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GRAPEVINE

This monthly newspaper is published by the One Tree Hill Progress Association. Its purpose is to share local news, views and events. We want to encourage local people and groups to share what they are doing and to pass on items of interest to one another. A 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 280 7214 for details of the cost. Maximum size for advertisements is one quarter of a page. Deadline for the next issue is WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23rd at 6.00pm at the Deli. Please leave items in an envelope marked Grapevine at the General Store well ahead of the deadline if possible.

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ONE TREE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Persons on school property- out of school hours, weekends, and holidays

Recently, football goal posts and soccer goals were upturned and some items removed from the locked area under the tank. A number of instances have arisen whereby people have been on school grounds and around buildings outside school hours. I have made enquiries to our legal department as to the rights of individuals or groups in relation to school premises and the following has been made clear...."school premises are not public property and therefore no authorised access is permitted.....prosecution for trespass can result if unauthorised access or use of school property occurs."

Quiz night This fundraising event was a great success. A wonderful time was had by all, thanks to the hard work and organisation of our quizmaster Haydn Butler. Thank you Haydn! Scorers on the night were Andrew and Mary McMaster, a big thank you to you too! There were a multitude of terrific prizes to be won and the questions were fun too. If you missed out plan to attend next year.

(from the One Tree Hill Primary School newsletter)

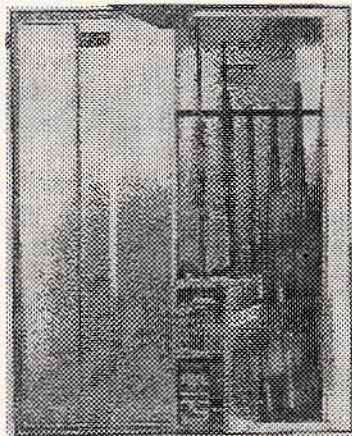
SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our Tuesday meetings continue to be enjoyed by all members and the freshness of the Institute after the recent painting of the interior is appreciated. On the 18th of September we had an excellent day outing when we travelled to the Golden Crest Gardens situated 3 kms north of Blanchetown. The development of Golden Crest Gardens began in 1980 when 850 stone and Pome fruit trees were planted. Today much of the produce is sold to the fresh fruit market, with the remainder being dried. Now



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they grow amongst other fruits. tangelos, avocados and quinces, as well as Geraldton wax, and Banksias. From the Gardens we had lunch at the Floating Restaurant followed by a tour of upper and lower Blanchetown which was much more interesting than one would anticipate. Returning via Angaston an interesting stop was made at the Chateau Yaldara Winery. We are very pleased that Cora Lang is back with us after an extended stay in hospital. However we all regret the death of one of our active members, Joe Parkes, and our sympathies go to his wife Margaret. Senior Citizens meets each Tuesday afternoon between 1.30pm and 4.00pm in the Institute. All welcome (over 50.) Don Needham, President.

C.F.S. NEWS

TOTAL FIRE BAN SEASON-1st December, 1996-30th April, 1997.

New vehicle: The Brigade is purchasing a new logistics support vehicle to replace the Suzuki which has been decommissioned. The CFS does not allow any emergency response vehicle to be over 20 years old in order to keep its fleet modern and technically up to date. The One Tree Hill Community originally purchased the Suzuki 20 years ago. The Brigade through fund raising has some of the money required to purchase the new vehicle but is seeking donations to raise the amount required. To contribute to the fund for the purchase of this vehicle please leave your tax-deductible donations at the General Store or drop in to the Station on a Monday or Friday night after 7.30 pm. Please leave your name and address with the donation so a receipt can be issued. Thank you very much for the support we have received during the last month. Also, the Brigade is holding a raffle with the support of the Munno Para Lions Club. Tickets @ \$1 each can be purchased from any CFS member, from the Station on a Monday or Friday night or from the General Store. Thank you to Karen and Brian Stutley for helping us in this way. We will also be selling tickets at the Country Market and then drawing the raffle at 10.00am at the October Country Market on October 5th.

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

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The 18 hole course will be constructed to championship standard on an attractive undulating and sandy site.

It is proposed that the Club issue a fully transferable Entry Fee that on leaving the club can be resold at a later date through the club at market prices, or passed on to family, friends or business associates.

Written applications from individuals wishing to register interest in membership should include a return postal address and telephone contact details and be directed to:



Project Manager
One Tree Hill Golf Course
PO Box 752
KENT TOWN, S.A. 5071

know anything about it, please contact me (as below under smoke detectors). The Council keeps a confidential listing of RAPID numbers and home owners so if you are new to the area your listing may need to be changed.

Hopper: The hopper will continue to operate on the first Saturday of each month between the hours of 8.30 and 3.30 pm. (approximately-when the last bin is full, we close).

Please do not drop rubbish in the metal or paper bins after we have left as it is not picked up with the skips and is left to rot for another month (Keep One Tree Hill Beautiful!). We can take any rubbish except for hard rubble and tyres. The separate metal and paper/cardboard bins have been popular. Please place your donations for use of the hopper in the helmet.

Smoke detectors: Have you put your smoke detector up yet? If you haven't please purchase one soon. They don't have to be an expensive item, but please purchase ones with the Australian Standard logo on it. I have a couple of pamphlets on where to place smoke detectors etc. If you are interested in getting a pamphlet please phone me at the station on a Monday or a Friday night after 7.30 pm. on 8280 7412.

Dawn Leonard, Administrative Officer.

ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

We were delighted to welcome a number of visitors to the September meeting, and even more delighted when six of them became members. We look forward to seeing them and others at future meetings. We need a constant infusion of new "blood", new ideas and new energy; it can only make us more relevant and more effective. The painting of the interior of the Institute is now complete and we are very pleased with it. If you haven't done so, pop in and have a look at it. We would like to express our appreciation of the workmanship of John Hilton and his fellow workers, and to the Munno Para City Council who will pay about two thirds of the bill. The next step is the sanding and treating of the floor, and Bill Carrick of the M.P. Council was present at the meeting to give us advice and prices. We hope to come to a decision at the October Meeting. Bill also discussed with us the long running saga of the McGilp Road Arch. So far all quotations have been out of reach of the Progress Association and the Council, notwithstanding the available

insurance money. I'm afraid it's "back to the drawing board" and "watch this space". Martin Lindsell, our Mayor, brought us up to date with the proposed undergrounding of the power lines in the township. Although we don't yet know when, things are looking good, so we have just have to be patient. Martin also presented an article he had written for the Grapevine about Rhonda and Glen Slater, which is printed elsewhere. All present who knew Rhonda and Glen, heartily endorsed the sentiments expressed. Their resignation has left a gap in our ranks. They will be sorely missed. Jill Woon and friends brought to us their concern about the imminent exclusion from the Birdwood School Bus of many One Tree Hill children. At their request we have written to people we hope will be able to help and await further developments. Keith Gooley and others raised concerns about the painting and tiling of the amenities block at McGilp oval. Mayor Lindsell and Bill Carrick were able to supply the required information and we hope matters will be satisfactorily resolved. Steven Hill is proposing to publish a new updated One Tree Hill Sketchbook (see elsewhere) and Progress promised to support his efforts by placing an order when details are known. On a similar matter, Keith Gooley raised the question of producing a One Tree Hill postcard. The idea was very favourably received, and Steven offered to look into costs and other details. As you can see, we covered a wide range of subjects (and this isn't all) and resolved a number of matters while initiating yet more. We'd love to see you at the October Meeting, (Oct. 17th at 7.30 pm in the Institute) we never run out of things to discuss. Gordon Cooksey, President of the One Tree Hill Progress Association.

BIRD CARE NEWS

We have now started baby bird season and you may find a baby bird on the ground and feel it must be rescued. It is worth noting that many baby birds do not need rescuing at all, but are quietly waiting for their parents to come back and feed them. If the baby is uninjured and fully feathered, help it onto a low branch and watch to see if the parents return. Help to protect it from cats, dogs and ants. Many babies are still a little weak for the first few days out of the nest and just need a little protection rather than to be taken into care. They are usually better off with their parents. One useful method of helping is to put the bird in an ice cream container (put a small hole in the bottom in case it rains) and nail the container as high as possible up the nearest tree. The parent birds can then find the baby and it will be safe from predators. Raising a baby bird yourself is not difficult if you have time, patience and the ability to pay attention to detail. They need lots of feeds throughout the day, need balanced nutrition, water, warmth and hygienic conditions. They are however very demanding little creatures for the few weeks it takes to raise them to flying level. The Bird Care and Conservation Society can offer you good advice on what to do.

ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH NEWS

The Fellowship meets every 4th Wednesday at 10.00am. Starting with a cuppa, we have interesting speakers and activities. This is open to both men and women. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Minister: Rev. John Blanksby. Telephone 284 0202

Bible study: Meets every Monday evening at 7.30 pm. in the Church Hall.

EQUESTRIAN CLUB

October 6th.....Club Rally. Handy Pony Competition, \$2 entry fee and treasure hunt \$2 entry fee.

October 20th.....Open EFA Show and Encourage ring held at Munno Para City Soccer Grounds.

November 3rd.....Club Dressage Day. Tests OB, OC, 13,23.

Saddles were stolen from "Riding for the disabled" in Canberra and they may have found their way interstate. Please check before buying second hand saddles. 14 were Don Stuart, 2 Equitex, 1 Bates, 1 Syd Hill and 1 Charlton. Helen Duncan has the numbers of the stolen saddles so you could check with her. Visitors and new members welcome, all levels of riders from beginners to experienced.

HELP WANTED! we are badly in need of ground Stewards. We would welcome any person who could help at our Rallies. So come and visit this friendly club!

Any enquiries to Helen Duncan, Ph 280 7461.

LANDCARE AND SMALLHOLDINGS IN THE ADELAIDE HILLS

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LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

Tom Paine Bellchambers arrived at the Semaphore Anchorage, South Australia, on July 9th, 1876, aboard the emigrant ship "Lightening" as one of 406 passengers. The vessel, after making land on July 6th, had run ashore on Troubridge shoal. Fortunately the weather was fine, and allowed the women and children to be taken to the lighthouse. Subsequently all emigrants were safely landed in ketches and steam tugs. Tom Bellchambers first went to Humbug Scrub in 1905, and by a determined fight against disappointment and interference, established himself as one of the most successful breeders and protectors of the indigenous fauna in Australia. By many of his associates he was known as "The Wizard of Humbug Scrub". An outstanding achievement was the study and breeding of the Mallee Fowl and its mysterious "incubator mound". Many of the broods were given to other aviculturists including a pair to King George the Fifth in 1924. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (who wrote the Sherlock Holmes stories) referred to him as a "kind-eyed unkempt man". He was outspoken in his condemnation of the wanton destruction of native animals, birds and plants. He worked at the Sanctuary until he died in 1929 and was buried in the grounds of his fauna reserve. You can see his grave there if you visit the sanctuary which is still being carried on by his descendants. Unfortunately the Mallee Fowl are gone but the Humbug Scrub Wildlife Sanctuary is still there. It costs little to visit, but it is a beautiful place and there are still many native animals and birds there. It is now a registered charity. Neville Bellchambers is the Manager and can fill you in on the unique history of the area. The Sanctuary is open on Sundays and Public Holidays Entry fee is \$1 per adult, 50 cents for children. (Information on Tom Bellchambers obtained from "A nature Lover's Notebook" written in 1931)

ONE TREE HILL CRICKET CLUB

Practice for Seniors, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5.00pm.

This year the Club is fielding an under 13 team. Any lad interested in playing should come along to practice on Thursday nights from 3.30pm. For further information contact: Seniors: Brian Walter ph 8280 7337, Juniors: Geoff Clifford ph. 8280 7472.

GARDEN TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

Damping off: This problem is usually caused by fungi which thrive in damp conditions. It can take several forms. Seeds can rot before they germinate or the new shoots can rot before they emerge. More commonly seedlings emerge from the soil and then rot at ground level and fall over. Fungi most often involved are Pythium, Phytophthora and Rhizoctonia. These fungi have a wide host range so crop rotation is not generally effective. In many cases an improvement in drainage will reduce incidence of disease. All debris from infected crops should be collected and burnt. Soil sterilisation with heat will kill all the fungi involved but, for successful use of soil drench, the particular

rot causing organism must be identified. All chemical treatment must be used strictly as directed.

Garden tip:- stake trees with poly pipe. fill pipe with water as required. Happy Gardening from the One Tree Hill Garden Centre.

BLACKSMITH'S INN SOCIAL CLUB

The Club recently had its AGM and for the first time in its history had to have an election for President. The new President is Steve Williams, Paul Molloy is Secretary and Brian Walter is Treasurer. The first function for the year will be on 27th October at 11.00am. when a free Brunch will be held for members. New members are very welcome to join and if you join now and pay your money you can register your children for the big event of the year, the Christmas Party on December 8th when Father Christmas comes and all the children get a present. Enquiries can be made at any time at the Bar about joining the Social Club.

ONE TREE HILL SCOUT GROUP

Cubs: 8-11 years Mon. 7-8.30 pm.

Joeys: 6-8 years Tues. 7-8pm

Scouts: 11-14 years Fri. 7-9pm

Leaders: 18 years + but no age limit.

Any enquiries, please contact Jenni Lewis on 8280 7658.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Beef stroganoff

You will need: 600 grams fillet steak, 4 medium mushrooms, 400grams button mushrooms, 200 ml. double cream, 15ml lemon juice (15 ml strong french mustard, 30ml oil, 40 grams butter, salt and pepper. Cut meat into slices 1/2 cm thick, then into strips 2cm x 3cm. Peel onions and cut into fine rounds. Trim base of mushrooms, wash and drain them. Mix mustard, lemon juice and cream in a bowl. In a pan heat 15ml of the oil, add 1/2 the butter. lightly brown onion rounds over low heat for 10 minutes. Cut mushrooms into fine strips and as soon as the onions are golden, add the mushrooms to the pan. Increase heat and allow to cook for about 10 minutes until the mushrooms no longer give out liquid and are browning gently. Add cream mixture and salt and pepper to taste. Meanwhile heat the rest of the oil in a frying pan and add remaining butter and steak. Fry meat briskly over a high flame for 2 minutes until it no longer gives out any liquid. Pour meat and juices into the pan with the mushrooms and onions. Yvonne recommends putting it all into a casserole dish at this point and putting it in an oven at 150 degrees for half an hour. Serve with rice. (Thanks to Yvonne D'Antignana for sharing this family favourite with us)

VETERINARY NOTES FOR OCTOBER

Earlier this month I spoke with Anna Jackson on ABC radio about self help at home on veterinary matters. Injuries often happen and prompt attention with first aid measures can save the life of your animal friend. Bleeding wounds may be dressed with a firm bandage. This can stay on for 24 hours if veterinary attention is not available. The effects of snail bait poisoning common at this time of the year, will be reduced if vomiting can be induced with salt water. A home made splint can be made from a thin stick and tape to immobilise a broken leg. Eczema lesions will be helped by clipping away hair

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(Meets Blacksmith Inn Wednesdays 7 for 7.30 pm)

Want to help your community and others less fortunate?

Come and see Rotary at work! Visitors are welcome to take part in dinner meetings of the Rotary Club of Torrens Vally at the Blacksmith's Inn, One Tree Hill, every Wednesday at 7.30pm.

For more information phone Jack Bolton (08) 8280 7436.

Come along and be part of a friendly, enthusiastic bunch of Rotarians.

MARKET REPORT Business was steady throughout the morning at the Market. There was quite a lot of traffic congestion as the hopper was very busy too. People are visiting us from other areas and the fame of our market seems to be spreading. There are many different types of stalls now so don't let the visitors from outside One Tree Hill get all the goodies! Come and see for yourself! Luckily the rain held off for just long enough. This month the market will be held on the Saturday of the long weekend so visit us first before you go away!

EDITORIAL

This month I have to report some wonderful sponsorship. Chris and Tony Myles are leaving the district after many years living down Bassnet Road. They wanted to give a parting gift to the community so Tony's firm Amcor Fibre Packaging have sponsored 325 copies of the Grapevine! This is so generous, thank you very much. Just as welcome and very precious to us are the smaller donations. A Stokes-Thompson has sponsored 20 copies. Thank you and thanks too from Pat Beck, the Progress Association Treasurer who reckoned the community responded to the loss of our Grapevine tin and put \$92 in this month including a very generous someone who put in a \$20 note! So it looks as though we will survive as a publication for the next few months anyway! Advertisements are also very welcome, and the charges are \$15 for 1/8th page (business card size), and \$25 for 1/4 page. 1/4 page is the maximum size we accept. Cheques need to be made out to the One Tree Hill

Progress Association. Receipts can be given but only if they are requested. Please put your money in with your advert if possible to save our hard worked Treasurer from having to chase you up! Lots of people are giving me items on computer disks which is great as it saves me typing (as long as my computer can read it, please check with me first). However it creates a problem getting all the disks back to you. I will bring them to my market stall and to the Progress meeting so please collect them from me at one of these places! Jill McLatchie, Editor.

CRAFT SHOP NEWS

Afternoon tea group. Our September afternoon tea turned out to be very interesting. Due to unfortunate circumstances the S.A. Ambulance Service could not attend and at short notice Dawn Tschirn stepped in and talked to us about children in hospital and the sicknesses that bring them to hospital. I can't thank Dawn enough for helping us out and she did a marvellous job and we all learnt a lot about asthma, croup, gastric complaints, viruses and infections. We are not having an afternoon tea in October as it falls on the long weekend in the holidays. We are gathering again on November 4th and Roz Bond, the former Uniting Church Minister who lived in One Tree Hill, will be coming to talk to us about Living with a partner with the emphasis being on "Men are from Mars, women are from Venus". That should be very interesting. In December we are having a Product demonstrator come and visit us and demonstrate Christmas and Festive Season goodies and new ideas. Hope to see you there on the first Monday of every month. Come along for a cuppa and a chat, in the Uniting Church Hall at One Tree Hill. 1.00pm-2.30pm.

Free creche available. Contact Sally 8280 7683 or Karen 8280 7011.

TREES FOR LIFE

Trees for Life has orders for 1,500,000 seedlings for the 1996-97 growing season, which means they need about 2000 volunteer growers. Please think about volunteering for this worthwhile project. The revegetation of the country is bringing it to life again, attracting birdlife, improving lambing percentages and soil fertility. Salinity improves and stock have shelter and shade. If you tried growing trees before and weren't happy with the results there are workshops to help you at the Trees For Life office. Ph (08)8207 8787. For more information on Trees for Life contact Chris and Mick Adley 8254 9126 branch organisers, Elizabeth/Gawler area.

PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH-African Boxthorn

This is a glabrous branching shrub up to 3m or more high. Its branchlets terminate in a stout spine with fleshy leaves in clusters. It has small tubular blue-white flowers and small globular orange red succulent fruit. Growth is in winter and after heavy summer rains. It tends to form dense thickets which harbour vermin and becomes a nuisance along fences, creeks and arable land. The fruit may harbour fruit fly. Seed is spread by birds and animals. Its best to get rid of it by a co-ordinated effort with every landholder removing their bushes by grubbing them out either mechanically or by hand and treating any stumps with a herbicide.

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1st Ghost: How did you get that terrible bump on your head?

2nd Ghost: I was floating through a keyhole when some idiot put a key in the lock.

(Thanks to Craig Wynne for the loan of his Joke Books. Sorry I spelt your name wrong last month Craig, Ed.)

CHILDREN'S CONTRIBUTIONS The Lost Wombat

One day Linda the lost wombat had some babies. There was two girls and two boys. They were called Nugget, Lou, Sebastian and Tricky. When they were all one year old Tricky said, "This burrow is too small for all of us." The others agreed with him. "We must dig this burrow bigger," said Sebastian. "But how?" said Lou and Nugget. "This is too small for us to fit let alone dig to make it bigger." I know" said Linda. Their Mum said, "Now you all get out, then I will dig a little bit, then Nugget, then Tricky, then Lou, then Sebastian." So all the baby wombats got out while Linda dug a little bit, then when she had finished Nugget had a turn, then Tricky, then Lou, then Sebastian. By the time that was finished it was night. That night Linda told her babies a story about when she was little and when her mother got killed by a car. "Why don't we go to your old owner's house, Mum?" said Tricky. "O.K." said Linda. "Let's leave tomorrow morning." Soon they fell asleep. Then it was morning. They left early in the morning. The wombats went over mountains, in creeks, through and through tunnels. When they got over the last mountain Linda saw her very old house where she had lived in her hat. When the wombats got to the house the owners noticed Linda straight away. From then on everyone had a hat to live in. By Laura Salisbury, Year Two. (Thanks Laura for your excellent story-Editor)

Children are very welcome to contribute to the Grapevine as this newsletter is for everyone.

SIMON'S PET CORNER

The Grapevine has received two letters for Simon's Pet corner:

Dear Simon, I thought I'd like to tell you about a new game you can play at this time of year-Fuzzy Caterpillar Racing! You scratch a circle in the dirt,

about a metre diameter, put a smaller circle in the centre, catch some fuzzy caterpillars(they are everywhere at the moment-look in dad's veg garden!) and get your friends to bring their caterpillars too. Make sure they are different colours or you can have fights over who won. Put them in the centre circle and see who's fuzzy goes across the outer line first! Give them names if you like. "Fuzzy bottom is good! When you finish the game, let them go or, or, or--squish 'em! P.S. Do you know what sort of butterfly or moth they turn into? yours, Malcolm.

(Thanks Malcolm for your letter, but just a thought- they don't turn into anything if you squish them! Maybe you could keep them and see what they turn into yourself-Editor). Simon's Dad thinks they turn in to Monarch butterflies but Simon thinks they turn into a smaller faster butterfly. Can anyone help us with this? Simon liked the idea of caterpillar racing, Malcolm Here is our second letter, which is a question for Simon:

Dear Simon, My galahs have a big aviary, and a nest box made from a hollow log. Last week the mother galah laid 3 white eggs, in the log and both birds sat on them. One morning there were only 2 eggs in the log and a broken shell on the floor. The next day another broken egg, and 2 days later the last egg was broken. Are my birds breaking them? Should the dad bird be in the log? maybe a mouse ate the eggs.

Please help me, I really wanted baby galahs. Signed Pam.

Simon says that the male galah may be a problem but also the eggs may have soft shells. Try adding a calcium supplement into their water, and see if that helps, and take the male bird out, once eggs are laid, Simon reports that his swordtails, black Mollies and guppies are doing really well. He has heaps of guppy babies now, about 60, and a black and white one still pregnant. He wants to sell the females for \$2.95 each and the males for \$3.95. so if anyone is interested please contact him on 8280 7396. His pigeons are having 10 babies. He has his first dun Birmingham Roller and first white headed self yellow. Not all of Simon's pigeons like each other. He has to shut his white High Flyer in a show cage when he lets his Australian performing tumblers out.

Sometimes a feral cat comes round to try and catch the pigeons. They catch it in a trap and then his Dad shoots it. Simon says he has a crazy Irish Setter. He catches the ball in his paws and chases his tail when Simon's Dad is going to work. He doesn't bark when people come, only when they go! But he is a champion sprinter and can run faster than Simon can ride his bike. Have you got a story about your special dog? Lets hear about it, don't be shy!

HEALTH AND RECREATION DAY Sunday 10th November 1996

The City of Munno Para will host its inaugural Health and Recreation Day on Sunday 10th November from 10.00 am until 3.00pm at the Smithfield Oval, corner of Anderson Walk and Main North Road, Smithfield. The day will commence with a Fun Run being organised by the Central Districts Football Club and United Way North. The Health and Recreation Day will be a forum for the promotion of all sporting groups and community organisations with the aim of encouraging residents to focus on health and quality lifestyles. This special event will have a come and try, enjoy and learn focus with audience participation greatly encouraged.

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So stretch those arms without delay
And give someone a hug today!!
(Author unknown- taken from the obituary column of the Advertiser)

TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

Apologies to the Tuesday morning Group for adding "just a thought" to their item last month. This was unintentional, please can we blame the computer? Please contact Gary and Chris Ferguson if you are interested in this group. Ph. 8280 7781.

PARA WIRRA RECREATION PARK

Are you interested in preserving your local National Park? Then join the Friends of Para Wirra and get involved in such activities such as animal and plant surveys, weed control, revegetation, trail maintenance etc. The Friends met on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9am at the Park. For further information phone 287 2257.

"WELLINGTON BECOMES A DAD"

"Wellington" has been the Blood Bank's Ambassador for the past few years. During that time he has made many public appearances to encourage people to donate blood. I should say that he is a bloodhound and he has his home in One Tree Hill. Now he is the proud father of "Bossy Boots", "Bee Bee" and "Bertie". They were born on 25th May to "Molly" and breeders Tony and Marion Boocock had a tough time rearing them when their mother didn't produce any milk after giving birth, and the babies were fed twice every hour through a tiny stomach tube. They did a great job and the babies are fit and healthy and star on the front page of the Blood Bank magazine "Circulation".

NORTHERN REGION SENIORS WEEK

ART AND CRAFT EXPO

to be held at the Jack Young Centre, Orange Avenue, Salisbury on Friday Oct. 18th 9.30-3.30, and Saturday 19th October 10.00 - 2.00pm. Come and see an exciting display of local art and craft FREE of charge.

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Would your organisation like a free speaker or resources from the SA Breast X-ray Service? One in 14 women in SA will develop Breast Cancer at some time in their life. A screening mammogram is the best way to detect breast cancer early. Early detection leads to simpler treatment and saves women's lives. A screening mammogram at the SA Breast X-ray Service is free!. Women living in the northern suburbs and the surrounding areas can be screened at our Salisbury clinic, located at 88 John Street, at the Parabanks Shopping Centre. Phone 13 20 50 for an appointment. We can provide free speakers who will present information on: breast cancer facts and myths and the main risk factors; The BSA Breast X-Ray Service and its role in early detection; The what, why, who, when where and how of screening mammograms. For further information, please call Karen Shepherd, Promotions and Education Officer, on 300 1802.

GAWLER'S HERITAGE BOTTLEBRUSH WEEK

7-13 October 1996. Gawler is having a variety of activities during this week beginning with Music in the Park on Monday 7th (Labour Day). Opening ceremony at 11.00am. There will be square dancing displays, Line dancing, brass bands, country music, piper, Maoris, clog dancing, and craft stalls. During the week you can go on bus tours of Gawler's heritage areas, walking tours, visit Roseworthy's agricultural museum to name just a few of the activities. For further details contact the Gawler Information Centre on Lyndoch Road.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jill, About a month ago, while driving out of Jordan Drive, I encountered a number of people working on the median where the road junctions Black Top Road. My immediate thought was that this was one of those schemes which allow people to do alternative tasks to a little time in the cooler. However, on closer inspection their faces were familiar, their leader a fair lady who lives on the corner of Jordan Drive and Bennett Avenue where the limo's are kept. For my part I would like to say thank you for the work they have done, which is I am sure what many other residents of the area reiterate.

David Evans, 6 Wood Crescent.

SNAKE TIME AGAIN

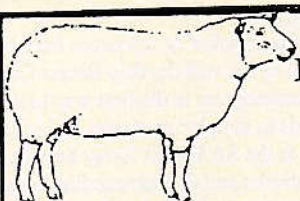
This is the time of year when the snakes wake up and start moving about again. The brown snake is the most common snake around here and it is very dangerous. Remember to leave snakes alone. Most people get bitten when they are trying to kill them and they are a protected creature. Discourage them from coming to your property by killing rats and mice, keep grass cut and turn compost heaps regularly. Clear away rubbish and stack timber and roofing iron off the ground. Look first before putting your hands into hollow logs, thick grass and other places. Wear stout shoes or boots and adequate clothing, not shorts and thongs. Wear good gloves when gardening. Remember even when a snake is dead it can still bite as its vital impulses can continue long after it has been killed. If you are unfortunate enough to be bitten apply immediate firm local pressure over the bite site. Don't wash the bite. Apply a broad firm crepe bandage over the bite and down and up the limb as far as you can about as firm as you would for a sprain. Try to remain calm and seek medical help immediately. It's worth getting a suitable crepe bandage and carrying it with you when you go down your paddocks at all times.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

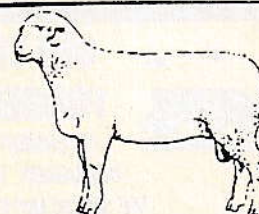
There have been many recent reports of automatic teller machine(ATM) robberies. But you can reduce the risk of someone robbing you by following these simple rules, especially at night time:

Be alert to the people around you or who may be watching from nearby. Don't count your money where others can see you easily.

While you are waiting for the machine to process your instructions, try to stand so you have the best view of what's going on around you. Try standing with your back to the wall, looking out. If you think someone has started to follow you then be ready to move quickly. If you have driven to an ATM, keep your keys in your hand so you can quickly get into your car. If you are on foot move quickly to a place where you know other people are around. Avoid ATMs in isolated areas or poorly lit areas where it would be hard to get away or see what is going on around you. (From Neighbourhood News July/August 1996)



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HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Congratulations to Alison and Lou Acella who had a baby girl born on 10/9/96. She weighed in at 7lb 12 1/2 oz and is a sister for Michael. We also must welcome some new families to the district: Roger and Karen Hill and boys of Wood Crescent, the Vingerhoets family of Precolumb Rd, the Feltrin family of McGilp Road and Sharon, Keith and Rebecca Sharp of Jordan Drive. We all hope you enjoy living in One Tree Hill and become part of the community here.

CRAFT SHOP NEWS:

Well the weather still hasn't warmed up much and we are already thinking about getting the shop ready for Christmas. There are always new ideas, and our busy members are working on them so there will always be new stock coming into the shop for you to choose from. Soon the display will be given the "Christmas look" a reminder that the festive season is not far away. Have a look at what is on show now and keep looking as the new stock arrives all the time and you may find just what you are looking for. Support your local community. Keep your sanity in our hassle free environment.

Can you help please. Last month we appealed for help with our screen door. There was no response. The flies are already out and about, and we must maintain community health standards. What we need is advice on our tatty screen door. To repair or replace, and then some helpful willing person to undertake the job. We can afford the cost of materials to repair, or the cost of a second hand door. Any offers? Please ring Pam, 82551944

Volunteer staff are still needed. Our staffing situation has improved thanks to kind-hearted people, who don't even have stock in the shop. However we still need someone for the 2nd Sunday afternoon of each month. That of course just keeps us going, it doesn't allow for any one getting sick or having too long a holiday. We always need help to keep your community shop doors open. How about you lending a hand? The roster can be adjusted to suit you. More volunteers means less for everyone to do. Please ring Sharon on 2558671, or Pam on 2551944. Pam has an answering machine to talk to if you can't catch Sharon or Pam at home.

ONE TREE HILL SKETCHBOOK

New Edition. An invitation to participate. Steven Hill
 I have been approached in regard to producing more sketchbooks for sale in the craft shop. The previous (1991) edition has now sold out. My intention is to, once again, upgrade the textual information and I am looking for suggestions! The volume of text will need to be contained within a similar

number of pages and I need to reserve the right to accept or reject any submissions but I am open to any constructive criticism or suggestions. If you have suggestions for topics you would like included, let me know and I will see if I can get hold of the information you are looking for and build it into the book. Any ideas for subjects which I might sketch for inclusion in the book, I would be happy to entertain the suggestion. However, (another disclaimer,) my time is limited and it may need to wait for another edition. I would like to have the new book on the shelves for late November this year at the latest. I can be contacted on 8252 4016. This is my modem number and the computer will take a message. If you are the first call to wake the computer up, you will need to let it ring for about 10 rings. Leave your phone number and I will phone you back. You can also fax me on the same number if you have the technology. Email: 100246.1114@compuserve.com. For those with Web browsers, my URL is <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/sahill> (My web page has information about One Tree Hill and the sketchbook on it.) You can also write to me care of Allied Metal Printers and Engravers, PO box 495 Hindmarsh 5007.

PUZZLE CORNER (Answers elsewhere in the Grapevine)

Spring for our local florist, is usually a rewarding season. When a young man's fancy turns he is likely to overcome his usual diffidence and actually be seen in public bearing armfuls of flowers for his one and only love. Fred, though posed a problem for the salesgirl by having his head turned as his heart. He sent in an order which read: Stare/Faeries/Drainage/Termly/Lettish/ Promiser/Ogres/Climates. Each word was, in fact, an anagram of a flower or flowering plant. Can you help the poor girl out by giving her the correct names?

WHICH COUNCIL IS BEST FOR HUMBUG SCRUB?

On the 17/7 the News Review had an article on the possibility of Humbug Scrub joining the new Adelaide Hills council (Gumeracha, East Torren, Mt Pleasant, Onkaparinga and possibly Stirling) which is being formed as part of the current round of council amalgamations. Although the article ended with a statement that Munno Para was unlikely to go along with this proposal I thought that it has enough merit to investigate it a bit further, and as such I have spoken to a number of residents, the CEO of Gumeracha (Phil Chandler) and Munno Para (Jo Collins) and also managed to have a short conversation with the mayor of Munno Para (Martin Lindsell). Having been through this process I have come to believe that there are good reasons for Humbug Scrub to LOOK AT joining the new

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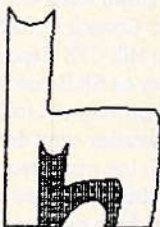
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Adelaide Hills council rather than the new Munno Para / Elizabeth council (which I will call the Northern Plains Council in this article) BUT at the moment the 2 Plains councils and 5 Hills councils are all negotiating their amalgamations and as such no-one is able to speak for either future council. This makes it difficult to be sure of the benefits and as such its probably more appropriate to seek more information on what's happening before deciding what we should do. So, what has brought me to this belief? There are three main arguments for moving to the Hills Council.

1. **AMPED BY URBAN PROBLEMS** I am worried that the new Northern Plains council urban base will be so large that the country areas will be neglected. In rough terms the combined Northern Plains Council will initially have about 50,000 people living in the urban area, and only 7,000 in the rural/hills areas :- but over the next decade or so the population is planned to grow to about 120,000 with no more than 10,000 in the rural areas. I know that the Munno Para mayor regards the diversity of urban, horticultural and hills areas as a strength for the Northern Plains council, but I am worried we will get lost with the growth of the urban area. The new Adelaide Hills council would have a population of about 40,000, who will be mainly in small hills villages and properties which would mean a much higher understanding of rural problems.

2. **HILLS OR PLAINS?** A second major issue whether Humbug Scrub thinks of itself as part of the Adelaide Hills or as part of the Northern Plains (ie what is our community of interest?). There are lots of ways to discuss this and it must be stated the boundary is probably a rather fuzzy thing, but some of the possible reasons for moving would be to 'straighten the boundary', to move all of the Mt Lofty Ranges zoned area into one council, to move all of Humbug Scrub into one council, or to conform to the state and federal electoral boundaries. The reasons to stay include ties to current Elizabeth or Munno Para shops, community and sporting facilities etc. However these are all rather arbitrary lines, and the real question is where do we think we belong? In the last few weeks I've found that there have been earlier attempts to move all of the One Tree Hill area into a hills council (apparently the last attempt ended with overwhelming support in One Tree Hill to move, but was rejected by the Munno Para Council). Also there are other local issues like the local school bus (where many parents see Birdwood rather than Craigmore as the local High School) which indicate that many people see their ties as with the Hills area rather than with the Plains. However, this is moving off the topic a little, for the current issue is whether Humbug Scrub should join the Hills Council, but the examples I'm using can equally apply to the whole area ... and the broader question of whether the complete area should move is not on the current agenda.

3. **WHAT WILL IT COST?** The third issue is the one which effects the purse, and that is that our rates would probably be at least 20% lower if we changed to the Hills council. This is a difficult area to offer any real promise on, since the actual rates will be set by the new councils and this will depend upon their priorities, and the budget they need to fulfil it. However the overall situation is that Munno Para is in a period of rapid growth, and this means that they need to expand the infrastructure which is expensive in the short term. This leads to the necessity of borrowing large sums of money and to high rates (to spend directly and to service loans). The Hills councils have a much lower growth rate, and as such have a much lower debt level and lower rates :- a situation which is likely to remain true for the foreseeable

future. Having said that I should add that Munno Para argues that we get more services with their higher rate (ie we may be getting better value for money with the Plains council eg better road maintenance) and this is why we need to be careful when looking at the overall situation.

HILLS COUNCIL COMMUNITY FOCUS Having given what I think are the main arguments for looking at merging with the Adelaide Hills Council, I would like to pass on part of their vision which may be of interest. In general the current Hills councils are fairly small, and as such they seem to be much closer to their residents :- they seek to get the complete community involved in all important decisions.

This philosophy can be seen in their amalgamation procedure where they sent a survey out to ALL RATE-PAYERS in order to find out what the community wants to do:- and when Gumeracha found a strong polarization of belief they followed this up with community meetings in all main villages. Munno Para did survey a representative number of the residents at the start of the amalgamation process and have run a couple of small phone polls since :- but their overall philosophy is that the councillors are elected to make decisions whilst the current Hills councils try to reflect the communities beliefs. The new Hills council is seeking to maintain their closer relationship with the community by establishing Ward Advisory Committees (ie about 6-8 residents from the Ward :- probably with some elected at public Ward meetings and others from organisations such as the CFS, service groups etc) who will assist the actual councillors in making decisions. Another interesting difference is that the Hills council will seek community interaction by allowing residents to speak to any agenda item at Council meetings, and will have a specific period allocated at all Council meetings for questions from the public. Personally I admire these moves towards seeking true community involvement in the councils, but am not really sure how well they will work in practice. They could end up consuming an unacceptable amount of effort and time without any real purpose!

SUMMARY I have tried to provide an outline of the main issues for us to consider, but where does this all lead? I am convinced that we need to look at the options:- and would lean towards moving. However I also would suggest that we need to be careful since we don't really know how the current round of council amalgamations will end up, and as such this may be an issue which we need to raise now, with the intention of negotiating from a community perspective once both new councils have been put in place. The main reason for writing this article is to offer my opinion and to start the community debate going. If anyone would like more information (I currently have a large file on the Hills Council and have been promised data on the Plains Council) or would like to express an opinion on what we should do next I would appreciate it if they would contact me. I will wait to see the response I receive from this article before deciding what to do next. Thanks Angus Massie, phone 8.280.7295, Frank Barker Road, Humbug Scrub

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM YOUR MAYOR

Dear Residents, Hello! It's nice to be able to update you on what is happening throughout the City and in particular, One Tree Hill. I know that Matthew Hayden has been keeping you well informed of developments, however, I thought it appropriate that I'd give you details on some of the issues facing Council now and in the future.

Firstly though I'd like to mention Rhonda and Glen Slater who have left One Tree Hill after living at *Lynga Longa* for nearly 40 years. They came from

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Tracey has fully recovered from her illness and is now back managing the salon at the Cutting Inn.

Thankyou to all clients for their good wishes and support.

Best wishes also to Mandy in her business venture.

Bolivar with their family of four, Bev, Graham, Ian and Colin to their small farmlet on 13 November 1959 and have been involved in just about everything that has happened in and around the district. I can remember well that it was the Slater family that kept the then Methodist Church open because at one stage they were the only family attending church and it is through their dedication that the congregation is what it is today. They were also involved in the CFS (Glen is a Life Member), One Tree Hill Schools (both old and new), CWA, the Progress Association, Cricket Club, and in more recent times, the Senior Citizens Club to name but a few. One Tree Hill will be the poorer for them moving to Gawler, however, it is much richer because of their dedication to the organisations with which they were involved. Rhonda had one of the best gardens in the district producing flowers for the church as well as the Institute and many other needs. Many couples would be very pleased that Rhonda's flowers were available throughout the years, and they came in many types and colours. I can also remember well the monthly dances held in the Institute for which Glen and Rhonda's cows provided milk for the milk coffee (coffee and chicory from a bottle) which, with the homemade supper, was always a highlight of the evening. Rhonda's tea making prowess will long be remembered too - it used to be real tea leaves in a stocking (and I don't think there was ever a hole in any of them that were used over the years), then the pantyhose and finally the inevitable tea bag. All were used to make the stock for many occasions such as - fairs, parties, dances, church and school events. A wonderful and fruitful era has passed with only Ian and Kaye Slater, along with their daughters and Kaye's parents left in the district now! To Rhonda and Glen, on behalf of Council, residents of One Tree Hill and the wider community, **thankyou** for all the years of service and dedication that you have given to the City of Munno Para. I am sure that I speak on behalf of all those people that have known or know you when I say "It is a sad day for One Tree Hill but I am sure you will stay associated with the township through your involvement in the Church and Senior Citizens Club. You will long be remembered for your kindness, understanding and devotion to what you would class as duty. Others would say dedication over and above what would be expected of any family. I hope that your move is rewarding and a little more relaxing and better for your health." On other issues, it is great to see that the road safety work at the Black Top Road/Yorktown Road junction is finally complete, the new toilet/shower block at McGilp Oval is being used, Grandview Drive

Reserve is starting to come together and the parking bays on Uley Road and Yorktown Road are receiving special attention. Other points of interest are that: Council, at its September meeting, donated \$1000 towards the new One Tree Hill CFS Captain's field/logistics vehicle, some earth works to improve safety on Shillabeer Road should commence this month and work on constructing and sealing Tyeka Drive should begin in November (as long as the weather stays dry), the Institute has been repainted and the public toilet block has a new coat of paint too which certainly blends all the buildings together better; and money has been allocated to improve the section of the township's pipeline along Precolumb Road. In addition, Medlow Road Landfill Facility is still at a stalemate and there are no guarantees that it will proceed which I know would please many if the Governor said NO to the project ever proceeding. But, we will have to be patient a little longer and wait for the final outcome. The undergrounding of overhead power lines between Rose Avenue and Cross Hill Road is a step nearer after our City Engineer Ken Liu, Manager Parks and Recreation Gwyn Cleaves, myself and the Secretary of the Power Line Environment Committee (PLEC) met in One Tree Hill recently. PLECs has suggested it would be worthwhile for Council to consider submitting an application for funding to underground the power lines between Cross Hill Road to the pole just west of McGilp Road. It doesn't mean that funds will be made available this year but the project now has a priority and Council will have to consider the financial implication and in-kind costs involved with the project which can only enhance the township. This would also tie in nicely with the streetscape plan that is being prepared for the overall township. And finally, merger talks with Elizabeth have recommenced after being in recess for three months; and a suggested name for the new authority-City of Playford-has been suggested. BUT, I would ask that you give us some indication as to whether you feel that we should use the past Premier's name for the 'new city' (if we amalgamate) or suggest another name that you feel is more appropriate. Please ring Mark Andrews or myself on 8254 0123 with your suggested name. Thankyou. I think that brings you up to date with happenings from Council's perspective but I would like to congratulate both the CFS for their continued operation of the hopper service and the organisers of the market that still draws people to One Tree Hill. Kind Regards, Martin Lindsell

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER

Aster, Freesia, Gardenia, Myrtle, Thistle, Primrose, Gorse, Clematis.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

"You'll have to move your feet, sir", said the usher to the man sprawled out in the front row of the theatre. "You're blocking the stage". The man replied, "Aaaaaaghghhh!". The usher left and got the manager, who said to the man, "We don't allow people to put their feet on the stage. Get them down or I'll call the police". The man replied, "Aaaaaaghghhh!". The manager got a policeman, who then told the man, "If you don't get your feet down, I'm taking you in. Where did you come from anyway?" The man looked up and with a great effort said, "From the balcony"

QUOTABLE QUIPS

"People need to be told that they're not as limited as they think they are; that all things are still possible; and that love can change the world." (A quote from Tom Robbins).

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