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EDITORIAL

Have you seen the new pig in the General store? (No I don't mean Christian! Sorry Christian, no insult was intended!) It has been presented to us by Vicki Markwell from the Hart Art Centre. Thanks very much, Vicki. It requires a lot of feeding if it is ever going to make pork! Thanks to all who have contributed this month. Any donation is very welcome.

I'm always pleased to get items for publication. There are several ways you can get your items for publication to me. Firstly you can leave them in an envelope at the General Store. Mark your envelope "Grapevine" and it will get to me. Secondly you can fax me, my fax number is the same as my phone number. 8280 7214. Thirdly, you can email me on /imclatch@camtech.net.au/. I welcome letters stories, funny incidents, even complaints so don't be shy.

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Jill McLatchie, Editor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

What a wonderful community we live in. During the September Morning Tea we had reason to call upon the help of 4 of our local community members. While we listened to Dawn who was talking to us about children in hospital and First Aid, one of the children became wedged in a tree. Dawn, a nurse, and some of the Mums tried to help him out but he unfortunately was wedged tight. With a few phone calls, Bruce Shulz, Garry Wood and Vince Cozzitorto came to our aid, with one of the CFS trucks and some spreading equipment and a chain saw, the child was soon free, a little distressed but otherwise unharmed. These people, Dawn, Bruce, Garry and Vince, took time out of their own busy working hours to help others. All the mums there really appreciated this effort as we all realise this could have happened to any one of our children. With wonderful friends like this in the community, we can be proud that we live here. Thank you does not seem enough to say.

Karen McKenzie.

Dear Editor,

I was very surprised to read that someone had taken exception to the jokes in the August Grapevine, construing them in some way as anti-British. (These were extracts from letters received by the U.K. Ministry of Labour.)

I well remember such extracts being published regularly in U.K. magazines and newspapers and have seen similar in Australian papers and magazines. I'd be surprised if such items don't also appear in other countries magazines. Never has it occurred to me, or to anyone else to my knowledge before now, that publishing such extracts could be taken as an attack on any national group.

We English people, at least, have always prided ourselves on our sense of humour. If this doesn't include the ability to laugh at ourselves and our own kind from time to time, I feel it's a great pity.

Keep up the good work Jill; here's one 'pom' who thought the items were funny and I look forward to future offerings.

Gordon Cooksey.

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Last month we reported that Playford City Council had been contacted about the state of the public toilets behind the Institute. We're pleased to report that quotations have been called for to carry out the necessary work and this will be carried out as soon as the money can be made available.

Much of September's meeting was taken up by discussion of the environment, as we had a visit from Jackie Ayre, the Parks Officer. There was a lot of discussion about opening up horse riding/walking trails, with particular attention to a previous proposal to provide access on crown land in the Precolumb/Blencowe Roads area. This is to be followed up immediately by Councillor Matthew Hayden.

It was decided to set up a meeting between representatives of the Council, Bushcare group, Equestrian Club and Progress to sort out a potential clash of interests on Blacktop Road, between Precolumb and One Tree Hill Roads. Another area mentioned for future attention was marking out the riding/walking trail which already exists from the end of McGilp Road to the Scenic Route. There seems to be a lot of support for establishing and publicising a network of riding/walking trails around One Tree Hill. It seems to be a very positive idea; please let us have your thoughts on the matter.

One other topic needs mention. There was a suggestion that McGilp Road needs to be 'tidied up' but we were unsure exactly what was envisaged. Some people felt that the residents of McGilp Road may like it as it is. Before we take the matter any further, we need to know what the residents and users of the road feel about it. Please let me or other members of the committee, know about your feelings and suggestions before the next Progress Meeting.

Gordon Cooksey, President.

MARKET REPORT

It was a quiet day at the market. The weather didn't help by raining half way through the morning. Also the Show was on so maybe people had gone there or spent all their money. Hopefully people will come out and support us this month.

Many thanks to the scouts who have undertaken to put out all the trestles and put them away again afterwards.

It was with sadness we noted the passing away of one of our regular stallholders, Shirley Turai, who used to come every month with her oxygen cylinders and sit just inside the door on the right. Sincere sympathies to her sister June Bourne on her sad loss



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The last month has been a very busy time at One Tree Hill Primary School. Aussie Football skills were taught to the students by players from Central Districts and Port Power. Adam Heuskes signed a football and the S.R.C. will raffle it next term. Red noses and badges were sold at school by the S.R.C. to raise money for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Class, family group and individual photographs have been taken. A Quiz night was held in the local Institute. Students attended a 'Destination Space' information session. Our school choir has performed at the Festival Theatre and they, along with some of our students who learn musical instruments at school have performed before the Senior Citizens. Benny Banana came to visit. All students had a banana smoothy and a large banana. Life Education sessions have been held for all classes. A Father's Day stall and a working bee have also been held.

(Dave Harrington's Year 4/5 class).

CFS NEWS

It is with sadness we note the passing of one of our Brigade Members. Norm Trezise passed away on August 25th after a short illness. Norm was a valued member of the CFS having served in many positions from firefighter to group officer of the Para Group, over 32 years. Norm also worked for the City of Munno Para for many years. The CFS farewelled Norm with a guard of honour at his funeral. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Dawn, his two sons and daughter-in-law.

On a happier note, congratulations to Bevis Dixon, a member of CFS for 24 years and having served as firefighter, captain of Munno Para Central Communications Brigade, Deputy Group Officer for the Para Group, Admin. Officer, etc. etc., has been awarded Life Membership of the CFS One Tree Hill Brigade. We thank him for his past and continuing community service.

Hopper:

The hopper service, having been moved to the second Saturday of each month due to traffic congestion with the market, is working well. Thank you very much to Sybil and Doug Winsor and the Progress Association who have made lunch for us, the CFS hopper workers, over the last couple of months. It is very much appreciated.

Dawn Leonard

Administrative Officer

TREES FOR LIFE

Trees for Life is pleased to have helped South Australians plant over 14 million trees since 1982. However it is of great concern when we hear of people relaxing their efforts in the belief that it has all been done or that others can do what's needed. Some illegal clearances continue, along with clearance for fences, road widening, and expanding residential development. A bigger loss is degradation of isolated patches from edge effects, death through salinisation and widespread invasion of native vegetation by weeds.

There's only 5.9% of native vegetation remaining in the Mount Lofty Ranges. Some great work is happening but the job is not done! (Bruce Smith, Trees for Life Newsletter, Sept. 1997)

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

QUOTABLE QUIPS

Good manners sometimes means simply putting up with other people's bad manners.

LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

The first dwellings constructed in One Tree Hill were usually small one or two room huts. There were several methods of construction. Wattle and daub huts were very common. Thin sticks from the natural shrubs were woven together and covered with mud to make the walls. Now there's a nice project for the school holidays! Bark or thatch was used for the roof. There were also lots of slab huts in One Tree Hill. These huts were dominated by a stone fireplace and chimney forming one wall supporting three walls of cut and split red gum slabs arranged vertically, with usually a bark roof but sometimes a thatched one. The bark on the roof was held down with long straight poles cut from saplings. Some huts were made of stone with mud mortar, supporting slabs of wood covered with earth. There used to be a fine example of a slab hut on the Kirklands property near Snake Gully but I don't know if it still exists now. Perhaps some older members of the community could tell us if any of these old dwellings are still around.

(Information taken from The One Tree Hill Sketchbook, by Steven A. Hill)

(history notes researched by Jill McLatchie)

KIDS JOKES

Question: How do you cook a monkey?

Answer: Put it in a gorilla.

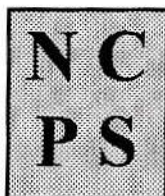
Question: Why does the Leaning Tower of Pisa lean too much?

Answer: It doesn't eat.

Question: Why is your nose long?

Answer: Telling too many jokes.

(Contributed by Jim Portnoff, Year 6/7)



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POET'S CORNER

*Blue is a colour that's fresh and cool
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And blue is the colour of blueberry pies*

By Renee Buttery (age 11)

Trike

*I have a trike
And it is my bike
It has three wheels,
And they're as slippery as banana peels.
I love my trike,
Because it's my bike,
My sister never gets to ride it.
It's far too fast for her.
Although it's not a Harley,
A mongoose or a Shredder,
It's just an ordinary,
Person power peddler.
One day I may have to trade it in,
Or even throw it in the bin,
I may feel like a loser,
But not for long.
As I drive along
On my 500cc Harley Cruiser.*

By Michael Green, Year 7.

SIMON'S PET CORNER

Recently a pigeon was found on Woolshed Road at Kersbrook with a badly injured wing and it was brought to Jill McLatchie. She noticed it was a racing pigeon with rings on its legs and contacted Simon and his dad. They came and collected the pigeon and through its ring were able to trace the owner who lived in Tranmere. It seems the pigeon, a female, was flying in a pigeon race from Moulamein on the N.S.W./Victorian border and had suffered a mishap, either hitting power lines or being attacked by hawks. The race she was flying in was the Australian Derby, or Young Bird Classic. John Bruda the owner was very pleased to get her back as she was one of his best birds. Although she will never race again, and the end of her injured wing has dropped off, she is recovering well and will be used for breeding. A week after this, John found one of Simon's pigeons so was able to return the favour!

A story with not such a happy ending is the story of the possums near Simon's house, who are climbing the stobie pole and getting electrocuted. In the last few months they have buried about ten brushtail possums. Simon's dad rang E.T.S.A. but they said they had never heard of this before and have done nothing to prevent it. Has anyone any ideas for stopping this suicidal behaviour?

Simon says spring has sprung in the fish tank with all his male fish very interested in the females even small guppies with hardly any tails! He is saving up for that big male gorami still. Meanwhile his female gorami is Queen of the tank and very beautiful.

Pippa his female budgie is laying eggs! One a night at the moment! So hopefully a marriage can be arranged between her and Emerald but they need a new cage.

Simon has lost a few pigeons in the pigeon races and some have returned home hawked. He is sending two cocks up to Mount Willoughby this weekend. At the Royal Show he won Reserve with his Birmingham Roller and Best Young Bird.

Lets hear about your special pets this month.

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

We heard that Mary Axon had a birthday on September 21st! Many Happy Returns on this auspicious (for those who don't know what this means, it means favourable!) day! David said she grew more lovely each year!

Another Happy Birthday is due to Irene Peryman at the Garden Centre who is celebrating the arrival of the traumatic 50th with a mediaeval party on September 26th! There will be some very strange characters up the top end of Kestel Road! More on this next month!

We are sorry to farewell Vicki from the Hart Art Centre who is leaving on September 30th. Vicki will be working from home which is not too far away at Hillbank so if anyone is interested in massage, meditation, or Reiki she can be contacted on 8287 2365.

ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH M.U.M. GROUP

Well as I'm sure you have heard by now our September morning tea was very exciting, dramatic and quite unplanned! Our thanks firstly to all who came, and also an apology for not quite delivering as we promised! Thanks and apologies must go to Dawn Tschirn, our guest speaker, who was so thoroughly prepared and yet cut short in her presentation. As you will have read in other parts of the Grapevine, our talk on First Aid became a practical demonstration when 3 year old Matthew managed, somehow to get his leg bent and firmly wedged in the fork of a tree at the back of the Church! It took several C.F.S. members, a C.F.S. truck, a tree feller, a tree surgeon, two ambulance persons and just over an hour to remove the offending branch and release a distraught and weary Matthew! As Matthew's Mum I offer a personal, big thank you to all who assisted - the support was overwhelming and very much appreciated.

We cannot promise similar excitement at future morning teas! (I need no more grey hairs!) Our next morning tea will be Thursday 6th November and, if all goes according to plan, will be a session by Product Management. This is a display of new products on the market, with an opportunity for some tasting and sampling. They do on occasions offer the purchase of good value sample bags for approximately \$6.00. Last years demonstration was very interesting.

Please note there is no October morning tea.

For more information phone Sally 8280 7683 or Karen 8280 7011

GARDENING NOTES FOR OCTOBER

Irene is too busy looking after a sick teddy bear to write this column this month - well that's her excuse!

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TISSUES, cornflakes, WEETBIX, PORIDGE OATS, wheat germ, BABY CEREALS-HIGH PROTEIN, Baby Rice, Blended cereal, Baby muesli, Tins/jars of fruit for babies, Arrowroot/Granita biscuits, RAW SUGAR, Glucose powder, Glucose syrup, Dry dog food, Honey (clear), Jam (berry), Dog food, Cat food, Cotton buds, Cotton wipes, Savlon spray, Betadine solution, Cepacaine, Cotton/FLANNELETTE PILLOWCASES, Bunny rugs, Blankets, Towels, Sheets, Hot Water bottles, Lambskin rugs, Baby fluffy pilchers, Feeding bowls/plastic tubs/buckets, Baby sleeping bags.

We also need aviaries, cages, cat carriers, aquariums, wire (for building cages) etc. and would be happy to collect any of the larger items. Thank you to all those who have donated especially Cheryl and her husband. If anyone can help please phone Ingrid Justice, Fauna Rescue. ph 8280 7614.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Healthy Muffins

You will need two and a half cups of oat bran, one to two cups of dried fruit medley, walnuts if desired, one teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda, one teaspoon of baking powder, two eggs and two and a half cups of natural yoghurt. Mix all the dry ingredients together, then add the beaten eggs and the yoghurt. Put in either a loaf tin or muffin tin and bake at 200 degrees for twenty minutes approximately. (Contributed by Vicki Markwell from a recipe from Isabel Major)

ONE TREE HILL SENIOR CITIZENS

It is now 10 years since the Senior Citizens Group was formed in One Tree Hill. We are now an active group of 50 members who are all appreciative of the efforts of those few members who started the club in 1987.

In way of celebration a number of events have occurred over the past week. On Wednesday 17th, 45 members including Glen and Ronda Slater (now living in Gawler) and Cora Lang, who is residing in the James Martin Village, had an interesting and 'filling' day out arranged by Lance Walter. Firstly a visit was made to Haigh's chocolate factory at Greenhill Road. This was followed by an excellent lunch at the Regency Hotel Schools' Scholars and Graduates Restaurant, where we had an excellent meal, both in preparation and service, even if some of us were unknowingly introduced to octopus for the first time! At the conclusion of our meal, life membership scrolls were presented to three of the foundation members; namely Marian Thomas, Cora Lang, and Rose Shillabeer.

On Thursday, another interesting day was the lot of all of us who went to Paskeville. Interesting because it started raining half an hour after we arrived and was still raining when we left. One of the group fell in the mud and the bus had to be towed out of the car park by a tractor which itself had difficulty. We did not stop to see how the cars negotiated the bus and tractor tyre ruts.

On Tuesday 23rd at the Institute, we had our birthday cake which was cut by Eric Chippett who was the driving force in forming the club 10 years ago. Thanks Eric for your effort - all present members have a lot to thank you for.

At the Playford Council Meeting on the evening of the 23rd, a submission was made to Council for having some Independent Living Units at One Tree Hill. This resulted in the Council deciding to develop a policy on Council involvement in Independent units for senior citizens. It appears that any tangible results will be some time in the future, but at least it is a start.

Don Needham, President.

ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

The highlight of the month was Heather Fischer's acceptance of an invitation to join the club. Heather was welcomed into Rotary by President Viv and our District Governor Peter Thomas on Wednesday 24th.

Indah our exchange student from Indonesia is settling down to our way of life and enjoying the relative freedom from discipline at school. She has suffered a bout of homesickness which left her puffy eyed. Luckily she got over it quickly and returned to her normal cheery self within a day or so.

We are helping the foster parents group to stage their annual xmas party for the fostered children. The group has in the past done this themselves but this year approached President Viv who put their request to the club and it was decided to do what we could to help.

Rotary is an organisation of business and professional people united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

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.

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NEWS FROM THE ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH

Speaker on prison chaplaincy.

Rev Roz Bond, who was previously the minister at One Tree Hill Uniting Church, will speak on her work as prison chaplain at the One Tree Hill Church on 29th October at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to come.

Once a month the M.U.M. group, which meets every Thursday morning, arranges a special event and invites the community to join them.

Recently, they invited a nurse to talk about "Basic First Aid for children". Well- theory's fine, but young Matthew Tilley decided to see how things worked out in practice. He climbed a tree in the play area and promptly got his leg jammed in the fork of the tree. No problem, there was a nurse there and a group of experienced mothers. However despite lifting, pulling, pushing, greasing his leg etc, Matthew remained firmly stuck and things were beginning to look rather serious. A hurried phone call was made and a member of the CFS arrived with a chain saw. Various bits were sawn off(the tree!!) but to no avail. There is a limit to what can be achieved with a chain saw, when there's a small child in the midst of things! Another call was made, and another CFS person arrived with a 'spreader' - the 'jaws of life'. This was used to force the limbs of the tree apart and finally Matthew was extracted.

A visit to hospital by ambulance confirmed that Matthew was unharmed, so all ended well. Still he'll have a good story to tell for many years to come. Wonder what he'll get up to next time. Watch this space!!

INTERNET NEWS

As many of you will know from previous "Grapevines", 12 Scouts from One Tree Hill are attending the Australian Jamboree near Ipswich, Queensland in January 1998. This will be a huge campout with 26 bus loads of Scouts from SA and over 400 from the rest of the country. Many Scouts will come from overseas. The list of activities available to the boys and girl is truly awesome.

There is lots of information available on the jamboree web sit at URL:-

<http://www.sahq@scoutnet.net.au/jamboree/index.html>

Another website which may be of interest relates to the 40th anniversary of the launching of the first artificial satellite from earth in 1957 by the Russians. It was named Sputnik 1. To commemorate this event, a tiny micro-satellite will be launched from the space station Mir by the simple act of throwing it. It is being built by French and Russian school students and will transmit a signal simply announcing its presence as did the original Sputnik.

The signal will be able to be received by relatively simple amateur radio stations and it is expected that students from all over the world will be able to tune into the satellite's signals. The website for this activity is at the URL:-

<http://www.oceanes.fr/~fr5fc/angspoutnik.html>

Regards
Keith Gooley
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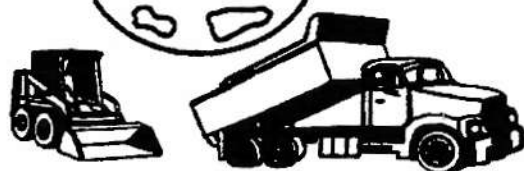


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Monday October 6th.....North East Riding Clubs Gymkhana to be held at Salisbury Riding Club grounds. Fun for all, 3 hack rings, novelties and show jumping. Come and meet members from other nearby clubs.

October 12th. Club Rally. Riding instruction by Pat Hutchens. Demonstration of Pat Parelli Horse Training by Steve Halfpenny. Fun and games for beginners. Ponies can be arranged by prior notice.

October 19th. Open EFA Hack Show and Encourage ring to be held at Munno Para City Soccer Club grounds, Uley Road, Elizabeth Downs.

This is our yearly fundraiser so come and support our club. Help is still needed on the day if you can spare an hour or two.

October 26th. Club Rally. Practice for Handy Pony, time trial and cross-country. Beginners lessons available.

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



ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP

All three sessions at O.T.H. have had a busy but fun term! Right now both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings are full, but we have vacancies on Monday mornings. We meet 9.30 - 11.30 am at the side of the Institute. As well as the sessions three times a week, Playgroup at O.T.H. is very active. We organized a very successful and by all accounts enjoyable shopping tour this term. Other fund raisers this term have included the selling of Stikees and also of Tivoli cards. The children have had their annual photographs taken, and we look forward to seeing these after the holidays. Thanks to all who have helped with any of our fundraising this term. We now have a two week break, but resume Tuesday 14th October, Wed, 15th October and Monday 20th Oct. If you are interested to find out more give either Sally - 8280 7683 or Vicki - 8280 7452 a ring, or simply come along to a session and introduce yourself to one of the very helpful, friendly co-ordinators.

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THE GREAT ONE TREE HILL SHORT STORY COMPETITION

First of all thank you for all of the entries. This is going to become an Annual competition so those who reckoned they didn't have time can start planning now!

As always in competitions when entries are of a high standard such as these, judging becomes very difficult. However Jill McLatchie and Chas Adlard each marked them separately and then compared notes and were unanimous in their decisions. Here are the results with comments on each entry by Chas.

Section One: 'The big race' by Alex Cousins. Year 7.

The developing confidence in a young man is expressed with clarity. A dream made true by training and dedication. The emphasis on the community spirit within One Tree Hill was effective. Well written.

Very Good. (First Prize, \$30 book voucher)

Section One. 'Constant changes' by Callan Taylor. Year 6. Age 11.

Many individual fears throughout our lives come from our own imagination and perception. Callan has captured the 'unknown' well and his penmanship reminds us of things past and present. One Tree Hill is promoted well as a friendly town with rural themes and ideals.

Good. (Second prize, \$20 book voucher)

Section two, 'Neighbourly Frustrations' by Naomi Mendrin. Age 15.

I had immediate empathy with the love/hate relationship that exists between Naomi's characters. Both my wife and I are keen gardeners and our neighbour 'The Para Wirra Recreation Park' has more than a few wandering kangaroos. These lovable animals continue to destroy our garden willy-nilly driving our tempers into the 'red zone'. In short, Naomi's story had me in stitches.

Community involvement at the coal face.

Excellent. (First Prize \$40 book voucher)

Section two, 'The hooting ghost' by Belinda Martin. Age 14.

We all love a ghost story. Belinda's character has awoken that hidden ghoul inside us while promoting the area of One Tree Hill to her visiting friends. Did I hear a scream?

Very Good. (Second prize, \$30 book voucher).

Section two, 'Humbug Scrub' by Pamela Brombal. Age 14.

The tourists would flock to Humbug Scrub should they read Pamela's story. We are reminded in this tale just how difficult it is and was for the family unit to remain together during times of emigration.

Good. (Third prize, \$20 book voucher).

Section three, Open section, 'The Joker' by Mary Burrridge.

A descriptive view of the mining era and the ultimate reward sought by so many. As the residents of the One Tree Hill area, we all risk the chance of bushfires. This risk is generally accepted as a part of rural life. A trade off, as it were, for the abounding beauty of the surrounding countryside. Mary has shown a clear picture of the Australian spirit and how the countryside joins together in times of adversity.

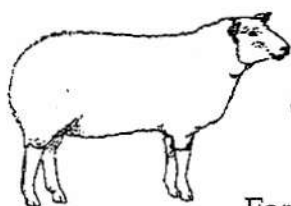
Very good. (First Prize, \$50 book voucher).

Section three, 'The dark tunnel' by Sybil Winsor.

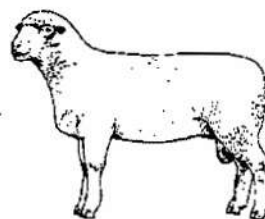
The writer's character 'Betty', comes alive as an emigrant who arrives in Australia totally dependent on the charity of others. What little confidence she had is quickly destroyed by an overbearing sister. The view of Australia through such sad eyes can be little else than bitter. The story was written well but I would have preferred to see some reference to our local area of One Tree Hill.

Good. (Second prize, \$40 book voucher).

All prizes will be posted to the winners in the next two weeks. Each story will be printed in the Grapevine over the next seven editions. Please accept the Judges decision as final even if you disagree with it! We will start with the winner of section one,



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ALEX COUSINS, AND 'THE BIG RACE'.

The sun shone down on the crisp, green grass. There was a slight breeze blowing across the freshly mowed field. Children and adults were starting to gather around, for today was the big race. Almost every one in One Tree Hill had come to watch or compete in the big event. As more and more people arrived, I started to think about when it had all first started, back in Primary School in 1997.

It was the fifteenth of August when I was first selected to compete in the Primary School Cross Country Championships which covered over three kilometres. It was a long hard race. I was very proud of myself for finishing the race without stopping.

Later on in the day, I met a young lady called Lisa Ondeki, the Commonwealth Games gold medalist for marathon running. She was signing autographs for fans for all ages. I overheard a reporter interviewing her and I was inspired by her tales of courage and strength. During her interview she mentioned she was running ten kilometres twice a day as part of her training. It was at that moment I knew what I wanted to do. I wanted to be as fast and as dedicated as Lisa Ondeki.

From that day onward I ran every day after school for at least thirty to forty minutes. I also found time to take up another sport, soccer, and over the years I managed to find time for both soccer and running.

By the age of fifteen I had achieved my goals in soccer. I had been selected to play professionally but I soon gave up because I became sick of having to catch all sorts of trains and buses just to get to the oval. In addition I found I wasn't enjoying the sport any more. In a way I was sort of glad I quit soccer because that meant I had more time to concentrate on my school work.

Day after day I ran. Gradually I became fitter and faster. I learnt lots about speed and coordination exercises to improve my athletic skills. After many years of long hard training, I was offered a chance to compete in yet another race, except this time I was racing against ten other Australians to find the five fastest runners in the country and to decide who would compete in the year 2016 Olympic Games. I was so excited about this race I could hardly eat or sleep.

Finally the day of the race came. All ten of us were lined up at the starting line. The coach of the Australian team raised his hand with a small black cap gun clenched tightly in his palm. Suddenly the gun sounded. It echoed around the huge race course. As I started running I felt a

warm feeling in my stomach. It was like nothing I had ever experienced before, but eventually it went from a warm feeling to a sharp stabbing pain, but I still managed to finish the race. I had finished in sixth place. I felt extremely disappointed with myself. It felt as if I had let myself down.

I soon overcame my disappointment about not making the team and I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Games on television.

Many weeks after the event I came up with an idea. I would organize a fun run right here in One Tree Hill. That night I lay awake continuously thinking about my idea. In the morning the first thing I did was to get on the phone to the council and ask them if I could organize a big race. They thought it an excellent suggestion. They like it so much they decided to make it an annual event.

And so here I am, once again to compete in the big race.

It was almost time for the race to begin. The spectators were clapping and cheering as the competitors lined up along the starting line in the carpark of the Bushman's Inn. The course was approximately nine kilometres and headed off along Blacktop Road to Cornishman's Hill and back again. As I finished the last of my stretches I was finally ready to begin.

A short, chubby man slowly waddled out onto the race strip and raised a black cap gun into the air. The man yelled, "Ready...setGo!"

The people in the race both male and female started running. Everyone started off well. I was in about third place. I tried to pace myself but I couldn't. I just started running faster. By the time I reached the Uleybury Museum I quickly glanced back to see if everyone was keeping up with me. However, when I looked back I noticed that everyone was about half a kilometre away. This urged me to run faster.

Twenty minutes had passed since the race had started and the finish line was in sight. I started sprinting my fastest. As I crossed the finishing line cheers and whistles of joy echoed all around me. I was so proud of myself.

After the trophy presentation was over, a man by the name of Will Smith, the new Australian coach for marathon running came over to me and said,

"Congratulations, you have just beaten the world record by two minutes, How would you like to go to the next Olympics in 3 years?"

"Wow", I thought, "I'm going to the Olympics."

BLACKSMITH'S INN SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club is having its AGM on Monday October 13th at 7.30pm at the Blacksmith's Inn. All are welcome. Come along and help plan exciting activities for next year.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The reason that husbands and wives do not understand each other is because they belong to different sexes. (Dorothy Dix)

VETERINARY NOTES FOR OCTOBER

In the last year or so, many new generation products have come on the market to control worms (gut and heart) and ectoparasites (fleas and mites). These new products are now available in a variety of combinations, presented in chewable blocks and sprays for dosage on a monthly basis. Promotion on television and in magazines has added to the difficulty in choosing a regime for your dogs and cats. These new treatments range in price between \$2.00 - \$10.00 per month.

In the One Tree Hill area, be sure to give tapeworm medication as an extra if this is not included in your choice of these new products. This is particularly important when dogs are able to feed on sheep carcasses.

Dr Alan M. Irving.



ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER

The answer is six F's

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION MOVEMENT?

The Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation was established by Commonwealth Statute in September 1991. The Act was passed with the unanimous support of both houses of Parliament. The reconciliation process aims to improve relations between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians through increasing understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture, past dispossession and present disadvantage and to foster an ongoing national commitment to cooperate to address their disadvantage in the decade leading to the centenary of Australian federation in 2001.

The Council's vision for Australian society says it all: it is aiming for

"A united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage; and provides justice and equity for all."

There are 8 key issues to be explored through the reconciliation process:

1. a greater understanding of the importance of the land and sea in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander society
2. better relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the wider community
3. recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage are a valued part of the Australian heritage
4. a sense for all Australians of a shared ownership of their history

5. a greater awareness of the causes of disadvantage that prevent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from achieving fair and proper standards in health, housing, employment and education

6. a greater community response to addressing the underlying causes of the unacceptably high levels of custody for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

7. a greater opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to control their own destinies

8. agreement on whether the process of reconciliation would be advanced by a document of reconciliation.

Reconciliation activity at a local community level is essential to this process and the development of a better society. Change for the better comes about when local communities have an opportunity to participate in that change so that we can identify the common ground that unites us rather than focusing attention on what divides, and develop with quality, the nature of our relationships.

(The above information has been adapted from the Foreword of the *Australians for reconciliation study circle kit*, produced by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (1993).)

With this in mind, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation has produced **Study Circle Materials** which enable local people to get together and explore issues that are central to the reconciliation process. Are you interested in being involved in a study circle in the One Tree Hill Area? If so please contact Ann Davenport on 8280 7188 or c/o PO One Tree Hill SA 5114.

The Wick Decision and Howard's 10 Point Plan

People involved with the reconciliation movement are very concerned about the controversy surrounding the recent Wick High Court Decision and the consequent development of the John Howard's 10 Point Plan. A group called Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) has been formed nation wide. It opposes the 10 Point plan, believing it to be racially discriminatory and divisive - extinguishing the rights of indigenous people in favour of pastoralists and other non-indigenous groups. If you are interested in finding out more about ANTaR and its information, here are some contacts:

Brian McDermott Ph 08 82108172 Fax 08 82233880. I also have copies of many of its fliers. There is also a web site:

www.antar.org.au.

With the 10 Point plan coming up in the October sitting of Federal Parliament, you will find valuable background information here that you may not find published in the newspapers.

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ARE YOU BROWNE OFF WITH YOUR AEROBIC SEPTIC TANK?

Over the years, my husband and I would visit One Tree Hill, admire the picturesque scenery, warm to the friendly people and dream of living here. Finally our dream became a reality, but with reality came the ongoing saga of our aerobic septic tank.

Like many others, there were problems from the beginning. Our tank was not functioning properly when we moved into our new home, the company responsible had done a midnight flit and we were left with a lemon! Only after numerous phone calls and the threat of eviction did we eventually get our tank operating appropriately. Not a good start and if we thought that was to be the end of it, we were sorely mistaken. We had budgeted for the servicing and management fees but what we were not prepared for was the cost of a new stilling chamber when it amazingly tipped over, or for the timer when it became stuck, a pump line or a control panel. Needless to say this low maintenance system was seriously irking us and then came the final straw.....

When we originally bought our land we were advised that either a Property Management Company or a volunteer committee would be responsible for ensuring the adequate maintenance of our septic tank. The latter seemed the preferable option, as monetary-wise, it was considerably cheaper. When the A.W.W.T.S.Inc was formed we accepted such a decision graciously, certain we would be able to take our fair turn if ever commitments to work, study and family settled down. Meanwhile we would adhere to the committee's rules, pay our fees, have quarterly tank services and post them the evidence of having done so. However, occasionally forwarding on the reports would be forgotten, but how big a deal was that???

When the committee sent a rather impolite letter threatening legal action, it inspired me to react with a letter of complaint. Just exactly who did these people think they were? Didn't they know how busy a lifestyle I led? Just because I hadn't sent them a report didn't mean my tank hadn't been serviced!! Then I decided that to express my grievances more effectively I must meet these trojans face to face and so I attended my first committee meeting.

On that evening, I realized that these people were in the same boat as me, they too had work, study and family commitments, difficulties with their septic tanks and yes impolite letters reminding them of their obligations. The difference was that they cared enough to do what they could to make ownership of aerobic septic tanks easier. Then I came to the conclusion that the buck stops with me and that night I became a committee member.

(From Grapevine July 1996)

The saga continues.....

A year and a half has elapsed since I joined the A.W.W.T.S. Inc and once again it is time for another Annual General Meeting.

Now I admit it, A.G.M.s are totally boring and trying to inspire people to become members of any committee, is as easy as pulling teeth. However this year, there is an extra urgency to enlist new talent. Many of our current members, having given two years or more of their time, are feeling they have done their bit and plan to resign. With such a mass exodus, it casts a shadow of uncertainty on the future of the committee.

Honest to goodness though, who really cares if the committee folds??? Well, if you are one of the hundred and ten properties affected by the A.W.W.T.S.Inc I dare say you will! Should the committee conclude, the managing of the aerobic systems will not. The realistic scenario is that a Property Management Company will be enlisted to perform the duties that the A.W.W.T.S.Inc previously have attended to.

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Now I'm not a rocket scientist but by my calculations, we will all be possibly paying about \$280 more per annum on our already contentious systems. Is this inspiration enough?

If you are guilty of being apathetic and believe there will always be others to maintain the A.W.W.T.S.Inc, be aware that this year you are mistaken!!!

The A.G.M. will be held at the Blacksmith's Inn on Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm. Your presence may help to ensure the continuation of the committee. It's your choice.

For further information please contact me, Dawn Tschirn, on 8280 7623 or Karen Rowland on 8280 7638.

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Love, Light and Healing to you all.

Heather. ph 8280 7105.

TREE HILL CRICKET CLUB

Cricket practice for the coming season has begun!

Seniors: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Juniors: Wednesdays from 5.00pm.

If you are interested in playing cricket, please come along to practice or for further information contact Brian Walter ph 8280 7337 for Seniors, or Jeff Clifford, ph 8280 7472 for Juniors.

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Why not come for a visit and have morning tea with us. (about 11.15am.)?

For more information contact Lisa Bazeley on 8523 1004 or Kim Marsh on 8280 7047. We look forward to seeing new faces in the future.



SMALL FARMS COURSE

Northern Hills Soil Conservation Board is running another landcare course. This is an excellent course which is aimed at teaching participants to successfully manage small properties in a sustainable way. The course covers topics such as:- soil capability, soil conservation, weed and plant identification and control, pasture establishment and maintenance, dam and watercourse management, stock management, revegetation and viable farm enterprises.

The course commences on 13th of October 1997 for 8 weeks at Kersbrook Primary School.

Enquiries and bookings, please phone Anne at the Mount Lofty Catchment Centre on 8391 7505.

TRASH AND TREASURE

On October 18th, 1997, there will be a Trash and Treasure hosted by the Hillbank Residents Association, at Jo Gapper Park, Corner of Blackburn and Promotion Roads, Hillbank.

9.00am to 2.00pm, sellers \$7.00-buyers are free.

For more information contact 8287-0546,

Elena Shuken, on behalf of the Hillbank Residents Association.

ONE TREE HILL SCOUT GROUP

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

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OCTOBER 1997

RURAL WATCH COMMUNITY MEETING**S A CRIME STOPPERS****MONDAY 27 OCTOBER, 1997 - 7.30 P.M.**

Dear Residents

Although crime in the One Tree Hill area has decreased over the past few months, for reasons unknown, attendance numbers at our meetings have dropped dramatically. Even with the lure of a mystery door prize, only 11 residents attended our last meeting (in August).

Please remember your support enables Rural Watch in One Tree Hill to continue. Survival of Rural Watch in One Tree Hill is imperative to achieve and maintain the safe community we all want and are entitled to enjoy. Remember that Mary and David at the One Tree Hill General Store will take any written suggestions you have and pass them on to me.

Thank you to Sergeant Ken Guche of the Police Prosecution Branch for his informative talk on property invasion and your rights as an owner and occupier.

Sergeant Peter Jackson of South Australia Crime Stoppers is the guest speaker at our October meeting. He will give a talk on the role of crime stoppers and how, with the aid of members of the community, crime stoppers helps fight crime.

* *Sergeant Jackson is unable to attend on the usual third Monday, so please take note of the new date 27 October 1997 (fourth Monday)**

Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the evening with the drawing of the door prize. We look forward to meeting with you on Monday 27/10/97.

Nell Smith
Area Co-Ordinator

**Rural Watch**

THE SUCCESS OF RURAL WATCH

The success of the Rural Watch program is based upon the interest of the community members. These programs are established in areas which show an interest in reducing crime within their area. Unfortunately after several years interest diminishes and areas close. Thankfully due to a very dedicated few members of our community, the One Tree Hill Rural Watch continues to operate.

Interest in **our** Rural Watch has seemed to decline during the last 12 months. For **our** Rural Watch to continue we need the interest from the community to increase and give support to the bi-monthly meetings. Benefits from attending the meetings include:

- Playing an important part in making and keeping our area safe
- Keeping up to date with the latest crime prevention tips
- Being in attendance for interesting and beneficial guest speakers.

People are aware that police cannot be everywhere and therefore crimes are committed, however, we can be educated on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime. Surely attending six meetings a year is worth the time and effort to protect your property and more importantly, your family.

Incidents which have occurred in the ONE TREE HILL RURAL WATCH AREA

20/8/97

Vehicle burnt out Uley Road, One Tree Hill

23/8/97

Stolen vehicle dumped and damaged -Uley Road, One Tree Hill.

12/9/97

Gawler Scenic Route, One Tree Hill

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Darren McCUE Police Co-ordinator

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Police Attendance

Ph 11 444

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