



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 minimum of 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 May 28th 1997, 6pm at the Deli. Please leave items in an envelope marked Grapevine at the General Store well ahead of the deadline if possible.

Bush Dance

with Kelly's Revenge

**Saturday May 10, 7.30-12 pm
One Tree Hill Institute**

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ONE TREE HILL COUNTRY MARKET

On Saturday March 1st 9.00am until 2.00pm.

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Why don't you have a stall yourself or join up with a friend, Phone June on 8287 3306 to book your site.

BUSH DANCE

Our bush dance on Saturday May 10 with well known bush band *Kelly's Revenge*, is to celebrate completion of renovations to the Institute building and surrounds.

The upgrading has been made possible through a bequest of \$50,000 from Mrs Edith Clucas, who died on 16 May 1991. The Institute has had special significance to Mr and Mrs Clucas as the memorial out front bears the name of their only child, P.O. FC Clucas, who was killed at Frankfort on Main during World War II at the age of 21 years.

The One Tree Hill Progress Association has used the money to air condition the hall, paint the interior, repolish the floors, and landscape the front gardens and children's play area. The renovations have made an enormous improvement to the Institute, making it something we can feel proud of and increasing its appeal for functions.

Tickets are on sale at the One Tree Hill Deli and the Fodder Shop for \$7 (adults) and \$3 (concession and children under 15). There will be a basket supper, door prizes and a bar. Contact your friends, make up a party or just come alone, but be there to make it a great night and have lots of fun. Enquiries to Angus Massie on 82807295.

EDITORIAL

I was pleased to get volunteers for Grapevine reporting from Renae Justice and Ann Davenport. Thank you very much. But more are still needed. Please think about helping.

I would like to make particular mention of the community spirit of Ross Woolford who has been selling his figs in our General Store and putting the proceeds in our Grapevine tin. Well done Ross!

I hope you are all coming along to the Bush Dance. We don't often get activities like this in our Institute Hall now, so let's all

join in and make this a big success. Bush dances are lots of fun and are fun to sit and watch too if you don't feel like dancing. Children are welcome too, and it will make a good change from the TV and Computer! See you there!!

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 Ads 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.

REPORTERS WANTED

The following positions still are available on an exciting, local newsletter - The Grapevine!

Sports reporter

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Community profile reporter

Puzzles and jokes reporter

Schools reporter

Local gossip reporter

Youth reporter

Would anyone be interested in any of these jobs? No pay but lots of job satisfaction and fun! Please contact Jill McLatchie ph 8280 7214 for further details.

MARKET REPORT

Not another wet market day! Luckily the rain wasn't too heavy and did not seem to deter the crowds. The hall seems full now and overflows into the supper room area. There also seem to be new stalls each month and the return of previous stallholders. Come and visit our market if you are not already a regular as there is something for everyone.

PUZZLE CORNER

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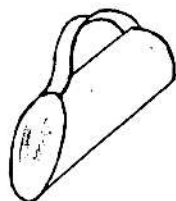
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SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

We, together with the rest of One Tree Hill, regret the death of one of the foundation members of our club, namely Margaret Parkes, who died on the 30th March which was her 70th birthday. Her funeral service was held at the Uniting Church on 3rd April.

The Club continues to meet at the Institute on Tuesday afternoons at 1.30pm for two and a half hours when indoor bowls, cards or plain fellowship are enjoyed. Once a month a group plays ten pin bowls.

We recently had a very enjoyable bus tour through the Adelaide Hills, stopping at Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens, Mt Lofty Summit, and Balhannah for lunch. After lunch we visited Melba's chocolate factory and then to the Rocking Horse complex at Gumeracha where some members proved they can still climb the heights.

Don Needham, President.

BIRD CARE NEWS

Are we smarter than geese? Has anyone ever said to you after some unbelievable silly behaviour or poor judgment call in a situation, that you have about as much sense as God gave a goose? I would like you to consider the following facts about geese and see if we might learn something from them.
Fact 1:- As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the

bird following, and by flying in "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson 1:- People who share a common direction can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are travelling on the thrust of one another.

Fact 2:- Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front.

Lesson 2:- If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go and accept their help as we help others.

Fact 3:- When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Lesson 3:- It pays to take turns at the hard tasks and sharing leadership with other people. When we do this we all remain strong and able to do our best.

Fact 4:- The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those upfront to keep up their speed.

Lesson 4:- We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging and not something else.

Fact 5:- When a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation to catch up with the flock.

Lesson 5:- If we have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

(Bird Care and Conservation Society magazine April 1996).

BLACKSMITH'S INN SOCIAL CLUB

A Car Rally is planned for May 25th departing at 11.00am from the Inn and finishing up with a BBQ. A successful Golf weekend was held in the Riverland at Berri, playing at Loxton and Barmera. John Marsden won the Trophy, well done John! Also the Family Fun Day was well attended with a BBQ, and races for the kids etc. If you want to know more about the Social Club just ask at the bar in the Blacksmith's Inn.

VETERINARY NOTES FOR MAY

Is your cat safe this winter?

Your most precious pet could be at risk this winter. However, simple precautions can help to make your cat's life safe, warm and comfortable.

Cat flu is one of the most prominent infectious diseases of cats. There are two types of cat flu and both can range from mild to potentially fatal. The first signs of cat flu are usually sneezing and then a watery eye discharge. The cat will also become lethargic and will often stop eating. Kittens and Siamese and Burmese breeds suffer severely from cat flu but every cat is at risk.

The most simple and effective way to protect your cat is regular vaccinations at 6-8 weeks and 12-16 weeks. A yearly booster is then required to keep your cat safe from cat flu.

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SIMON'S PET CORNER

Simon's Angel Fish "Stripe" unfortunately died so Simon bought a new one with very impressive stripes. Only \$3.75 and Simon reckons it was the best in the shop! He got a Red Fighting Fish for his birthday and now he needs a female. He managed to sell some of his guppies and with the money was able to get his model Air Force Phantom Jet plane off lay-by and it is just about made now. By the way guppies can be trained to adapt to cold water.

Simon intends to start breeding his pigeons soon, which is a bit earlier than usual. He says one should never judge a bird until it is fully matured. He has an ash red cock who he had intended to sell if he could have found any one to buy it because he didn't think it was any good. Now it has matured and looks really good so he is going to breed from him.

Simon has begun to train his racing pigeons. He took them first to Medlow Road. They took 20 minutes to get home and Simon was getting worried! The second time they took 10 minutes and the 3rd time they raced him home! Then he took them further away and was getting worried again when they didn't seem to be reappearing, but found they were hiding in the middle of the roof!

Simon would like to tell you about feeding tropical fish. It's important not to feed too much as they will die but it is also important not to feed them too little as they will also die. He gives them a treat of Zoo plankton once a week, but daily feeds Tropical food flakes. The total amount fed is about 1 teaspoonful

spread between his tanks. His fish also tend to eat their babies so hatchlings need to be removed quickly to a separate tank. He is expecting his Black Mollie to have babies soon.

Simon recommends that people think twice about having Oscars which are big goldfish. Although colourful they are very aggressive and will eat other fish if put in the same tank. They can also chomp off your finger! One of his friends was teasing one by tapping on the glass and it broke the glass!

Would any one like to tell us about their special pets and some of the funny things they do? Simon and I are hoping to hear from you.

CHILDRENS CONTRIBUTIONS

Here are three Zoo stories:-

One Monday morning Corduroy got up out into the car and he zoomed away to the Zoo. He got out of the car. The Zoo Keeper caught him and put him into the bear cage and he got out of the cage and went home. By Brock Duffield.

At the Zoo by Ryan Ferguson.

On Thursday a Baboon smashed a big hole in the glass. The Baboon got out of the cage. The Baboon got out of the Zoo. The Baboon went to the Show to get a Show Bag. The Baboon got caught. The Baboon got to the Zoo.

When we went to the Zoo my favourite animals were the Siamangs and the tigers. We held a classroom at the Zoo. There is a room, it is a touching room, like a museum. We were walking most of the time. I like the Zoo. By Luke Broomhead. Thank you Luke, Ryan and Brock for your interesting contributions.

We welcome children's contributions as the Grapevine is for everyone in the community.

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HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Some amazing things can be heard in our General Store if you just stand around and listen. First there are the really grumpy people who complain about all sorts of things from there being no Grapevines left to the cost of sending mail to Britain. I wonder if these people realise that this can spoil people's day? Then there are the bits of gossip, like who was the local businessman who got bogged behind the school pulling a cart out for his girlfriend, and her husband was even helping too!! Then there is a certain matter of who makes wrinkly babies and what fig jam really means (ask Karen about that one!!). David will also break into song with persuasion - yes you've guessed the number - "you've heard it on the Grapevine"! And who was the person who walked right under the new arch and then complained it was taking a long time to get put up. Also I have to confess to having a lot of trouble getting a stamp out of a stamp book and David made the helpful suggestion that perhaps they were childproof! I paid him out next day though! Life is never dull in our Community!

All hell broke loose when Viv Turner of Trevilla Road threw a few snags on the barbie recently. His barbie blew up, melted the controls, as well as destroying his snags. Seems he hadn't cleaned the fat tray for quite a while...whoops!

Have you heard about the One Tree Hill couple who decided to have a night out on the town at the Casino and then to the Hyatt

Hotel? Seems they got to the hotel about three in the morning after a heavy night. At 5.00am husband wanted to visit the bathroom. Somewhat disorientated he opened the wrong door and found himself in the corridor. The door slammed shut and there he was with no clothes on out in the corridor! It took ten minutes of banging on the door before his wife woke up and let him back in! Good on ya Pop!!

Have you heard about the latest trick to deter birds from pecking at your windows? Seems Mrs Roberts on the Gawler Scenic Route was being bothered by Murray Magpies pecking at the glass so she dressed up a taylor's dummy and stuck it in the window and now she has no more problem!

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

C.F.S. service

To say a big thank you to the volunteers from the C.F.S., there will be a Service of Thanksgiving on **Sunday the 25th of May at 10.30 am**, followed by a lunch in the Institute, to which ALL are invited. Members of the C.F.S. will be present.

COME ALONG TO SUPPORT AND SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO THE C.F.S. for their unselfishness and dedication.

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

Jan and Ron Abel.

M.B.Brough.

Shy anonymous.

One Tree Hill CFS.

Thank you very much! If anyone needs a receipt please let us know and one can be arranged.

MORNING TEA GROUP

Here is our programme for 1997:

1st May - Facial massage.

5th June - Aromatherapy.

3rd July - Brooches...small cost for bits to make our own brooch.

7th August - Drugs and our children

4th September - First Aid.

No meeting in October.

6th November - Product Management.

4th December - Christmas Crafts.

N.B. There is a free creche available. No cost for each session, however on occasions there is the opportunity to purchase goods. All our speakers come at no cost to us. We provide Morning Tea - just bring yourselves...All welcome! Please keep an eye on the Grapevine for any alterations to this calendar. Come along and have some fun and friendship, no matter what age.

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.



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ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP

When: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Time: 9.30-11.30 am

Place: One Tree Hill Institute, Blacktop Rd, One Tree Hill.

We've all had a busy but very enjoyable first term. If you've glanced across at our garden lately you will see we have been visibly busy too! We had a very successful working Bee, as well as putting in a few security devices. We've had a busy term fund raising also thanks to the community for any support given. First visit free....Come and try! Bring your preschooler along. This is a great opportunity for young children to socialize through play with other children, as well as a chance for carers to meet up with other carers in the area.

For more information about Playgroup at One Tree Hill please call either Sally on 8280 7683, or Vicki on 8280 7452.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I refer to the query re Justices of the Peace(JP) in the area and draw your attention to the following information for your readers.

1. Police Stations have JP lists and should be able to supply people with details of JPs in their area.
2. I am a JP and therefore my name should be added to the Grapevine list.

3. A problem frequently encountered by JPs is signing documents where it states that the person(s) is **well known** to the JP. These are normally documents dealing with land and property transaction and the method is called the "Short Proof". For this reason it is preferable that people go to JPs known to them, for I know from experience, refusing to sign because a person is not well known to you is usually not well received. Naturally there is the alternative "Long Proof" method where a third person, well known to both parties, is brought in at the time of signing. This process has to be planned in advance so all parties agree and can be present together.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm Haskard, "Windrush House", Bassnet Road, One Tree Hill, S.A.5114.

(Could we please have a phone number?-Ed.)

Here is another letter from a J.P.:-

Dear Editor,

My name is Colin R Halls, a J.P. in and for the State of South Australia, of Lot L Medlow Road, Yattalunga. (One Tree Hill) S.A.. Phone: 8254 8480. Fax 8284 1363. I have lived at this address since the mid 70's and our two daughters attended the OTH Primary School. I am a Justice of the Peace and have been serving our area. The Post Office should have a list of all registered JPs in their area. I hope I can be of assistance,

Yours faithfully,
Colin Halls.

Dear residents,

In a celebration of the birth of the new local government authority, the City of Playford, which has been derived from the merger of the Cities of Elizabeth and Munno Para, I invite you to participate in the Playford Celebrations.

The Playford Celebrations will be the first official community function the Council will host and is seeking your assistance to make this an interesting and exciting day of activities for all residents.

The Playford Celebrations will be held on Sunday 25th May 1997 at the Central Districts Football Oval, Goodman Road, Elizabeth, from 11.00am until 4.00pm.

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Council seeks your support through the provision of catering, information stalls, arts and craft stalls, children's activities, or any way which you think is appropriate.

Please contact Johanne Smith, Community Liaison Officer, for the appropriate forms and further information. Ph. 8282 4147.

Thank you for your help,
Johanne Smith.

Dear Editor,

In the last issue of the Grapevine, (March Edition), I read Cr Matthew Hayden's, Parks and Recreation Report with great interest.

He may be interested to know that my call to Council urging them to spray the caltrop on Toolunga Road immediately before it set seed, was ignored.

This dreadful weed is growing out of control all along the roadside(Council Property) of Toolunga Road and the courts coming off this road, especially Tenefeate Court.

If Council were to spray the weed now, they would be too late. There are now thousands of seeds waiting to be spread.

I personally have been spraying the weed in and around our property, but I'm sure that most property owners down here are unaware of the problem.

I'm sure that once again we will see the tractor mowing our roadside, spreading the many seeds of this weed even further. Maybe Cr Matthew Hayden should take a walk down Toolunga Road and see just what 'action' was taken by Council over this problem.

Debra Brombel , Toolunga Road resident.
(This letter arrived too late for inclusion last month)

TREES FOR LIFE

Dates for the Diary: Sunday May 25th at 11.00am, BYO BBQ meeting and tree planting at Doug Kelly's at Owen.

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

ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

Meets: Each Wednesday-7.00pm for 7.30pm.

At: Blacksmith's Inn, One Tree Hill.

Contacts: President Ivor McLatchie, ph 8280 7214

Secretary Ron Harrison, ph 8389 3179.

Rotary "Project Robin" was introduced to members at a recent meeting by project chairman Barry Barratt. "Robin" is Rotary Native Bird Nestbox Project, and aims to make and supply nestboxes for birds, reptiles, bats and possums, working with local communities and landholders. Particular attention was drawn to Kangaroo Island's Glossy Black Cockatoo, which has endangered status. Nearer home, Sulphur Crested Cockies, Rosellas, possums and some species of ducks also need our support. Land clearance of large trees with suitable nesting hollows, and competition from colonies of feral bees in sometimes up to 95% of available nest sites, has made breeding particularly difficult for sections of our wildlife. Once in place nestboxes are monitored regularly to make sure that "undesirables" have not moved in (starlings, bees etc.)

Our Member of Parliament, Mr Neil Andrew will be addressing the Club at our meeting on May 7th. Mr Andrew will talk on current items of interest and take part in discussions of a non political nature. Come and join us for an interesting and enjoyable evening. Please advise either of the contact people above before 6th May if you would like to come.

CFS NEWS

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

Fire Ban Season: The fire ban season will finish on 30th April 1997. As from May 1st 1997, burning is allowed outside the township. Please continue to use common sense whilst burning during the next month or so while it is still dry. 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.

An extract from the poster/media articles issued by CFS

Headquarters: We would like to extend a special thanks to all our CFS volunteers and their families and to the individuals and businesses that supported them during the States emergencies throughout the fire danger season. Without your help either as a volunteer or as a business or individual that supports their local Brigade more lives would be lost, many more people injured, and homes and properties wildlkfe and native vegetation would be destroyed. We thank you sincerely.

CFS Headquarters will be holding an end of the fire danger season promotion on 2nd May. This will involve interviews with the media outlining the many services CFS provides and acknowledging the support of other emergency services etc. One Tree Hill Brigade has been asked to be a part of this day so look out for a few local faces when you see the promotion.

Smoke detectors: Please heed all the warnings of how smoke detectors save lives. Don't think the smoke/ coughing would wake you to warn you of a fire in your house. Smoke detectors DO save lives by detecting the faintist wisp of smoke long before a person could. I have pamphlets on smoke detector placement and other property information. If you would like one of these or have any other RAPID plate or general enquiry please contact me at the station on Monday or Friday nights after 7.30 pm on 8280 7412

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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 tyres. There are also separate bins for metal and cardboard/paper. Please bring identification with you as it may be asked for. Please place donations for use of the hopper in the helmet.

Dawn Leonard, Administrative Officer.

DEALING WITH STRESS

An 8 week evening course for men and women in managing stress is to be held at the Munno Para Community Health Centre on Tuesday evenings starting on 3/6/97 - 22/7/97. The time is 7pm -9pm. There will be no charge. For more details and bookings ring 8254 1444.

ONE TREE HILL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SURVEY.

A total of 27 people replied to the survey, several of whom indicated that they would only "occasionally" or "never" use public transport if it were available in One Tree Hill.

From this it is obvious that it would not be profitable to pursue the matter further. Thank you to those who responded.

Gordon Cooksey.

MEET OUR COMMUNITY-RUTH IRVING

Ruth was born in Germany and came out to Australia with her family when she was eight. They lived in Modbury which was only a small place then. Kelly Road was a dirt track and North East Road only a two lane road. There was no big shopping centre, only a General Store, Post Office and fodder store. However it seemed an idyllic place for Ruth. She had her dog, her bicycle, and later, her horse. She was out all day, riding her bicycle, sometimes on her own, sometimes with groups of other children, exploring, damming the creek, and not returning home until dark. She went to the Modbury Primary School and the highlight was winning first prize with her guinea pigs in the school's pet show!

Her father used to drive the family out to the One Tree Hill area to go bushwalking and she remembers seeing the house she now lives in. It was a little house in the middle of a rather bare paddock, but the sun always seemed to be shining on it and she felt an affinity for the place even then.

She met Alan at this time as he had just set up his veterinary clinic in Modbury and she was the first girl who worked for him. It was a part time job for Ruth to earn money to keep her horse. Romance did not blossom at this stage however. Ruth went to Melbourne for six years and then overseas for a year. It was during this time that Ruth developed her love for antiques. Ruth returned from overseas because her father was very ill. Ruth and Alan met again and later married. They went overseas and Ruth collected a container of antiques, prompting Alan to suggest she open an antique shop which she did.

Ruth and Alan bought Al-Ru Farm from Doug and Phyll McKenzie 15 years ago. The McKenzies are a well known pioneering family in One Tree Hill. Doug had originally bought the property from a man called Charlie who drove the bullock team back and forth to the wool stores at Port Adelaide. The house that was on the property, while it was quite big was in a poor state of repair, so Doug and Phyll built the present farm house and used the old house as a dairy. This place has now fallen down. Doug also built the shed where Ruth now has her antiques with just a wheelbarrow and a spade. He made a very solid job of it as Ruth and Alan found when they tried to drill into the wall!

When Ruth and Alan bought the property it had no name other than it was the McKenzies place. Alan and Ruth combined their names to call it Al-Ru because they had decided to set up a

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Brahman cattle stud and Al-Ru sounded oriental and in keeping with the breed!

The farmhouse has only two bedrooms but somehow they have coped over the years to house Ruth's mother who lives with them, step children and their friends. Now they are in the process of expanding the house and extending Alan's veterinary surgery.

Ruth is the kind of person who always needs a project on the go, preferably two projects on the go. This is because she says she is basically lazy and needs deadlines to make her do things. This is why she finds the Open Garden scheme good for her. At the moment though Ruth seems to have a few more than two projects. Firstly there are her antiques. She closed her shop and moved them to the farm and now sells high quality antique tables, chairs, wardrobes, desks, mirrors, clocks- you name it, Ruth probably has it, all beautifully displayed. Then there is her Bed and Breakfast cottage. This is a separate building, very well appointed with everything for a comfortable night away from home. Books, magazines, jigsaws, log fire and even wine are thoughtfully provided in a spacious and elegant setting. Then there is the garden. Ruth's aim is to make the garden financially self sufficient. So now Ruth is propagating plants and specialising in garden weddings. Ruth wants to live here when she is old, she loves the place and misses it when away. Thanks Ruth for sharing your life with us, it is always a pleasure to visit your lovely home and share your enthusiasm for life and One Tree Hill.

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

A report on the Progress Association meeting held on April 17th 1997.

This month the business part of the meeting was kept short as we had a visit from Martin Bentley of the Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers. He gave us a very interesting account of the work of the Trust in restoring native vegetation in the Metropolitan area, with particular reference to the Jo Gapper Reserve.

We have been very pleased to see the McGilp Road Arch replaced and a very attractive wall built. (I hope the columns will be finished by the time you read this) Thanks to the small sub-committee who were instrumental in bringing an end to this saga. We hope the new arch will be there for many years to come.

Plans are well advanced for the Bush Dance on May 10th to commemorate the generous bequest to the Institute by Mrs Clucas. Don't forget to buy your tickets readily available from the deli and join in what promises to be a really good night out. Thanks again to the sub-committee for their hard work in arranging this.

Next month **May 15th, at 7.30 pm. will be the A.G.M. of the Progress Association.** Things are happening and others are planned; come and be part of it instead of an onlooker. Your input will ensure that the decisions we make will be more in tune with the wishes of the community.

We look forward to meeting you then.
Gordon Cooksey, President.

MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL

An exciting three day Music, Arts and dance festival will be held at the Central Districts Oval, Goodman Road, Elizabeth, Friday 24 October to Sunday 26 October 1997. Expressions of interest are sought from local residents, community groups and other interested parties to provide catering, refreshments, performances, music, arts and dance, cultural experiences and much more. We want your suggestions on how to make this the most exciting experience of the year. If you want to participate in this exciting and unique event please complete the appropriate registration of interest form which you can obtain by ringing 8254 0123.

MEET THE HART ART CENTRE

An exciting and innovative project is unfolding in One Tree Hill. Formerly the Community Craft Shop, Vicki Markwell is now developing the premises into an Art centre with a difference. Vicki was born in Adelaide and has lived in a lot of different areas of Adelaide as her parents moved around frequently. In fact she went to about 13 schools. Between the ages of 12 and 15 she lived at Elizabeth. When she left school she went to Art School at TAFE but left to build push bikes! From here she ended up in the jewellery trade. Vicki has managed a number of businesses from jewellery shops to restaurants. Vicki went to Cairns and was teaching there for a year until family ties brought her back to Adelaide. She now lives at Hillbank. Vicki has two children aged 11 and 9.

Vicki has intentions of running the Art Centre like a gallery, promoting artists of all cultures, both professionals and amateurs, and supporting any one with artistic abilities. She has begun by offering pottery classes for children on a Tuesday

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evening and already some great creations have taken place! Meditation classes are planned to start on a Wednesday night and if you want to join these contact Vicki. Vicki has lots of plans for the future and is anxious to encourage the whole community to take part in activities here. People can use the premises to run workshops, guitar lessons may be offered, astrology charts done, candle making, mask making, whatever is the demand.

Vicki offers holistic massage. For those who do not know this means working with the emotional, mental, physical and spiritual aspects of a person. It is therapeutic but it is definitely not sexual. For those who are unsure you do strip down to your underwear but are covered and privacy is maintained. Accupressure points in the body are concentrated on which assists emotional release, nervous release and spiritual balance. At the end you are calmer, more alert and have more energy. While it is not a sports massage, sportspeople will feel the benefit too.

Vicki also offers facials using an Australian aloe vera product which is healing as well as beneficial to the skin. It is also great for acne and scarring. It's like having a face lift without the surgery! Again this involves using accupressure points in the face.

If none of these activities appeal to you why not go in anyway, look at the great interesting art works, have a cup of tea or coffee and cake, and a chat. It's a good place to meet your friends too.

Here is a story. Once there was a camel who decided that more than anything else she wanted to be a ballet dancer. She practiced and practiced for ten years until finally she decided she

was ready for her first performance. So surrounded by her fellow camels, she danced and danced, beautiful pirouettes, and graceful dance steps. When she finished she bowed to her audience but there was no applause. The chief camel critic said to her. "You are humpy, and bumpy, you can't dance, you will never be a ballet dancer. You are just an ordinary camel like the rest of us" She replied, "You are terribly wrong, I have worked hard, I've practised and practised and I am a ballet dancer. If you don't like it I will dance any way, I will dance for myself". The moral of the story is: Don't let criticism destroy your creativity, and your self-esteem, feel the fear and do it anyway and let your light shine.

WILDLIFE UPDATE

Being members of Fauna Rescue for the area, my family are usually called out for two main reasons: one is that a kangaroo has wandered onto someone's property and they want it removed because it has eaten their roses/geraniums/vegie patch. We often hear these people say we do not live in the hills, and that the kangaroo therefore does not belong on their property. Well, I would like to point out to these people that One Tree Hill is part of the Adelaide Hills and that garden attacks from kangaroos should be expected!!

The second reason that we are often called out for is because people have left old wire or baling twine on the ground and a bird or kangaroo has become entangled. Cleaning fencing wire from your land not only adds to the beauty of your property, but to the safety of wildlife.

Fauna Rescue is a non-profit voluntary organisation, which would be extremely grateful if residents could ensure that their properties are wildlife friendly. Any donations of old blankets, towels, cages, etc. would be much appreciated (ph 8280 7614)

Renae Justice. (Thanks Renae, and the strings from feed bags are very dangerous to birds too, Ed.)

ONE TREE HILL EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Coming events:-

May 11th.....Win a ribbon show jumping and Texas Barrel competition.

May 18th.....Dressage school with Pat Hutchens

May 18th.....NE riding Club trail ride at Mount Crawford. It costs \$3 and a map is available. Contact Helen Duncan 8280 7461 for details.

May 25th.....Riding instruction with Pat Hutchens. Time trial practice and game.

June 8th.....No rally due to the Gawler 3 day event.

Congratulations to club members Andrea Hall on "Ricochet" 4th in Adult Grade 3, Gill Kennett on "Troy", 6th place Adult Grade 4 at Kadina One Day Event. Melissa Wutke on "Briary Elle" won champion Galloway Hack at Salisbury Hack Show.

Friends of Parra Wirra are having their A.G.M. on Thursday 12th June 1997 at 7.30pm at Bowden's Cottage, Goldfields Road, cnr. Allendale Road, Cockatoo Valley. All welcome. Please bring supper to share. Enquiries:- Ted Hughes-0885 246166

RSPCA million Paws walk on Sunday 18th May 1997 start time 10.00am to 12 noon at Victoria Park Racecourse. 2km or 5km course. Great family fun day!

Memorial Planting

Would you like to plant a tree in memory of someone special or a special occasion?

The next memorial planting in the Lorna Court reserve is on

Sunday June 1, from 2-4.30 pm.

Trees and a guard can be purchased on the day for \$2.50.
We will have a range of suitable attractive native species.

To get there

*Take Rose Ave off of Blacktop Rd and turn left at Lorna Court.
Proceed about 350 metres. Reserve is on the right hand side.*

Helpers needed

The memorial park area is now in need of some general maintenance work (pruning, clearing dead wood etc).

We need some helpers on that day to assist.

If you can come please be there at 2pm with tools.

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

It's 12 months since Progress Association held the public meeting to discuss and compile a set of ideas to guide the development of our town and so this is a good opportunity to look at how far we've come. There were 6 main directions identified for the 1996-7 budget.

1 Top priority was to rebuild the Mc Gilp Arch.

This is now in place (permanently this time we hope!) and the new wall is almost completed. Stone has been used as the building material to match the new structure to the face of the old hall. Several people have asked why the lines have been marked between the stones. The builder did this after examining the old hall and finding that lines were there originally but many have disappeared as the mortar has deteriorated. (You can still see some.) One day perhaps we may be able to repair and restore the face of the hall. As planned, pillars will be built around the arch supports for extra strength to complete the wall.

2. *Paths in the reserve off Lorna Court* have been made so that children have an all weather track to school.

3. Undergrounding the power lines in the main street.

Council supported the request and wrote to ETSA and the proposal is now in the "design phase". This means design and costing.

4. The village green.

Plans for this were progressing but have been put on hold pending the outcome of a suggestion to Council that this area be used for the development of some senior citizen units. A quote of \$13,000 was given by council to relocate the hopper to the back of the institute but no decision has been made on this.

5. Tidy and plant the entrances to the township with particular attention to the Precolumb Rd/Blacktop Rd corner with a bay for the bus.

Planting of Jordon Dr has been done and is scheduled for Rose Ave. A retaining wall will need to be built to preserve the soil around the large gum which is a feature of the entrance island to

Rose Ave. The Precolumb Rd/Blacktop Rd corner has been assessed by the council's engineers. It will be quite expensive and so has been recommended for consideration the next roads budget.

6. Follow up with the equestrian club re proposals for trails.

Council began the contact, but the equestrian club contact person was overseas at the time. Further follow up is required.

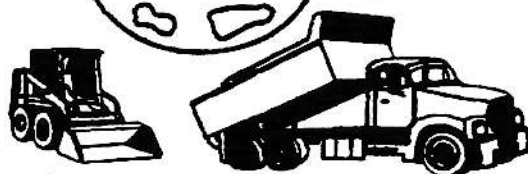
Other matters:

- The roadside island in front of the Institute will be removed soon to enable more parking in front of the hall. On market days however, this will be a non parking zone to enable cars to queue for the hopper entrance.
- At the March meeting, Progress agreed to pursue removing the islands altogether and planting the main street with attractive trees. Council has advised we wait until the undergrounding of the powerlines.
- Blackberry bushes have been noticed along the OTH Rd just north of Harvey Rd.. Council has been notified but keep your eyes out for other outcrops as these are a noxious weed.

Mobile phone tower for OTH

Have you heard that TELSTRA intend building a mobile phone tower in this area, the preferred site being at the corner of Precolumb and Johnson Rds? Progress Association has written to Council to suggest use of one of the other possible sites (at the Blacktop Rd Sub Station) even though it is not favoured by Telstra as the range is not as good. We are very concerned about possible health risks associated with these towers. If you have concerns, contact our new Playford Council.

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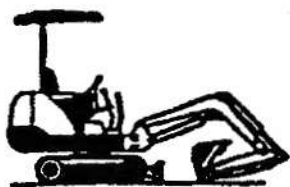
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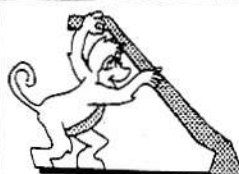
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Some dates in our area

May 1 Munno Para Training in potting up and planting out of seedlings
13&27 Salisbury Site maintenance and construction
14 & 28 Torrens Island Follow up weed control and feral animal survey

26 -30 Pt Wakefield Rabbit survey & weed control with the
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29 Munno Para Planting native seedlings
June 10 & 24 Salisbury Planting native species
June 12 & 26 Munno Para Planting native species to regreen suburbs



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ATCV

The Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers in conjunction with Council, now has a special project in the northern suburbs (one area is the Jo Gapper Reserve) until August. The aim is to link up with projects across Adelaide to create an urban forest. Activities include tree planting, seed collecting, propagation and training days.

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