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

Wednesdays	Rotary Meeting, Gumhaven, Kersbrook	7:00pm
Tue 27th April	AGM Tennis Club, Clubrooms McGilp Oval	7:30pm
Fri 30th April	End of Fire Ban Season	12:00pm
Sat 1st May	Country Market, OTH Institute	9:00 - 2:00pm
Thu 20th May	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 5th June	"Christmas in June", Blacksmiths Inn	7:00pm
Sun 29th August	Tennis Open Day, McGilp Oval	11:00am

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ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 20 May at 7.30 pm

in the One Tree Hill Institute

Please come and support our efforts in our community

All welcome

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to all those involved in the Fun Day on March 27 at the McGilp oval - especially Rural Watch and Progress's rep on the organising committee, Hans Van Heuven. Despite the rain, it was excellent with plenty to see, do and eat. Thanks too for the donation of \$1000 presented by organisers of the Police Blue Light Discos, to be used for the children's playground project. (Progress and Rotary are working together on this playground.)

Congratulations also to the OTH Soccer Club which is up and running with 3 enthusiastic teams. It's great to see this development as sport does such a lot to build the spirit of a community, as well as providing exercise and fun.

The activity at McGilp Park has highlighted the need to upgrade the toilets. We have requested Council give this a priority in the next budget - and also attend to the public toilets outside the Institute as there is no hand basin in the men's.

Domenic Marta, Playford's Recreation Coordinator attended our April meeting to talk with us about his new role as our liaison with council staff which is designed to facilitate communication and action. The chance to talk with him was appreciated and was a good start to this relationship.

The date has been set for our annual bush dance. It's Saturday June 19, 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm in the Institute. The band is DIDDYCHWY who did such a great job last year. Tickets will be on sale at the Market, The Village Pantry and OTH General Store at the beginning of June so get in early! More details in the June Grapevine.

On a final note, we are all aware of there being just 7 months to the year 2000. Do you have any ideas for events we could stage during this year to make it memorable? Please send them to Progress Association C/o the OTH Post Office so that we can consider them at coming meetings.

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The aims of the OTH Progress Association are to:

- ⇒ foster community spirit and promote the welfare of the One Tree Hill community;
- ⇒ promote and assist the expansion, improvement and maintenance of educational, sporting and other facilities for the benefit of the One Tree Hill community;
- ⇒ administer the One Tree Hill Hall;
- ⇒ stimulate and maintain an active interest in all district matters;
- ⇒ do such things as may be incidental to the attainment of such objects.

Progress meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm in the supper room of the Institute.

New members are always welcome. We have a variety of ways in which you can be involved: attending regular meetings and providing your views and practical assistance, joining the environment subcommittee and participating in working bees; assisting with the publication and distribution of *The Grapevine*; helping with events or repairs to the institute as required.

The OTH Progress Association presents its

Annual Bush Dance

Saturday 19 June 1999

7.30 to 11.30pm

in the OTH Institute

Music and calling by **DIDDYCHWY**

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Progress Association's next meeting is Thursday May 20 at 7.30 pm in the Institute. This is the Annual General Meeting so please come and show your support.

Ann Davenport

EDITORIAL

Last month was a bumper edition of the Grapevine and we needed an extra page. It is also good to note that the Grapevine is read by members of the wider community than One Tree Hill. However when there is lack of space preference will be given to 'local' items because it is our community newsletter.

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 24/5/99. Jill McLatchie, Editor.

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 May 24th 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.

MIKE STEVENS REPORTING BACK

My apologies for not putting anything in the last Grapevine - Jill tells me that she ran out of room anyway!

The first two weeks of April has seen the results of the Community consultation over the Rating Policy written up and built into submissions put to the Councillors at an all day session on Saturday April 17. During this workshop, we looked at five scenarios and reached an in principle agreement with one based on a fixed charge which all pay and a correspondingly reduced rate in the dollar. I can't be more specific at this stage because the fine tuning still has to be done but in general there are small increases for those properties around the median and small decreases for properties at the ends of the spectrum. The overall aim is to equalise the rates between the old Council areas. The chances are that these changes will be phased in over several years. It was also decided to retain the township classifications for One Tree Hill, Angle Vale and Virginia. I would appreciate hearing any submissions that will reinforce this, particularly those that emphasise the advantages.

I have put in a number of submissions for major project status in the next budget. The main ones cover the external toilets on McGilp Oval and toilets for the disabled in the Institute. Another requests funding for a general refurbishment of the Oval, the Clubrooms and additional storage space for the Scouts. While these are all considered to be important, the big problem will be "where is the money coming from".

I want to thank those who put on the Fun Day. Both Lea and I enjoyed being there. What a pity it had to rain on that day! It was obviously well supported and should encourage all to repeat it next year. The OTH Water Supply let us down again (and on several other times since) - perhaps this will act as a spur to get some action on this. Please contact me if you want to discuss anything about the Rating Policy and/or the Budget for next year. It certainly helps if I can use community input in my arguments in the Council Chamber.

Regards,

Mike Stevens

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PROGRESS ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Our next working bee will take place on Saturday May 1st, 2pm - 4pm at the TFL Bushcare site on Blacktop Road. We hope to be assisted by children and their parents from the Gifted & Talented Association. We will be under the guidance of Paul Smith who is the bushcarer for this site. Activities undertaken will range from collecting rubbish, removal of any olives that may have re-sprouted, plant identification, and the weed situation will also be assessed.

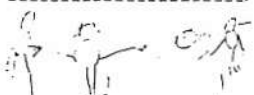
All are welcome. Please bring gloves, hat, a drink, secateurs, plastic rubbish bags, and small digging implements.

Anyone interested in being involved with the group please phone 8280 7604

There are lots of great
things about One Tree
Hill Primary School. I
like playing on the slide
because it's fun.



There are lots of great
things about One Tree
Hill Primary School. I
like going to school
because I like writing.



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ONE TREE HILL SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Hi everyone!

Here is some news about how everything is going. The season is finally under way and didn't the first games go well. All our teams did a terrific job and had a great time. Here are the results:

Under 6 Black O.T.H.2 vs T.T.G. 4.
Under 6 Yellow O.T.H. 0 vs Elizabeth Vale 4.
Under 6 Green O.T.H. 0 vs Munno Para Red 7.
Under 7 Bye.
Under 8 O.T.H. 0 vs Para Hills West 0
Under 12 O.T.H. 2 vs Elizabeth Downs White 1.

We didn't win all our games but everyone tried hard and we'd like to say well done to everyone!

Our teams have started the season but we could still do with more people in each team. Our teams are made up of boys and girls and are taught all the basics they need to have a good time and play soccer well. Even if you have never played before come along to training any Wednesday night, from 4.30pm or phone Lorraine on 8280 7818 (after hours) or Vicki on 8280 7452.

Thank you to Pauline and Peter for their running of the canteen and sausage sizzle. This is an important way for the club to raise extra funds for equipment so we would encourage you all to get involved and help out when you can. To take your turn see Lorraine at training or phone her on 8280 7818 after hours and she will organise it for you.

Have a great match on Saturday, good luck to all and don't forget to enjoy yourself.

Vicki. (Secretary)

[Contact phone numbers for other committee members as follows: Lorraine Vingerhoets on 8280 7680 or 8280 7818. Glenda Rogers on 8280 7470.

ONE TREE HILL COUNTRY MARKET

To be held on Saturday May 1st.
9.00am until 2.00pm.(approx.)

Come and buy gifts, country produce, craft,
and plants, and enjoy good things to eat, and
much much more! See you there! If you
want to book a site phone June on 8287 3306.

ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP

With Term one over so quickly we now look forward to a busy second term. Our craft cupboard is well stocked and I'm sure the co-ordinators have come up with lots of exciting things to make and do during the term.

Each term we run various fund raisers to make sure we have a good range of toys and books for the children and to replace any broken ones. This term we will be selling Tivoli cards, *Sock-it-to-you* products and each session will be running a Mothers day swap. If you are interested in the cards or woollen products from *Sock-it-to-you* we would welcome your support so please ask a playgroup member and they will show you the catalogue and take an order.

With children starting full time kindy we now have some vacancies on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Wednesday afternoon. The session times are 9.30 - 11.30am and 1 - 3pm. We cater for all children up to five years of age with the sessions made up of free play time (outdoors in fine weather and indoors when wet), craft/activity time and fruit time, finishing with a story or song. For more details contact Tracey on 8252 2669.

O.T.H.TENNIS CLUB REPORT.

The club was represented by only two Junior teams this past season. Both were Division 2 - one girls and one boys team. All nine players enjoyed the season despite not making it to the Grand Finals. They had fun participating!! Families gathered at the courts recently for trophy presentations. Pizzas and delicious desserts were shared also. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all! Tuesday April 27th - 7.30pm is our A.G.M. (held at the Clubrooms). Everyone is VERY welcome to come along. 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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POETS CORNER

"The Little Puppy"

*I am a little puppy,
Eating my dog food,
I like to chase my owner,
When she's in a good mood.
Tomorrow it is Wednesday,
I'm going to have fun,
My friend is coming over,
We bark and chase and run.*

By Renee L.

"The Father Emu"

*I am a father Emu,
Sitting on my nest,
I always nurse our green eggs,
I forget about the rest.
Soon they'll hatch to stripey chicks,
To follow me around,
They eat everything in sight,
That is lying on the ground.*

By Karl K.

MARKET REPORT

It was a quiet market with not so many stalls because of the Easter Weekend. However everything will be back to normal this month so we hope to see you all on May 1st for the usual bargains, gifts and surprises.

THANK YOU C.F.S.

This is a note of great appreciation to the wonderful C.F.S. team who assisted our son Anthony when he had a serious car accident on the One Tree Hill Road on 13th January 1999. We are very relieved and happy to advise that Anthony is progressing well.

It is very reassuring to have such a capable and caring C.F.S. team here at One Tree Hill. Thank you again for your tireless efforts.

Derrick and Brigitte.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following is a letter from Mr Jack Webb which he wrote to Mayor Baker. He sent it to us for inclusion in our "Grapevine".

Dear Mayor Baker,

At the City of Playford Council Meeting on the 22nd September 1998, Council recommended to take legal action against myself for a letter in the One Tree Hill "Grapevine".

Since receiving a letter from Norman Waterhouse in September/October 1998, I have not received any further written correspondence to state what Council is now doing regarding the legal action.

As I will not apologise for the statements in the "Grapevine", could you please advise me on the action the Council is taking. I would anticipate a reply after the April Council meeting as the uncertainty is causing unnecessary stress to members of my family and myself.

Yours sincerely, Jack Webb.

One Tree Hill Grapevine.

I refer to Martin Lindsell's letter about Council's rating policy in the February 1999 edition.

It is pleasing to see Mr Lindsell taking such a close interest in this matter and encouraging other ratepayers to do likewise - this input from ratepayers will help Council come up with an understandable and equitable rating system.

Council rates are levied on properties under the Local Government Act. They are a property tax and are described as such in the Local Government Bill currently being debated in Parliament. The relevant proposed section reads "A Council should when making and adopting policies and determinations concerning rates under this Act take into account the fact that rates constitute a system of taxation for local government purposes (generally based on the value of the land.)"

To suggest that the Council is rushing through this issue is unjust. The process commenced in February with the release of a Discussion Paper to generate community debate and is to conclude in June with the adoption of a Rating Policy. A period of five months. Linking the adoption of the rating policy to when and how it will be introduced (reference in the letter to 2003 and 2007) is erroneous. They are two separate issues.

After written submissions have been received and after the public hearings have been held, the draft policy including the issue of rate equalisation (how and over which time the changes are implemented) will again be available for verbal and written comment.

As can be seen, there is still a lot of work to be done and we look forward to receiving Mr Linsell's input, and that of our ratepayers.

Tim Jackson, Chief Executive Officer, City of Playford.

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SIMON'S PET CORNER

Simon was upset to discover three little kittens in their shed which he is sure were dumped. They were very tame too which has made him think they belonged to someone. Luckily he was able to find a pet shop that would take them. Please don't dump your unwanted pets. It is very cruel. Also please get your animals desexed if you don't want them to breed.

Simon was also upset to lose his big Gorami fish. He thinks it died of old age as there were no obvious signs of illness. He has not replaced it yet as he is saving up for a Canadian canoe or a mountain bike so is forcing himself not to visit any pet shops!

Simon and his dad have begun training their racing pigeons. They took them all to Medlow Road by the quarry and released them and they all flew home. Next they will go to Port Gawler, then the Cactus farm on the Port Wakefield Road then Blythe. They will be divided into teams and each team will have a different coloured ring. Racing starts the last weekend in May. Imported birds need easier racing conditions than the tough Aussie strains!

Emerald the budgie is getting very fat and can't fly any more. He needs to have his beak trimmed as it is growing too long. Pippa the female budgie can fly very well but she can also bite! Laurie the lorikeet is talking very well now and even tells Simon to shut up!

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

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

It is with very great sadness that we report the tragic loss of Sean Ennis aged 10, and his grandmother, Diane Johnson, in a car accident interstate. Deepest sympathy from the One Tree Hill community to Ken, Mandy, Kenneth, Noel and Steffan, and their families.

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THE GREAT ONE TREE HILL SHORT STORY COMPETITION

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

Professor Microchip by Victoria Chappell, aged 9. Copyright 1998

Once upon a time a man named Professor Microchip was working on a time machine so people could go into the past, present or future in safety. One dull gloomy morning he got up very early so he could go and try out his time machine. "Ready and go!!" he shouted but unfortunately it didn't do anything apart from make a few shudders and shakes. Professor Microchip was very upset but was determined to try again. He went inside and made a few adjustments to the time machine, then he went outside again to try it out. "It worked it worked!!" he cried. "It actually worked!" he said again as the time machine sped into the distance above. Professor Microchip pressed a button on the controls and the time machine came back in about two minutes. Professor Microchip went to his friend's house and asked if he would like to go in the time machine with him. "Oh yes, yes" he cried "I'd love to assist". So the other man and Professor Microchip went into the Professor's work room. "O.K. here we go!" shouted the Professor and off they went. In a couple of minutes the little computer inside the time machine started flashing. The Professor pressed a few keys on the tiny keyboard and then hey presto it told them they were going to One Tree Hill for a visit. Monty (the other man) was so excited that he started counting out his pocket money and deciding what he could buy at the market stalls there in One Tree Hill.

Part 2.

When they got there they had to hide their precious time machine and so they asked some people living on a farm to hide it in some old soft hay that was not being used. The farmer asked if they were travellers just passing by but they both replied "no". That

afternoon Monty and Professor Microchip walked around the town and stopped at the little fruit, vegetables and small goods stall to buy some things to take back to reality. "Oh dear, dear" said Professor suddenly "We have to get back or when the clock strikes ten we would have to stay here and our time machine would vanish!" "Oh my ~s" exclaimed Monty "We have to take a few pictures and then hop into our time machine" he said again in a big jumble of words. So Monty and Professor Microchip took a few snaps and then they both hopped into the time machine together, "Zooom" it went as it flew up up into the clear blue sky and then vanished into thin air. When the Professor and Monty arrived in Spooksville they showed the rest of the town their discoveries. All the people in Spooksville loved the photos and were pleading with him to take them all to One Tree Hill but the Professor said "no".

Part 3.

Professor Microchip and Monty became very famous and got old as the time went by but they both still went out for day trips in their time machine. Soon the government became a bit cross that Sir Microchip and Sir Monty had a time machine so they called them into court to see about the matter. They all shouted, coughed and made loud noises while the judge shouted out who could keep the time machine but in the end the time machine got put into a museum. More and more people went to see the time machine and Professor Microchip got richer and richer. Then suddenly one day the alarm went off in the museum. All the people ran to where the time machine lay but all there was to see was broken glass and the time machine had disappeared leaving no traces at all. "Oh no!" the people cried until Professor Microchip and Monty arrived. "Oh oh my time machine" cried Professor Microchip. In the afternoon the police came and looked into Monty's house and in the cupboard they found the time machine! "Off to jail with you then" said an officer

and so poor Monty got taken off to jail and was never heard or seen of again. Professor Microchip had calmed down once he knew that his time machine had been found and he put it in a safe in another country far, far, far, away.

One fine afternoon Professor Microchip and Monty went overseas for a trip. When they got there they went to see some statues in the park. Suddenly Prof. Microchip heard someone talking above him. The voice said "You are old and ancient, so I will take you in God's hands to heaven." Well Professor Microchip was very surprised to hear that. Then before he could tell Monty, he was reached up in a cloud shaped as a hand and taken to heaven. Monty was stunned and stared at the sky, hoping he would come down. Professor Microchip lived very happily in heaven and always watched down on his best friend Monty.

Then on a gloomy and stormy night at the age of 90 Monty passed away. The Professor was half glad and and half sad but he knew it was the best place for him to be. Professor Microchip had his time machine with him in heaven so he could go on outings. "Would you like to go on an outing with me?" asked Professor Microchip to Monty. "Oh yes please" said Monty and away they both went to get ready. Soon they were both ready to go and Professor Microchip had oiled the motor. "Zooom!" it went as it sailed through the clouds. They were going to One Tree Hill. "I think I'm going to live there" said Professor Microchip. When they got to One Tree Hill they went to the Market and looked around the stalls. When they had finished it was about five o'clock and they both had to get back to heaven. They still had many other outings and enjoyed them too.

By the way it's time to start thinking about YOUR STORY for this Annual competition. 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.



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Moo Poo

Moo Poo is sometimes used as a fertiliser in potting composts. Cow manure adds small amounts of major plant nutrients to the soil and the organic matter acts as an excellent soil conditioner and aids in water retention. This type of manure breaks down slowly and is valuable as a source of humus, especially in sandy soils where its long lasting effects are beneficial.

One Tree Hill Garden Centre is selling Moo Poo for the Redback Venturer Unit. Cost is \$5 for 15 Kilos and \$4 for 10 kilos.

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Rotary is an organisation which has as one of its objectives, the bringing of peace and goodwill to the world through programmes such as the youth exchange programme. We are always looking for people who agree with this philosophy. However this is only one of the many facets of the Rotary world. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a part of Rotary's many activities both internationally and closer to home please contact one of the following Rotarians.

Secretary Ivor McLatchie Ph 8280 7214

President Elect Heather Fischer Ph 8280 7104

THE PLAYFORD LATE STARTERS BANDS

The first band had a great time up at One Tree Hill for the Family Fun Day. We had an amazing assortment of "Guest Conductors" including a very large fat koala! Being situated next to the Rotary Sausage Sizzle made a few mouths water and a large number of sausages were consumed in the break! Tickets for the Bands Easter Raffle were on sale and this was drawn on Wednesday March 31st. The winner was Jill McLatchie who is still trying to eat her way through all the goodies!! But she has a lot of help from her family!

The Band featured on an ABC 5AN radio segment when Jim Grifas of the afternoon show visited the band and learnt to play a few notes on the trumpet. He then recorded the band playing two pieces. He seemed very impressed even if he did keep getting Mark Smith's name wrong by calling him Martin! Mark is the musical director of the first band and patient teacher of Jim. The band also gave a free concert in Fremont Park and will be playing at the Grand Opening of Higginbotham's display home at Andrew's Farm on Sunday April 25th. We are having lots of fun so why don't you join us?

There is still time for you to join the bands. Just have a talk to Shirley on 8262 2360.

The first band is also looking for some slightly more experienced players than the new band that's just started, and wants flute players, especially with some experience.

ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

We took part in the big event of the month which was the Family Fun Day organised by Rural Watch. Our sausage sizzle did well considering the weather closed in so early. During the day we were presented with a cheque for \$1000.00 from the Blue Disco organisation to go towards the playground we are building in conjunction with the Progress Association. Any return from the sausage sizzle will also go towards the playground.

Lisa's stay in Australia is slowly drawing to a close and she will be moving to her last host family at the end of this month. She is enjoying herself immensely. At the time of writing she is on a weeks school camp.

Nathan Woon has had his monthly report on his adventure in Japan printed elsewhere in this Grapevine.

THANKS FOR DONATIONS

Thanks to Eric Leiper for sponsoring 40 editions of the Grapevine. Thanks too to Jacqui and Ian Short and Robert's Fuel Supply who have each sponsored 10 copies. Also thanks to everyone who is putting a contribution in the tins. Contributions increased last month which was very welcome to see.

PUZZLE CORNER

Here is the riddle of the Sphinx.

'What being with but one voice has now two feet, now three feet, now four, and contrary to the general rule, when it has the most it is the weakest.' The Sphinx would ask people this as they went passed his lair devouring those who did not know the answer. Who was the only person who managed to solve this?

(Answers elsewhere in the Grapevine)

ONE TREE HILL EQUESTRIAN AND PONY CLUB

Programme for May.

May 2nd. Metropolitan Zone Show Jumping Day at Sunnybrae Pony Club, Gallipoli Drive, Regency Park.

May 2nd. Club Dressage School - Pat Hutchens - \$3 per hour. Lessons must be booked with Karen Hood 1 week prior, on 82897912.

May 9th. Club Rally.

Riding instruction - Pat Hutchens - \$3

Cross country practice

Games practice.

May 23rd. Club rally

Treasure Hunt (in pairs) \$2 entry. Ribbons to 4th place.

May 30th. Club Dressage School - Pat Hutchens \$25 per hour.

Club Cross Country School - Linda O'Leary \$30 per hour.

Please book these lessons 1 week in advance with Karen Hood on 82807912.

RECENT RESULTS

Our club members have performed extremely well in some recent competitions. At the NERC Showjumping and Dressage Day held on April 11th, both our A and B showjumping teams were placed second, against some stiff opposition, well done! Congratulations also go to the riders in the A dressage team for gaining 3rd., and the B team for 4th place. Some of the riders had never ridden at this competition, so it was a great effort by all individuals, Carl Wildman, Andrea Hall, Rosine Young, Lynette Bassani, Karen Rivers, Danielle Karen and Robert Hood and Narelle Roarlach. Don't forget the North East Riding Clubs Trail Ride in Mt Crawford Forest, a truly lovely forest ride, to be enjoyed by everyone.

Our club is fully affiliated with the Pony Club of SA and has been established for many years in the OTH area. We offer a friendly and safe environment and riding instruction of the highest quality for all ages and stages of rider. If you require further information about the club and it's activities please phone Karen on 82807148 who will be pleased to help.

PS For those who saw us at the OTH Fun Day - the ponies didn't exactly hit it off with the camels, did they?. The Fun Day was very enjoyable and a credit to the hardworking organisers - well done.

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.

Enquiries about the Social Club should be made to Steve at the bar in the Inn.

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VETERINARY NOTES FOR MAY

Kidney disease.

Kidney disease is any destructive process within the kidneys. There are many causes of kidney disease, including inherited defects, infections, toxic substances and nutritional factors. Frequently though, the exact cause cannot be determined. Kidney diseases is not limited to any particular age or breed, but it is one of the most common problems of geriatric cats and dogs and is a major cause of death for these animals.

Kidney disease reduces the kidney's ability to perform properly, allowing waste materials to accumulate in the blood. Symptoms of kidney disease are: loss of appetite, increased thirst, frequent urination, poor coat condition, depression and vomiting. These symptoms may appear suddenly, but in most cases will develop over time.

Kidney disease is diagnosed on the basis of a physical examination, clinical signs and by diagnostic tests. Blood testing and urine testing may be conducted to see how well the kidney is functioning. In some situations x-rays and biopsies may be necessary.

Hospitalisation, intravenous fluid therapy, medicines and dietary modification all play a part in treating animals with kidney disease. Specialised foods are often prescribed aimed at reducing the work load on the damaged kidney, while providing all the patients nutritional requirements.

Dr Alan M Irving, Al-Ru Farm.

LAND WANTED

We have been local residents of One Tree Hill for the past 16 years. We have just listed our 20 acre property for sale and are now desperately seeking land close to the township. Ideally we would like to hear from anyone who can help us locate 1 - 2 acres within a 2 km radius of the Deli. We are prepared to apply to Council to sub-divide a bigger piece of land to enable a separate title if necessary. If you can help we would love to hear from you ASAP.

Jacqui and Ian Short - 8280 7371.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

The indispensable Man

*Sometime when you're feeling important,
Sometime when your ego's in bloom,
Sometime when you take it for granted
You're the best qualified in the room,
Sometime when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction
And see how it humbles your soul.
Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to the wrist,
Pull it out - and the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.
You may splash all you please when you enter;
You can stir up the water galore;
But stop, and you'll find in a minute
That it looks quite the same as before.
The moral in this quaint example
Is to do just the best that you can.
Be proud of yourself, but remember...
There's no indispensable man.*

(Author unknown)

DID YOU KNOW?

The driest spot on earth is the Atacama Desert in South America. Parts went without rain for 400 years from 1570 to 1971. (From the Readers Digest Book of facts)

NEWS FROM NATHAN

Hello all,

It has been three months since I arrived here in Japan and I'm still enjoying every day I spend here. I'm thoroughly glad I joined the Youth Exchange program and had an opportunity to experience another country and meet new and interesting people from around the world. My time here has mainly consisted of school as it is a requirement of the program to attend school, but school for me is not the type of school I was used to in Australia. The lessons are in an entirely foreign language, exceptions for English, and I find myself studying privately or sleeping like 90% of the other students. I'm writing now as I'm in the classroom, it looks like a maths lesson because most people are sleeping - and the once blackboard is covered in white with a few black spots here and there. Although I'm a student and a native English speaker, I always seem to be teaching English or reading dialects to the class. Japan is still a very "single sex culture" and equal rights are - well - unheard of. The women cook, clean, etc. It is against their culture so I let it be, especially after I washed the dishes one night. Wow - my host mother was really upset saying "You not do dishes - it is woman job." - which really I don't think is all that bad (A half of One Tree Hill would agree with me)! It is more a custom I think I can get used to (and would like to bring home.) There are 37 students in my class at school and school is six days a week with Sunday being a school sports day - so if you're unlucky and join a school sports club like me - 7 days a week you have to go to school. Hope everyone is doing well and I'll catch ya all next year. Cheers!! Nathan.

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

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One Tree Hill Rural Watch

INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE ONE TREE HILL AREA 15/2/99 and 18/3/99.

Incidents which have occurred in the One Tree Hill area between 15/3/99 and 17/4/99.

1. 17/3/99 Blacktop Road, Gould Creek, Vehicle stolen from Semaphore and burnt out. Ford sedan
2. 18/3/99 Lorna Court, Vehicle stolen from driveway. Holden Ute. Offender from Davoren Park arrested on 22/3/99
3. 19/3/99 Blacktop Road, Vehicle stolen from driveway. Holden Ute. Offender from Davoren Park arrested on 22/3/99
4. 20/3/99 Hannaford Hump Rd, Vehicle stolen from Wynn Vale and burnt out. Ford sedan
5. 25/3/99 McGilp Road, Schoolbreak and larceny. Entry to canteen. Stolen: drinks and food \$50.00

It can be seen from the above list of crimes reported that vehicles are being stolen from One Tree Hill and also dumped in the area. A group of about eight persons have been identified as the offenders for these offences. They have been targeted and arrested on some of the matters. All of the offenders are from the Elizabeth area. The majority of the offences are happening between midnight and 3.00 am. Please ensure your vehicles are locked and parked close to the house if possible. If you have a car immobilizer (club lock or switch/alarm) please make sure they are used.

I am pleased to thank the members of the One Tree Hill Rural Watch for assisting during the Family Fun Day. It was a huge success despite the poor weather - again! Thanks also to the CFS, OTH Soccer Club, OTH Progress Association and the Torrens Valley Rotary Club for their assistance on the day. A special mention goes to the executive of OTH Rural Watch in Neil Smith, Roger Zeuner, Lance Walter and Brian Hatcher for the many hours of work they put into staging this event.

Another event will be held next year, and if anyone can supply us with a date in March when the weather will be fine please let us know - that seems to be the only thing we can't get right!!

If you require Police at your address phone 11444.

For information or advice contact Elizabeth Police 8207 9411.

Darren McCUE,

Police Coordinator

O.T.H. Rural Watch.

LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

Last month we talked about Frederick England Grant who was the first settler in our district. He brought out a younger brother from England to join him and sent him with a man and pack horses to Karnika Station which was further north in saltbush country. They took the wrong side of the range near what is known now as Orroroo and many years later their bones were found by aboriginal people on Mt Victor. These were brought back to Tyeka and buried at the foot of the garden. The place was marked by being walled in but I don't know if any one could still find it. Grant decided to return to England in the 1850's and he sold off lots of his land to his employees at low prices.

Apparently he also found a strange plant on his property and not knowing what it was, carefully fenced it off. Legend has that it turned out to be a cockspur thistle which became a major pest plant getting into the wheat and hay and spreading over the country. Luckily it seems that sheep wiped it out.

(History notes researched by Jill McLatchie)

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TREES FOR LIFE

Mildew and caterpillars will soon make their appearance. Protect your seedlings by giving them as much sun as possible, good ventilation, and watering early enough in the day for all surface moisture to dry off. Overnight wetness is perfect for mildew. The signs of mildew are spots which start purple/red and turn grey/white appearing on the leaves, and new growth covered in a powdery white substance. Fongarid can be used on larger seedlings but smaller seedlings are best discarded. Caterpillars love eucalypts. Watch for holes in leaves and top leaves stuck together making a cosy day time hideout. Looper caterpillars will disguise themselves by standing up pretending to be stems but will give themselves away by wriggling during watering. Pick them off by hand or use Dipel. (Trees for Life newsletter Autumn 1999)

Our Branch organisers are Chris and Mick Adley, Ph. 8254 9126..

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A wife found a note in her husband's pocket with a female name written on it. When she asked about it her husband said it was the name of a racehorse a friend had given him to back. Next day when the husband returned home from work there was a note on the kitchen table which simply read: "Your horse rang."

(From Rotary Down Under)

KIDS JOKES

Marshall Cooper now aged six has supplied us with some Groucho Marx jokes.

"I never forget a face but in your case I'll make an exception"

"Last night I shot an elephant in my pyjamas. How it got into my pyjamas, I'll never know"

"Last night I spotted a leopard. It took me all night and I ran out of paint"

"Sorry I'm late. I found something under my bed. I hit it for 10 minutes until I realised it was your mother."

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Does your child refuse vegetables?

Many children will not eat cooked vegetables but will eat them raw. Try serving them with a tasty dip. Mix vegetables in with other dishes such as meatloaf, rissoles, casseroles, savoury mince, pasta sauces, lasagne, fried rice or soups. Continue to offer small amounts of vegetables and try not to make a fuss. Encourage your child to grow their own vegies and help with their preparation. Don't panic especially if they are eating fruit.

Does your child refuse breakfast?

Some children get up too late or spend too much time watching TV in the mornings not leaving enough time for breakfast. Many children are not hungry when they first get up. Try offering breakfast later or prepare a sandwich with fruit milk or juice for your child to eat on the way to school. Your child may be bored with traditional breakfast foods. Try left over pasta, rice or soup from the night before. Corn on the cob, a microwaved potato, pancakes, fruit smoothies or home made muffins are excellent choices.

There are two golden rules for fussy eaters:

A hungry child will eat, and healthy children will never let themselves starve.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER.

The answer is a human being, who crawls on all fours when an infant, stands on two legs as an adult, and leans upon a stick in old age. The only person to answer this correctly was Oedipus.

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But that flame is barely burning now - and the passions not the same!*

*But now they've got this remedy - viagra pills by name.
They say they're simply fabulous and they really lift your game!
And where there's just the slightest hint libido's on the wane -
Just pop one pill and "bingo" son, you're 17 again!
There's just one thing that worries me - the cost is awfully high,
And it seems I'll have to sell me house to give these pills a try!
But to feel again the flame of youth! Oh blimey what a thrill!
So if you hear my joint's been sold - you'll know I'm on the Pill!*

(contributed by David Evans who found it in the Advertiser)

PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH - SOURSOB

This is the time of year when the soursobs begin to sprout again. They are small bulbous and succulent with clover like green leaves, that are often speckled. They have bright yellow flowers in clusters but they rarely seed. They reproduce from bulbs which form on the tuber, the old bulb and many bulbils above the exhausted bulb. It is a problem because it competes strongly with cereal crops and pastures and the oxylates in it cause chronic kidney damage in livestock. If you cultivate at the bulb exhaustion stage which is from mid May until the middle of June you have a chance of beating it. Spraying can take place later from June to August. Seek advice on the correct sprays to use from the Pest Plants Commission.

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!

Joeys	Thursday 6.30-7.30	6-8 years
Cubs	Monday 7-8.30	8-11 years
Scouts	Friday 7-9.30	11-14 years.

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Bottles

Please leave any soft drink/beer/wine bottles or cans on the concrete slab near to the smaller sheds, behind the station, at any time. This is one of our main fund raising activities, enabling us to purchase up to date equipment.

Hopper

The hopper continues to operate on the second Saturday of the month between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. (approximately - when the last bin is full, we close). Please do not drop rubbish in the bins whilst CFS personnel are not in attendance. Any rubbish left in the area after the hopper hours is left to rot until the next month - Keep One Tree Hill Beautiful! We can take any rubbish except for hard rubble, tyres, paint and other liquids (such as oil and paint). Please bring identification (rates notice, driver's licence etc. stating you are a resident of the One Tree Hill area) with you as it may be asked for. Please place donations for use of the hopper, in the helmet.

HOW RISKY IS YOUR LAND FROM BUSHFIRES?

Here's a way to estimate the fire risk in your district. For each of the following eight points, tick which level of risk applies to you - high medium or low. The more high risk points you have, the more fire protection measures you're likely to need.

1. Fire season - how long?

High risk fire areas have a long fire season - 5 or more months each year. Low risk fire areas have a short fire season - say only a couple of months.

Low.....Medium.....High

2. Slope - how steep?

If you live on or near very steep slopes, it's a high risk area. The steeper the slope, the faster the fire will burn up it. A low risk area will have gentle slopes or be quite flat.

Low.....Medium.....High

3. Vegetation - how much?

Fires need fuel to burn. If you've got lots of long grass, forest floor litter and flammable scrub nearby, you're in a high risk area. A low risk area would have little or none of this.

Low.....Medium.....High

4. Vegetation - how dry?

The drier the vegetation, the greater the fire hazard. Northern slopes are drier than southern slopes.

Low.....Medium.....High

5. Bush fires - how often?

Some places have a history of bush fires. The more often fires have occurred in the past, the higher the risk.

Low.....Medium.....High

6. Houses - how many?

The more houses in rural areas, the higher the fire risk tends to be. Low risk is one house for every 50 hectares or more, high risk is one house per 10 hectares or less.

Low.....Medium.....High

7. Roads - how good?

Low risk districts have many good roads providing easy movement through the area. High risk areas have a single long dead-end road, or roads that are easily blocked by falling trees.

Low.....Medium.....High

8. Fire Services - how good?

Low risk areas have good firefighting services, a fire brigade within 20 minutes call, several back up fire brigades, plenty of water supplies and adequate fire access tracks.

Low.....Medium.....High

How did your home rate? Although the fire ban season is almost over it is time to start thinking of next years fire prevention.

(from the Bush Fire Survival Manual, thanks to Sally McKay)

Maddy
There are lots of great
things about One Tree
Hill Primary School. I
like playing on the computer
because you can use
different games.



Tylerina
There are lots of great
things about One Tree
Hill Primary School. I
like Mrs. Simpfendorfer
because she is a
kind Principal.

