tuesday Senior Citizens Group, this past year has seen the birth of a Thursday Seniors Support Group for people who are less active, and their carers. This group is supported by staff from Playford Council and local volunteers, and appears to be serving its purpose well. Progress has also supported this group by

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restocking the Institute's kitchen utensils to enable the preparation of hot lunches.

With increased use of the Institute by seniors, we have realised that our facilities need to be upgraded to make them more accessible to people with disabilities. We have an extra disability parking space and have had alterations to the toilets listed on the council budget. We have also requested that Council have a disability audit done on the building and surrounds so that we can ensure compliance with recent legislative requirements.

This year has seen some joint ventures with other groups in One Tree Hill.

The environment subcommittee has joined forces with Rotary and the council to organise working bees assisting with the local Bushcare site, the gardens around the Institute and other projects to care for our local environment. Under the capable convenorship of Chris Myles, this energetic group has contributed many hours of volunteer time and had a good time in the process. It hopes (after a long period of time obtaining the required permission from various bodies) to begin work on the roadside park at the western end of the town in the next few weeks.

Progress also assisted Rural Watch in the organisation of the Family Fun Day on March 27, which was a great success despite a premature finish due to the weather. It was a reminder of earlier days in the late 70's and 80's when the Family Fun Day was a popular event with its races, apple pie contests and of course - The OTH Gift! Our thanks to Hans Van Heuven for his role on this organising committee on behalf of Progress Association. Hans, on behalf of Progress, has also been working with Rotary on plans for a young children's playground at McGilp Oval. This project received a cheque for \$1000 from the police Blue Light Disco Fund at the Family Fun Day.

The Institute building continues to be well used especially after its recent upgrade, made possible by the bequest of Ms Clucas, a previous resident and member of Progress. The Christadelphian Church has made bookings for a full year on Sundays and Wednesday evenings and it is also the regular venue for the Playgroup, tap dancing, and as mentioned earlier, two senior citizen groups. Thanks to Lance and Hazel Walter for their roles of maintaining the hall and its bookings.

In days gone by, I hear that country dances were a specialty at One Tree Hill. It's only in its third year, but our One Tree Hill Bush Dance is a reminder that community family dances can be good fun - and very popular. Tickets for the 1998 Dance sold out in less than a week so be early for this year's which will be out on June 1st.

The One Tree Hill Grapevine is, in its 22nd year, almost an institution! Its face has changed over the years - like our faces- but still serves as a valuable link, informing and promoting a sense of community. Many thanks to all those involved in its publication, especially editor Jill McLatchie, desktopper David Parker and the loyal group of folders and staplers who meet at my place each month to prepare it for distribution. Also thanks to the staff in The OTH General store and The Village Pantry for help in distribution and to the Burford family who do the printing and deliver right to the door.

The monthly market too has become a regular OTH event and a great place to catch up with friends as well as look for bargains. It's come a long way from its early days in the 80's due to a lot of effort by stall holders and coordinator June Bourne.

Membership of the One Tree Hill Progress Association is also changing. This year has seen some new faces and some new energy - which is vital for any community body. Sadly we will soon be saying goodbye to Gordon and Sarah Cooksey, who will be moving out of the district in the next month. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their long time support for Progress and the very significant contribution they have both made. Gordon has served at various times as President, Minute Secretary and a committee member and Sarah has acted as Secretary, Minute Secretary and a committee member. Gordon's final contribution has been organising a new district map which will be erected outside the Institute. David Parker too may be leaving us for a year or two, taking up a work opportunity in the US, but we hope to have him back again after that time because he will be missed!

Finally, a special thanks to the executive - to Pat Beck for her excellent work keeping the books, Hans Van Heuven for writing all

This monthly newsletter is published by the **One Tree Hill Progress Association**.

The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the One Tree Hill Progress Association. Its purpose is to share local news, views and events. We want to encourage local people and groups to share what they are doing and to pass on items of interest to one another. A 50 cents donation to the cost of printing the Grapevine would be very much appreciated. (Donation tins are available in some of the local shops). We are happy to include some advertising from local businesses, and small classified Ads from individuals. Please contact Jill McLatchie, ph 8280 7214 for details of the cost. Maximum size for advertisements is one quarter of a page.

Deadline for the next issue is **Monday June 21st 1999** at 6.00pm at the Deli.

Please leave items in an envelope marked Grapevine at the General Store or email to <imclatch@camtech.net.au> well ahead of the deadline if possible. Please send all electronic items in **Plain Text Format with Word Wrap**. NO FORMATTING PLEASE, except tabs and hard returns at end of paragraphs.

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the letters each meeting generates, and David Parker for his role as minute taker. Thanks also to the members of Progress who come regularly and support our ongoing activities and to Councillor Mike Stevens for his support.

Sometimes I hear people say that Progress doesn't do much. Having heard this report I hope you'll disagree. Progress does a lot and a lot of people are involved directly or indirectly. It supports and provides a voice for our community and has done so since its inception. It works steadily to achieve change, despite the frustrations of delays.

So at this point, I wish the new committee well and trust that The One Tree Hill Progress Association will step into the year 2000 with energy and the will to advance our aims in our wonderful community and environment.

Ann Davenport

20 May 1999

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MIKE STEVENS REPORTING BACK

Well, the Rating Policy process has by now reached its conclusion. I believe, and from the reports I have got, most of the ratepayers feel the same, that the policy is the most appropriate for the time and will achieve the results of equalising the rates across the City and be fair and equitable. I particular like the fixed rate component.

This month will see the acceptance of the Budget for the next year and the setting of the rates. I am not in favour of the view that rates must always rise by amounts above the CPI - the Council and its community need to analysis the services provided and decide which can be restructured so that they are provided at a lower cost. In this way, rate increases can be kept under control whilst improving the range and level of services provided.

Consideration of the budget has been made much more difficult this year because of the extra imposts from the State Government and the impact they have on ratepayers. Moneys have been allocated in the first round of budget deliberations to some work on McGilp Oval and on the rebuilding of the outside toilets there, as well as for disable toilets in the Institute. I was also pleased to see money allocated for a study of the underground water supply in the OTH area - this should help us to understand the situation and the impact of additional usage from the increasing number of new developments in the area.

I am also aware of the debate in the community over the environment. It is obvious that OTH residents care and want to have a say about what happens. The Council staff recognise this too. Please contact either myself, Bob Pitt at the Council or a member of the Progress Association if you have an interest in any aspect of our environment and are prepared to take on some responsibility for it. This applies to roadside verges as well - if there are some trees, for example, of any variety, that you feel strongly about keeping and caring for, let us know and your wishes can be built into the management plans. If this is done, we can construct a listing of heritage and/or significant vegetation that needs to be looked after.

Please feel free to contact me if you think I can help you with your dealings with the Council on 04 1787 5095 or 8280 7152, fax 8280 7629, or e-mail mikemail@iaa.com.au.

Regards,

Mike Stevens.

ONE TREE HILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our loss this month is the passing of Gladys Brown, a past member of our club. A large number of members attended the Service on the 13th April, at One Tree Hill Church, to bid her Farewell and to give our support to Len Brown and his family. Rev. Roz Bond officiated.

On the 9th April, the club had a B.B.Q and picnic at Des and Nell Levetts property at Kersbrook to Celebrate their Golden Wedding. The weather was perfect and everybody had a great time. The youngsters even caught some fish in the dam!! The club presented Nell and Des with two Golden rose bushes for the occasion.

The Ten Pin Bowls this month was won by Brian, 2nd Edith, 3rd Hazel. I don't know how I did it, I thought I deserved a pat on the back! We had a lovely lunch at the Downs Hotel following the Bowls. One of our star players, Les Moyle, unfortunately had a couple of operations that has put him out of the running for a while. We all wish him back to good health soon.

Next month the club is going on a visit to the Police Communications Dept, and afterwards lunch in the canteen. So if anyone is missing afterwards, they may have been detained for questioning!!!

President. B.Saunders.

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Our Day Care programme for the elderly has now been up and running for seven months. We have personalized our group by voting on a name. The name agreed upon is "The One Tree Hill Community friendship group". The reason for this is we are very supportive of each other and the atmosphere is one of a large extended family. Our group meets every Thursday at 10.30 am. in the One Tree Hill Institute. We have a very busy and varied agenda with items to stimulate and suit all.

We are lucky to have a gentle and caring co-ordinator named Jenny Hoffman, who organizes and runs the program. Once a fortnight we have singing lessons with a professional teacher and our choir is coming along very nicely. With morning tea and a delicious lunch our day is very enjoyable. Once a month, a trip is organized. We visit both country and city areas of interest. We all vote on where we would like to go and a good time is had by all. If you are feeling lonely at home and would like to make new friendships, or perhaps you are a caring person who would like to do some volunteer work with the elderly, please contact Jenny Hoffman on 8254 0167. This news was written by Heather Charman (volunteer) on behalf of the "One Tree Hill Community friendship group". (This programme is sponsored by our local Council).

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

A group of Japanese girls is arriving on Saturday, July 31st and will be staying for 11 days while attending Craigmore Christian School. They leave on Wednesday, 11th of August. They need to stay with caring families while they are here. This is a great opportunity to get to know young people from another culture and share our Aussie lifestyle. This group is sponsored by the Australian Institute for International friendship. Collen Gavan is the co-ordinator. Please phone her on 8254 9326 for further details.

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We are now pleased to present the story which came third in the Open section:

Room with a view *by Julie Buttery. Copyright 1998*

A cormorant in a gum tree, drying its wings after breakfasting on trout. A family of black ducks, ducklings hiding in the bamboo at the water's edge. A score of teal ducks grazing pasture nearby. A heron, an egret, two ibis searching for breakfast in the shallows. On the far side of the dam, the lucerne trees are white with cockatoos. Closer to hand are honey eaters, feeding on bottlebrush and agapantha blooms. This is my view to the West.

South of me are finches, seed eaters in the grass, insect eaters in the gum trees feasting on scale insects. Kangaroos lazing in the broom bushes. Near my feet I can hear a sleepy lizard, wandering through the ground cover.

North are "my" animals; goats and horses, and the orchard. Dog is by my side.

East I can hear a kookaburra. He will probably move closer and laugh again.

High above, a pair of wedge tailed eagles circle majestically.

The possum has been to the grain bucket, again, during the night. He always leaves his marker.

I sit on my lawn, pergola shaded with vines for the coming summer. From here I watch the miracle of new life - trees blossoming, young birds and animals.

Summer! The grass is dry and brown.

The water in the dam is low. The air is stifling. No animal moves except the human, struggling to prepare for winter. Berries and fruits to jam. Peaches and apricots to bottle. Vegetables to blanch and freeze. The oppressive heat sucks the life from the world. Fruits have ripened and are falling, to spread their seed for future generations. Gather while we may, but the work is exhausting in this heat. No wind is a blessing, for at least fires will be less of a worry. But the smell of smoke sends me up the hill to try to determine from whence it comes. Bushfires are the biggest worry of life here, especially having lived through Ash Wednesday 1983. When winds pick up, coming at 40 knots from the East, that is when the greatest danger is approaching. But today there is little wind. Tonight we may get a gully breeze to cool the house for a comfortable night's sleep.

Autumn, and the heat has departed, The mornings can be so cold that we need to wash the frost from the windscreens before leaving for school. The last of the vegetables wilt under the force of the frosts. The calls of the animals as they seek mates fill the air. The frogs fill the evenings with their noise, sometimes so loud that sleep is difficult. The magpies wake us each morning with their carolling. Now, the smell of smoke is a welcome one. It promises the comfort of a wood fire, warming the house and bringing cheer to the inhabitants. The grass is turning green with the opening rains. The crimson glory

vine shows why it is named. Leaves all over the garden begin to turn yellow and orange and brown before dropping from the trees. The goats eagerly eat the leaves we collect as we prune the vine to allow the winter sun into the house. The winds are strong now, threatening new dangers. Everything must be tied down or under cover. The last of the heat is blown away along with the litter from the trees.

The rains have really come. Days when there is no let up from the constant drizzle unless it is replaced by heavy rain. The washing won't dry, so comes in to hang by the fire. Winter has arrived. No stomach for outside jobs now. Even the heat of summer seems less of a problem when everything is constantly wet. At least the mornings and evenings had been bearable. I retire inside to take up knitting and crocheting. There never seem to be as many hours in the day now. Feed and milk the animals, and then back inside for housework before dinner and bed. Very few wild animals here now, just a few magpies and galahs.

The ducks are back! A cormorant. The trees have blossom! Look! A heron! New kids arriving to play with and feed. The days are warm again and I can sit for a while in the sun, enjoying the world around me.

This is why I live in One Tree Hill!

By the way it's time to start thinking about YOUR STORY for this Annual competition which will be held in August. Remember it must mention One Tree Hill and can be set in either past present or future. All ages can submit stories and they can be fact or fiction. Approximately 800 words is the desirable length.

CHILDRENS CONTRIBUTIONS

'I am a one dollar coin. I am not just a coin. I am a magic coin. I can talk and run with my legs and bite with my teeth. I use my arms to grab onto things. One day I fell out of my owners pocket so I was left on the footpath. Then someone spent me. I was in a very dark cash register. There were lots of my friends there because my other friends were spent there as well so I talked to them. I tried to get out. So did my friends but we could not. Then we got spent. I was busy biting my way through the pocket. I got out. We found our owner who took us inside.'

By Andrew Kernot Yr 3, Rm 14.

'Over the holidays we went to a Garden Centre and we went to have a look in the pet shop. There were green tree frogs there. We went and bought two plants. We were carrying them around and when we went to buy them, then my mum saw a little green tree frog. When we got in the car, it hopped out of the plant and we had to catch it again, then put it back in the plant. Then we put the plastic bag around it. Then we got home and we took it out of the bag. Then we looked at it. We put it in with my big green tree frog. I have a cage in my room. It has a light.'

By Joshua P. year 3/4 Rm 14

ONE TREE HILL COUNTRY MARKET

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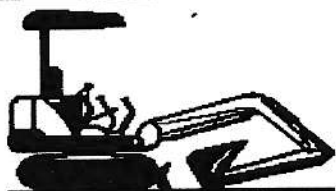
BLACKSMITH'S INN SOCIAL CLUB

The Bonfire Night is now planned for October. The big up and coming event is "Christmas in June" on Friday June 25th. It will be a Christmas theme night, open to members and Non-members. Cost will be \$20 a head for members and \$25 a head for non-members. There will be Dinner and Entertainment. Time will be 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Bookings are already open so get in early for this popular event.

A coach trip to see the Crows play the Bulldogs in Melbourne is also planned for July. The plan is to leave late on the Friday night, see the match on Saturday 17th July and come home on the Sunday.

Thursday night is Trivia quiz night at the Blacksmith's Inn. There are some valuable prizes - in fact you could win \$300. Steve is hoping this doesn't get won too often! Find out more by asking Steve.

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June 20th Club Rally

Club Dressage Competition - practice tests for Pony

Clubs Metro Zone Dressage Day on 18th July at John Vaughn
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June 27th Club Dressage School - Pat Hutchens \$25 per hour,
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Recent results,

Congratulations to all riders who participated in the recent
rideathon in Para Wirra National Park. Over \$1700 was raised for
our club, a fantastic effort, and thank you to everyone who
sponsored the riders. The club offers top level instruction to all ages
and stages of riders, at a very reasonable cost. We welcome new
members and visitors, so come along and see what it is that we do.
Rallies start at 10am sharp, and continue until around 1pm.

KIDS JOKES

Q) If you have a referee in football, and an umpire at the
cricket, what do you have in bowls?

A) Gold Fish!

Q) What happened to the man who fell through the flywire
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A) He strained himself!

Q) What do you call a sheep covered in chocolate?

A) A chocolate baaa!

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NEWS FROM NATHAN

(Rotary Exchange student from One Tree Hill, now in Japan.)

Time flies up here in the North and it's hard to believe that I've only been here for 4 months. It seems only yesterday when I jumped off the plane in Nanto! I have been really busy of late and I am still having a fantastic time here in Japan. The weather's been perfect these last few days, into the high 20's (and my school friends are already complaining of the heat!) Although all this is about to change soon as the rainy season sets in and it will rain almost every day. Just yesterday evening I was sitting in the grandstand at a main soccer stadium cheering Australia who eventually beat Japan's U22 team 1-0. I paid a trip to the local 'Mitre 10' before the game and purchased a huge flagpole to hoist my Aussie flag. Of the 12000+ at the ground I was the only person with an Aussie flag sitting all by myself in a sea of black. I wasn't worried a bit and cheered the whole game. The whole team clapped and pointed at me after the game which was truly rewarding and I made the big replay screen at least 3 times! Might make tomorrow's paper - we'll see, but any way after the match I held that flag high and didn't get home until 1:30 am!

The start of May saw "Golden Week" - a four day national holiday in Japan, so my host father and another Rotarian took me on a two day golfing holiday. We had caddies and good scores (I got 95) and ate at expensive restaurants at over \$50 per person per meal. I had a great time and got to play the most expensive sport in Japan.

I have also been on a few guided tours of Tokyo with my host mother, to take in a few of the sights and visit temples and shrines. I keep looking at all this gear I have collected and wonder if and how I'm going to get it all home! School is going well, though I don't do much, just talk and read my own Japanese book. The lingo is still very difficult but I'm starting to understand bits of it, but I've got the writing side of it pretty down pat. I'm still playing Aussie Rules football in Tokyo and will start playing cricket soon after meeting a few people the other day. I wouldn't mind trying sumo either as the basic wage for a win is 3 million yen (\$37,000). And they play 15 matches in a tournament day, every day for 16 days! Go Sumo's!

(Thanks Nathan, we look forward to more of your news, Ed)

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Have you ever wondered why Sampson's Flat was called this? It was named after a pioneer farmer and wine grower named John Sampson. He donated land to build the Precolumb School which operated from 1855 to 1938 when its pupils were transferred to the Uley School. He also owned the flat land alongside the One Tree Hill Road and he used to allow part of this land to be used as a sports field. Cricket and tennis were regularly played there for eighty years. Every year on the Sampson Flat Sports Ground a carnival was organised and run by the Rechabite Lodge. Many events were staged including sheaf tossing, log chopping and even bike racing over the rough metal roads. In the evening a Grand Ball was held in the Institute, featuring Adelaide's top entertainers.

(From 'The One Tree Hill Sketchbook'. Copies obtainable at the Village Pantry and Chocolate Shoppe)

(History notes researched by Jill McLatchie)

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A chemistry teacher wanted to teach his 5th year class a lesson about the evils of alcohol, so he produced an experiment that involved a glass of water, a glass of whisky, and two worms. "Now, class, observe closely the worms," said the teacher, putting a worm first into the water. The worm in the water writhed about, happy as a worm in water could be. The second worm he put into the whisky. It writhed painfully, and quickly sank to the bottom, dead as a doornail. "Now what lesson can we derive from this experiment?" the teacher asked. Johnny, who naturally sits at the back, raised his hand and wisely responded, "Drink whisky, and you won't get worms".

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Secretary Ivor McLatchie Ph 8280 7214

President Elect Heather Fischer Ph 8280 7104

ONE TREE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Last Friday, year 4, 5, 6, and 7 students participated in a sports carnival. All teams participated well and had a fun day (until the rain came down!) Our teams were very successful particularly the volley ball team who competed against much older teams. The results were: Volleyball, won 2 lost 2, Girls soccer, won all 4 matches, Boys soccer 1, won 1 lost 3, Boys soccer 2, won 1 lost 3 drew 1, Football, won 2 lost 2, Netball, won 2 lost 2.

Six choir students have undergone a selection process and will be auditioned for roles in the Adelaide Festival of Music at the Festival Theatre. We wish Ben Cummings, Hayley Bader, Paul Robinson, Karl Kakoschke, Mary Mendrin and Victoria Brough every success in their endeavours.

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Simon was busy filling a gas bottle the other day and he was talking, and talking, and then doing some more talking. Finally he said, "this gas bottle is taking a long time to fill". It was then he noticed he hadn't switched a vital switch on!

Congratulations to Katherine Anderson who got chosen for the State Little Athletics team in April. She later came 4th in the 400 metres in a personal best time.

MARKET REPORT

The Market was quieter than usual this month. There are so many different stalls now it really is worth a visit so come on June 5th and enjoy our friendly market.

ONE TREE HILL SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Soccer Club - more players needed

You have no doubt read in recent editions about the tremendous effort put in by a few dedicated locals to get a soccer club established in the local area. One Tree Hill Soccer Club is now up and running with a committee and parent body committed to making the club a success.

We have teams playing in the U6, U7, U8, and U12 divisions and all the kids are having a great time and learning a lot of new skills. Our coaches are dedicated to teaching the kids the skills they need to play the game, as well as to work together, and to put their best effort every time.

As the heading states more players are needed. Our U12 team is full and the boys are developing a real rapport with their coach and each other. The U7 team has limited vacancies and is showing signs of true team spirit. In U6 we have three teams registered with all needing more players. These kids are only little tackers and all started the season not knowing anything about soccer. It's great to see the improvement they are making. The U8 team is playing each game with one player less than the other teams but is doing a tremendous job to stay in there and keep trying.

If you know of any kids who are interested in playing soccer, and can play in one of the age groups, we invite you to bring them along to try it out. Training is held on Wednesday nights at the McGilp Road Oval, O.T.H. between 4.30pm and 5.30pm. Any queries should be directed either to the secretary, Vicki Theunens on 8280 7452 or the registrar, Tracey McClymont on 8252 2669.

Tennis Club

As usual, our Annual Tennis Open Day, will be held on the last Sunday in August - Sunday August 29th from 11.00am. Please register your interest to play by then either in Junior or Senior teams for the 1999/2000 season. Direct any enquires to Jill and Ian Woon 8280 7604, Jann Flavel 8280 7382 or John Lane.

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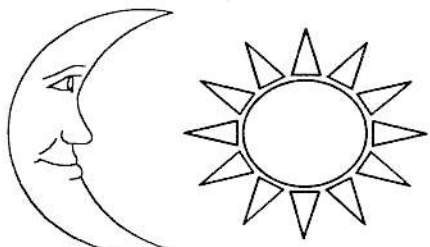
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SIMON'S PET CORNER

Simon has some exciting new fish. They are two white Fullerborne Cichlids, both females, to go with his blue male Cichlid. They are not cheap - \$18 each! So Simon is hoping they will breed and make him some money! Apparently the male babies will be blue colour and the females white or mother of pearl colour, so they will be easy to sex. They have a very interesting way of breeding. The female lays the eggs and takes them into her mouth. The male has an anal fin, which has an egg spot on it. The female tries to get the egg spot. This causes the male to release his sperm or milt as it is called, which the female takes into her mouth and fertilizes the eggs. She doesn't eat for three to four weeks until she spits out the live babies! If danger threatens she can take them back into her mouth to protect them!

The racing pigeon season is almost with us. Simon found a racing pigeon at school which had been hit by a car. It nearly got hit again but Simon raced into the road and saved it (not really recommended). He took it home in his school bag in a box. He looked at the number on its leg and contacted Brian Healey, ring secretary, from the Racing Pigeon Association, and they traced its owner who came from Kurrulta Park to collect it. Simon would like to give the following information to anyone who finds a pigeon. If it is a racing pigeon it will have on the band on its leg, S.A. followed by a number, e.g. Simon's number is S.A. 9701602. Contact 8388 2001, and they will trace the owner. If it is a show pigeon its band number will start M.P.A. You will need to ring 885 841 339 for the secretary of the Canary and Pigeon Association. The owners will be very grateful for the return of their pigeons.

Simon thought a crow was pinching their chook eggs, but he discovered it was their dog Erin! So now he has to close the door halfway so the dog can't get in! The rooster nearly can't either because he is fat!

Let's hear news of your special pets! Write to the Grapevine and tell us about them or phone Jill on 8280 7214.

ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is in full swing now for term 2. We look forward to the up and coming sessions spent indoors out of the rain and the challenges these bring. During this term our major fund raiser is to sell Sock It To You socks. Buying these socks will not only keep your feet warm and cosy but also supports the Australian Wool Industry and enables Playgroup to purchase toys and art supplies.

For any new families to the area or those that are thinking about playgroup for the first time, our sessions are run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30 am and Wednesday afternoon 1.00 - 3.00pm during school terms. Each session is made up of free play times, craft time, snack time and often a story time. You need to bring along a piece of fruit to share, cold drinks are provided and tea and coffee is available for a small charge.

For more information about playgroup please contact either Deb Norman (chairperson) on 8280 7450 or Tracey McClymont (Secretary) on 8252 2669.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Last week I was approached by Grayden Dickson from Playford council to provide some comments on the new Rating Policy to the Messenger, as I had been ONE of the people that presented an opinion at the first public consultation. My initial presentation was done AS AN INDIVIDUAL and my comments to the Messenger were too, and not on behalf of the Progress Association. I was angry to discover that my comments had been written up as a first person account making it sound as if: 1. I had written the article 2. I was speaking on behalf of the Progress Association. This is not the case. Progress has not had a chance to review the policy and present a combined view other than to say that if there are to be increases in the rate then this should be in line with the CPI. Some of my comments over the phone have been rephrased to give a different meaning to the one intended, and other comments have been constructed and exaggerated.

Below is the email I sent personally to the Rating officer as my response to the policy. It more accurately summarises my views although I did also tell the Messenger that I had concerns for rural people who were asset rich cash poor and who may be faced with huge increases. It appeared to me from the formula that this would not be the case, but if it was, then perhaps changes could be made as part of the evaluation process. I thought the policy a good starting point.

"To the Rating Policy Officer

I'm basically satisfied with the new Rating Policy document as I believe that it covers issues I had concerns about:

- that everyone contribute something
- that there be different rates for commercial, residential, rural and rural townships
- that it be based on capital value
- that there be concessions for pensioners and unemployed
- that there are provisions for remission or postponement due to hardship
- that there are provisions for people who have to adjust their budgets due to increases
- that there is a formula that enables people to see what their new rates would be.

It may help some low income earners if payments could be made fortnightly.

I'd be happy to run with this model and address any problems in the next evaluation.

This latest document was much clearer and easier to understand."

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In last month's report I advised that motor vehicles were a target in

the One Tree Hill area. Usually when a vehicle is stolen, certain items or parts of the vehicle are removed and then sold or used on other vehicles. An easy way to make this practice difficult to do is to engrave certain items in your vehicle. Some of those items may include the radio, speakers, tape deck/CD player, tools and toolbox. Simply by engraving 'S' for South Australia and your driver's licence number on these items will make it difficult for crooks to sell or otherwise dispose of such items therefore not only reducing the crimes, but also the insurance claims and emotional distress people go through when something like this happens. Engravers and UV pens are available through the Rural Watch Committee.

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| 3. | 8-16/5/99 | Craigmore Road. Shedbreak and attempted larceny. Entry by forcing door. Nil stolen | |
| 4. | 9/5/99 | One Tree Hill Road. Vehicle damaged. Vehicle left at the side of the road overnight and unknown person smashed windows and stole radio, compact disc, seat covers, etc. | \$1100.00 |
| 5. | 25/4-2/5/99 | Burg Rd, Gould Creek. Larceny. Chainsaws stolen from shed. | \$1200.00 |
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Darren McCUE,

Police Coordinator

O.T.H. Rural Watch.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A copy of a letter addressed to me from Mr Bill Sims appeared in your April Edition and requires comment. It details a number of resolutions carried at a meeting of One Tree Hill ratepayers.

I will comment on some of the resolutions.

Resolution: "that Council rates are a 'fee for service' and should not be considered a form of taxation."

Comment: Rates are not a fee for service and never have been. The current Act empowers Councils to raise revenue from rates, statutory fees, user charges and service charges. While the last three are a 'fee for service' the first is not as the amount payable varies from ratepayer to ratepayer.

Resolution: "That adopting of a rating policy by Council be deferred until such time as:

1. It has provided the community with substantive information including: modelling examples of each possible option showing the rating figures for a range of property values, and evidence of ratepayers capacity to pay - e.g. grazing properties, mortgaged properties, etc., so that ratepayers are able to participate in an informed manner, and

2. full use has been made of the period provided for in the new Local Government Act amendments."

Comment: The community will be provided with financial information in relation to a number of scenarios as part of the second phase of consultation on the rating policy in May and June. While it is acknowledged that details of ratepayer capacity to pay would be helpful, this information is not available to Local Government.

There seems to be some confusion regarding the period provided for in the proclamation which established the City of Playford in relation to the phasing in of any changes. The process which is currently under way is to determine what the Council's Rating Policy should be. A separate question is "How and over what period

should any change be introduced?" The Council has until the year 2003 and 2007 to phase in commercial and non-commercial rating changes. A decision on this issue will also be made in either May or June.

Resolution: that:

1. Total rate income be held at 1998/99 levels.
2. Expenditure reduction to achieve this being areas other than road and drainage works and waste management.
3. That Councils total liabilities be kept at or below current levels until 30th June 2010.
4. In the event that waste management became the subject of a separate charge, total rate income shall be adjusted accordingly."

Comment: While the limits suggested by the resolution could be achieved they would be irresponsible. The Council is the custodian of nearly \$250 million of assets. To hold rates at current levels indefinitely (it is not clear from the resolution but one assumes it would be for ten years in accordance with liabilities) along with liabilities would see significant deterioration in infrastructure. Ratepayers in the years beyond 2010 would be faced with huge rate hikes to replace run down infrastructure (not funded by previous ratepayers) as well as new infrastructure. In other words they would be "hit twice". Obviously, there would also be a significant reduction in non-infrastructure services. It needs to be pointed out that in a recent community survey residents told us they wished for services to be improved not reduced.

The two other motions do not require comment from me.

I look forward to the One Tree Hill Residents Association continuing to be involved in the development of a Rating Policy for the City and continuing to be a community voice in relation to setting the City's future direction. In relation to the latter, the Council's management is always available to provide accurate information to assist in this process.

Yours sincerely, Tim Jackson, Chief Executive Officer.

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SOCIAL SCENE

Puddleduck Farm was the setting for a BBQ to welcome back Paivi Molin and her boyfriend Janne Laukkinen. Paivi was a Rotary Exchange Student in One Tree Hill and attended Birdwood High School. She was sponsored by the Torrens Valley Rotary Club. Although this was in 1987/88 Paivi has never forgotten her Australian families and this was her fourth return trip from Finland. She especially wanted her host families to meet Janne who is a professional ice hockey player for the Ottawa Senators in Canada. Three of her host families, the Lists, the Stoakes and the McLatchies, were able to attend with her host brothers and sisters, Dallas and Paul, Debbie, Gary and Cowan, Travis, Tim and Adele, and Tristan. A highlight of the BBQ was the playing of a video Paivi made while she was here. It was quite a shock to see how young we all looked! Janne later played inline hockey at the Elizabeth Recreation Centre in a friendly match against Elizabeth with the Gawler club.

THANKS FOR DONATIONS

Thanks very much to the Yattalunga Water Association who have sponsored 200 copies of the Grapevine this month. Also thanks to Ruth and Dean Gibb who have sponsored 20 copies. Thanks to Jill Woon of Trophies, Stickers and Signs for sponsoring 20 copies too. Thanks to Heidi and Danny Quill who have sponsored 40 copies of this edition. This support by members of the community is very much appreciated.

Also thanks to everyone who is putting a contribution in the tins. We really appreciate your help.

ONE TREE HILL SCOUT GROUP

If you want to join Joeys, Cubs or Scouts, come along to the Scout Shed on McGilp Oval and give it a go. It really is good fun!

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GARDENING NOTES FOR JUNE

Available from the One Tree Hill Garden centre will be a large range of fruit trees and deciduous ornamentals. Some varieties that thrive in our local area are plums, pears, apples, peaches, nectarines and apricots. Of these varieties, apples will need cross pollination. The Stella variety of cherry is self pollinating as are most varieties of plums, apricots, nectarines and peacharines.

Citrus will grow well as long as the ground is well mulched. They don't like to have their feet in the clay. Meyer lemons are good in One Tree hill because they're a cold climate lemon. When choosing deciduous ornamentals always choose a variety that has a small leaf to cope with our hot northerly winds. e.g. claret ash and gleditsia.

For further enquires ask Irene at the One Tree Hill Garden Centre. Don't forget tubes on Market Day are only 50 cents each!

ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

During the month we saw Lisa our exchange student from Germany off on a trip to the red centre, Alice Springs, Longreach and the East coast to Brisbane from where she will fly back to Adelaide.

We have also had a visit from our first Exchange student Paivi from Finland and her boyfriend. Paivi was on exchange twelve years ago and keeps in touch regularly. While they were here they saw the Crows game and now think that Aussie Rules is a great game. They also think the Barossa valley is the tops to say nothing of the wines. (The Limo from 'Lords and Ladies' Limousines in One Tree Hill was great too!) They enjoyed an Australian BBQ and went roller blading where Paivi's boyfriend played a game of hockey with the youngsters. The youngsters were thrilled to play with an international ice hockey star. It was great to see Paivi again.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the sausage sizzle at the market. TTFN

PUZZLE CORNER

Here is a puzzle contributed to us by Gordon Cooksey. He refused to give me the answer until next month so I'd love you to ring me, Jill, if you can work out the answer and we can see who are the clever ones amongst us! Not me, I couldn't do it!

'What is stronger than God, not quite as evil as the Devil, the poor have got it, the rich don't want it, and if you eat it you die?'

ONE TREE HILL COMMUNITY DIARY

(Please forward single line notices for inclusion in the community diary to the Editor)

Wednesdays	Rotary Meeting, Gumhaven, Kersbrook	7:00pm
Sat 5th June	Country Market, OTH Institute	9:00 - 2:00pm
Thu 17th June	AGM Progress Association, OTH Institute, Supper Room	7:30 - 9:30pm
Sat 19th June	Annual Bush Dance, OTH Institute with DIDDYCKY	7:30 - 11:30pm
Fri 25th June	"Christmas in June", Blacksmiths Inn	7:00pm
Sun 29th August	Tennis Open Day, McGilp Oval	11:00am