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Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday March 19, 6pm at the Deli. Please leave items in an envelope marked Grapevine at the General Store well ahead of the deadline if possible.

#### ONE TREE HILL COUNTRY MARKET

On Saturday March 1st 9.00am until 2.00pm.

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#### MATTHEW HAYDEN'S REPORT

As the time for elections is fast approaching I thought it appropriate to let you all know that I shall be seeking re-election for another term and look forward to your continuing support. The information below is not widely known at this time but I believe very important to your understanding of the new election process, please take the time to read it and hold onto it for future reference.

#### Amalgamation update.

Proclamation by the Governor for an amalgamation of the City of Munno Para and City of Elizabeth was published in the Government Gazette on Thursday 13 February 1997. Both Councils have now agreed to the adoption of Postal Voting for the May 1997 election of members in the City of Playford. To streamline the election process and encourage greater community involvement, the City of Playford has opted to use the postal voting system rather than the traditional ballot system for its inaugural elections. Voters will not have to travel to a polling place and will be able to cast votes in their own homes.

The State Electoral Office will facilitate the election on behalf of the City of Playford. All eligible voters will receive, in the post, between 12 to 19 April 1997, an envelope containing voting papers, return pre-paid envelope (with a declaration form to be completed by the voter) and a candidate profile of the people nominated for the elections. I am informed these profiles will contain no more than 150 words and a passport size photo. Voting envelopes must be posted in the return prepaid envelope or delivered to the nominated return locations no later than 6pm on Friday 2nd May 1997.

The Optional Preferential System of voting will be used. In this system, the elector must indicate a first preference by placing the figure 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate of first choice, and if he/she desires, place consecutive numbers in the voting squares opposite the names of the other candidates in the order of the voter preferences. Queries regarding nominations and voting processes should be made to the Returning Officer at the State Electoral Office on 8237 6871 or 8237 6873.

#### Agenda Report February

- 1.European Wasp Eradication Program. This is the third year of Council's revamped eradication program. As a result of the improvements undertaken more people in our Council area are aware of what a European Wasp is, and how to locate the nest. The number of nests eradicated from 1 July 1996 to 23 January 1997 is 156. Locally; Hillbank 53, Gould Creek 17, OTH 11, Uleybury 2, Bibaringa 1.
- Immunsation Services. Council administered 413 vaccinations during January compared with 97 during the same period last year. This represents an increase of 316 vaccinations.
- 3.Audit Inspections Of Dwellings. During 1996, in line with Council policy of audit inspections of new dwellings, the building section inspected 89 dwellings at various stages of construction. Total dwelling commencements for the same period was 295.
- 4.Library Amnesty. From time to time libraries declare amnesty so that customers can return long overdue items without incurring any penalties for late returns. Now with the prospect of amalgamation bringing both city libraries under one roof, it is considered appropriate to declare such an amnesty.

#### Diary February

- 22/1 OTH various issues
- 23/1 Council Meeting
- 26/1 OTH Meeting
- 1/2 OTH Market
- 6/2 Council Meeting
- 7/2 CFS OTH
- 11/2 Council Meeting
- 12/2 Meeting new CEO

#### **Engineering Report**

Provide service repair drainage problem-McGilp Oval/ Patrol Grade-Shillabeer Rd/ Repair footpath-OTH/ Repair pothole-OTH Rd/ Repair stormwater pipes-Jordan Dve.

#### Parks & Rec Report

Inspect water pump-OTH/ Mowing grass-McGilp Oval/ Tree inspection-OTH/ Remove rubbish-Black Top Rd, Cornishman's Hill Rd, Humbug Scrub Rd, McGilp Rd, Medlow Rd/ Weed spray Caltrop-Toolunga Rd/ Watering trees-OTH/ Sweep carpark-OTH/ Transport mulch-BT Rd.

Although things appear to be quiet around the OTH Ward an enormous amount of work has taken place in the urban areas this month. I am extremely pleased to see the call from Toolunga Rd regards Caltrop and ask you all to destroy/report sightings of this noxious weed.

That's it for another month, so remember if you have any queries call me anytime on 8254 2247.

Quotation: Most reformers wore rubber boots and stood on glass when God sent a current of Commonsense through the Universe. Elbert Hubbard-Epigrams

Cr. Matthew Hayden, Pauline, Thomas and Kate

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#### ONE TREE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

New speed limit signs have been placed near the school. It is unlawful to exceed the 25kph speed limit during the times indicated on the signs. U-turns are not permitted at the front of the school.

One Tree Hill Primary School was chosen by the Lions Club of Munno Para to receive a "Friendship Bench". The concept of the Friendship Bench is quite simple. It is used for those children who feel on any given day, that they need a little 'extra' bit of friendship. The child/children sit upon the bench which then highlights to other children within the school that this child or children need some friendship and it is hoped they are then included in play. This bench may also be of great help to children new to the school too. The bench has been carved out of a gum tree trunk and will be finished off so that there is no danger of injury to the children. (from the One Tree Hill School newsletter).

#### PUZZLE CORNER

#### Missing pair

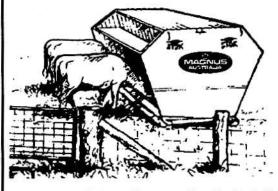
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#### SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our AGM was held on 4th February and three new members were elected to the committee, namely Gladys and Fred Humpheys, and Rose Shillabeer. The improved condition of the floor of the Institute following the sanding and oiling, has made the playing of carpet bowls much more enjoyable.

Last month I mentioned the possibility of building retirement units in One Tree Hill, with a requirement of reasonably level ground, close to the Township. It is unfortunate that one area we had in mind is classified as Hills Face and Government authorities have given a definite "no" to the use of such land. There is an alternative site which could be made available and I agreed to contact adjoining residents. All but one favourably accepted the idea. We await further comment from the Progress Association at their next meeting.

The Club still has room for new members. If you are 50 or over and think you might be interested, come as a visitor and see if the Club's activities and fellowship suit you.

Senior Citizens meets each Tuesday afternoon between 1.30pm and 4.00pm in the Institute. All welcome (over 50.)

Don Needham, President.

#### BIRD CARE NEWS

Do you have any little Superb Fairy-wrens in your garden? These cute little birds have a rather complicated home life. Studies have shown that each breeding female has a territory which she defends with the help of her partner and up to three of her sons. All of these males help to feed the nestlings but only the female builds or repairs the nest. The female's young are usually fathered by yet another male from an adjacent territory. While the young males are allowed to stay with their mother after they

have fledged, young females must leave home in search of territory of their own. (from the Bird Care and Conservation Society magazine April 1996).

#### LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

In last month's Grapevine, mention was made of the Heritage Survey of the City of Munno Para. This can be obtained from the Council at a cost of \$30. The object of this survey was to provide a description and evaluation of the heritage resources of Munno Para for the purposes of conservation ,planning, and assessment. The aims were to make recommendations for the inclusion of places in the State Heritage Register and for the declaration of State Heritage areas; identify areas which could be declared Historic Conservation Zones and to provide a local heritage register for planning purposes. A copy of this can be borrowed from the Library. It makes very interesting reading and a number of One Tree Hill homes, and buildings are included as well as some of our very special trees being listed too. Each month I will try to bring you an interesting aspect of our history and name a particular place listed in the survey.

During the period 1836-1851 the vast tract of land between Salisbury and Gawler was known as the Northern plains. The only strips of vegetation were those around the rivers or creeks in the area, such as the Little Para River, Gould Creek, South Para River and Tenefeate Creek. There was a lack of water so any settlement tended to take place around these watercourses. It was because of this lack of water that early descriptions of our area tended to be rather derogatory. The property "Gould's Creek" established by Joseph Gould was in operation by 1846. Philip Butler's "Yattalunga" looking over the South Para River was established by 1850. All of these operations initially concentrated on running stock, mainly sheep and cattle. A rough track ran between Salisbury which was a little township of 200 people in 1851 and Smithfield/Williamstown. On this track the One Tree Hill Inn opened in 1851. More about our early development next month.

#### History notes researched by Jill McLatchie) Uleybury School Museum

Have you visited our school museum? Step back into the past on Sunday afternoons, from 2.00pm till 4.00pm. Browse amongst the old record books and memorabilia of those good old school days. It's our own bit of history and how many One Tree Hill residents have seen it? It's on Cornishmen's Hill Road. Cost is only a 30cent donation so it won't break the bank! The volunteers who look after it each Sunday would love to see you! Have a look at the Adelaide History Book of the 1920's. You won't find a mention of Australia in it! Similarly an anthology titled Young Australia has only one mention of Australia! There are lots of similar books to look at and old photos reminding you of the past.

#### BLACKSMITH'S INN SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club is having a Quiz Night on Feb. 28th at 7.00pm. The cost is \$20 for two, for members and \$30 for two for non-members, and includes a two course meal.

On Sunday March 16th there will be a family Day at Para Wirra Park.

Enquiries about membership can be made at the bar.

#### VETERINARY NOTES FOR MARCH

With the hot weather continuing, spare a thought for our furry friends. Our dogs and cats will be feeling the heat too. So remember: Always leave a good supply of fresh water out for them. If you take them for a car ride never leave them in a stationary vehicule as the temperature is far greater in there than it is outside. If they have a long coat, consider having it clipped



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short. Not only will they feel cooler, there is also less chance of prickles, burrs and grass seeds finding their way into noses ears or skin. Outdoor pets should have access to shady areas, and where possible protected from mosquitoes as they carry the fatal heartworm disease. This is still flea season so be sure to inspect regularly for fleas and apply some of the modern new generation flea insecticides.

Dr Alan M.Irving, AL-RU FARM

#### MARKET REPORT

The February Market was another busy market. There were lots of stalls and a very good variety of goods were on sale. In fact there is now a waiting list of people wanting to have stalls and they have flowed out of the hall and on to the pavement.

A problem has occurred with stall holders parking by the hall as this blocks visitors from parking too.Don't forget the next market on March 1st will be the last before Easter.

#### PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH

Khaki weed or Alteranthera pungens.

This is a prostrate creeping herb which is a prolific seeder. It grows from seed or perennial root during summer/autumn. It prefers wet conditions and thrives in well watered gardens and urban like situations. It's a problem because it poisons stock, its obnoxious burrs contaminate wool and fodder and cause injury to stock. The spiny burrs are a hazard to children in parks and on playing fields. The seed burrs cling to anything which comes in contact with them. Burrs are easily spread by stock, tyres or shoes. Cultivation through the roots when the soil is moist may produce new plants. Contact the Adelaide Plains Animal and Plant control Board for further information.

#### **EDITORIAL**

Thanks to all the generous people who have given us donations and who have also said some kind things about the Grapevine. It is very encouraging and we will endeavour to continue to provide you with an interesting newsletter with lots of variety. Please contribute news of your club or organisation, letters, grumbles, accolades, gossip (the not malicious kind, we don't want a libel suit!) Please read the notice about voluntary contributions. Yes we did make a mistake and have to apologise to the community for that. However we will be printing another 50 copies of the Grapevine this month so the Grapevine will now go to 700 homes.

Please note that the closing date for next month's Grapevine will be March 19th. This is one week earlier than usual again because Easter is early this year. So start thinking about your contribution now!!

When putting adverts in please put your money in with your advert as it saves our hard working treasurer from having to chase you up. Remember it is \$15 for an 1/8th page size and \$25 for 1/4 page size. Classified As are 10 cents a word. Please make out your cheque to the One Tree Hill Progress Association. Receipts are given only on request.

Jill McLatchie, Editor.

#### TREES FOR LIFE

Leading on from the item about Blue-wrens, if you want to encourage these pretty birds into your garden try growing Acacia Paradoxa. Its part of the bushy understorey and it's prickly. Small shrubs like this offer valuable habitat for small birds. The Superb Blue wren requires a spiky thicket for safe nesting and roosting. These birds spend a large part of their day eating insects and so can help check the insect population on all plants in a revegetated area. Thicket can be provided by a variety of other Acacia and Hakea species(from the Nov.. Newsletter of Trees for Life)

For more information on Trees for Life contact Chris and Mick Adley 8254 9126 branch organisers, Elizabeth/Gawler area.

#### KIDS' JOKES

When is ink like a pig?

When it's in a pen!

When is a blue school book not a blue school book?

When it is read!

(Thanks to Craig Wynne for the loan of his joke books)

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#### OUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You don't know you've been sick until you start feeling well again"! (Owner of the Garden Centre)

#### CHILDREN'S CONTRIBUTIONS

When we move house by Samantha Copestick

After a few days we are going to move house. We will have four bedrooms in our new house. Me and my family are moving to One Tree Hill. I will still come to the One Tree Hill School. I will like living in One Tree Hill. At our new house we will have grass and cement. We will have room to ride our bikes around the backyard as well.

(welcome to One Tree Hill Samantha)

#### The Adelaide Zoo by Amy Rowland

Last week our class went to the Adelaide Zoo and my Mum came on Thursday. The babboons broke the glass. Emma was in my group all the time. I saw the seals being fed and they like fish to eat. Then we saw the otters and they were cute and when we said hallow they went iiiii.

(Thank you for that exciting description of the zoo, Amy. We welcome children's contributions as the Grapevine is for everyone in the community)

#### SIMON'S PET CORNER

Simon has some new fish in his tank, Angel fish and Moss Barbs. Moss Barbs are goldfish shaped. His was green and fawny but now it has turned black and fawny which Simon says means that it is healthy. He also has a white tailed mountain minnow which is like a Neon but is a fawny colour with a white streak down its middle. One of the Angel fish is more white than black and the other is more black than white. His sister owns one which is more spotty and she calls it 'Stripe' while he owns

one which is more stripey which he calls 'Spot'! Simon has two more Racing pigeons which are Mosaics. They have recessive opal bars in two different patterns, one grey and one red. The racing pigeons are training themselves at the moment. When they are let out some take off for an hour before they come back. Simon will begin training them soon by taking them further away. He plans to start on top of the hill on Kaiser Drive. Simon says racing pigeons have their own line, either North, South, East and West which they perform best on. Different coloured rings are put on them so you know their line of best direction. Also some birds are short distance flyers, other birds medium and long distance. Thus when racing you have to carefully choose the best bird for the different direction and distance. The longest pigeon race is from Darwin to Adelaide and the second longest is from Alice Springs. Age also comes in to it too, with two year olds competing in the longer races. Simon is developing his loft and trapping area. You have to have a special trap with the pigeons favourite food in it so that when it flies in the bird can't go back out. You have to take the birds rubber ring off, put it in a special thimble and put it in the special clock. I millionth of a second can make the difference between winning and losing. Simon hopes to have a thimbleless clock when you take the rubber ring off, stick it in the clock and just turn. Simon comes from a long line of pigeon Racers with his late Grandfather being a former champion. His grandfather developed a line of birds called 'Smuts' which won a lot. His grandfather had a pigeon called Aspro'. One week before the race the pigeon was sick so his grandfather gave him aspirin. He entered him for fun not expecting to win but he did! Simon has two pigeons which are related to 'Aspro'. Simon hopes to develop his own line called Bat. They will be day and night fliers he

Nash, the cockie Simon found, is doing well and his parents visit him frequently when he sits out in the quince trees . Simon often puts him on his bike handlebars. He loves going fast and if Simon leans to the right he puts out his left wing and if he is leaning left he puts out his right wing. He is still a clumsy cockatoo and tend to fall off things.

Simon's budgie Pippa is making lots of noises which Simon believes have been taught her by Emerald his male budgie. There is a magpie which comes round which says'night night' also learnt off Emerald. When Emerald whistles Simon can't tell whether it's his Dad or the budgie!

Simon and I would love to hear from other children about their pets. Tell Simon all about them at school.

#### JOKE OF THE MONTH

A One Tree Hill resident went down to Adelaide for the first time and when shopping purchased a 200 piece jigsaw. Back home he toiled on the puzzle every night and after two weeks he finished it. Pleased with his effort he showed the puzzle to a visiting friend, telling him it only took two weeks to complete it. "Is that good?" asked the visitor. "Too right it is" came the reply. "Look at the side of the box. It says from four to six years" (slightly altered from Rotary Down Under!)

#### HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Ivor McLatchie's cows had another traumatic experience this month when Ivor got off the tractor to feed them their hay and his shorts dropped down!!

Would you believe it but David at the deli told me this "blonde" joke. (After all he said last month!!) Why are all blonde jokes one-liners? So that men can understand them!

Some new families have moved into our community. Welcome t Gary, Merri, Joshua and Shane Evans. Also welcome to Dawn, Allan, Benjamin and Cindy who have moved from Wagga with



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the RAAF. We all hope you enjoy life in One Tree Hill. Congratulations to Jan and Marianne Messemater who have a new baby born on 16/1/97. His name is Jacob William and he weighed 6lbs 5 oz or 2865 gms.

Are there any J.P.'s in One Tree Hill? Now Brian has gone there is a gap in this department. Please let us know if there is one.

The "Fairstar" was shining on Debbie List and Gary Vos who got engaged on January 22nd while cruising to Noumea. It was the final cruise of the "Fairstar" but the beginning of a new life for Debbie and Gary. Congratulations from us all!

#### GARDENING NOTES FOR MARCH

Companion Planting-it can be decorative and good. It makes sense to grow flowers, herbs and vegies together, as they grow in the wild. You will have more birds and a variety of insects of the useful kind. Try planting tomatoes, parsley, basil and strawberries together, beans carrots and caulis together, beetroot and cabbage together. Broccoli and any cabbage will go well with peppermint and thyme. Cabbage will also go well with celery, lavender, rosemary and marigold. Try caulis with celery, cucumber with sweetcorn, potatoes with marigolds, and tomatoes, parsley and chives.

These are plants which do better if they are grown apart:- beans from onions and garlic, cabbage from onions garlic and strawberries, potatoes from tomatoes and herbs, pumpkins from potatoes and tomatoes from strawberries and caulis.

Happy gardening!

The Garden Centre had after hours visitors again who smashed plants, and cut shadecloth . Seeing we are a small village they suggest we bring back the stocks!

#### NEWS FROM OUR FORMER EXCHANGE STUDENT, YUKO HIRATA

Yuko was a Rotary exchange student living in One Tree Hill during 1990 and attending Birdwood High School. Yuko is Japanese and found the difference between the crowded streets of Tokyo and One Tree Hill an amazing culture shock! Recently we had a letter from her to tell us she is now married to Ken who works in the Foriegn Affairs Dept with the Japanese Government. Yuko and Ken have been living in Lima in Peru. She tells us that she and Ken were in the Embassy when it was stormed by MRTA guerrillas on December 17th. After a terrifying night when she thought she and Ken might be killed, she was released and then Ken was released on December 25th. After this she flew home to Japan to stay with her parents until it is all resolved. She says she is O.K. now and we are not to worry! I think we would have all been very worried if we had known about it!(Jill McLatchie, former host parent)

#### RURAL WATCH

One Tree Hill Rural Watch is having an EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPLAY on Friday 28th February at the One Tree Hill Oval, McGilp Road One Tree Hilll 5.30pm to 8.30pm. Admission is free!

Come along and see the displays of:-Police band, Police Horses, Water Police, Star Force, State Emergency Services, Dog Squad, Country Fire Service, Traffic Police, General Patrol, Police, Police Historical Display, Safety House, St John Ambulance, Metropolitan Fire Service and MORE! There will be a Barbecue and Drinks available. Also posters designed and drawn by children from the One Tree Hill Primary School. The Poster Competition was won by Renae Walter. Well done Renae! See you all there! Please support this it should be a great night. An action highlight will be a demonstration of an actual rescue by the Rescue One helicopter. Another action highlight will be a demonstration by our own C.F.S. We might also see the famous Canadian Air Water Bombers.

#### TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

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#### I TOO WAS A TEENAGE JOB SEEKER

Seeing work for some of us has always been difficult. Going back to the time when I searched for my first job some 56 to 57 years ago, a calculation will tell you that a job should have been easy to find. 1940-41 was a period of turmoil in Scotland and jobs were becoming available at a great rate as people were called to the armed forces. But it wasn't easy for me.

I remember applying for my first job in the office of a coal distributer. Waiting to be interviewed, thinking that it would be a sure thing, my ego was shattered when I was told" Thanks for coming but no thanks"! This sorry tale happened 20 or 30 times before my uncle took me into his paint contracting business. Obviously he didn't think I was much good so he passed me on to an electrical contractor who stuck with me for only a short time. Eventually I was given a job washing bottles and equipment in the laboratory of a food factory. By this time my ego was in tatters.

The job I knew I would get finally came up and I was conscripted into the Navy. At this stage things began to improve.

The Navy decided that maybe, just maybe, I wasn't stupid, dumb and hopeless (as I thought) and decided to train me for about a year at University in electronics. This was probably the most positive thing that had happened to me since I had left school. I passed this electronics course with a fair bit of luck and work. By the time I was released from the Navy I had learnt the importance of that bit of paper that told people how smart I was. I went back to washing bottles and studied chemistry. Eventually working days and studying nights I qualified and became in time the head chemist with about 20 chemists and technicians in the laboratory.

So don't be disheartened by knockbacks from employers. Some day you may, like me be grateful to the silly people who could not see your potential and turned you down.

by Ivor McLatchie.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH?

Have you been to a service there lately? Did you know that there are now two services on Sunday mornings-one at 9.00am and another at 11.00am. The earlier service is of a contemporary nature and lots of young families attend(also some oldies). The children go out to Sunday School during the service and they really look forward to the creative activities there. If you are looking for something more traditional the 11.00am service is the one for you.

In-between services a cuppa is supplied, and a chance for the people from both services to meet and have a chat.

A friendly welcome awaits you at either service.

On Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm a bible study takes place in the Church Hall. The study at the moment is on the gospel of Luke. There's lots of discussion and discoveries on how

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to apply what is learnt, to every day situations. This is open to anyone. If you want to know more about the services or the study you can telephone Sybil Winsor on 8280 7038. \*

#### Easter Services.

Easter is of course a very important time on the Christian Calendar. We invite you to come along to all or any of the services at the O.T.H. Church.

The One Tree Hill Uniting Church Fellowship extends an invitation to join us for Easter Devotions to be held in the church on Wednesday 26th March commencing with morning tea (Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa) at 10.30 a.m., followed by a service in the church, concluding around noon.

Fellowship meetings, which are open to both men and women, are held on the fourth Wednesday morning of each month. Further enquiries Phone 8280 7174 or 8280 7135.

Maunday Thursday March 27th at 7.00pm.

#### Easter Sunday March 30th. 6.00am. Dawn Service.

Held in the open. - There's something special about watching the dawn rise on this day. Everyone is then ready for a Hot Cross Bun and a cuppa in the Church Hall

Easter Day Service of celebration 11.00am

#### THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO DONATED TO THE GRAPEVINE THIS MONTH.

Keith Finch, Charlson Family, Roy and Teresa Williams M. and E. Bagnara, Pam McIntosh, Jerry and Esther Laserra, Bob Beatie, Helen Harding, Peter Hall, J Bryant, S and L Demaria, Gerri and Andrew Bailey, Mr and Mrs G. Rausch, Berdina Klaebe, Neil and Carole Kennett M and T Williams, Byrne family, R.J.Moss, Mike and Mary

Ashford, Terry and Joyce Hemmings (40 copies of this ed) Karen Rowland (20 copies of this ed), Chris Ferguson (10 copies of this ed), Martin Lindsell (100 copies of this ed). Thank you very much! If anyone needs a receipt please let us know and one can be arranged.

#### MORNING TEA GROUP

Hello, we are starting again in March. We have all had very busy holidays and we are looking forward to seeing you all again and catching up. We have changed times and days again. This year we are having a morning tea instead of the afternoon and we have changed days from Monday to Thursday. As I said we are starting the first Thursday in March, which is the 6th. We will start at 9.30 am and finish around 11.30am.

Come for a cuppa and a chat. That's what we shall be doing in March. We will be catching up and asking you what sort of speakers you would like to hear from. We have a few things planned already so come and find out what they are. Remember the place-Uniting Church Hall, Black Top Rd, One Tree Hill.

Time: first Thursday of every month, 9.30am-11.30am. Contact Sally, ph. 8280 7683, or Karen, ph. 8280 7011, for more information.

#### YOUR MAYOR'S NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear residents.

The year is slipping away so quickly and there is so much happening that I thought I would up-date you on the latest Council information.

Firstly I will be standing for Mayor and would treat it as anhonour to lead our new city into the milennium. We have acheived a lot together and I believe that with your continued support, we can make these acheivements work well for both the rural areas and the city generally.

Secondly, our new CEO Tim Jackson has been on-board for over a month and he has been busy bringing the administration of Munno Para and Elizabeth together. However the two Councils will continue in their own right until the local Government elections on 3 May when the City of Playford becomes a reality. The new city will have a population of 66000 and cover an area of 364 sq.km.

It is anticipated that by 2010 the population will grow to about 98 000; and a further 18 000 homes could be established in the City of Playford.

To complement our new city, the election process has been streamlined to give you a greater opportunity to 'Have a say'. The City of Playford has opted for the postal voting system rather than the traditional ballot system, which means you can vote from the comfort of your own home instead of going to the

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polling booth. And, the State Electoral Commission will facilitate the election on behalf of the city. The new city will have a Mayor and 15 councillors. So at this stage, it is proposed that between 12-18 April 1997, all eligible voters should receive in the post, an envelope containing voting papers, return prepaid envelope(with a declaration form to be completed by the voter) and a candidate profile of people nominated for the elections.

Voting will be based on the optional preference system as currently used by the City of Munno Para. This gives you the opportunity to indicate, in the first instance, your preference and/or choose and number other preferences.

All voting envelopes must be posted to the Returning Officer, Federal Election Office for Bonython before 6 pm on Friday 2 May 1997.

Also, the wards have been restructured to ensure that the rural areas have better representation. Out of the fifteen elected members, the rural areas will have nine Councillors instead of three and whilst some of these elected members may come from urban areas, they will have to learn more about and take a greater interest in the needs of rural people.

So, you will be electing a Mayor and Councillors who will best represent you over their three year term of office.

I hope you will 'have your say' and make the local government elections a great success.

Kind regards, Martin Lindsell.

#### INTERNET NEWS

Would you believe it, I've discovered the Internet! I can't believe how computer literate I've become since taking on the job of editing the Grapevine! Believe me if I can do it so can any of you because I'm definitely not a genius,or mathematically bent, and I still don't fully understand how or why it all works but it's lots

of fun! I am writing this to encourage the older members of the community not to be put off computers but to get in there and have a go! It's good fun because you can talk to people all over the world who have the same interests as you, find out information on everything you want to know, listen to music play games, get up to date news and this is just a beginning! I would like the computer interested ones amongst us to contribute to this column by suggesting different places on the internet we can visit - they are called websites- or news groups that they enjoy. To start the ball rolling I want to tell you about the group I've joined. It's called rec.music.compose and it's for people who are interested in composing music. As a result of being in this group for only a week I've been sent a music score from England, I've got ideas for new bass lines from New England, I've chatted to a musician in Nashville, argued with a professor of music in Michigan, received a ten page treatise on the secrets of harmony and listened to lots of different composers by visiting their webpages. I was very excited to find that you can point your 'mouse' at a certain spot and click it and the music comes out of the computer! Now I don't always understand what I'm doing but so far this has not put me off! Please computer nuts feel free to contribute to this column! :-) That means a smiling face. Turn it sideways to understand! contributed by Jill McLatchie

#### ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP

We are well and truly back this year. We have retained our three groups-Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, all 9.30am- 11.30 am, and while Tuesday is quite full, we have plenty of vacancies on the other two days. Come along and give it a try if you have a pre-schooler. We are not a Mum Group; Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles are all welcome. There's plenty of activity and playtime, often a story and/or singing, and while the children have some fruit and drinks, there's coffee and tea for the grownups. We meet at the Institute on Black Top Road-come through the side gate into the garden area. We have had some bad luck this year having been broken into twice since Christmas, so if you see anyone in the garden area, especially near our storage shed, acting suspiciously, please call the Police. For more information about Playgroup at One Tree Hill please call either Sally on 8280 7683, or Vicki on 8280 7452.

#### WALK AGAINST WANT

It's time for the Annual Walk Against Want for Community Aid Abroad. It will be held on March 16th. You might be interested in doing the walk at Gawler. It begins at Pioneer Park at 10.00am. Registration is any time from 9.15 onwards. There are prizes for the most imaginative hat, the best behaved dog, and the child and adult that raise the most money. The walk can be either 10km or 6km depending on how energetic you are. You



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end up at Pioneer Park again for a sausage sizzle. Think about supporting this charity. It doesn't give hand outs but gives people a hand to help themselves and doesn't waste money on bureaucracy.

Ring the Hot Line for more infomation 1800 034 034

#### POST OFFICE BOXES

Any person wishing to have their name on the waiting list for a Post Office Box is asked to call at the OTH Post Office and fill in an application for Private Box form by 21/3/97

#### ONE TREE HILL SCOUT GROUP

#### Garage Sale Saturday March 1st

While you're at the market on Saturday, take a stroll down McGilp Road to the Scout Hall and support the OTH scouts Jamboree Fundraising. Please come and buy 9am - 4.00pm.

The scouts would also love to sell your unwanted goods. If you would like to donate any saleable items, please deliver them to the Scout Hall on Friday Feb 28th between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Of course you could combine this with your visit to the Rural Watch Emergency Services Display on the oval.

The days of scouts helping little old ladies across the street are long gone(though community service is a high priority). Today our scouts focus on adventure, co-operating with others and activities involving learning new skills. Visits to the civil defence H.Q. Vultrek( a virtual reality activity), participating in a scout Olympic night and a Jamboree at the end of the year.

#### 18th Australian Jamboree

Where: Springfield, Ipswich, Queensland, Jan. 1998. The theme is "I can make a difference". Being one of 16,000 young people from Australia, Asia Europe andthe Americas. Living in a global village for two weeks. Sub camps include:- The Action Village with banana bikes, environment, challenge valley, abseiling, bush games, The Global Village with future technology, internet/computers, solar heating/cooking, amateur radio, the Cultural Village with video production, theatre/drama, photography, tag art/graffiti, and Skills Village with archery, electronics arts and crafts, leather work. Also the Scoutcraft Village with rope making, fire by friction, plaster casts, chariots and whirly gigs. Plus: all sports, i.e. soccer, cricket, football, volley ball, basketball, hockey, martial arts and gymnastics. If you are over 10 years old you can join scouts now so you can Be There! You can make a difference.

Apart from the scouts the Joeys and Cubs are holding regular weekly meetings, learning new skills and having FUN!

If your son or daughter is interested in scouting come and give us a try!

Joeys-Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm Cubs-Monday 7.00 -8.30pm Scouts-Friday 7.00pm - 9.30pm.

For more information ring Jenni Lewis 8280 7658



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Has anyone else noticed the increasing litter on the sides of the road? When we first moved here a few years ago there was virtually nothing. Since NAWMA started however the rubbish seems to be growing. The concerning thing is that it does not

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eonsist of empty cans and drink bottles but rather envelopes, washed milk and detergent bottles, lids of metal cans etc.

Obviously these have blown off the re-cycling truck.

Could the Progress Association possibly contact NAWMA on the town's behalf and see if perhaps they could ensure the truck is enclosed or that they close the top while the truck is in motion? It seems a pity to re-cycle to save our planet and have less dumps, only to have the roadside littered.

Yours sincerely, Anne Marie Claxton.

#### ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

Recent events:- The club was pleased to add a new member, Steve Marsh, to our number, recently. Anyone wishing to join us and assist in community and international projects will be welcomed at our weekly meetings at the Blacksmith's Inn every wednesday evening at 7.00pm

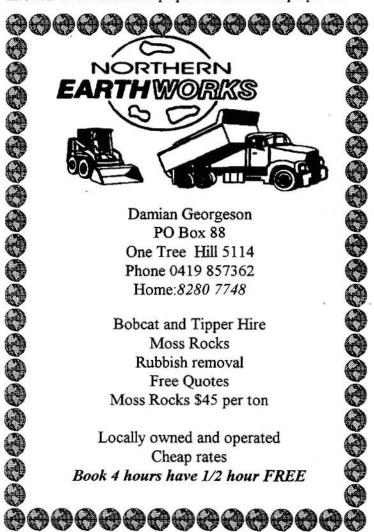
International exchange student Ellen Dudgeon from Wisconsin, U.S.A. has started the year 12 year at Birdwood High, whilst Rebecca Kennedy has arrived and begun to settle into her school in Sao Paulo Brazil.

The club is currently seeking applicants from year 12 students in the area to participate in the next Student Exchange Programme from here, commencing January '98. Anyone interested should contact Jim Dahl on 8280 7284.

Don't forget to support the local club through the OTH market Sausage Sizzle, first Saturday of every month.

#### FOLDERS AND STAPLERS FOR THE GRAPEVINE

We now have a nice pool of willing helpers for this monthly task, which has become an enjoyable way to meet with others in the community, swap news and gardening hints and do something useful at the same time. Thank you to all those who have been involved. I have decided to prepare a roster so that people will



know when they are needed. Please let me know if any date is unsuitable for you.

Ann Davenport phone 82807188

Monday, February 24
Monday night Bible Study Group
Jan Abel, Liz and Joe Mount, Brian
Stone, Ann Davenport
Monday, April 28
Monday, May 26
Graham and Deidre Gilbert, Maryanne
Chivell, Jan Abel, Ann Davenport
Monday, June 30
Monday night Bible Study Group

### Total Fire Ban Season 1st December 1996- 30th April 1997

#### **CFS NEWS**

Fire Ban Season; The fire ban season is continuing until 30th April 1997. This date can be extended by CFS Headquarters if the weather and ground conditions warrant it. If the date is to be extended I will notify you here in the Grapevine.

The Fire Ban Season means no one is to have a fire in the open during this time. Residents in the township are reminded they are not to light fires at any time of year. This ruling comes under the Council's compliance with the Clean Air Act.

#### **Emergency Services Evening-28th February:**

Try and attend the Emergency Services Evening being run by the Rural Watch Association. It will be an informative and fun evening with lots to see and do. We have invieted other brigades from our CFS Para Group to attend and display their appliances and particular area of expertise(vehicle accident rescue, dagerous substance suits, etc) All other emergency services will be in attendance including Police, Ambulance, MFS, Rescue 1 helicopter and lots more.

New Member: Congratulations to one of our members, Garry Wood and his wife Lorraine on the birth of their daughter Chelsea, a sisterfor Rebecca.

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 first Saturday of the month between the hours of 8.30am and 3.00pm(approx.-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 the next month- Keep One Tree Hill Beautiful! we can take any rubbish except for hard rubble and tryes. There are also separate bins for metal and cardboard/paper. Please bring identification with youas it may be asked for. *Please place donations for use of the hopper in the helmet*.

Dawn Leonard,

Administrative Officer.

#### ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER

The missing digits are 00! The numbers in the sequence are the square numbers, 1,4,9,16, and so on, arranged in groups of three digits, and the last square is 100.

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