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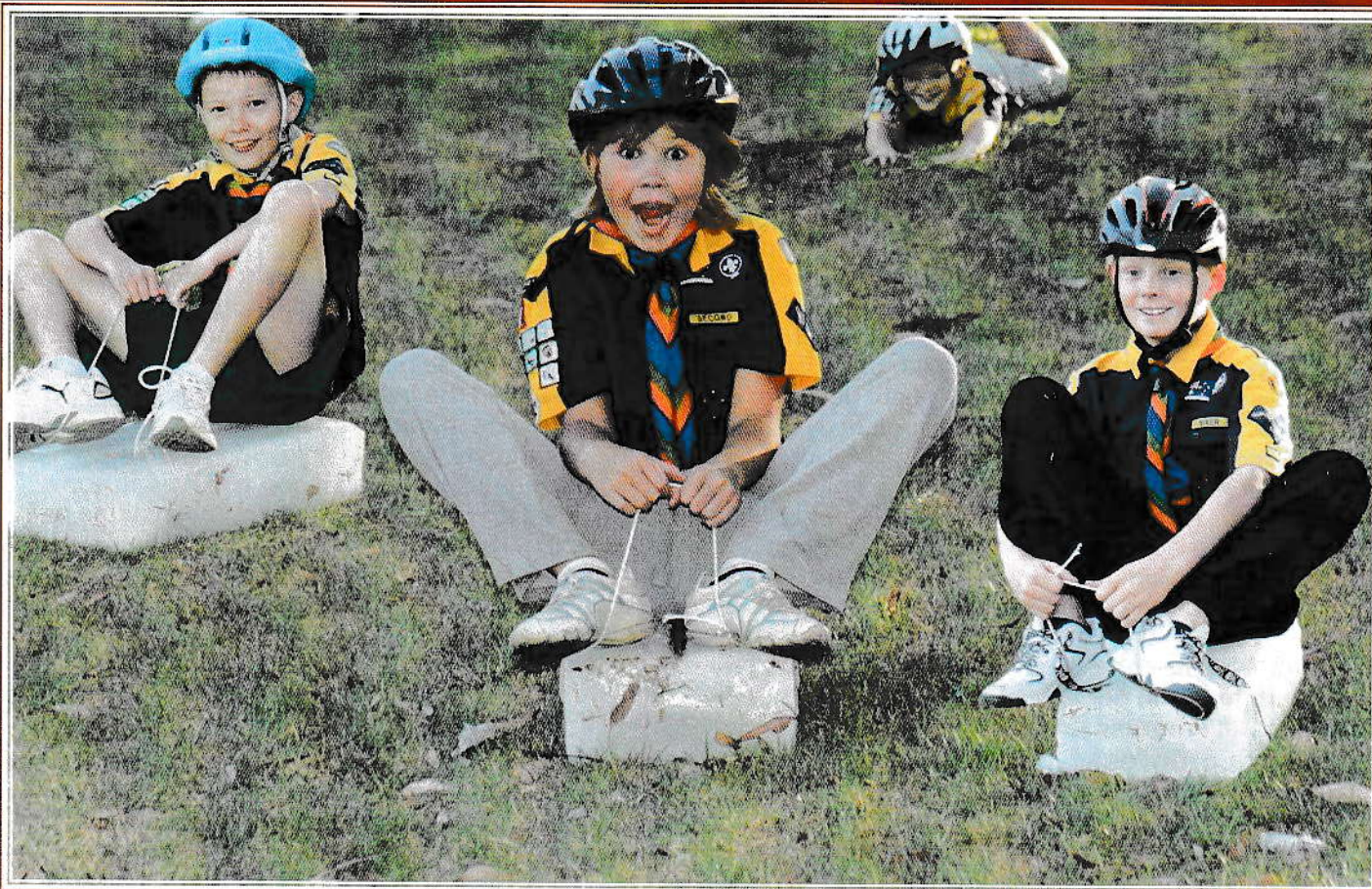


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From Left: Bowen, Jenny and Sam "ice-blocking" down the green
slopes during one of their Scout/Cub outings.

It appears that the kids had a great time, but is that a look
of delight or fright on Jenny's face?

More from the Scouts on Page 3



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From the Desk



Well here we are again, how the month has flown past, is it only the Grapevine team that feels that the time is going too quickly these days or does everyone feel the same? It must be that we try to cram so much into such little time. So much for technology making things easier and quicker for us! We would like to thank you all for the kind words of encouragement as well as ideas and articles for the Grapevine. It is great to get such a good response from our readers! We hope that you are happy with some of the follow ups - see the CFS report on page 4, and the item from the City of Playford Environmental Health Support Officer, Emma who has supplied us with some helpful tips on caring for your waste systems, this is on page 16 of this edition. We are trying to keep in mind those new members of the community who are being confronted with some of the aspects of "Country Life". We owe an apology to Georgia for inadvertently missing her name from the excellent article about the OTH Scouts that she put together for last month's edition of the Grapevine. Georgia has followed up with some more news about our local Scout group, this appears on page 3. Sorry Georgia, we really appreciate your input. It is very encouraging to see the interest from our local groups and hope that more of you will contact us with their monthly activities and sporting results in the future. Being a short month, this edition may arrive a little later than usual, but we hope that you enjoy reading the March edition of the Grapevine. Until next month the Grapevine Team. Email: oth.grapevine@bigpond.com

From The Team: The natural disasters (cyclones, fires and floods) we have endured in Australia over the past few weeks have been devastating. As we go to print we have heard that a horrific and destructive earthquake has hit Christchurch, our sister city across the Tasman. The depth of this latest tragedy is still unfolding, our thoughts are with all involved in this catastrophic event.

"Letter from The Progress Association"

The Progress Association has been unsettled over the past few months, resulting from resignations of Judy Mortimer as President/Treasurer, a committee member and the newly elected President Kosta Lebessis, who left early in his first meeting in the chair, followed by his resignation from The Progress Association.

The committee feels that we must journey on with our tasks of fostering community spirit and being active in maintaining community interests and activities. To further this cause Ivor McLatchie has been appointed President with the committee's full support and commitment to the above aims until the Annual General Meeting in May when all positions are declared vacant and elections take place.

The first item that is being attended to by Progress is the organising of the Anzac Day Dawn Service on Monday the 25th April. We would be very happy to hear from anyone willing to help us put this day together.

The R.A.A.F. have indicated their commitment to One Tree Hill on this day as in the past 2 years, but we are also seeking any ideas or offers of help with memorabilia etc for the display in the hall.

Some ideas for the future include a talent quest for all ages, a 'cabaret' in the Institute, reminiscent of earlier times in One Tree Hill, continuing to look at avenues for the development of the youth in the township and in general endeavour to keep this town the friendly and close-knit community we have enjoyed in the past. Please consider if you would like to contribute by assisting us in this endeavour by coming along and having some input into our meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are usually held at the Institute or in the conference room at the Blacksmith's Inn (behind the restaurant) if there is a booking for the hall.

The March 10th General Meeting will be at the Blacksmith's Inn commencing at 7.30pm, with a Special General Meeting to follow, so please check your Grapevine for any venue change. Please note that if there is a late change of venue there will be a notice placed on the Institute door.

We are but a small part of what our history will be but wish to make the future into something that will benefit all who come to live in our township.

One Tree Hill Progress Association Committee.

Email: oth.progress@bigpond.com

Phone: 8280 7095

Letter to the Grapevine

Dear Grapevine,

First of all I would like to congratulate the organisers of the "Tour Down Under" morning in One Tree Hill. I know from experience what a lot of work this is and these people did the community proud. It is great we won best dressed town on route too so well done!

I have been in the Progress Association for a number of years and have enjoyed many community activities from Bush Dances to the monthly market. But I fear all these are in jeopardy because new members are not coming forward and old members are leaving. Instead of staying and solving problems they are walking away. It's true no one wants hassle in their lives but as a community we stand to lose a lot if the Progress Association folds up. Amazingly this is a cashed up organisation with a track record of helping many in One Tree Hill from sporting clubs to the church and individual people of all ages.

I would ask that people come along to meetings and support the Association else one day we will wake up and find we have lost the Institute, the market, the Grapevine, the Tour Down Under, Anzac day ceremony, to name just a few activities and wonder what happened!

Jill McLatchie

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One Tree Hills Scouts



The Joey and Cub Scouts started their year with an enjoyable evening of ice blocking. This involves sitting on a huge block of ice and skidding down the slope in sledge-like style. Thank you for the great effort of all those who helped cook the BBQ and pull the blocks back up the hill. Photos of the day appear on the cover.

The Scout section, after starting off the year with a fun games night, have turned their attention to more serious matters. Over a period of two weeks, the Scouts have been attending Starplex to work towards their water safety badges.. 15 Scouts completed the requirements to achieve their badges. Well done to you all.

A small group of Cubs and Scouts are rehearsing hard for the annual Comedy Capers Gang Show, which they will be performing at the Shedley Theatre between 6th – 14th May, tickets available soon.

New members are always very welcome {Come and try, first four weeks free}

Contact Trevor Thompson 8255 3155 or 0404 311 747 for more information. Or visit www.onetreehill.sa.scouts.com.au

Joey Scouts: (6-8yrs) every Thursday 6.30—7.30pm.
Scouts: (10-15yrs) every Friday 7—9.00pm.

Cub Scouts: (8-10.5 yrs) every Monday 7—8.30pm
Venturers: (15-19yrs) every Friday at 7pm.



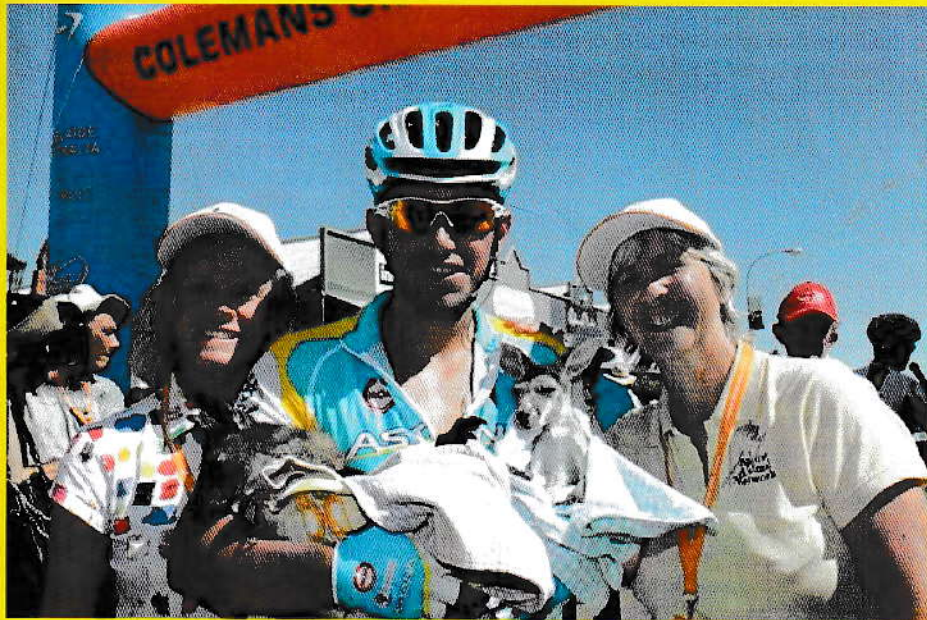
Pictured above are the scouts working towards their water safety badges.



Pictured left:

Georgia, who submitted the scout article last month about visiting the Gladstone Gaol has followed up this month by reporting that from her group, 15 scouts went to Starplex for two Friday nights to work towards their Water Safety Badge.

From what we were told everyone had a great time and we hope they have achieved their goal.



The Native Animal Network was once again invited to go trackside at the recent Tour Down Under and was only too happy to oblige. it's a wonderful opportunity to showcase our unique wildlife to the world.

Featured here are 2 of our members (Heather and Anne) with Allan Davis (known as Alby) and the joeys are Peta and Alby.

The little red joey had not been named so naming him after Allan made his day. Alby was one of two little reds Jo Morris of Humbug Scrub picked up from Renmark after they were orphaned. Alby is now living with Anne. The other little red from Renmark went to a lovely carer couple at Summertown.

Peta was named after the police officer who picked her up off of the road. Jo was asked by the police to catch and relocate a female western grey who had wandered into a yard in the near city suburb of Klemzig. Before she arrived, the grey managed to get past the officers and did a flip over a stationary vehicle. Mum roo took off in the general direction of the Obahn track and left behind a unfurred joey on the road. Jo and the police officers were keen to locate Mum roo and reunite her with her joey so two hours was spent by both Jo and the police, cruising the area. Sadly mum roo had disappeared and the assumption was made that she'd found her way back to the Torrens. Little Peta was placed with Anne and lives on a very large well fenced property in Littlehampton. And in case you are wondering, Jo doesn't have long skinny bird legs and a long beak !

Jo Morris

*Don't forget if you have any fresh native plant /tree cuttings or dry wood Jo or Gregg will pick them up for the roos.
Call Jo or Gregg on 8280 7223*



ONE TREE HILL GRAPEVINE

CFS REPORT MARCH 2011



Incident Report

A fire in a pine plantation near Bassnet Road, Humbug Scrub was lit by persons unknown. Fortunately due to very little wind at the time the fire was contained to approximately .5 hectares. In addition we have attended six grass fires in the surrounding area which were suspicious. The OTH CFS provided two vehicles as part of a strike team to fight a fire near Moculta, North of Angaston.

A member of the public raised a query to the Grapevine in reference to the CFS report in last month's Grapevine; criticizing poor gate design which caused delays when fire trucks were trying to enter private property. The CFS regularly attends fire safe meetings in the Community to provide the public with a close up look at a fire fighting vehicle and discuss their access needs. In reply, the following information is supplied to assist. Clear access and egress should allow for the safe movement of fire fighting vehicles. Gateways should be at least 4m wide and roadways should have a well compacted surface with slopes no greater than 1 in 3 and solid crossings over permanent waterways. Turn around areas should be wide enough for large vehicles to easily manoeuvre. Allow for a minimum turning circle of 25m in diameter. In addition the driveway should also be clear of obstructions, a height clearance of 4m for trees, shrubs and sheds etc. Over time people tend to miss the fact that vegetation is slowly encroaching onto the width and height of the driveway and suddenly when access is required, find access difficult if not impossible. Also remember if your property is located on a narrow road it may be necessary to set back the main gateway from the road to enable large vehicles space to swing into the property. One other cause for concern to the CFS is the increasing number of electric gates being installed on country properties, many have no other access provided.

The best way is to install a separately locked access gate alongside the main electric gate. The CFS hopes that this information helps, if you still need further information about gate design etc.

Please contact John Garfield on 8280 7016.

Reminders

BURNING IN THE OPEN IS PROHIBITED ACROSS THE ENTIRE CITY OF PLAYFORD DURING THE FIRE DANGER SEASON WITHOUT A PERMIT

Please remember this fire danger season still has months to run, don't be complacent.

For general information please contact OTH Duty Phone of 8280 7055 You can also visit the CFS website at www.cfs.org.au or phone 1300 362 361

Councillor's Report

Some ratepayers expressed concern over the infestation of hatching locust. Whilst Council is responsible for the control of locust on its own assets I have been informed that it is up to the individual to control and or eradicate locust on their own property. Council's response was "With regard to customers requesting assistance with their own properties I have directed staff to provide them with the contact number for PIRSA. PIRSA will be able to advise the appropriate chemical to use given their situation particularly if there are cattle to consider as the chemical may have differing withholding periods". As to Council assets and community assistance, "inspection of the One Tree Hill Sports oval found a significant number of locust hoppers. Council's Pest control officer treated the One Tree Hill Oval and surrounding verge areas, met with the One Tree Hill Primary school and offered to treat the green lawn areas within the school, which they naturally were very grateful for the support, an inspection of the Village green area next to the institute was also conducted but no hoppers were noticed. However this area will be treated as a precaution. Council has had great success with the treatment programs carried out to date. The large unirrigated reserve to the rear of Lorna Court and the One Tree Hill Tennis Club is also being treated. Council's Pest control officer has spoken to a few residents who have made enquires whilst he is working and they are happy that we are doing everything we can with regard to Council property. Council has received positive feedback from the OTH school and will continue to liaise with them in relation to any further treatments.

On Saturday Feb 12, Council had another day session where it discussed the need to increase rates in line with other group one Councils, apparently we have more sealed kilometers of road with less people living along them (perhaps because we have a rural component to our Council i.e. One Tree Hill, Virginia and Angle Vale) which affects the amount of Federal and State grants that Council receives. Another issue is that we are experiencing an unprecedented period of growth and our infrastructure and future maintenance costs are considerable and whereas rates will flow eventually, in the first instance Council has to provide the funds mainly through borrowings with an interest component which needs to be met through rates. The developers of Blake's Crossing wish to have a lake similar to Mawson Lakes which will have ongoing maintenance costs. Buckland Park is another development that will impact on Council's financial sustainability. With all this in mind Council is floating the idea of a differential rates system to charge those residents a higher rate, an idea that will be hotly debated as some feel that if a home in for example Davoren Park is valued at 200K and pays hypothetically \$850 in rates and a home in Blake's Crossing is valued at \$450K and pays again hypothetically \$1500 in rates that a further impost is not justifiable, a highly contentious issue with more arguments for and against the proposal to eventuate with discussion.

A mapping of Chilean needle grass outbreaks has been compiled by the NRM and shows a corridor of infestations along Yorktown Road and Blacktop Road and a number of local properties with mild to heavy infestations. I will encourage Council to work in cooperation with the NRM to address the further spreading of this weed.

If you have any concerns or issues with or about our City, please in the first instance phone 82560333 or send your e-mails to playford@playford.sa.gov.au and cc to crjfederico@playford.sa.gov.au his will ensure that Council sees your concerns and then forwards your e-mails on to me. If you are uncomfortable with Council viewing your comments then please e-mail me at jfederico@internode.on.net If subsequent to that approach you do not receive a timely or satisfactory result please feel free to contact me personally. However I cannot guarantee that I will be able to get any better results but will at least have Council reassess their position and provide an explanation as to their resolve and in some cases reach a compromise that is acceptable to all parties concerned. Cr: Joe Federico Phone: 0417 016 164 Fax: 8280 7963 Full Council details are on Page 19

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the valley of dry
bones-Ezekiel 37**



**20th March
Who is Jesus Christ -
God the Son,
or Son of God?
(1Tim 2:5 - one God
and one mediator
between God and
man = Jesus Christ)**

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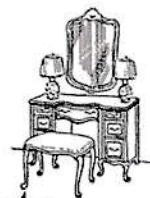
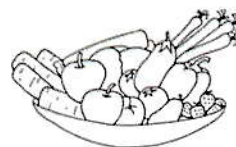
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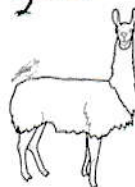
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SMYG – Sunday Morning Youth Group. The young people in this Group meet at 10.00 am with their Leader, in their own room.

FLOOD AND CYCLONE DISASTER APPEAL – We were able to send a cheque for \$600.00 to The Uniting Church Queensland Flood Victims Appeal, made up of money from the Congregation and Church, and this will help provide assistance to the people who have been devastated by the terrible floods and the Cyclone.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who came along to the Working Bee on Saturday the 11th and helped to wheel-barrow a 20 Tonne load of soil to the Garden Beds, and also to spread the soil.

There will be a Special event taking place to open the Garden – Full details are on the back page of this Grapevine.

THE FIRST FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF THE YEAR was on Wednesday the 23rd of February at 10.00 am in the Church Hall. It was a Tea/Coffee and Chat morning, when we looked at the Programme for the year.

On Wednesday March 23rd our Speaker will be Mrs. Jill Polkinghorne who will be telling us about her time in Tanzania, where she taught English to Students.

These meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month, and are open to both men and women.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OR ANY OF THESE MEETINGS.

ENQUIRIES about any of the above can be addressed to Sybil Winsor on 82807038.



Stop Press Notices



**Look in The Messenger "News Review"
Wednesday the 2nd of March edition for
One Tree Hill's nominees in their
"Good Neighbours" article!**



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2. Shay, do you understand German?

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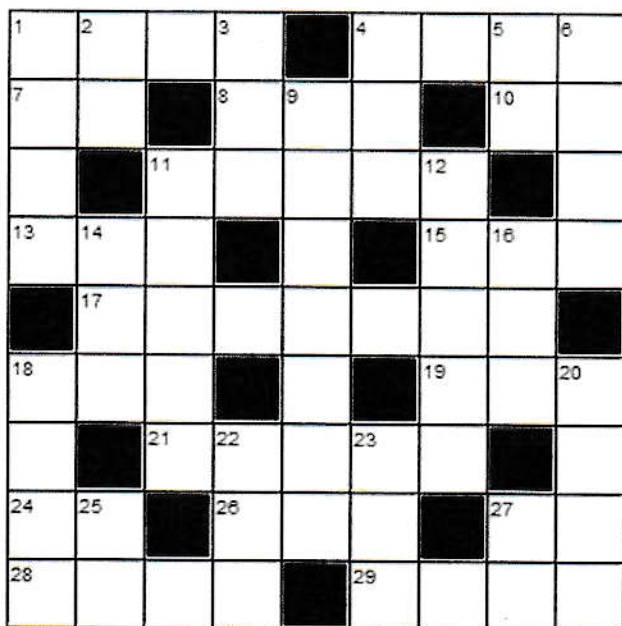
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Kids Page

Well here we are again for another month. We hope that you are enjoying the page we are putting together for you. We still would like some ideas of what you would like to have featured on this page, so please don't forget to email or phone us with your ideas. It won't be long until Easter is here, this year we will be featuring a colouring competition so sharpen your crayons and pencils and get your paints or textas ready. This year we are hoping to bring you some more really great prizes for each age group. Until next month enjoy the jokes and puzzles. Auntie Bev



Across

1. Thick broad piece
4. Hit with open hand
7. Battery size
8. Had eaten
10. Myself
11. Fabric fastener
13. Slightly submerge
15. Hearing organ
17. He bangs a rhythm
18. Constrictor snake
19. Colour of blood
21. shouts
24. Regarding (abbr.)
26. Golf peg
27. Note between re and fa
28. Statement of defendant
29. Device for capturing

Down

1. Granules on a beach
2. Note after so
3. Flying rodent
4. Large body of water
5. Morning
6. A fleshy fruit
9. Crush with feet
11. Sprinkle with fine drops
12. Looks closely
14. Wedding words
16. I am, you ____
18. Belch
20. Fall in drops
22. Estimated Time of Arrival
23. Allow
25. __ Dorado
27. Mother

Answers: Across: 1. slab, 4. slap, 7. AA, 8. ate, 10. me, 11. strap, 13. dip, 15. ear, 17. drummer, 18. boa, 19. red, 21. yell, 24. re, 26. tee, 28. plea, 29. trap. Down: 1. sand, 2. LA, 3. bat, 4. sea, 5. AM, 6. pear, 9. trample, 11. spray, 12. peers, 14. I do, 16. are, 18. burp, 20. drip, 23. let, 25. EL, 27. ma.

Subject: Musical Instruments

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal or vertical.

S J Q O H M A N D O L I N R D
X A J L A T X Z O J Q W P D R
I C A V R V E Q E A Z W I V U
J C S Z P J E V B Q A A A E M
T O R G A N V C L A R I N E T
X R E C O R D E R D I O O D V
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Irish Jokes for St Patrick's Day March 17th I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already has one!

- Where were you going when I saw you coming back?
I ran after you, but when I caught up to you you'd gone!
- "What's wrong with Murphy?" asked Father Green. "I don't know, Father. Yesterday he swallowed a spoon and he hasn't stirred since" said Mrs Murphy!
- "How come every time you ring a wrong number it is never engaged?"
- "Hello, Mary, how's your new false teeth?" asked Bridget. "I'm leaving them out till I get used to them!
- "That's me lot, said McCarthy leaving the dentist's. "I've just had all my teeth out - Never Again!
- Question - Why are Irish jokes so simple? Answer - So the English can understand them!
- Why do people wear shamrocks on St Patrick's day?
Because rocks are too heavy!
- How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?
He's Dublin over with laughter!
- What does Ireland have more of than any other country?
Irishmen!
- What's big and purple and lies next to Ireland?
Grape Britain!
- What do you get if you cross poison ivy with a four leaf clover? A rash of good luck!
- Knock, knock! Who's there? Irish. Irish who?
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To enter the competition you will need to write a short story about your pet (no more than 100 words please) and a photo, these can be dropped into the Fodder Store or emailed to sales@onetreehillfodder.com

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Entries close on Monday 14th March.



David Sims, former OTH boy now living in Mount Gambier has become the proud Dad of Jasmine Isabell who was born on Monday 21st February 2011.

Seen in the photo above is David's partner Kellie, baby Jasmine, David and big brother Jeremy.

Congratulations to the proud grand parents Bill and Alison Sims of One Tree Hill.

It's a sad day when we hear that there are scams following natural disasters. In Michael O'Brien's report there is an article stating that Consumer Affairs Minister Gail Gago is warning all South Australians to be wary of scams following the recent natural disasters across the country.

Consumers are urged to report scams of any nature to the ACCC via the 'Scamwatch' website which is at www.scamwatch.gov.au or you can call the info line on 1300 302 502.

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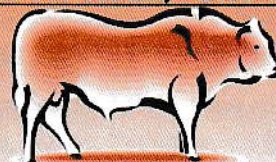
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Fox Proofing Ideas....

Have you ever had that feeling that you are being watched when you put your poultry away for the night? Well chances are that a fox is watching you. These cunning creatures plan their attacks on your birds very carefully and are very keen to be on the spot at the right time in case you ever slip up on your routine. How often have you heard people say that it was the first time that they forgot to lock the girls away for the night? Or even that they were running late for some reason and couldn't lock them away at the usual time. Foxes will look for weaknesses in your fencing and work out the times of least human activity when planning their strike. Foxes are also very agile and can fit through very small holes in order to get their tasty meal.

Don't be fooled into thinking that foxes will attack only at night as we are hearing stories of attacks in broad daylight lately. As a rule a fox will kill everything it can and unfortunately any birds that are left alive often die of their injuries or just pure shock of what they witnessed. If it can the fox will drag one or more of its kills away and you can bet that it will try again very soon for another feed so any corrections that need to be made to your fox security system must be carried out straight away.

Some thoughts on fox proofing:

- * Mesh that is 10cm x 15cm works really well in floors under the coop.
- * Generally fences of 1.8m high are found to be adequate to keep chickens in and foxes out. Whenever possible try to keep at least a band of loose wire at the top section of the fence as foxes prefer taut fencing wire to climb and not loose wire.
- * An idea used quite a bit in England is to run electric wire about 150mm away from the poultry fence at a height of about 150mm, it won't kill the fox but it will shock and hopefully keep it away.
- * Human male urine on the perimeter is said to be a deterrent (be careful if walking whilst applying).
- * Consider paving slabs all the way around the outside and all the way around the inside of the run, old bricks will do the job if have enough of them. Foxes may be able to get on top of the hen house so do not leave any large openings for them to drop in through.
- * Some people build a trench around the perimeter of the poultry house or yard and then fill it almost to the top with broken glass. Whilst this would create problems for the foxes trying to dig under the fence it might create bigger problems for you later on if you want to use that section of your property for something else.
- * Burying sheets of corrugated iron into the ground about 300mm deep is often successful and helps in preventing the fox from chewing through light gauge bird wire where the remainder of the iron sticks up from the ground.
- * Keep doors and windows close fitting so that the predator cannot squeeze through the opening.
- * Where possible apply a mesh roof to your bird runs.

Just a thought on chicken wire itself—remember that it was designed to keep chickens contained to an area but it was not designed to keep foxes out. There have been many stories of foxes getting through chicken wire particularly when it has weathered for awhile. You may want to consider a thicker gauge wire mesh when constructing a poultry yard or hen house.

SUMMER/AUTUMN IN YOUR GARDEN

Summer/Autumn is a good time to rejuvenate a garden bed, not easy on the person doing work, but the plants will love the warmer weather.

What you should be doing:

- ♦ **Clean away any weeds and any old plants**
- ♦ **In clay soil sprinkle over some gypsum**
- ♦ **Lightly fork in well rotted manure (we buy bags of cow manure)**
- ♦ **Sprinkle the surface of the soil with a wetting agent (Saturaid is a good brand)**
- ♦ **Choose your plants to suit your site e.g. sunny, part shade, windy**
- ♦ **Thoroughly water after planting**
- ♦ **Cover the bare areas around the plants with approx 6-8 sheets of newspaper to retain moisture**
- ♦ **Mulch to keep the weeds away, keep the roots cool and to stop water evaporation**
- ♦ **Give the new plants a good water at least once a week and more if it gets very windy and hot**
- ♦ **Plants grow fast in warm weather, with a small amount of inexpensive care they'll thrive.**



Submitted by the Dealtry's.
We hope these gardening tips will be helpful.

We also hope to be able to bring you more articles on gardening in future editions.



Horse Care - Late Summer Feeding



Have you looked at your horse paddock recently? Did you see lots of standing grass? Your horse did not. He saw woody stems that are not worth the trouble to digest. The rain has washed out nutrients. He has already picked over for the good bits. He now needs hay. A horse needs 1% of his body weight in roughage per day fed at a minimum of 30% of his feed. This equates to 5kg for an average 15-16h horse. Without useful grass, the only way to give him this is with hay. 30% roughage is for racehorses, not pleasure hacks. Increase his roughage above the 30% minimum level. You will have a healthier and happier horse. Feed some concentrates for the micro nutrients, or use a nutrient balancer or supplement. I use *Equilibrium* in a litre of chaff with a handful of *Happy Hooves*. The *Happy Hooves* makes it palatable without adding too many calories. The chaff adds bulk. Damping stops it blowing away or flying into the eyes. Weigh your hay. A biscuit can range from 1 to 3 kg depending on quality, species and compression. You get what you pay for. Sometimes a cheap bale is so light you end up feeding twice the number of bales. Feed some green (Lucerne) to balance the lack of green grass. Buy mixed hay or mix as you feed at a ratio of about 1 Lucerne to 4 oaten or meadow. And watch out for sand colic. All horses are now scavenging for morsels and may be picking up sand. Clear it out with psyllium before colic hits.

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Locusts in the home garden

In the coming weeks home gardeners will need to keep an eye out for locusts in their lawn, garden beds or veggie patch as survivors of widespread hatchings of Australian Plague Locusts that occurred in northern areas of SA and the Riverland/Mallee region become adults and take to the wing.

While locusts can be a major threat to agricultural productivity, by following a few well timed strategies the home gardener can minimise the damage these pests may inflict on home gardens.

What they'll eat

Locusts can eat a wide range of plants including vines, tomatoes, vegetable crops, fruit trees, lawns and many ornamental shrubs. Locusts can also cause severe stripping of leaves from a range of plants if large numbers move into a home garden and no preventative measures are taken. So this is what you can do.

Control

Make sure that you monitor your garden closely. If your garden is invaded by adult locusts, the best way to save valuable plants is to screen the plants with shade cloth or fine mesh material to keep out the locusts. Just ensure the shade cloth or mesh is not green as that colour is attractive to the insects. Make sure the screens completely enclose susceptible plants to prevent any access by locusts.

All entrances and openings to glasshouses and greenhouses should be covered with screens to prevent locusts entering.

Spraying

The use of insecticide sprays against adult locusts can be useful in achieving quick control but reinvasion by other adults may occur. So, some specific things to consider, if you do spray:

- ♦ No insecticides are locust repellents. It is not effective to spray before infestation to protect plants.
- ♦ Spray early in the morning or at dusk when the adult locusts are settled on the ground.
- ♦ Some sprays can be harmful to beneficial insects such as bees or ladybirds. So avoid spraying flowering crops and late afternoon spraying is less likely to harm bees.
- ♦ Some sprays are toxic to fish. Avoid spraying near ponds and, if possible cover them to avoid risk of accidental contamination.

A locusts activity is driven by weather conditions. They are most active in warm, dry conditions. In windy or cold conditions they will settle.

It's possible that a summer generation of locusts may occur in home gardens if invading locusts are carrying and capable of laying eggs. Eggs laid during the summer can hatch in about 2 weeks and hoppers (immature locusts) will also be capable of damaging many home garden plants. However, a targeted spray of a suitable insecticide should provide good control.

Which Chemicals?

Products containing malathion, dimethoate or bayrethoid (a synthetic pyrethroid) which can be used in home gardens for the control of insect pests will provide a good knockdown of locusts. But consult your local chemical reseller or nursery for advice regarding the most suitable pesticide for use in your specific situation.

Fact sheets on chemical use and health and safety when controlling locusts can be viewed at Biosecurity SA's locust pages at www.pir.sa.gov.au/locust/factsheets

Chemical Application

Always read and strictly follow all current label directions before use, in particular appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (as advised under the section titled "Safety Directions" on the relevant product label) must be worn when preparing and using the spray.

In particular, don't exceed the maximum rate or frequency of application to food crops and observe restrictions.

Always wash your hands and all clothing following the use of insecticides. The period you must not use food crops including fruit trees and vegetables, after you've sprayed for locusts (the withholding period) must be observed at all times. Different products may have different withholding periods so always read the label before using chemicals.

The Challenge

Widespread hatchings of Australian plague locusts occurred in the northern areas of SA and the Riverland/Murray Mallee region during spring 2010.

South Australian locust hatchings are developing into adults (flying stage) from now until later in the year, developing into adults (flying stage) from now until later in the year, depending on their location in the above regions and climatic conditions.

Despite extensive aerial and ground-based spraying of hoppers in the above regions it will be impossible to eradicate.



A Mature Locust



A Swarm of Locusts



Locust Eggs

Thinking about Caring for an orphaned joey? Wild Life in Distress....

The golden rule to the successful rearing of an orphaned, injured or sick native animal is to keep it in a stress free environment. Many people associate a "freaked out" animal with stress; however, stress responses can also be a good thing. For example, a stressor of pain can have the stress response of a limp, which helps the body part heal.

The word to better describe an anxious or "freaked out" animal is *distress*. Distress is otherwise described as anguish, agony, grief and misery - all things we want to avoid at all costs.

Distress in a native animal can be fatal. An animal in a distressed state can lead to complications such as bacterial infections, cardio-myopathy (kind of like a heart attack), capture myopathy (rapid degeneration - or melt down of muscle), thrush, dermatitis and in the very worst case scenario - death.

A baby kangaroo, possum or wombat is called a joey. Many people mistakenly believe that such animals make good pets.

However, native animals are not domestic pets - they are wild animals. All the complications mentioned in the previous paragraph can also affect a joey and you may kill it if you allow it to enter a distressed state.

There are many things that can cause distress a joey, and unfortunately they are often things that normally occur in our day to day lives.

- * Loud children, even if they're playing happily and aren't intentionally being frightening - the loud noises that children make can distress a joey.

- * Over handling, especially by other people (including children), can cause major distress. A joey prefers one "human mum" (sometimes two, e.g.: a spouse or partner that can help raise the joey). A joey will bond quite strongly with its carer and too many people with "hands on" may cause deep distress.

- * Incorrect sizes in makeshift pouches can be very distressing to a joey. The pouches should not be too small or too big or the joey will not feel secure. Aim to use a pouch that enables the joey to feel snug and secure but can still have movement in.

- * A change in carers can also cause distress, as the bond a joey has with its carer is very strong. It is advisable, wherever possible, for a joey to be raised by one carer.

- * Dogs and cats are the natural predators of most native animals and the fear of these animals is usually instinctive in native animals. Keeping a joey near a dog can frighten it so much that it can die instantly (cardio-myopathy) or over a prolonged period. Cats and kittens in particular carry toxoplasmosis and our wildlife are extremely susceptible to toxo. Toxo in joeys takes weeks of 'strange' neurological signs that can easily be missed before they succumb to seizures till death.

- * Loud music and noises can cause significant distress to a joey. The deep booming of music and the slamming of doors, etc, can reverberate right through a joey which could lead to severe distress.

- * Heat stress can lead to severe distress in a joey. Keeping a joey too warm can cause major illness as can keeping it too cool. There are specific temperature ranges for different types of native animals.

- * Strong unnatural smells such as air fresheners, strong fabric softeners, cigarette smoke etc, can also cause significant distress. Native animals have a keen sense of smell, it is highly advanced and is the primary sense used in the wild.

- * Enforced abnormal biological rhythms, for example, forcing a nocturnal animal into a diurnal lifestyle (Bryant, 2004).

That means forcing a marsupial joey (possum, wombat, kangaroo) into daytime activity when its normal active time is in the night.

- * Forcing the joey to "emerge" from the pouch too soon. A furless joey should not be forced to leave its pouch - its growth stage is similar to a premature human baby. Different species emerge from the pouch at different ages, forcing a joey out of its pouch before time will lead to detrimental distress.

- * Overcrowding can cause distress and can also lead to aggressive / submissive behaviour. A carer needs to set limits on how many animals are in care at one time. Limits need to be placed on carer capability and area capacity.

Signs of a distressed animal include: * Teeth grinding * Hiccups * Shaking (or Shivering)

* Hissing or other land vocalizations * Unusual sleeping positions * Failure to thrive * Poor immune responses

You can add to that failure to thrive, diarrhoea, diarrhoea poor immune response, etc. An unwell animal is not always obvious to an inexperienced person... your joey could be slowly dying before your eyes and you are not always aware of it till they literally 'on their last legs'. Caring for native animals is not as easy as it may sound. There are many factors to be considered - distress is just one of them. If you find an orphaned, injured or sick native animal then you should think long and hard before contemplating to care for it. If you are not trained in the care of native animals then you are likely to do more damage than good.

Death of an animal is often the result if kept by an inexperienced or untrained carer. the bond that you will form with the joey will result in much distress to you and your family if the joey dies. This can be quite devastating.

Our network representatives can help you if you are raising a joey or having any issues (health or behavioral) with older pet kangaroos.

Local Native Animal Network representatives

Jo Morris 8280 7223

Dianne and Coralie Crisp 8280 7409

Sharon Walker 8280 7895

Also Birdwood Veterinary Clinic 8568 5220 are very experienced with native animals and provide them with excellent care.



Media Release

Nick Champion MP

Federal Member for Wakefield

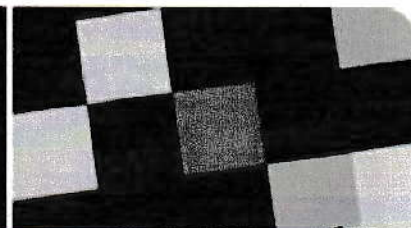
Nick Champion applauds funding for Landcare at One Tree Hill

The Australian Government announced that the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management (NRM) Board 0211 would receive additional funding through Caring for our Country. Mr Champion said one of the groups to benefit from this announcement would be the Northern Foothills Biodiversity and Land Management Project.

This project will receive \$19,000 for Chilean Needlegrass Containment and Awareness in One Tree Hill.

Mr Champion said the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board was aiming to improve the management practices of 240 landholders across the region by addressing over grazing issues that can lead to soil loss, acidification and reduction of soil health. The Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board project is one of 9 sharing \$2.5 million in additional Landcare funding through Caring for our Country. "Through Caring for our Country, the government will assist 30% of Australian farmers improve their farm and land management practices by 2013. Delivering these funds is essential to the government's work through Caring for our Country to achieve a real and measurable difference to Australia's environment and sustainable agriculture" Mr Champion said. For further information about Caring for our Country visit— www.nrm.gov.au

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF ON-SITE WASTEWATER



Do

- Monitor your effluent disposal area(s) to ensure they are working effectively. Pooling of water could mean that your system is failing.
- Spread laundry days throughout the week to minimize shock loading of your wastewater treatment system.
- Minimise the amount of fats and grease washed down the sink, as a build up of these in the septic tank can affect your system's performance.
- Keep your aerobic system maintained by a licensed contractor. Also, keep the area around your aerobic system accessible for maintenance purposes.
- Ensure there are no leaking taps or fixtures in your house, to minimize any chance of system overload.



Don't

- Flush/wash large volumes of chemicals/bleach into the waste disposal system. This can kill the micro-organisms that are essential for the wastewater treatment system's effective operation.
- Flush large objects, tissues or rubbish into the system, as these could affect your system's performance.
- Attach pumps or hoses to the effluent disposal mechanism in order to manually water the yard. This is both illegal and a potential risk to public health.
- Plant vegetables or plants you intend to consume in your aerobic system's irrigation area.
- Pave, lay concrete or drive over soakage trenches or irrigation areas, as this can lead to system failure.

For further information and advice or to see the full list of the do's and don'ts of on-site wastewater systems please contact the City of Playford Environmental Health Team on: (08) 8256 0333.

Crime Report – ONE TREE HILL Rural Watch

Offences reported between 15th January & 15th February 2011

15th January: Theft of stock Toolunga Road, Yattalunga
Stock stolen from paddocks.

20th January: Property Damage Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill
Front windows of shop smashed after having rocks thrown through it.

23rd January: Arson Humbug Scrub Rd, One Tree Hill
6 Hectares of forest plantation undergrowth burnt out.

26th January: Arson Medlow Road, Uleybury
1/2 acre of grassland burnt out by setting alight fireworks.

29th January: Non Residential Serious Criminal Trespass McGilp Road, OTH
Shed broken into and property stolen.

30th January: Non Residential Serious Criminal Trespass McGilp Road, OTH
Storage sheds at School broken into and items stolen.

7th February: Arson of Motor Vehicle Uley Road, Uleybury
Vehicle stolen from Smithfield Plains and burn out at above location.

11th February: Property Damage Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill
thrown at it.

12th February: Property Damage Lorna Court, One Tree Hill
parked on driveway.

12th February: Theft Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill
premises.

12th February: Arson Willison Road, Gould Creek
metres burnt out. Approximately 100 square

Between 5th January and 4th February: Kersbrook Road, One Tree Hill
Stock stolen between mention dates from property. Theft of stock

13th February: Arson Purdee Road & Vivian Road, Uleybury
sparklers set fire to grass. Small area of grass burnt after

The report shows that there have been 4 instances of deliberate attempts to start fires on the side of the road in various locations in the One Tree Hill area. Residents are urged to be vigilant and take note of registration numbers of any vehicle parked on the side of the road. The majority of incidents are happening between 5.00pm and midnight.

As always if you have any information to assist with any crime issues in the area please call Police Communications on 131 444.



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Excerpt from Michael O'Brien's E-Report February 2011

Active recreation and sporting groups throughout the state have received a funding boost of more than 1 million dollars in the latest round of the Active Club Programs grant.

Sports Minister, Michael Wright, said "The State Government is strongly committed to supporting local sports clubs, and the Active Club Program is an integral part of this commitment. It has been very successful in supporting grassroots sporting groups to increase participation, improve services and provide quality facilities.

The One Tree Hill Tennis Club was given \$2,500 to conduct a junior development program.

Funding for the next round of the Active Club Program will open in March 2011.

Active recreation and sport clubs can apply for a share of \$2.35 million in funding which is provided over two rounds each financial year.

For further information please call 7424 7708 or by visiting the Office for Recreation and Sport website at www.recsport.sa.gov.au

Upcoming Holidays for March & April:

Monday 14th March Adelaide Cup Day

Easter Weekend 22nd April

25th April Anzac Day and Easter Monday



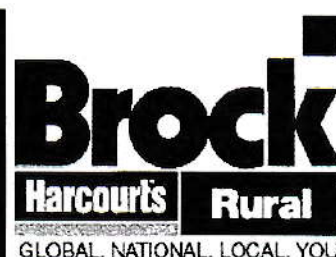
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Local Scientist takes a giant step in the treatment of arthritis, osteoporosis
One Tree Hill's residents Bill and Alice Sims are certainly very proud with their daughter Natalie's latest achievement. The following is as printed from the Herald Sun Newspaper in which she featured recently.

The secret to growing new bone and switching off the devastating effects of osteoporosis and arthritis may be been unlocked by a Melbourne based scientist. The world-first discover of a protein responsible for both growing and destroying bones has opened up the possibility

of a new type of drug capable of controlling bone density for more than 600,000 Australians suffering osteoporosis and the estimated 3 million people with arthritis.

Human bones are constantly degrading and rebuilding, with a typical skeleton being completely replaced every 10 years. But for the 1st time St Vincent's Institute researcher Dr Natalie Sims has revealed the mechanism-triggering process as a protein called oncostatin M.

Previously the protein was belied to only appear during inflammation, however Dr Sims closer examination has discovered oncostatin M is constantly produced in smaller levels to control bone density. "We are now trying to find ways to increase the formation of bone, without increasing the destruction of bone," Dr Sims said.

When the oncostatin M protein binds to the leukemia inhibitory factor receptor (LIF) the cell responds by growing more bone, but when it is attached to the oncostatin M receptor it begins destroying bone.

The St Vincent's Institute team is working with counterparts from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute to identify the structure of the protein so that they can produce a drug mimicking its structure over the next decade capable of switching on bone growth, but not destruction.

"It binds to one receptor and it will grow bone, but the same cell, if it binds to the other receptor...will increase the number of cells that destroy bone," Dr Sims said. "If it is able to provide in a different way and we can mimic that with a small molecule that could be very exciting".

The research has already captured attention around the world, with Dr Sims last flown to Canada to receive the prestigious Fuller Albright Award from the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research, which is usually won by leading US scientists.

Footnote: One Tree Hill is very proud of Natalie's achievements, through her dedication it has shown that there is hope for arthritis and osteoporosis sufferers out there.



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One Tree Hill Uniting Church

Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill

We would like to invite you to a very
Special Occasion....

The Official Opening and Blessing of the

NEW GARDEN

FRIDAY 18th MARCH 2011

6.30pm—9.00pm

There will be a Sausage Sizzle for all
followed by cake, soft drinks,
tea & coffee....

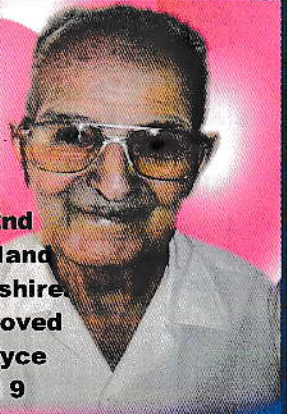
This will be entirely FREE, and we
would love to see you all there.



BYO CHAIRS PLEASE



Long term resident Albert Baggs
celebrated his 90th Birthday on the 2nd
February 2011. Albert was born in England
in 1921 at a place called Cove, in Hampshire.
Albert came to Australia in 1962 and moved
to OTH in 1967. Albert and his wife Joyce
have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 9
great-grandchildren.



Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday Albert

Celebrating 62 Years of Marriage

Avid readers of the

Grapevine Bill and

Shirley Young

celebrated their 62nd
Wedding Anniversary
on the 20th February.



Happy 62nd Wedding Anniversary
**Congratulations
Bill and Shirley on this
great achievement.**

Bill and Shirley have 3 daughters
including Beryl from the General
Store, 6 grandchildren and
5 great-grandchildren. They have
called OTH home for the past 16
months and celebrated their special
day at the Birdwood Mill Museum
with family and friends.

Anzac Day Dawn Service 2011

Anzac Day, Monday the 25th of April,
(also Easter Monday) we will be
holding a Dawn Service at the
memorial in the forecourt of the OTH
Institute.

The service commences at 6am sharp
and will follow the format of our
previous services, with the RAAF from
Edinburgh attending to the formalities.

The service will be followed by tea/
coffee and Anzac biscuits served in
the main hall. A sausage sizzle will be
on as well as displays of memorabilia.
The Blacksmith's Inn is again having
an "All you can eat buffet breakfast"
but you must book for this at the Inn.

Please be very aware of the road
restrictions that will be in place from
approximately 5.30am until
approximately 7am.

Don't forget your umbrella!
Any help to prepare for this event will
be much appreciated.

Please ring 82807095

Next Country Market
Saturday 5th March
(9am-2pm Approx)
at the OTH Institute

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with retirement...
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**MARCH PROGRESS MEETING - Thursday March 10th at 7.30pm followed by a
Special General Meeting. Venue: One Tree Hill Institute, Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill.**

Please Note: changes of venue that was printed on page 2.

New members are very welcome.