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ONE TREE HILL GRAPEVINE



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DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE IS Friday 19th February



Pictured on the left is Captain David Cockburn with some of the team of the 20 plus OTH CFS Volunteers.

This photo was taken when they were on 24 hr standby on Monday 10th January during our 40+ extreme weather. Immediately after taking this photo they had to attend a fire.

Our thanks to all of the CFS volunteers for providing protection for us all in OTH and surrounding areas.

STOP PRESS: Playford Council Community Consultation regarding the Blueprint for the Development of OTH to be held on 11th February 6-9pm at the Insitiute. Progress Meeting is now to be held on the 18th February 7.30pm.

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From the Desk



Welcome to 2010 and our first edition of Volume 33, representing 33 years of continuous production of the Grapevine. From its humble beginnings in 1978, under the editorship of local legends Sybil Winsor and Jill Wilson it has progressed to the newsletter of today. Initially, of course the two pages were typed manually and then printed on a Gestetner, a very laborious process. We owe much to the foresight, dedication and perseverance of our earliest editors who laid the foundations for our successful community newsletter. We hope we on the team can continue to do their vision justice. We are also enormously grateful for the technological advances of the last 33 years!

It is a pleasure also to welcome on board our advertisers, many of whom have supported the Grapevine for a number of years. Our viability is dependant on advertising and we strive to strike a balance in the space devoted to local news and advertising, with the latter at less than 50%. Our colour advertising last year was at a premium and fully booked well in advance which was very pleasing.

This year we will be continuing our wonderful series on the history of One Tree Hill and some of its early residents. There were certainly some colourful characters around in those days. We are also hoping to start a new series "Down Every Street" in which we will attempt to bring you the historical reasons for some of our unique street names.

The format for the Grapevine will remain the same this year as will our schedule of advertising charges, with the exception of the classified ads which will increase to \$8.00.

In this edition there is a notice from Playford Council inviting all residents to the community consultation regarding the Blueprint for the development of One Tree Hill. This follows on from the meetings we had last year when a wide divergence of opinion was apparent and the council recognized that they needed more time to hear what people want. This is your opportunity to come and have your say and we urge all readers of the Grapevine to spare some time on Feb 11th and respond to the questionnaires that will be presented. They really are making a big effort to listen to us and we need to reciprocate if we are to have some say in the specific issues that are important to us as a community. We hope to see you at the Institute on FEBRUARY 11th anytime from 6 – 9 PM.

Please note that the normal Progress meeting has been deferred for a week until February 18th to fit in with the community consultation.

The Grapevine Team, Email: othgrapevine@bigpond.com

Progress Letter from the President

Happy New Year to everyone. It only seems the other day that we were welcoming the new millennium, with all the fears of bugs etc in our computers that luckily failed to materialise, and here it is the start of the second decade. Where did the first ten years go!

At our last meeting for 2009 in December Progress voted to finance the frig magnets for the CFS at a cost of \$425.00. We trust everyone has one of these on the fridge ready to use in case of an emergency. Our CFS does a fantastic job and they welcome any support we can give them. As I write the heat wave is still with us with the change not due until tomorrow. Like everyone, I am keeping my fingers crossed that nothing catastrophic happens. I have done all I can to prepare, as I hope all of you have, and now just have to sit tight with the radio on 891 and await the change.

The refrigerator in the Institute decided not to see in the new year. The Hall manager Rachel managed to quickly source a replacement which was approved by the committee without going to a general meeting as it was an emergency extraordinary expenditure. Our thanks to Rachel for her prompt and efficient actions.

Last year Progress applied for two grants. One was through the volunteer support fund and this application was unsuccessful, as anticipated, since we did not fully meet the guidelines. The other application for a recycled computer system however was successful and we are now finalising the details. More later.

A reminder to all that our family fun day scheduled for March has been shelved for the time being due to conflict with the Clipsal races that weekend. We are hoping to find an alternative date some time in the future as we know many were very disappointed

Next meeting of Progress, our first for 2010, is 7.30 pm Thursday February 18th All welcome.

Judy Mortimer. Email: othprogress@bigpond.com

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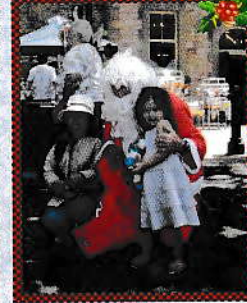
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One Tree Hill Celebrates Christmas at the Market

The OTH Market was a huge success in December with a lot of interstate visitors plus many locals. Father Christmas attended the day and was a huge hit with the kids, although there were a few who were quite shy with Santa. There was plenty of singing and the Playford Band played some old time favourites. Below are some photos taken during the day, let's hope that next year will be even more fun for the children and the young at heart.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Top Left: The Playford Band

Top Centre: The Jolly Man Himself with some children

Top Right: Ivor who was part of the very popular Playford Band

Bottom Left: Abigail the Butterfly

Centre: Megan who did the face painting with Hugh as Spiderman.

Bottom right: Santa with some interstate children

Local Member of Parliament Retiring

Lea Stevens grew up in the southern suburbs of Adelaide. She attended South Road Primary School and Marion High School. She was Head Prefect in her last year. Her tertiary studies were at the University of Adelaide where she was awarded a Bachelor of Science and later a Diploma of Education.

In the early 70's, she taught in several private schools whilst having her two children, Dan and Tim. In 1976, Lea and husband Mike, moved to the One Tree Hill area on to a 10 acre block. The boys attended the playgroup organized by the many young mothers in the area at the time and then OTH Primary School. Lea was involved with the School Council and Progress Association and community activities during the 80's.

She worked at several schools in the public education system most notably at the Para West Adult Campus and Fremont-Elizabeth High School where she was Principal.

In 1994, she was elected to the then seat of Elizabeth in the SA Parliament. This seat later became Little Para and took in the southern parts of the One Tree Hill area around Gould Creek and the Little Para dam. She was the Minister of Health from 2002 to the end of 2005.

Lea is looking forward to her retirement from politics and to getting involved in the many areas of interest to her, including early childhood development and China.



Pictured on the right is Lea at a farewell afternoon tea held in her honour at the RSL club on Midway Road in December.



The inquisitive alpacas : A timely warning

A local hobby farmer desperate at losing his new-born lambs to marauding foxes, heeded advice and purchased two alpacas from a local breeder. The alpacas were installed, took note of their surroundings and quickly made themselves guardians of their new charges.

Even the owner's dog was summed up and given warning not to come too close. The marauding foxes bowed to a superior presence and the newly born lambs flourished. The mother ewes settled down in the company of their protectors and all was well - UNTIL - the owner, engaged to visit interstate, allowed his flock and their guards the run of the property.

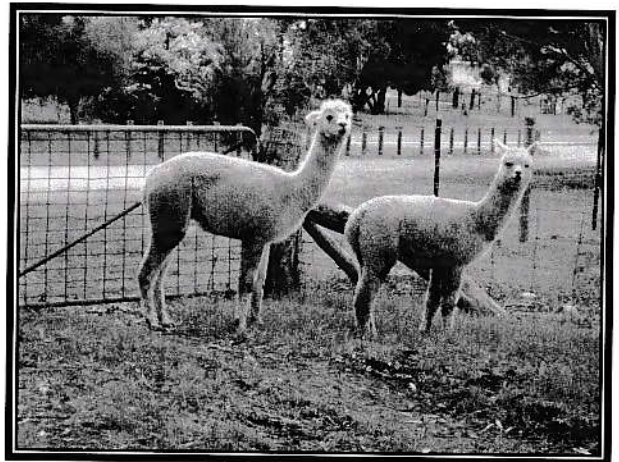
Alas, the curious alpacas discovered a well-established oleander bush.

The oleander seemingly known to all the other indigenous animals as a poisonous shrub had never caused any problems before. Unfortunately the alpacas adopted from another environment were not aware of any danger and greedily partook of their newfound treat.

Very sadly they perished.

Pictured below is the shrub Nerium Oleander, the plant is widely grown in gardens and community parks throughout Australia, although of late it has been discouraged because of the toxic leaves. If digested in large quantities it can prove to be fatal.

Make sure that you don't have any of the plants within reach of curious alpacas or other animals.



OTH CFS REPORT FEBRUARY 2010

ARE YOU LIABLE TO BE FINED OR PROSECUTED?

Remember that during the fire danger season:

It is illegal to operate any internal combustion engine (including motorbikes, quad bikes tractors, other stationary engines) within 4 meters of flammable material unless a shovel or rake plus a portable water sprayer are on hand and the exhaust system complies with the regulations (which includes among other items that no heated exhaust components may come into contact with flammable material).

On Total fire Ban days operating the equipment listed above outside is prohibited unless a schedule 10 permit is obtained.

On Total Fire Ban days, comfort and other cooking fires (including non-gas Weber type barbeques) are prohibited from being used in the open air, even if they comply with all of the mandatory regulation requirements regarding comfort and other fires that generally prohibit/restrict the lighting of fires year round).

For more information visit the CFS website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au and go to the Fire Restrictions then What Can I Do Section.

Let's all help to make this a safe Summer—Follow the Rules!



COMMUNICATIONS VOLUNTEERS WANTED (Radio/Phone Operators)



The One Tree Hill Brigade currently has a strong membership of around 40 fire-fighters but is looking to recruit volunteers to assist in managing radio communications, incident logging and other similar duties at the One Tree Hill Station during fires and other CFS callouts. We are particularly looking for volunteers who may be available during the day Monday to Friday.

Attributes required include good verbal communication, concise and legible note taking skills in what can often be a fast-paced, busy environment – particularly at the initial stages of an incident.

All training will be provided and the Brigade trains regularly from 7.30pm on Monday nights. If you are interested in contributing to the local community by volunteering in the CFS without having to leave the comfort of air-conditioning on a hot day please contact the Brigade duty officer on 8280 7055

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Some History part 11: The Kirks of Kirklands: Part Two

The second generation of Kirks in One Tree Hill began with Robert, the eldest son of Alexander Kirk and his wife Clementina Smart. Robert spent his early years in One Tree Hill and in 1877 married Cecilia Wilson McEwin, daughter of Robert McEwin of Golden Grove. They had 6 children.

For a time Robert and his family resided in the northern towns, Narridy, Crystal Brook and Warnertown, where his uncles, Robert and Charles Smart, owned property. Later, Robert and family, returned to the local district where 3 of their daughters married sons of the Roberts, Bowey and Hutchens thus connecting these early families. Sadly their only son Robert Alexander died at the age of nineteen.

Of the remaining Kirk children seven were daughters, all of whom married local men. Two married brothers named Wilson, both of whom were blacksmiths. The remaining daughters married into the Shillabeer, Jones, Davies, Jose and Burdon families respectively. Some of their children also married into local families such as Walter and Millar.

The seventh and ninth Kirk children of Alexander and Clementina were boys. John was born in 1861 and died in 1890 without having married. Alexander Charles was born in 1867 almost 21 years after his older brother Robert.

Alexander Charles was described as "the best haystack maker in the district". In those days hay was cut, parcelled into sheaves, stooked and then carted in from the paddocks to be stacked. The resulting haystacks, if well made, looked attractive and were very durable.

In 1891 Alexander Charles married Bessie Melinda Gaylard the daughter of Percival Gaylard and Jane Emma Gould, youngest daughter of Joseph Gould, an early settler of Gould Creek. Percival Gaylard, described as "an English gentleman farmer," served as Chairman of the Tea Tree Gully Council from 1867-1874. His two storey, nine roomed, stone residence of "Burrow Hill", stood on the hillside on the western side of the OTH road south of Gould Creek, where a more recent house now stands.

Alexander Charles and Bessie Kirk had one child, a son Allan Vernon, who inherited "Kirklands". Allan married Mary Lillian (Mollie) Martin a relative of the neighbouring Richardson family and they had two sons and a daughter. These sons Raymond John Bertram and Vernon Alexander both married daughters of local families and their sons now all live in the district on property that was originally part of "Kirklands".

Like his father, Allan enjoyed sport as well as a game of cards. He and wife Mollie played for the local tennis team. However, the occupation for which Allan was best known was his remarkable water divining skill. Many of the older local residents availed themselves of his expertise and attribute their successful underground water supplies to his ability.

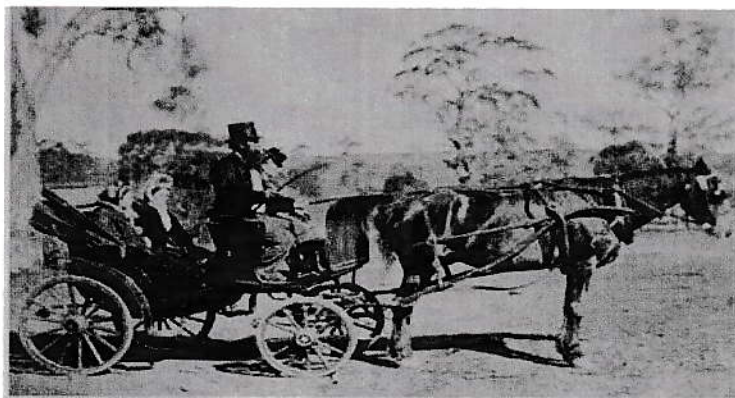
Allan also operated the local milk run with his younger son Vernon in which they collected milk from local farmers and delivered it to the Farmers Union depot at Mile End. Farming identities around the district still remember that daily milking chore.

Vernon Alexander Kirk aged 91, the present owner of "Kirklands" had a reputation in his younger days as an excellent rifle shot. He was also the number 1 player for the local tennis team for many years, carrying on a family tradition.

Few families in South Australia can claim their property as one of the original land titles still held by the descendants of the original owners. The existing generation of Kirks are well able to justify this unique claim.



Allan Kirk and his dog



The Gayland family

Photos courtesy of the City of Tea Tree Gully Library

TIPS ON HORSE CARE

We hope to be able to bring you regular tips on care for your horses by a local identity, Julie Buttery.

These Tips are very appropriate to start with, what to do to help your horse in HOT WEATHER:

On extreme fire danger days do not leave rugs, fly masks or veils on your horse. If the horse gets caught in a fire, the rugs etc. will melt onto the horse and cause major burns. Nearly all rugs contain some synthetic material, even "cotton" ones. Oiling the hooves is an important job as this hot weather dries the hoof out, allowing it to chip. Oil in the evening so it can be absorbed overnight. Shod hooves need more oiling as the iron shoe absorbs heat from the ground. Use an oily (liquid) dressing, not a grease-based one in hot weather. You want to moisturise, not protect from the wet.



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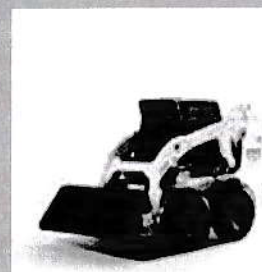
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Shape One Tree Hill's Future with Blueprint



City of Playford has created Blueprint to confirm and refine community views on the future of One Tree Hill, Angle Vale and Virginia. This understanding will help Playford develop separate master plans for each town which will guide change and development in each township.

Blueprint is a series of interactive workshops that will be delivered with professional planning partner Hassell.

Playford's townships give Playford a unique and valued urban and rural character. The diversity in its people, industry and lifestyle provides a culture that is hard to find elsewhere. The need to carry out Blueprint in each of the townships was emphasised by City of Playford Acting Mayor Councillor Glenn Docherty:

"One Tree Hill's community needs and wants are unique. Blueprint is designed so that One Tree Hill can maintain the things that make it a special and distinctive place now and in to the future".

"I urge all those interested in the future of One Tree Hill to take part in Blueprint. It provides the opportunity to have real input to the long term planning that will shape the future development of the town" Cr Docherty said.

Blueprint is a two stage process. In stage one City of Playford and Hassell will work with the One Tree Hill community to generate ideas around the future of the township. These ideas will guide the concept design. In stage two the concept will be brought back to the One Tree Hill community for presentation and interaction to help refine it.

There are two opportunities to take part in One Tree Hill Blueprint.

Stage One: Input and Ideas

When: 11th February 2010, 6pm to 9pm

Where: One Tree Hill Institute, Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill

Stage Two: Presentation and Refinement

When: 25th February 2010, 6pm to 8pm

Where: One Tree Hill Institute, Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill

There is no need to book for either session. Playford Council invites the community to work with them to design One Tree Hill's future.

For more information on Blueprint please contact the Community Engagement Officer, City of Playford, on **8256 0333**.

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News from the One Tree Hill Uniting Church



Our Door is always open for you to join us on Sunday mornings at 10.00 a.m. for a friendly time of Worship and a time for conversation over a cup of tea/coffee or cordial after the Service.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME, and they can enjoy a fun, learning and activities time.

SMYG (Sunday Morning Youth Group) meets every Sunday at 10.00 a.m. when the young people have their own Special time. They are able to look at different aspects, and relate to people of their own age. They would welcome any young people who would like to join them.

The Annual Event of **CAROLS UNDER THE PINES** was enjoyed by all the people there. The weather was perfect for an outdoor event, Everyone joined in the singing, and it was good to have a social time afterwards when cups of tea/coffee and Mince Pies were enjoyed.

THE CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE was something special, when people were able to celebrate and remember the Birth of Jesus.

On Sunday the 27th of December Wayne and Bev Stevens brought us up to date with what was happening in Kitgum, Uganda. These two wonderful people have had a long struggle to keep their dream alive of building a Cornerstone Vocational Training Centre to house teenage orphans and help them learn skills for the future. They have overcome so many difficulties, and have succeeded in so many ways. We continue to support them both financially and in our Prayers.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS - The first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday the 24th of February, when we will be looking at the programme for the year. **AN OPEN INVITATION** is extended to both men and women, to join us at any of our meetings, which are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10.00 a.m. Details of the programme will be in the next Grapevine, but we envisage having some very interesting Speakers.

COUNTRY MARKET - The Fellowship will be holding a Stall at the Market on **Saturday the 6th of February**, when there will be lots of home made Cakes, Biscuits and Slices available for sale to tempt your appetite. There will also be lots of other goods for sale. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**

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



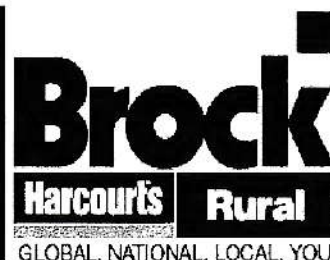
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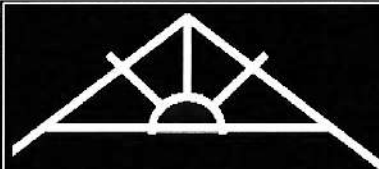
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RESULTS: Christmas Colouring Competition
Congratulations to the following prizewinners,

5 years:	First Prize:	Breannah Green
	Second:	Alvin Penck
6-7 years:	First Prize:	Abigail George
	Second:	Ethan Penck
8 and Over:	First Prize:	Holly Dragon
	Second:	Danni Webb

Well done. The editors had a tough task deciding as all of the entries were very creative and colourful.

Prizes will be available from the Grapevine Box at the OTH Post Office.

HANDY HINTS AROUND THE HOME

To re-use an old paint roller tray or to keep a new one clean, simply place the tray into a plastic bag or small garbage bin liner. Pour in the paint and the bag will sink into the shape of the tray. When you've finished, take off the bag and dispose of it, leaving your tray ready to use next time without cleaning.

Stop the tears flowing when peeling onions, especially with large quantities for pickles etc. Peel and cut onions in half, place in the freezer. When frozen (a few hours, depending on quantity) remove and leave for a short time so they are not too hard, then chop up.

Ashley Miller achieves perfect TER score for musicianship.

17 year old Ashley has lived in One Tree Hill for a little over nine years, having come here from England when he was seven. He first started playing keyboard aged 5 but took up the guitar seriously in year 6. His early influence was Darren Malakian of "System of the Down" and he won his music scholarship to Marryatville special interest school after performing "Toxicity" in his audition. Marryatville music staff have described him as having "a very fine voice". Currently his chief influence is John Petrucci of "Dream Theater". Ashley plays in Cyclonite, The Fallen and Kryptia rock bands as vocalist and lead guitar. Ashley is also an accomplished percussionist playing with the City of Playford Concert Band and the renowned Salisbury City Brass Band helping it to win the Group B state championships last year. He writes his own songs including "Into the Night" and arranges music, sometimes completely changing genre, for example, Bubl  s "Moondance" as a Beethoven piano piece or Mozart's "Rondo Alla Turka" for jazz big band. He doesn't do a bad job on the piano either but is more inclined to leave that to his older sister Jolie.

Music is very much a passion with him but so too is computer technology. He skillfully combines these two when he is busy in the family room which he has set up as a recording studio. (Mum and Dad usually find an excuse to be elsewhere at these times!) He has recorded and produced a number of tracks for friends and others all of which have been well received. He is hoping to become a professional sound engineer and performer but is also considering web design as a career.



With the current Cricket Season in full bowl the Grapevine was delighted to find this article about the very early days of Cricket in OTH. We think the reference is to Sampson's Flat.

Taken from The Express Publication 30th September 1898, page 3f.

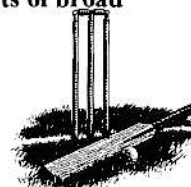
The return match between the Munno Para East and the Universal Cricket Club was played on the practice ground of the former club near One Tree Hill. The Universalists started from the Kent Town Hotel in an omnibus and four vehicles.

The Brunswick Band enlivening the early morning with it's superior sounds.

Breaking from the North Road at the Little Para, the whole party might have supposed they were about to scale the Alps, so precipitous is the track up the spur to the Bay of Biscay ground beyond.

Once safely upon the hills by pleasant detours, enjoying beautiful views of deep glens with magnificent prospects of broad plains and the off ocean, the party made their way to the spot where the match was to be contested.

On the rising ground near the foot of the slope were pitched tents for the Clubs and their scorers, for the band and an additional one for the ladies considerable numbers of whom were mingled with the spectators, who amounted to from 150 to 300 persons. These with the well-placed field, the tents and the band, filling the valley by turns with melting or moving music which found response in the surrounding hills,



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VALENTINES JOKE:

"I Just had a Dream" A young woman taking an afternoon nap. After she wakes she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentines Day. What do you think it means?" The husband replied "You'll know tonight". That evening the man came home with a small package and gives it to his wife. Delighted she opens it to find a book titled "The Meaning of Dreams" (Oh well at least the thought was there!)

Do you know that the reason the Blonde jokes are one liners are so that men can and understand and also remember them!

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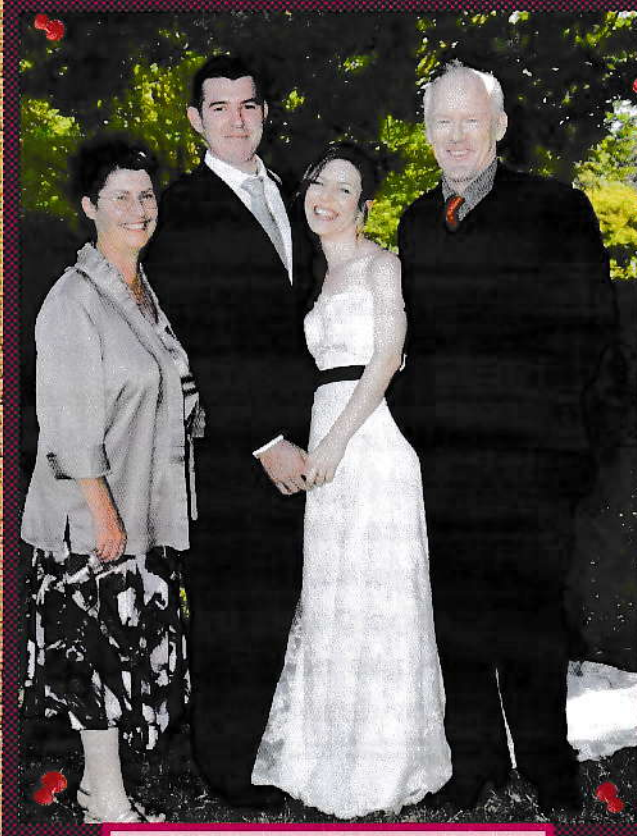


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Bouquets: To all of the 20+ dedicated CFS workers who put in many hours due to the very extreme weather conditions experienced recently. Job well done to all of our volunteers!



Pictured above are the happy couple Renee and Jordan Stark with proud parents of Renee, Ian and Julie Buttery.

A Local Wedding
Congratulations to Renee Buttery and Jordan Stark who celebrated their wedding on 5th December at Malcolm Creek Winery, Kersbrook, following the ceremony with a barbecue party at the same venue.

Renee has lived in Humbug Scrub since she was born, attending One Tree Hill Primary School then Trinity College. She danced with OTH School of Dance from their first year until she left High School, approximately 7 years. She is now a receptionist/pay clerk. She met Jordan through Simon, another OTHite, who attended school with Jordan. Jordan is a cabinet maker with his own business, Iconic Kitchens, specialising in top class cabinets.

Renee and Jordan honeymooned by "going bush", four-wheel driving to Cape York. They have made their home in Tea Tree Gully.



Pictured above is Ashley Miller who is combining Music and IT. Refer to page 13 for Ashley's achievements for 2009.

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Progress and our RAAF associates will once again be holding a Dawn Service on Anzac Day. We are featuring Trench Art and memorabilia this year as well as uniforms etc for our display. If any of you have such items please get in touch with Progress ASAP so that we can make further arrangements re insurance and security if needed. Thank You.



Christmas Short Story Competition. Sadly, the Grapevine did not receive any entries in this competition. Perhaps a sign of the times ?? We can only try. Editor.



Ladies Lunch

A reminder that the OTH Primary School Reunion Lunch is on Friday 26th February for all the Domestic Goddesses. Noon at the Blacksmith's Inn. Spread the word. RSVP to Kay or Judy as usual. All welcome.

Good luck to all of the riders in the Tour Down Under, OTH is sadly not on the route this year. We are sure that most of you will catch a glimpse of the riders somewhere around town. Let's hope that we are included in the TDU in the future.



Happy Australia Day

January 26th



Next Progress Meeting

Thursday 18th February 7.30pm

All Welcome at the One Tree Hill Institute. Please note that this is the 3rd Thursday for this month only, due to the Council Community Meeting which will be held on 11th February 6-9pm at the Institute. Details of this on pg 9