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GRAPEVINE

This monthly newspaper is published by 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 Wednesday March 25th 1998 at 6.00pm at the Deli. Please leave items in an envelope marked Grapevine at the General Store well ahead of the deadline if possible.

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EDITORIAL

This month you may notice some changes in the Grapevine. This is because we can no longer get this printed at State Print. This edition is being printed by Roger Burford at his Printing business in Lobethal so it will have a different style. Let us know if you like it.

Unfortunately we are no longer breaking even with the Grapevine. Donations and sponsorship have been falling off, costs have been rising. Please help keep this newsletter afloat. We've been around for twenty years and we don't want to disappear. This is YOUR newsletter so please support it.

I would like to say how sorry I am to see Mary and David leave the General Store. They have been great supporters of the Grapevine, storing items for me and encouraging people to put their donations in the pig. They also have gathered news items for "Heard on the Grapevine" and David has even found the odd funny joke that I could print!! I hope they enjoy life away from the Deli and Mary's health gets better. I will miss you both a great deal.

Another way that people can be supportive to the Grapevine is by patronising all the local people who advertise with us. Without them this Grapevine could not be published. I am very grateful for their contribution to our community.

Please keep your articles and news coming in. Don't forget you can email me on [/imclatch@camtech.net.au/](mailto:imclatch@camtech.net.au) if you are computer literate, or you can also send me a fax at the phone number on the cover page. I welcome letters stories, funny incidents, even complaints so lets have lots of input.

A new policy has had to be developed about advertisements. Most of you probably don't realise how difficult and time consuming it is to design and alter advertisements. Ideally you need to design your advert yourself and give it to us in a form that can be photo copied, good quality and the right size. Otherwise although we will do our best for you we will have to charge you something for the service. I hope you understand the need for this. We run to tight deadlines and alas there are only 24 hours in each day! Also please realise if you ask us to design your advert for you that we are not graphic artists and have only limited artistic talent, but we will do our best!

Jill McLatchie, Editor.

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The day following our February Meeting, we received a letter from Playford City Council regarding a proposed Day Care programme. It said, in part, 'It is proposed to conduct a day care programme, one day per week, for the frail, the elderly, and people with disabilities, from the One Tree Hill hall.' It goes on to say that Government funding will be required, and no further information is yet available. Our approval 'in principle' was required within five days so I've written to give them that, but I'd be surprised if anything transpires in the near future.

Work has now been done on the public toilets and the final stage, the installation of a hand basin in the men's toilet, should be completed in the not too distant future.

Look out for the re-furbishment of the War Memorial and the installation of the P.A. system in the Institute; they both should be happening in the next few days.

Gordon Cooksey, President.

PUZZLE CORNER

What is special about each of these words? Don't just say that they contain between them each of the vowels exactly once, we know that already! There is something else!

nab, eft, jig, pot, luv.

MATTHEW HAYDEN'S UPDATE

What to tell you first and how best to tell you is always the major problem when writing an article for the Grapevine.

I have made a request for an update on exactly where our telecommunication friends are going to place their mobile phone tower/s i.e. locations/s, final detail, planning etc.

Mr Don Needham, Cr Stevens, Council staff and myself met to discuss further steps which may/may not lead to the construction of Independent Living Units within OTH. A proposal to survey residents of the township and accept comment from any concerned resident within the OTH area has received a positive response from Council staff, but more work will be needed before any attempt to commence the actual survey.

Council have just passed a revised Budget, which of course showed more money spent than money saved (what's new I hear you say) and of course this meant cutbacks to our capital works programme. OTH has been fortunate in not losing too much although attempts were made to remove \$15,000 for works on the OTH Water Scheme for upgrades to the system. I have moved that this money remain and this was agreed to at our February meeting.

Another important document passed by Council was our City of Playford Strategic Plan which outlines the proposed future direction the Management, Staff, Elected Members and Community hope will take us into the next century. I should add that it is my intention not to allow this document to end up on a shelf somewhere gathering dust as is the usual case.

Councillors and Staff are about to sign a code of conduct which further raises the expected standards of Council and although the document has been controversial it needs to be placed in context, that it is a ceremonial document rather than a legal one, (another feather in the C.E.O.'s cap).

European wasps are on the move and as phone calls and letters to the Messenger Newspaper can testify, one resident, Mr Eric Durban, has certainly had his share. Council pest controller Brett Hogan destroyed one nest only to be called back to find another three. Brett unfortunately sustained a sting to his eye when one wasp penetrated his protective clothing but has recovered to continue his excellent work. (Ouch!)

Lastly, could I please ask you all to consider, giving up a couple of hours of your time to assist the residents running the OTH Rural Watch? If you are able to help, please ring Neil Smith on 8280 7731 and remember it only takes up a little of your time but saves each current member an enormous amount of their time and effort which they freely give to you all.

Kind regards, Matthew Hayden, Councillor Ward 3.

NEIGHBOUR PROBLEM?

It does sometimes happen even in a peaceful place like One Tree Hill that you have a problem with your neighbour. The Community Mediation Service is a community service in South Australia which is set up to help people settle disputes with their neighbours, families and housemates. The service has skilled mediators who will assist neighbours to settle their differences in a fair acceptable and lasting way. It works like this: you and your neighbour will meet with two mediators and you will both be able to explain the problem without interruption. You will both be encouraged to suggest ways in which the problem can be sorted out so that you are both satisfied. The mediators will help you make an agreement which you can live with. Mediators do not give legal advice, decide who is right or wrong or tell you what to do. Mediation is strictly confidential and is available after hours. Ring 8362 1199 for more information.

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On Sunday March 22nd at 11.00am will be a BYO, BBQ, at the home of Robert and Jenny Law, 5 Blunden Crt, Angle Vale. Everyone is welcome. It will be a general get together.

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

VETERINARY NOTES FOR MARCH

Skin cancer in pets

In recent times we have all become more aware of the dangers of sunburn and its role in the development of skin cancer. People with fair skin are particularly at risk, and the same applies to white cats and dogs. Skin beneath white hair usually lacks pigment, making it pink in colour and very sensitive to over exposure to the sun's rays. First signs of sunburn appear on the tips of ears and nose. Look out for redness, thickening, and sores that fail to heal. These may progress to become tumours eating the surrounding area or growing into larger lumps.

Freezing, radiation and surgery are the common methods of treatment. Early treatment gives much better results, so see your local vet if you notice any sores on the ears or nose. This is a case however, where prevention is definitely better than cure. A good sun block rubbed daily on these areas is the simplest solution, although tattooing to artificially pigment the skin is an alternative method.

Dr Alan M.Irving, Al-Ru Farm

ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION

In our October edition, I asked if anyone was interested in being part of a small study circle to explore issues around the reconciliation process. I had responses from 2 people and so I am asking once again. With the Wik legislation going before parliament again in March, these issues are particularly important. The Aboriginal Reconciliation Movement has produced Study Circle Materials which we could use and plan our own program, perhaps involving some speakers and discussions on current events. If you are interested please ring Ann Davenport on 8280 7188.

ONE TREE HILL SCOUT GROUP

Our small scout hall is bursting at the seams with a boost in numbers in all sections, but there are still a few vacancies! We now have a Venturer section for all youth members aged 14-18 years. They meet on a Thursday night 8.30-9.30pm. This time allows homework to be done prior to Venturers.

The Joeys, Cubs and Scouts are as active as ever. Things like ice blocking (can you ride on a large ice block down a hill? A scout can!), a trip to the Military Museum at Port Adelaide, Fire safety night, video night, community aid night, plus lots of fun, excitement and challenges. Don't miss out on a second of it!

Joeys 6-8 years. Thurs. 6.30 - 7.30pm

Cubs 8-11 yrs Mon. 7-8.30pm

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Little did I know, my feelings were shared!
There it was, caught in a barbed wire fence,
This bird hanging by its wing,
It had exhausted itself to regain freedom,
But in vain, it could not do it alone,
The weight of its body pulling the wound,
The pain...sadness only for a few seconds,
Time to feel there was still life,
And the delightful pleasure embraced me
As I untwisted the wing and held the bird
In both my hands to heal with the glow
I was radiating, it was warm...
My heart so light as the bird moved
I let it go - following its flight...
What a joy it was for both of us,
It lifted my heart in the height of the trees,
Where it joined its friends and altogether
They were singing for life, flying with life,
I could feel its love up there,
In my hands, in my heart...
My bird and I are One and Free.*

Chantal.

(Thank you for sharing that with us, it is an inspiring story, Editor.)

SIMON'S PET CORNER

Simon has started his chick raising project! He bought 12 day old chicks from the Globe Derby Fodder store. He has three types: four Australorps, four New Hampshires and four White Leghorns. He also has three different colours as Australorps are black, New Hampshires brown and white Leghorns are of course white! They were all supposed to be hens but Simon has spotted three roosters amongst them, two Australorps and one New Hampshire. The roosters have big combs whereas the hens have very small combs.

Simon initially had the chicks in a foam box but they decided to peck their way out so now they are living in an old drawer in the laundry! He made a heater for them out of a dog food tin and a light bulb attached to a plug. He had to put wire around it so the chicks would not burn themselves. He said you can use a terracotta pot for the light. The chicks are now nearly three weeks old. He has been feeding them chick crumbles. Ginger, the little rooster is an escape artist as he jumped out of the drawer and hid in the pile of dirty washing! He has named three of his chicks, Peaches, Mango and Pineapple! The Australorp rooster is called Cupcake! Simon is hoping to rear the chicks for egg layers. More about their progress next month.

Simon has a new Gorami fish. It is dark blue and light blue and bosses the female Golden Gorami. She tries to boss him but he charges her when she does. He has put both his Angel fish with the Goramis. Strangely when he did this his Leopard Danios disappeared.

The Show season is starting soon and Simon is planning to show his pigeons. He will be showing Kings, Rollers, Performers, and Magpies at the Uraidla Show. He likes this show as they have a good showground. Good luck Simon!

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

WILDLIFE UPDATE

Fauna Rescue would like to thank everybody for their help in the holidays with donations of cages, blankets etc. We would especially like to thank Karen and Jeff of Baker's Delight, Elizabeth, who have donated bread every week. We would also like to congratulate them on the birth of their little girl, Amelia Paige. Please support Baker's Delight.

Just a reminder that with all the damp weather coming, that grass will shoot up alongside the roads. The kangaroos will eat this grass, so please look out for them and slow down.

Anyone needing help with injured or orphaned animals, please phone 8280 7614.

Thank you.....Ingrid Justice.

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One Tree Hill CFS Station:

This year is the 10th anniversary since our station was opened. For those who weren't around this area then, the Brigade used to be housed in what is now the Hardware Store, across the road. When the International Acco appliance was purchased it couldn't fit into the old station so was stored in a shed on the block of land where the new station is built. After 10 years with its six engine bays, automatic roller doors, meeting/incident control centre room, kitchen and stores, our station is still one of the most modern around.

New 24 appliance

The Brigade has just received a new appliance - a Hino to replace the International Acco appliance that is nearly 20 years old. The CFS has a policy of not having any appliance older than 20 years. The new appliance's call sign will be One Tree Hill 24 (i.e. 2 thousand litres of water and 4 wheel drive) and is distinctive by its red (rather than orange) stripes. It will be commissioned at the end of the fire ban season.

Bottles

Please leave any soft drink/beer/wine bottles or cans on the concrete slab next to the small shed, behind the station, at any time.

Hopper

The hopper continues to operate on the second Saturday of the month between the hours of 8.30 am and 3.00pm (approximately when the last bin is full, we close). Please do not drop rubbish in the bins outside of these hours. Any rubbish left in the area after the hopper hours is left to rot until next month - Keep One Tree Hill Beautiful! We can take any rubbish except for hard rubble, tyres,



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Fire Ban Season 1st December, 1997 to 30th April, 1998

Dawn Leonard
Administrative Officer

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Congratulations to the Burford Family on Trevilla Road on the birth of a beautiful daughter, Jemima. A daughter after 8 sons!

Congratulations to Ann and Colin on the arrival of a beautiful little girl, weighing 7 pounds, 9½ ounces, named Jessica Kate. Grandparents Joyce and Albert are delighted to have her.

Congratulations to Anne Marie Claxton and Hans Van Heuven. They've had a baby boy! He arrived four weeks early on St Valentines Day, 14/2/98. His name is Dustin Carey and he weighed four and a half pounds. Rumour has it that Daddy didn't give Mummy any flowers for Valentines Day so Dustin decided to arrive early so Mummy would get some! Dustin is a little brother for Miranda, his big sister.

Ingrid Justice says please be very careful when putting notices up at the One Tree Hill notice board. These last two weeks she has had items advertised for sale. A person has called, asking to see the items advertised, then asking whether they will be home. He then asks if they are going out. She says to please watch out because she has not had anyone turn up. She thinks this may be the culprit who is breaking into homes.

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In November of last year Sue Nicholds and myself approached the Rotary Club to ask if they could assist us with the organisation of a Christmas Party for foster children.

I run a support group for foster parents, and we try to do something every year. When Sue and I spoke to a few Rotary Club members one night at the Blacksmith's Inn, I felt that maybe we had asked a bit much of them. But in December, we had a huge picnic at Carisbrook Park. We expected 90 children and ended up with 130 children and their parents.

We would like to thank Viv Turner, President for organising things and for telephoning me every week with an update of their progress.

Thank you to Roger who donated money so that we could hire a face painter and jumping castle. We were able to buy a few extra things with this money. Roger also drove all the way to Lobethal Bakery for bread and other goodies.

Thanks to Heather Fischer for getting the sausages and helping Jim Dahl, Tim Fischer and Indah cook the Barbecue. Thank you also for the loan of the BIGGEST barbecue in the world!

We would also like to thank Jim Dahl for getting milk drinks and wooden toys.

Thank you to the Blacksmith's Inn for the bottles of coke.

Thank you to everyone else in Rotary...Ron, Steve, John and Ivor. Without you all it would not have been possible.

Thanks very much to John Martin Real Estate for the yummy lollies.

Thank you to Margie Walsh for wrapping gifts and thanks Nadia at Adelaide Central Mission for help with extra toys.

Thank you Shane Justice for stepping into Santa's shoes at such short notice.

David Grey, Thank you for helping every year with gifts from the Target appeal. You have really been a life saver.

Thanks to Tanya Trenwith in the Sunday Mail promotions

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Ingrid Justice, Co-Ordinator, Northern Foster Families Support Group.

THANKS FOR DONATIONS!

Special thanks to Heather Charman for her donation this month

ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

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It is nearly time to select our next student for overseas, so if you are interested contact our International Director Ivor McLatchie on 8280 7214

See you all at the sausage sizzle on Market day.

Any questions about Rotary or requests for assistance should be directed to President Viv, or Secretary Ron, or our Community Services Director Jim Dahl, ph.8280 7284.

Meets: Each Wednesday-7.00pm for 7.30pm.

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Contacts: President Viv Turner, ph 8280 7571

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Coming events:

March 7th Horsemanship lessons (unmounted) by Corry Kisbee. Held at the home of Angela Grant ph. 08 8522 6157.

March 8th Club Rally. Showjumping instructions by Pat Hutchens. \$5 a group lesson. Handy pony competition, \$2 entry. Ribbons to 4th place. Senior and Junior, all ages and led riders. Horse control fun and games - Corry Kisbee.

March 15th Dressage School - Pat Hutchens - \$25 per hour. Showjumping school - Linda Beentjes - \$30 per hour. Lessons must be booked with Helen Duncan 8280 7461 one week prior to lesson. Parents rally - Corry Kisbee.

March 22nd Club Rally. Dressage competition and selection for North East Riding Clubs Dressage day. (NERC). Judge - Pat Hutchens. 9.00am start. \$2 per test. Ribbons to 4th place senior and junior. Tests available from Helen Duncan. Show jumping course available - choose your own height.

Rallies are held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at the club grounds, Precolumb Rd, One Tree Hill. Most rallies commence at 10.00am sharp and finish at approximately 1 pm. All activities are open to all ages.

Any enquiries, please contact Helen Duncan, Secretary, ph 8280 7461.

BLACKSMITH'S INN SOCIAL CLUB

There will be a CAR TRIAL on Sunday March 22nd. The cost will be \$5 per car. There will be a BBQ at the finishing point (the Blacksmith's Inn) at approx. 2.30pm. Refreshments can be purchased at the bar. Starting point will be the Blacksmith's Inn car park. Please ensure your car is ready to be on the road by 12pm. First Prize - \$100 voucher for the Blacksmith's Inn.

Coming events - Due to the overwhelming success of the last Fireworks Extravaganza, the Social Club in conjunction with the Blacksmith's Inn and Cooper's brewery are pleased to confirm there will be another bigger and better bonfire and fireworks night to be held early in May (date to be confirmed).

There will be a golf weekend in late April - dates to be confirmed.

Enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining the Social Club, or talk to Steve Lindsay on 8280 7666.

ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP

Well, a new year is here, and with it a new committee. We would sincerely like to thank Vicki Theunens, Sally Tilley, Tracey McClymont and Sharon Littledike for a job well done.

The new committee are: Lorraine Boyd, chairperson; Julie Boyd, Treasurer; Katrina Coppock, Secretary; and Leslie Swann, craft co-ordinator.

Playgroup is an opportunity for pre-school age children to play together and also for caregivers to get together. There is plenty of free play time, but time is also set aside for activities such as craft, singing, story telling and morning tea. There is also tea and coffee for the adults. Sessions are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9.30 - 11.30 am. These sessions are becoming full, so we will be starting an extra session on Wednesdays 1 pm-3 pm, starting Term 2.

Playgroup is located at the OTH Institute on Blacktop Road. If you would like further information please phone either Julie on 8255 9202 or Katrina on 8252 3725.

GARDENING NOTES FOR MARCH

Planting tubes is a great idea for people who need to plant a large area. It is best to wait until the rains start and we still have warm sunny days. One Tree Hill Garden Centre has a large range of acclimatized tubes. Some recommended plants for the One Tree Hill area are:-

Ground covers Brachycombe (Blue), Aremeria (white), Osteospermum (purple), Erigeron (seaside daisy).

Shrubs Abelia (white), Astatea (pink), Correa (pink), Daisies (assorted), Hebes (assorted), Thryptomene (pink).

Trees Acacia (wattles), Casuarina (she-oaks), Eucalptus (assorted), Grevillea (robusta). These are all 50cents on Market Day!

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The following story won second prize in Section Two of the Great One Tree Hill Short Story Competition:



THE HOOTING GHOST by Belinda Martin

"Come on honey or we will be late."

"Yes Mum, I'm coming."

My cousins, Jenny and Brad, are coming down from Sydney for a week and I have to show them around One Tree Hill.

We finally arrived at the airport and found Jenny and Brad. It was so crowded I thought we would never find them. All the way home they were talking about their flight over here, it was their first time travelling so I can understand that. I never thought we would arrive home but finally we did. Jenny's face lit up like the lights on a Christmas tree! She loved the look of the country and all the cows and horses roaming around the paddocks.

"What can we do first Cat?" Jenny asked me as if she was going to burst with happiness!

"I don't know. We can go for a picnic for afternoon tea, or we can ride the horses or we can go to the One Tree Hill museum, what do you want to do Brad?"

Brad just shrugged his shoulders. He was always the quiet one, he hasn't ever changed. Out of all of us kids he was always the odd one out and he seems to be like the person who keeps things to himself. Poor thing!

"The museum sounds fun, can we go Cat, can we, please?"

I have never seen anyone so excited as Jenny was to be in the country, but as for Brad I didn't know. I told Jenny my Mum said that we couldn't go until tomorrow morning, but after that we can, we can go to the markets. Firstly we have to unpack your things.

That night whilst I was in bed I was thinking of how lucky I was to live in such a beautiful little country town.

"Did you hear that Catherine?"

"Hear what?"

"I don't know, don't worry, it must have been an owl or something like that."

She seemed to be really frightened of the noise. I guess she's not used to the peacefulness of night time and the crickets and birds making noises.

The next morning I got up at quarter past eight and Jenny was already dressed and she was trying to get Brad up and ready. I thought to myself that I had better get dressed before she tries to get me dressed as well.

Mum told us to ride our bikes down to the museum because

"it will be good for us to get the exercise." So we all grabbed one of our old rusted bikes from the shed and started on our way! When we finally arrived there was an unpleasant toothy grin greeting us at the gates of the museum. It was Killer the owners German Shepherd. We slowly and quietly made our way past the dog and kept on telling him how nice and good dog he was, even though he really wasn't.

We made our way through the large wooden doors and paid \$2.50 each. The doors slammed shut behind us leaving a cold gust of wind in the museum. We all shivered and looked around. All we could see was the sight of dusty and deserted old shelves and glass cases. We walked around and saw some old books, models of school children sitting at their desks and bits of broken off bushes pinned up on the wall. I didn't know what to think, to me it seemed like a ghost's lair. Now I knew why everyone used to make up haunted stories about this place.

We heard a creak of a floor board behind us so we all quickly turned around, but it was the strangest thing, it was a cat. I started telling Brad and Jenny about the stories of how the museum was supposed to be haunted with the ghosts of old farmers as we were looking at all the different items on display (not that there were very many).

Suddenly a book fell off the shelf with nothing there to push or make it fall off. Then we started to hear a deep howling and hooting sort of noise. We all stood there shaking in our gumboots. It was like an old TV movie, the old house, ghosts making noises, young innocent children petrified. It was all too much. We started to make our way towards the door, wanting to get out of there as quickly as possible. The noises were getting louder and louder and we were getting scared and scared. We opened up the big wooden doors and something came flying towards us in the air making those terrible noises. We all quickly ducked and turned around to see what the vicious thing was. It was only a little owl, with big round eyes and a cute little body.

How could we all be so dumb, scared of an owl, how ridiculous was that. We swore we would never tell anyone about what had happened and left for the markets on our bikes. But as we were leaving we heard a very loud, evil laugh coming from inside the museum. We just ignored it and kept on riding!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Hedgehog slice

You will need 125grams (4oz) of butter or marg. 125 grams (4oz) sugar, 2 tablespoons cocoa, 1 egg beaten, a few drops of vanilla essence and one packet of coffee biscuits, crushed into pieces. (Not too finely.)

Place all the ingredients except the biscuit and the egg in a saucepan and bring almost to boiling point. Stir. Remove from stove and add beaten egg and crushed biscuit crumbs. (Chopped nuts and mixed fruit can be added for a change.) Spread mixture into a swiss roll tin and ice with chocolate icing and sprinkle with coconut.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER

The words contain each of the vowels once each *and* each vowel is next to a letter which is next to it in the alphabet.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Local One Tree Hill golfer decided he would be a better player with some lessons from a professional. The professional asked him to take a couple of swings without hitting the ball. The golfer frowned: "I can do that already, that's why I'm here." (from Rotary Down Under)

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IRENE'S OBSERVATIONS

It's really hard keeping up with the Jones's, every time I catch up, they re-finance!

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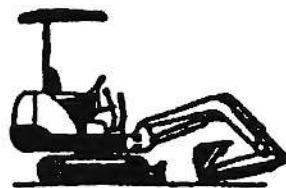
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HILLBANK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION TRASH AND TREASURE

A trash and treasure market will be held on March 28th, 9.00am-2.00pm at the Jo Gapper Park on the corner of Blackburn and Promotion Drives, Hillbank. Everyone is invited. Sellers \$7, buyers are free. For more information please phone: 8287 0546.

FOUND

Following the Carol Service at the Church before Christmas, two childrens' hooded navy-blue jackets (Target) were left behind. If they belong to you, please phone 8280 7267.

FAREWELL FROM DAVID AND MARY

David and Mary would like to thank all their valued customers for their custom over the past eighteen months and wish Simon well in his new venture.

'Gone Fishing!'



TODDLER LAWS OF OWNERSHIP

1. If I like it, it's mine
2. If it's in my hand, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm doing or building something, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it looks just like mine, it's mine.
8. If I think it's mine, it's mine.
9. If it's yours and I steal it, it's mine.

QUOTABLE QUIPS

Praise is satisfying to receive but it never teaches you anything new.

An advertisement for Searchlight Electrical. The logo features a searchlight icon with the company name "Searchlight Electrical" written around it. The text below lists services: Contractors of Rural, Domestic, Commercial, Industrial, Trenching, 3 Phase power from single phase power, Electrical work, Hot water units; and Hire of Outdoor floodlighting, Tabletop trucks, Portable pumps, Cherry picker, Tipper trucks, Crane trucks, Water trucks, Searchlights, Generators, and Generators. At the bottom, there is contact information: STEEL ERECTION, PUMP BORE SERVICING, 0418 815 665 All hours, Prop. G HUGH DAVIS, Kentish Road, One Tree Hill.

ONE TREE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SAPSASA SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

On the 19th of February, nine of our students went to the Aquadome to participate in the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival. Our swimmers tried their best in every way and the results were excellent! Reports from parents and teachers indicate that our swimmers endeavour and behaviour was outstanding. Over all our school came fifth out of ten schools with 26 points. Saint Thomas Moore's won. Congratulations to Jim and Joseph Portnoff, Cindy Marshall, Jesse Baker, Viki Sanderson, Letitia Naismith, Olivia Furlong, and Callan and Karlee Taylor.

** Special congratulations to Callan and Karlee Taylor for making the State Trials!

By Callan Taylor and Jim Portnoff.



ENVIRONMENT REPORT

European Wasps

These are still an increasing problem. If you see them on your property, try to track them back to their nests - which are usually in the ground. This can be done by placing a piece of fish on a stake in the garden to attract the wasps and watching which direction the wasps go when they fly off. Follow them as far as possible and if necessary, use the fish on the stake again until you have traced the nest. Then ring the council and they will send someone to destroy the nest.

Environment Working Group

Are you interested in improving the environment around OTH and being involved in some practical leisure time projects? Progress Association would like to form a group of residents to work on small projects, eg planting trees, protecting native vegetation etc, hopefully in conjunction with Landcare or Bushcare. If you are interested please contact Ann Davenport on 82807188. Young people are particularly welcome.

I've got worms! Yes, I've got worms, but before you rush off for that ghastly medicine, let me explain. I've got about 1,000 worms. ("What!" I hear you say as you head once more for the medicine cabinet.) Now just relax; actually they are manure worms, which I keep in a box and feed with our kitchen scraps. I bought them for \$15 and hope they multiply quickly because I have a lot of scraps and lawn clippings for them to process. At the moment they are eating a big bucketful each week and producing the brown "castings" (now isn't that a discreet term) that are so wonderful for the garden. I have them in an open ended wooden box placed on black plastic with a layer of soil. I throw the scraps in and they feed on them. I cover the box with damp newspaper and underfelt and a piece of fencing iron, and keep the whole thing damp but not wet. The box is under a tree to keep the worms cool. I'm new to this worm game so I look at them often and give them a few encouraging comments - it's supposed to work for plants so why not worms. Anyway I'll keep you posted on their progress. Who knows! If all goes well perhaps I will be able to pass some on.

ONE TREE HILL RURAL WATCH - COMING EVENT

RURAL WATCH ANIMAL AND PET JAMBOREE

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Some of the attractions will be Pal Super Dogs, Police Dog Display, Police Horses, Old MacDonalds Farm for Baby Animals, Horse and Cart Rides and MUCH MUCH MORE in the way of displays - plus a most unusual pet competition.
Sausage sizzle and drinks available at small cost. We look forward to your support. Full details in the next Grapevine.

ONE TREE HILL RURAL WATCH COMMUNITY MEETING

16th MARCH 1998, 7.30 P.M., ONE TREE HILL INSTITUTE

"FOCUS ON DRUGS IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS"

A member of the CIB will come along and discuss with us the effect of drugs on the community and how to combat them.

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF ONE TREE HILL

As you may have noticed, there was no Rural Watch Community Meeting held in February. The reason for this was not an oversight on our part but simply due to the lack of support and poor attendance at our meetings. Meetings will now only be held every 3 months. Rural Watch/Neighbourhood Watches across South Australia are closing down due to lack of support. Let's not let One Tree Hill Rural Watch become another statistic.

Rural Watch is vital in assisting the community with the fight against crime and the education provided has helped to reduce crime in our area. Please do not wait for One Tree Hill Rural Watch to cease operation and our crime rate to increase before you realise the importance behind the scheme. By then it will be too late.

If One Tree Hill Rural Watch does close, it will not only mean no newsletters or crime reports will be provided but also the removal of all Rural Watch signs from the area (losing that community based deterrent they provide). More importantly, we lose that vital link with our local Police Service and the follow up it provides via Rural Watch.

Do not get complacent, as crime is happening at an ever increasing rate. We at Rural Watch look forward to your support at our next and all subsequent meetings.

NOTE TO ALL ZONE LEADERS AND ANYBODY WISHING TO HELP

One Tree Hill Rural Watch will be holding a major function on the OTH Oval on Saturday, 25th April, 1998, from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to assist. If you are available and are willing to volunteer your services, please contact Neil Smith on 8280 7731. Thank you.

Neil Smith

Area Co-Ordinator

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Looking for some Christian fellowship and fun in a small group setting?

Then please consider coming to our Home Fellowship group in One Tree Hill which meets every second Wednesday evening (next meeting 4/3/98). For details please ring Gary on 8280 7781 or Tiffany on 8280 7780.

WANTED - COMMUNITY INTEREST AND SUPPORT

One Tree Hill Rural Watch needs the assistance of the local community. Interest in our community has plunged. Our organisation is run by members of the community for the community.

Currently our area is experiencing a 'crime wave'. We have had a total of 15 break-ins in the past four months, along with stolen cars and vehicles stolen and damaged. This is abnormally high for our area. Elizabeth Detectives have possibly identified a small group of criminals operating in our area. Follow-up investigations are continuing regarding these people. To ensure you are not their next victim, please attend the Community Meeting of Rural Watch.

Remember your local police are only as good as the support they receive from their community.

Incidents in the ONE TREE HILL RURAL WATCH AREA
10/1/98 - 23/2/98

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| 1. 22/1/98 | Shedbreak & Larceny, Jordan Drive - unlocked door - tools | \$5400.00 |
| 2. 12/1/98 | Larceny, Johnson Road - pump | \$500.00 |
| 3. 10/1/98 | Stolen Vehicle, Blacktop Rd - Toyota | \$2500.00 |
| 4. 13/1/98 | Housebreak & Larceny, Uley Rd - door open | \$ 600.00 |
| 5. 30/1/98 | Shedbreak & Larceny, Johnson Rd - unlocked door - tools | \$2400.00 |
| 6. 18/1/98 | Shedbreak & Larceny, Uley Rd - unlocked door - tools | \$ 500.00 |
| 7. 28/1/98 | Shedbreak & Larceny, Uley Rd - unlocked door - tools | \$ 400.00 |
| 8. 31/1/98 | Shedbreak & Larceny, Uley Rd - unlocked door - tools | \$ 800.00 |
| 9. 2/2/98 | Housebreak & Larceny, Bassnet Rd - unlocked window-elect | \$9000.00 |
| 10. 4/2/98 | Housebreak & Larceny, Viney Dr - jemmied door - electrical | \$3000.00 |
| 11. 15/2/98 | Shopbreak & Larceny, Blacktop Rd - jemmied door- plumbing | \$ 200.00 |
| 12. 15/2/98 | Housebreak & Larceny, Kentish Rd - key used-electrical | \$2000.00 |

Police Co-ordinator
Darren McCUE

Police Attendance
Ph 11 444

KIDS JOKES

Question: What happened when two geese collided in mid air?

Answer: They both got goose bumps!

Question: Why are pianos hard to open?

Answer: Because the keys are inside!

Question: Why did the bees go on strike?

Answer: For more honey and shorter flowers!

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CALTROP INFESTATION

There is concern about the spread of Caltrop in our area and although the council has conducted a spraying program, late rains have caused further germination in areas previously sprayed. The Adelaide Animal and Plant Control Board (ph 85252205) has a colour brochure about "burry weeds" and is advising private landholders how to effectively control caltrop on their property.

Caltrop is a prostrate summer growing plant that reproduces from seed. Germination occurs after late spring and summer rains. First flowers may form when plants are as young as three weeks and the first fruit at five or six weeks. Flowers and fruit are continually formed through summer and into autumn. Successive germinations following each rain make control difficult. Fruit of Caltrop is well equipped for dispersal as it readily attaches to the feet of animals, tyres, rubber soled shoes, etc..

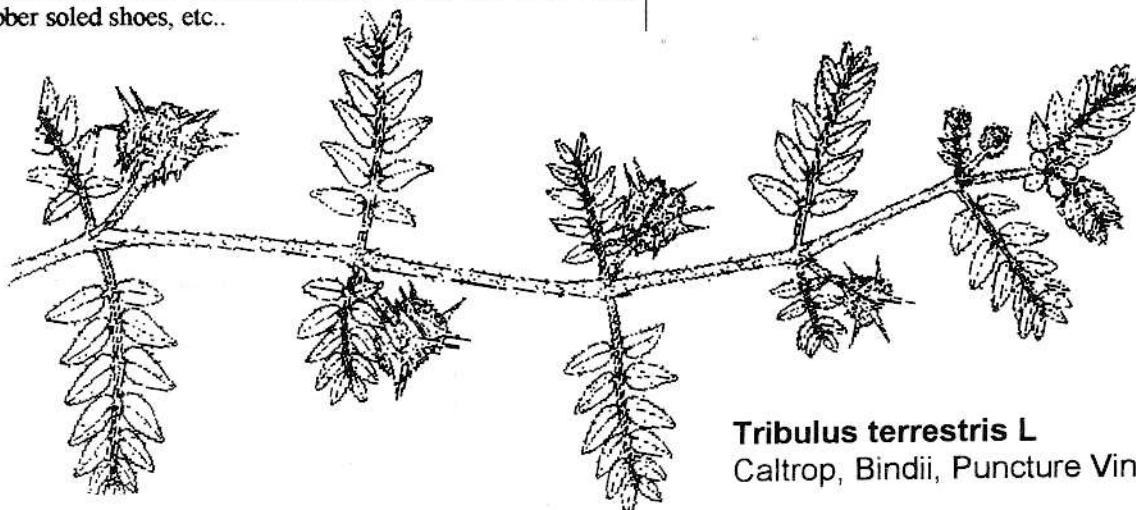
Caltrop control

Cultivation is an effective treatment but must be repeated a number of times because of successive germinations. If fruit is produced before the plant is controlled, they should be carefully removed and burnt. Caltrop is susceptible to a wide range of herbicides, all of which are more effective on the seedlings than mature plants.

Rabbits

The Board is also advising landholders to continue with conventional methods of rabbit control. Despite the initial effectiveness of the calicivirus, it appears that rabbit numbers are increasing.

For more information, contact Adelaide Plains Animal & Plant Control Board, ph. 08 8525 2205, fax 08 8525 2286.



Tribulus terrestris L
Caltrop, Bindii, Puncture Vine, Cat's Head