

# GRAPEVINE



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## From the Editor...

Welcome to the new look Grapevine!

A change is as good as a holiday as they say so I thought I'd give it a bit of a facelift with a new layout. What do you think???

Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas/holiday break and have rolled in to 2023 easily.

Feel free to send through suggestions, articles, stories or events that we can share with everyone throughout the year. It would be nice to see some new things in the magazine. You can also message via Facebook or contact me on 0458 208 823 (I prefer SMS's).

There is a colouring competition on page 16. please read the T's & C's for entry.

Thanks for reading and hope you enjoy this edition.

Kelly Fischer - Grapevine Manager

**Note the date (page 4) for the next Progress Association meeting. It would be fantastic to see some new faces to help in the community. You don't have to attend every meeting but anything is better than nothing for your community.**

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### COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

**The Grapevine is a great way to share local news, views and events.**

**A Gold Coin Donation towards the cost of the production of the Grapevine would be greatly appreciated.**

**Please place a gold coin donation**  
**in the 'Piggy Banks' at:**

- General Store
- OTH Country Market
- Fodder Store
- Post Office
- Pharmacy



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# ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

## President's Report

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023 everyone.

It is with sadness to start with that just prior to Christmas, Joyce Baggs, a 50 plus year resident of One Tree Hill passed away. Joyce and her husband, Albert, were long standing members of the Progress Association and also with the Senior Citizens. Her smile and willingness to help around the township will be profoundly missed. Amongst a lot of volunteering, Joyce was part of the initial Progress team that started the backup generator project to water supply to our town during power outages. On behalf of Progress, we wish to pass on our condolences to the family and friends of Joyce and to say THANK YOU.

Again prior to Christmas we had the Audio/Visual system upgraded due to electrical/mechanical failures. One of the original amplifiers had died, another had a faulty fan and was on the way out and the third was showing signs of being "very" warm. We wish to thank Colin Campbell of Artisan Technical Services, Kersbrook, on the initial rectification to keep the system running and then the fast turnaround with the installation of the new amplifiers. This has now allowed us to save power due to the automatic standby mode and most importantly remove 60 Kg's of weight from the rack.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, Steve and Andrew Huckstepp, Pat Jones and I took delivery of 25 new tables for the hall. We now have two styles of tables rather than the five styles that were being utilised. This was a necessity as the old tables were showing severe degradation over many years of use and repairing them was becoming problematic. I wish to thank Steve, Andrew and Pat for their time in getting this done so quickly.

The week of the 16<sup>th</sup> of January we had Michael Fisher and Alex Thomson lay new turf in the playground area for the township and the Playgroup kids to enjoy. It looks amazing! Issues with the irrigation system were found that affected both inside and the Clucas Green on the outside of the fence. This has been resolved by City of Playford staff so we will have green grass moving forward. A massive big thank you to Michael and Alex for their time and efforts in getting this from concept to completion in a matter of days, and in the heat! Thanks lads.

**Progress meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 7:30pm at the One Tree Hill Institute. If you would like to make One Tree Hill a better place to live and visit then please come and lend a hand.**

Regards,

Graham Watson

President - One Tree Hill Progress Association

**Next OTH Progress Association Meeting**  
**Thursday 9th February @ 7:30pm**  
**One Tree Hill Institute, Black Top Rd**

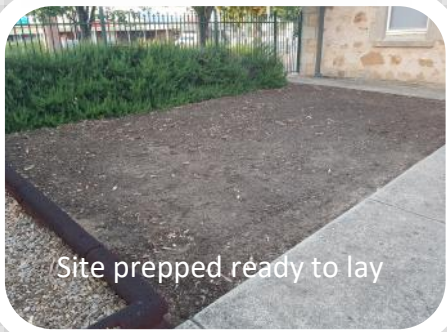
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# Giving back to the community



Hot, dry Dirt



Site prepped ready to lay

You may have noticed something new in the Institute playground area? Well, earlier this year we took our daughter to the OTH playgroup. Charlotte ran a great Playgroup, we had so much fun playing with all the toys, equipment, arts, crafts & water but we noticed there was no grass for the kids to play on, there was only dirt.

After that, my husband Michael Fischer (Owner of Mic's Mowing) had an plan! He teamed up with his mate Alex (CFS Captain & owner of Firescape) & together they worked with the OTH Progress Association who kindly purchased new turf to lay.

Michael & Alex donated their time, equipment, & resources to clean, prep & lay this beautiful new grass area for the community to enjoy!

**On behalf of everyone we'd like to say 'Thank you' to Michael, Alex & the OTH Progress Association for helping this project come to life.**

Article and photos by Kelly Fischer



NICE NEW GRASS!!

Michael - Mic's Mowing (Left)  
Alex - Firescape (Right)



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# PLAYFORD COUNCIL - LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Ratepayers and Residents,

I trust everyone had a fulfilling and refreshing Festive Season. I'd like to take the opportunity to wish everyone all the best for a fantastic 2023.

What's on the agenda for 2023?

Over the last four years I have appreciated the community feedback and the opportunity to be your voice within the City of Playford. I will continue to be at the One Tree Hill and Craigmore markets monthly to engage with the local community ensuring that I am representing the community voice and sentiments on matters local and across Playford.

The behind-the-scenes Information Sessions have begun for the 2023/2024 Annual Business Plan. I'd really appreciate the community's feedback to the City of Playford in coming months on the Annual Business Plans when released for consultation. I am currently voicing the community's feedback on our verge management and the general presentation of our city especially across our older and rural areas and seeking an improved cost-effective service delivery solution.

- \* Continuing to advocate for improved service delivery, financial management and continuous savings and to see the impacts of the current inflationary pressures minimised for the ratepayer.
- \* Seeing the City of Playford complete the full review of the approach to road renewal and sealing.
- \* Assisting in bringing the community, vigneron, and the City of Playford together to discuss creating a recognised wine region for our area. Please give me a call, register your interest and provide your feedback.
- \* A community vision to grow vibrancy within our rural community. I am interested in hearing the community's feedback on encouraging and supporting tourism activities within our community.

I always enjoy a good community market and look forward to seeing you at One Tree Hill on the first Saturday of every month (excluding January) and the Craigmore the last Sunday of every month. Thank you for your support and interest in our community.

Keep safe and kind regards,

Cr David Kerrison / Phone: 0478283879 / Email: [crdkerrison@playford.sa.gov.au](mailto:crdkerrison@playford.sa.gov.au)



**Cr David Kerrison - City of Playford**

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## ONE TREE HILL RURAL WATCH ~ CRIME REPORT

### Offences Reported between 13th November 2022 — 6th December 2022

**7th November**

**Arson of Motor Vehicle**

**Yorktown Road ONE TREE HILL**

Vehicle stolen from Albert Park and located burnt out at above location

**Overnight of 23rd November**

**Non Residential Serious Criminal Trespass**

**Craigmore Road ULEYBURY**

Shed door pried open and 4 x motorbikes (dirt bikes) stolen.

\*\*On 24 November SAPOL Air wing conducting flights over Northern District located persons riding dirt bikes on Main North Road Smithfield. Bikes followed to vicinity of Bentley and Smith Roads Blakeview. Aircrew detected several more dirt bikes at this location which resulted in patrols attending area and locating and subsequently arresting 5 male persons nearby. At this location Police recovered 6 motorbikes. All males arrested were from the northern suburbs and subsequent enquiries at a Davoren Park address located an additional 9 motorbikes all suspected to have been stolen. All males charged with Illegal Use of motor vehicles and traffic offences and court proceedings commenced.

(In total 15 stolen motor bikes located - including those stolen from the Uleybury address)

**3rd December**

**Fatal Motor Vehicle accident**

**Kersbrook Road HUMBUG SCRUB**

33 year old male from Elizabeth East involved in fatal motor vehicle accident at above location when vehicle left road and rolled several times.

**13th December (overnight)**

**Illegal Use of Motor Vehicle**

**Blencowe Road ONE TREE HILL**

Vehicle stolen from driveway – located in One Tree Hill after being involved in a vehicle collision.

Police along with CFS have attended several non-suspicious fires during the reporting period. Several fires have been caused by residents undertaken slashing of paddocks which at this time of year is an important fire reduction strategy. A reminder that during Fire Danger season when undertaking slashing, tractors are to have firefighting equipment on board and at hand.



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
**SAFER COMMUNITIES**

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

Darren McCue / Senior Sergeant First Class

ELIZABETH POLICE STATION



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## CFS REPORT - JANUARY 2023



First up the members of the One Tree Hill Brigade would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. The Brigade has been particularly busy over the last 8 weeks with 28 callouts since our last article. Eight of these were for trees down within the area,

probably the biggest of these occurred on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January on the Gawler-One Tree Hill Road with a large tree falling and blocking the entire road. The two crews attending were able to open one lane quickly, but the entire job took over an hour and a half to complete.

Crews have attended 6 vehicle accidents and one vehicle fire during this period with the areas around Hannaford Hump Road, Kersbrook Road near Kelly Hill Road and the bend on Uley Road near the big water tank continuing to feature in the callouts. If you use these roads regularly you will know that they can present dangers, so please take extra care.

We have had 5 callouts to structure fires or fire alarms during the period, although a faulty alarm in the Little Para Water Treatment Plant has been responsible for three of these. One resident was lucky however, when their spa pump ignited on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December sending plumes of black smoke into the air. Damage was fortunately kept to the area surrounding the spa and could have been much worse had it spread to the nearby residence. The other structure fire was for a large shed in Waterloo Corner which required attendance by our Bulk Water Carrier.

Finally for this summary, we have attended 5 grass fires. Most recently the large fire at Gorge Road Montacute which was widely reported in the press, where crews attended as part of a cascading Strike Team. The other four fires have been within the area with a fire around the Snake Gully area on Boxing Day presenting the largest threat. With temperatures approaching 40 degrees, the fire involved 8 vehicles from OTH and surrounding Brigades and took an hour and a half before it declared contained. It was brought under control with the assistance of two fire bombers and the high-volume helicopter.

Of the other fires, one was the result of an accidental ignition caused by a slasher, one was a campfire left smouldering and the most disturbing was a small grass fire found by the side of the road in Gould Creek from an undetermined source on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **No time for complacency**

While the lack of large grass fires locally over the last couple of months may be considered lucky, we are in the midst of a very dangerous fire season. Fuel loads are still very high in several places within our district and as we have seen, it can only take one spark to cause a major incident. An unextinguished campfire, no matter how innocent, or a small fire burning by the side of the road from whatever source can quickly become a major life-threatening blaze. With the current loads, the area will continue to remain under threat until we receive major rains, probably not until March or April, so we must remain vigilant.

We have just passed the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sampson Flat bushfire, the last major bushfire event in our area. For some, this traumatic event will seem like just yesterday but there have been many new residents and landowners entering the area since then who have not had first-hand experience of a major bushfire. The best thing anyone can do is be prepared, which is why the CFS continues to hammer the message of having a Bushfire Plan ready. You need to make sure it is realistic; can you really stay and defend if that is your plan? Other important points you should consider are that if you decide to leave, then leave early and please make sure everyone living on your property knows what to do if the plan needs to be put into action.

Members are reminded that there is a quarterly Meeting coming up on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, please refer to BART for further details.

For general information please contact OTH Duty Phone on 8280 7055.

You can also visit the CFS website at <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au> or phone 1300 362 361.



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## WHAT'S FLOWERING IN MY GARDEN

What a difference a wet Spring and a cool start to Summer has made to the garden compared to some past seasons when it was dry and warm to hot from the start of October. All the trees and shrubs have put on lush new growth and some Summer flowering Callistemons are looking absolutely stunning. Some Eucalypts have put on a massed display of flowers and the perfume of the Summer flowering Wattles is a delight to enjoy. There's plenty of food for many bees and birds that visit regularly.

*Eucalyptus erythronema* is flowering for the first time. This mallee or single stemmed tree grows naturally in a large area of south west Western Australia and requires free draining soils and full sun and can reach a height of 6m to 7m. It has produced many magnificent flowers of a pink red shade. The pale green grey leaves are held along white branches and many clusters of flower buds are held by a single branchlet and can be pendulous in habit. The young lime green flower buds mature to an orange red shade. The bright red flower cap is circular in shape but has a small spike and pops off to reveal stunningly beautiful gold tipped pink red flowers approximately 2cm wide. With 6 to 7 buds in a cluster all flowering at the same time, this small tree can produce a massed display of brilliant colour. *Eucalyptus erythronema* does not have deep roots and can be planted as a shrub with ground cover plants such as Banksias close by. There is a well maintained stand of *Eucalyptus erythronema* on the northern edge of car park no1 Yorktown Road at Fremont Park. A sub species known as *Eucalyptus inorata* is taller, has darker bark and bears creamy white flowers and can be seen in a park adjacent to the southern edge of the school complex at Blakeview. This spectacular Eucalypt is available from specialist native nurseries. It is worthwhile growing as a small garden plant it does not grow too tall, does not have a thick crown and does produce some stunningly beautiful blossoms. It's one of my favourite Eucalypts.

Just beautiful.

*Heather Fischer*



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## ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP



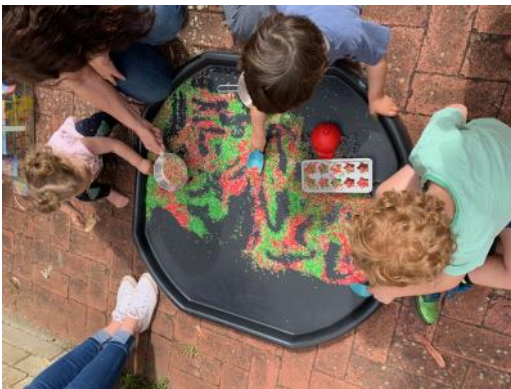
Playgroup children celebrated the end of the year with a messy play session run by First Senses, and our annual Christmas party with crafts, party food and presents. The Sensory play at the start of December was Christmas themed, with coloured cereals and rice formed into reindeer and snowmen for scooping and pouring. The red gloop was a particular favourite with the children, several of whom enjoyed squishing their feet in it and even sitting in it!

Our Christmas party for the final session is always the highlight of the year. We didn't have as many families attend as usual as several were on holiday or ill, but lots of fun was had despite this. Everyone enjoyed hanging the ornaments and tinsel on the tree, making Christmas baubles and angels, and decorating glittery pine cones. We finished off the session with some Christmas themed books including the entertaining 'Father Christmas needs a wee!' by Nicholas Allan, and presented graduation certificates to the children moving up to school.



**2023 kicks off for Playgroup on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30 to 11.30 am  
and we'd love for some new families to join us!**

*For more information, please message our Facebook page 'One Tree Hill Playgroup SA – Information'  
or the new Chair, Julie, on 0427 937 336 as I am handing over the reins after 5 lovely years running Playgroup.*





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# COUNTRY MARKET



• CRAFT • COOK • GROW • FRESH

**Saturday**  
**4<sup>th</sup> February**

**8:30am — 12:30pm**

The December markets were busy days for stallholders and many visitors. It was so pleasing to see and to chat to many locals on both days.

**AT OUR NEXT MARKET YOU WILL FIND A RANGE OF:**

Plants, Preserves, Home baked goods and quality handcrafted items.

Perhaps even some pre-loved bits and pieces.

Do come along and visit your local market.

**Enquiries: Heather — 0457 107 817 / [market@onetreehill.org.au](mailto:market@onetreehill.org.au)**



**One Tree Hill Country Market**

## One Tree Hill Institute Hall Hire

The One Tree Hill Institute is a beautifully maintained building with two inter-joining large halls, a complete kitchen and bar area.

The hall has a new surround sound system, TV, microphone facilities, and heating and cooling.

Outside you will find a sheltered playground that leads to picturesque garden areas which are ideal for photos.

The One Tree Hill Institute is an ideal location for Weddings, Engagement Parties, Birthday Parties, Reunions and Meetings.

*Why not come and have a look or check us out?*

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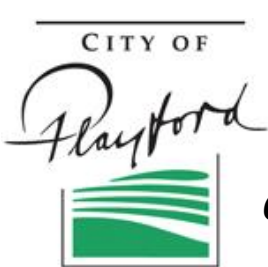
# FEBRUARY 2023

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**Saturday 4th** OTH Country Market  
**Thursday 9th** Progress Association Meeting  
**Tuesday 14th** Valentine's Day  
**Tuesday 21st** Shrove Tuesday  
**Wednesday 22nd** Ash Wednesday

**Monday 9.30am-11.30am**  
 OTH Playgroup  
**Saturday 8.00am-12.00pm**  
 Mt Pleasant Farmers Market  
**Thurs/Fri** Which Bins to put out

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD!



**Mobile Library**  
**Alternate Fridays:**  
**3:00pm—4:00pm**  
**Opposite Blacksmith's Inn**  
**10th & 24th February**

## ANNUAL LADIES LUNCH

**When:** Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11.30am

**Where:** Da Vince Café - Crosshill Road One Tree Hill

**R.S.V.P. to Heather 0427454 160 or 8280 7104**

If your children or grandchildren have attended  
 One Tree Hill Primary School, why not come along  
 and have a chat and share about your memories.

All are welcome!



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# ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH



## **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE - 10.00 AM**

The children's church program - **"Jesus and Me" (JAM)** will resume after the school holidays, and is held each Sunday morning during the 10.00 am service.

All children are very welcome to come and join in...

## **CAROLS IN THE GARDEN 2022**

Our annual event was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December for the singing of Christmas Carols, enjoying the presentation of the Nativity by the JAM Group, (the Sunday School children), as well as enjoying a traditional mince pie at the end of the entertainment.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all, and thank you to everyone who joined us for this festive event.

## **MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS**

Held 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month  
with morning tea at 10.00 am.

**Next Meeting - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

## **OTH MONTHLY MARKET -FELLOWSHIP STALL**

Our ladies will be there each month selling their usual favourites - home-made cakes, slices, & biscuits, plus plants, bric-a-brac, games, etc.

## **BIBLE STUDY/FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

The church has two Bible study/Fellowship Groups which are held -

First Thursday of the month - **1.00 pm**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evening - **7.00 pm**

## **WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERAL**

The church is available for any of the above Services.

If you would like further information, please phone

**Edna on 8255 7987**

## **RED BIRD OP SHOP**

Opening hours 9.30 am–4pm, Monday - Friday.

Address - 4 Hilcott Street, Rosewood Village,  
Elizabeth North.

Donations of second-hand clothing are always appreciated, and can be dropped off at the shop.

**Enquiries – Maureen – 8280 7368**



## WHICH BIN? THE YELLOW RECYCLING BIN

For information about where, how and what you can recycle, head to [WHICHBIN.SA.GOV.AU](http://WHICHBIN.SA.GOV.AU)



Paper and cardboard



Rigid plastic containers



Juice and milk cartons



Tins and cans



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminum foil and trays



Aerosols (empty)



**NO** general waste



**NO** clothing, footwear or textiles



**NO** building materials, dirt or rocks



**NO** plastic bags or wrapping



**NO** broken crockery or glassware

## WHICH BIN? THE GREEN ORGANICS BIN

For information about where, how and what you can compost, head to [WHICHBIN.SA.GOV.AU](http://WHICHBIN.SA.GOV.AU)



Fruit and vegetables



Bread, pasta and rice



Meat, bones and seafood



Paper towel and tissues



Compostable bags and cutlery



Cardboard and paper



Lawn clippings, weeds, prunings, and leaves



**NO** plastic packaged food



**NO** clothing, footwear or textiles



**NO** building materials, dirt or rocks



**NO** general waste



**NO** plastic pots, containers or bottles

## WHICH BIN? THE RED WASTE TO LANDFILL BIN

For information about how to divert more waste from landfill, head to [WHICHBIN.SA.GOV.AU](http://WHICHBIN.SA.GOV.AU)



Soft plastics (or RedCycle)



Polystyrene foam



Clothing, footwear or textiles



Single use nappies



Broken crockery and glassware



Ropes and hoses



**NO** cooking or motor oil



**NO** liquid paint



**NO** tyres



**NO** e-waste or batteries



**NO** building materials, dirt or rocks



**NO** chemicals or poisons

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

NAWMA offer help to elderly or disabled residents that need assistance taking their bins in and out.

They only require a medical letter from their GP to be supplied for NAWMA to arrange.



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## COLOURING COMPETITION!

If your aged between 1 - 10 then colour in the page. Scan / email or upload a pic to Facebook. Make sure you put your NAME AND AGE on the file to go in the draw to win a \$10 Big W voucher\*

\*Competition closes 6pm 15th February. Winner will be drawn at random once completed work is sent through and acknowledged. Entries must include artists Name and Age. Competition valid to local residents only. Proof of residence must be provided to receive prize. Winner will be notified asap and announced in the March edition of the Grapevine!



# Reptile Mania



Northern Foothills  
Land Care Group

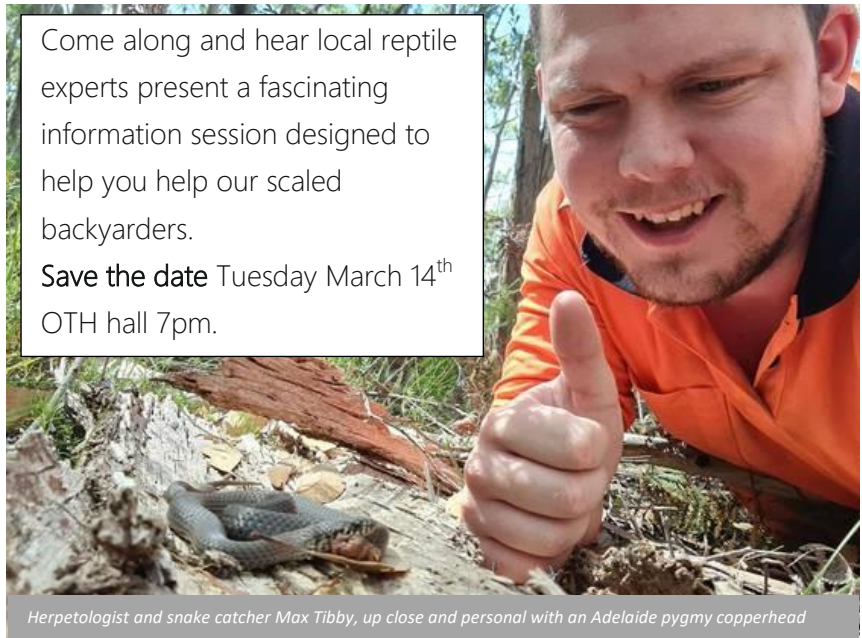
GREEN  
ADELAIDE

When we think of our backyard habitat, we think of beautiful birds, butterflies, frogs, possums and a host of other cute critters. Unfortunately, we tend to forget about one of the most important and most vulnerable of our native vertebrates – the reptiles!



Things that slither and rustle in the garden are not always welcome and can actually be a little unsettling but before you recoil in horror, take a moment to consider that our urban reptile and frog populations have declined enormously since European settlement, to the point that one in four of our 850 reptile species are now in serious strife. Of the 850 reptiles found in Australia, 90% of these are found nowhere else in the world,

meaning we really have to do something about this rapid decline, and fast. Provide a well-designed lizard habitat, protected from predators and they will reward you by happily setting up home in your garden and eating your slugs and harmful insects.



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Article written by Bronwyn Wilton

Have you ever seen a Koala in the wild? There is nothing quite like the feeling of spotting your first wild Koala sleeping peacefully in the treetops. If you are ever lucky enough to find yourself in a Koala forest in Australia then here are some useful tips for spotting Koalas:

**Firstly**, remember that a tree does not have to be a food tree to have a Koala in it. Even non-eucalypts are sometimes used by Koalas for rest or shelter.

**Secondly**, you can start by looking for a 'runway' up the side of a tree trunk. On a heavily used tree you might see a series of small scratch marks on the bark where Koalas climb up, and sometimes it might be on a slightly angled part of the trunk for easier access.

**Thirdly**, look for Koala pellets around the base of a tree. Small bullet-shaped droppings that smell strongly of eucalypt will be scattered around trees that Koalas frequent.

**Finally**, look up into the tree canopy and scan the forks and branches for small fluffy grey shapes. You will be amazed at how once your eyes get used to seeing them, Koalas become easier and easier to spot.

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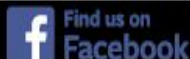
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