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From the Editor...

Hello and welcome to the very festive, final edition of the Grapevine for 2023.

Are you ready for the holidays?

I hope you have enjoyed reading our magazine this year. Please let me know what would you like to see next year by email to grapevine@onetreehill.org.au

We've had some great support from locals and businesses over the last 12 months so on behalf of the OTH Progress Association I would like to thank all those that have had a part in the Grapevines of 2023.

We would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas/holidays and a safe new year.

See you all in 2024!

Kelly Fischer

Grapevine Manager



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ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Big thank you to our community for your support this year, many of you have reached out over the last few months and I encourage you to continue doing so. I know I have said it before but a strong community is a connected community and getting involved in local activities and projects is a great way to connect with your community.

I would like to mention that with ongoing support from local MP Rhiannon Pearce and Cr David Kerrison, lighting is now being installed at the intersection of Yorktown and Black Top Rds. This is a big step forward to increase the visibility and safety at this intersection and a great outcome for our township. Thank you both for your commitment to our community.

In other news the McGilp Recreation Park project is still moving along however we have been advised that the project has been delayed with a possible new start date for June 2024. We will continue to follow progress on this project and keep you informed as we know more.

Our Communications group are currently looking at updating our website and it would be great to hear what you would like to see as part of this update. Some initial thoughts are the inclusion of:

- Historical information on One Tree Hill and surrounds,
- Local clubs and community facilities directory,
- Upcoming events, and;
- Places of interest parks, trails and historical buildings.

Your feedback is important, we want to hear what you would use it for and how you would like to see One Tree Hill represented in this space. We are also looking at our other communication channels as well, so feel free to share your feedback on what you would like to see, what's working well and what improvements can be made.

Our final Progress monthly meeting for 2023 will be on Thursday 14 December, please note, we will not be holding a monthly meeting in January so our first monthly meeting for 2024 will be Thursday 8 February. During this time please stay connected through our socials and you can also reach out to us via email or website.

We invite you join us at our special Christmas Market on Saturday 16 December with special guest appearance from Santa. This is a great place to finish off any Christmas shopping, so come along relax and help us celebrate the end of the year.

On behalf of the One Tree Hill Progress Association I would like to wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

Take Care,

TABATHA PETTIGREW - President One Tree Hill Progress Association Inc

Email: president@onetreehill.org.au

OTH Progress Association - LAST MEETING OF 2023!

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023 @ 7:00PM FOR 7:30PM START

ONE TREE HILL INSTITUTE, BLACK TOP RD





PLAYFORD COUNCIL - LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Ratepayers and Residents,

We have received the positive news of further safety measures at the intersection of Yorktown Road and Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill. The measures include a STOP signs and Solar lighting that is planned to be completed by the end of November 2023.

I am happy that the department is aware of the risks of the intersection during colder, foggy weather, where visibility is poor. The new signs and lighting are key improvements. The Department of Infrastructure and Transport will continue to monitor the intersection following the construction of lighting to determine if the intersection is suitable for further funding under the Blackspot Program.

Thank you to everyone one who has been involved in this process including residents, the OTH Progress Association, Councillors, the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, the Hon Joe Szakacs MP and Rhiannon Pearce MP for King. Rhiannon, you have again been supportive of our community and it has been a pleasure to work with you.

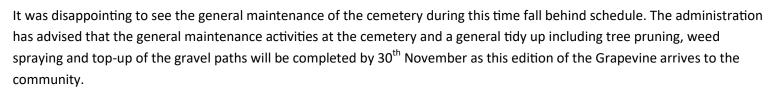
The McGilp Recreation Park Update - The contract for McGilp detailed design has now been awarded and the start up meeting has been held with the consultant. The forecast delivery date for detailed design is February 2024. The City of Playford will then proceed to market with the construction tender. It is unlikely that construction will commence before June 2024.

Uley Road Safety report - The consultant indicates that the final report will be submitted to Council administration by mid-December 2023, and it is anticipated that the administration will present a report to Council in January 2024.

Uley Cemetery, Uley road Uleybury - Thank you again to all the residents that have expressed an interest in maintaining and preserving our local history. Following the initial meeting at the cemetery the consensus was to complete a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey locating unmarked graves. I plan to move a motion seeking council support moving in this direction.

One Tree Hill Cemetery – The Planned works at the One Tree Hill Cemetery were delayed which has led to many questions. The administration has advised that this was largely due to a full survey of the site being

undertaken and a design solution to manage localised storm water issues is currently being prepared.



Wishing everyone all the best for a Merry Christmas and a fantastic 2024.







Cr David Kerrison / Phone: 0478283879 / Email: crdkerrison@playford.sa.gov.au





ONE TREE HILL RURAL WATCH - CRIME REPORT

OFFENCES REPORTED BETWEEN 18/10/23 AND 18/11/23

<u>20 October - 2 November</u> <u>Residential Serious Criminal Trespass</u>

Gawler - One Tree Hill Road ULEYBURY

Entry via unlocked rear door.

Firearms safe opened and several firearms stolen

27 October Theft **Blacktop Road GOULD CREEK**

Radio stolen from bag which was secured to motorbike and pared on the side of the road

29 October **Assault Police x 2** **Medlow Road ULEYBURY**

Male adult observed walking in paddocks of property. Police responded and located male who assaulted police. Male adult arrested and will appear in court at a later date.

31 October - overnight

Non Residential Serious Criminal Trespass, Craigmore Road ULEYBURY

Property Damage, Theft of motor vehicle

Unknown persons accessed property by damaging front gates and stole motorbike and trailer. Vehicle also stolen but located short distance from address. On 15 November Police located motorbike at an Elizabeth North address. Further enquired are being undertaken in relation to suspect vehicle identified at address.

2 November **Property Damage** **Blacktop Road GOULD CREEK**

Damage to fence and camera at electricity power station.

7 November **Unlawfully on Premises**

Kurrajong Road GOULD CREEK

2 female adults from Elizabeth East located on private property. Both adults to be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

SAPOL attended several vehicle accidents and fires on private property during the dates listed above. CFS responded quickly to all fires and as always did an outstanding job in extinguishing the fires.

SAPOL will investigate and take positive action against homeowners who are detected not complying with Fire Regulations/Act. There is considerable risk this year and the early start of the fire danger season highlights this. All property owners are urged to be prepared for the increased fire risk and ensure they do not put themselves or other parties (neighbours and CFS/Emergency service personnel) at risk in dealing with breaches of the act/regulations.

As always if you have any information to assist with any crime issues in the area please call Police Communications on 131444 or the undersigned.

<u>Darren McCue - Senior Sergeant First Class</u>

Elizabeth Police Station



CFS REPORT - NOVEMBER 2023

Summary of callouts * Only required Bulk Water Carrier

18 Oct Rubbish Fire at Inkerman – required Bulk Water Carrier

19 Oct Vehicle fire Waterloo Corner*

Change of Quarters to Williamstown 20 Oct

4th alarm Gras Fire at Buckland Park 28 Oct

2nd alarm Grass Fire at Buckland Park* 30 Oct

2nd alarm Grass Fire Medlow Rd, Uleybury 1 Nov

3rd alarm Grass Fire Melville Rd, Gould Creek 1 Nov

Grass Fire Bassnett Rd, Humbug Scrub 3 Nov

9 Nov 2nd alarm Grass Fire Kestel Rd, Humbug Scrub

Tree Down One Tree Hill Rd, Gould Creek 10 Nov

Vehicle Accident One Tree Hill Rd/Humbug 10 Nov

Scrub Rd, Humbug Scrub

10 Nov Grass Fire Lewiston*

11 Nov Strike Team to Grass Fire Tungkillo

12 Nov 3rd alarm Grass Fire Yorktown Rd, One Tree Hill

15 Nov Grass fire Blacktop Rd, Gould Creek

As you can see, we have already had a lot of grass fire call-outs in our area, the prediction of a hot spring has come to fruition and most of the vegetation cured (turned from green to brown) in a 2 week period near the end of October. Most of these grass fires were the result of people trying to do the right thing before the Fire Danger season, however as several people discovered slashing or mowing in dry grass can easily create fires either from hot exhausts or from sparks caused by blades hitting rocks. Unfortunately, a couple of these fires were started by people burning off after the end of the general burning permit (31st of October).

FIRE DANGER SEASON HAS STARTED!!

The CFS Chief Officer declared the Fire Danger Season dates shortly after the last Grapevine went to press and as predicted the dates were brought forward from previous years to the 15th of November. During Fire Danger Season if you deliberately light a fire, SA Police are very likely to attend and have the power to issue fines. As you can see, we had a fire on the 15th of November, with the resident claiming he didn't realise the dates had changed and was lucky to get away with a warning. In all cases, the onus is on you to ensure that you are not acting illegally. If you are in doubt, the CFS website and the CFS Information Hotline (1300 362 361) both provide advice on what you can and can't do.

As the recent Optus outage demonstrated, you cannot always rely on your mobile phone for information relating to bushfires. Although



the Internet does have a wealth of information about incidents, during a bushfire, towers may be affected, and phone lines can be cut. For this reason, CFS recommends that as part of your emergency kit you have a hand-held battery radio so that you can tune in and find out more information about ongoing fires. The official Emergency broadcaster in our area is ABC 891 AM but the CFS does partner with most other commercial stations.

WHAT DOES THE SIREN MEAN?

During the fires on the 1st and 12th of November the siren at the station was sounded several times. These days, we only sound the siren for two reasons;

- 1. Monday night test at 7.30 PM, which most residents are familiar with.
- 2. If there is a fire threatening the township generally within 3 kilometres but can depend on weather conditions.

If you hear the siren, it is a sign that you should check whether there is an incident that may impact on you and if necessary be prepared to put your Bushfire Plan into action.

Finally, the Captain and all members of the One Tree Hill Brigade would like to wish you a happy, and safe Holiday season and thank the community for all of your support

over the last 12 months.

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.



ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH



CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE

9.00am

Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 10.00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children's church program - "Jesus and Me" (JAM) is held each Sunday morning during the Service. All children are very welcome to come and join us.

BIBLE STUDY/FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

A Bible study/Fellowship Groups is held at 1.00 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERALS

The church is available for any of the above Services. If you would like further information, please phone the church on 8280 7951 and leave a message.

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.

> All Enquiries please leave as message on the Church Phone - 8280 7951

ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO

"CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE GARDENS"

7.00pm - SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th 2023

Come along and enjoy singing many favourite Christmas Carols.

On conclusion, tea, coffee, cool drinks & mince pies will be served.



EVERYONE WELCOME





WHAT'S FLOWERING IN MY GARDEN

Heather Fischer, Humbug Scrub

Wow, after a warm to hot week, we were dealt a dreaded 40 degree plus day to endure. Some plants did not cope too well despite being given a drink in the days prior to that awful Friday. Perhaps it was too hot too suddenly but with continued watering since most plants have now recovered . The soil is so dry due to the lack of rain and unfortunately there is no rain on the horizon. A generous layer of mulch does help reduce moisture loss and is beneficial to most plants.

Some Callistemons, with the common name of Bottle-brushes are still flowering creating splashes of pink, red, mauve and purple throughout the garden with Callistemon phoenicius being one of the best bright reds available. Melaleuca elliptica with it's many glorious crimson red brushes has put on a stunning display of brightly coloured flowers that are attracting many pollinators and bees.

Verticordia plumosa, a small rounded compact shrub that can be planted into a small space or even a pot, has been flowering for a few weeks now and should continue to show off it's many mauve/purple flowers for the next few weeks. The common name for this beauty is Plumed Feather Flower and grows naturally in the south west of Western Australia on sandy loamy soils in full sun to part shade. Once established, this delightful hardy plant requires very little extra water during Summer. Verticordia plumosa will grow approximately 60cms high and 100cm wide and has small green honey scented leaves and produces many very small beautiful purple flowers with a feathery appearance. The very pleasant scent attracts many native pollinators and bees. Flowering stems can be cut and when mixed with purple Bottlebrushes, mauve Tea Tree stems and blue Eucalypt stems, a delightful native floral arrangement is on display indoors. This very useful plant is available from most good nurseries and is easy to strike from cuttings.

Verticordia plumosa is such a great plant for any small or large garden being very hardy, lovely green scented foliage with purple flowers appearing over a long flowering period.

Just beautiful.









BIRDS IN MY BACKYARD

Julie Buttery, Humbug Scrub

We have two breeds of duck that frequent our dam. This article is about the Australian Wood Duck, also called the Maned duck, *Chenonetta jubata*.

Why Wood duck? Because they nest in the trees. Yes, that's right. They build their nest in a tree. When the ducklings are ready, one will jump from the nest and someone pushes the rest out too. The parents cannot look after them if they are not all together.

Both parents will then shepherd the ducklings to water, usually with one parent leading the way and the other rounding up the strays. This is usually when we see them crossing roads. Having taken the youngsters to a safe pond or dam, the adults may leave them and go to feed.



Wood ducks are grazing animals – OK by now you think I am making this up but it's true. Wood ducks like to graze the grass alongside a dam and if you notice the grass is short there, it is probably ducks that are doing it. The youngsters soon get the idea and will follow into the grass but they are quick to return to water if they are threatened. In this way of being a vegetarian, Wood ducks are more akin to geese than to most ducks.

They tend to congregate and sometimes a pair will have more than their own ducklings in their care.

Why Maned Duck? Because the breeding male has a mane of dark brown feathers. He is quite striking with his deep brown head, almost chestnut sometimes, and mottled brown back and chest. The female is mottled brown all over and has two pale narrow stripes near the eye, one above and one below. (Compare this with the Pacific Black which has a dark wide stripe through the eye). Non-breeding males have mottled brown necks and pale eye stripes.

KOALA RESCUE NEWS Bronwyn Wilton

Brown-Headed Honeyeaters: Their nest, like many honeyeaters in the *Melithreptus* group, is a small deep cup that hangs by its rim in the foliage of the lower branches of trees. The nest is made of bark strips, grass, cobwebs, and Koala fur.



Why is Koala fur perfect for lining the Honeyeaters nest?

- Koala fur is highly insulating, it is on par with polar bear fur.
- · Koala fur is located in trees.
- Koala fur is (mostly) light coloured.
- Koala fur is available in the daytime, when they sit exposed in a tree all day long, at a time when Honeyeaters are active, unlike many Australian mammals who use a hollow to hide in during the day.

Sometimes a Koala will get grumpy with the fur-puckers, waking up and smacking at them with sharp, strong claws. Some will change position in the tree to make themselves less accessible. But the Brown-headers are unstoppable, and will persist. They will perch on a Koalas lower back (see pic) - a relatively safe spot, almost out o reach of claws. Some Koalas don't seem



IMAGE: Echidna Walkabout

to mind the free grooming session, and will sit quietly as the honeyeaters purposefully take their fill. Sometimes a Koala will wake up, surprised at the sudden pain, and start grooming vigorously.

Most adult Koalas will tolerate the honeyeaters. They stay awake throughout the fur-plucking session, and if they are prompted to groom, they do so with no real attempt to hurt or dissuade the birds. Maybe the birds are providing a service to the Koala, removing old fur?

<u>REMEMBER:</u> Do not pick up a sick koala, it can still inflict serious injuries with its teeth and claws. If you see an injured, sick or orphaned koala please ring our free 24/7 hotline on 0474 737 283



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ONE TREE HILL SCOUTS NEWS Charlotte Brown, OTH

One Tree Hill Scouts win District Cook-Off Again!

On Saturday 11th November, Remembrance Day, One Tree Hill Scouts competed in the annual Ridley

District Camp Cook-off Competition. As defending champions from the inaugural event last year, One Tree Hill hosted the event which is entirely youth led on the day. The One Tree Hill 'Kangas' devised their own menu around the themes of Australiana and Remembrance, and scored extra points for utilising a jaffle iron on the campfire. All courses were cooked from scratch outdoors and to strict timings. The Scouts really challenged themselves with their choice of dishes: vegemite toasties, rosemary chicken with sauteed potatoes, and Anzac pudding, and came away with the trophy for the second time. A big thank you to our wonderful Scout Leaders who always go that bit further to help the Scouts achieve their best.

One Tree Hill Scouts are aged 11 to 15 and they meet every Thursday evening during school terms at the One Tree Hill Scout Hall. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Group Leader, Mike Branson on 0430 422 895.









Come & Try Scouting With Us! One Tree Hill Scout Group

Have you considered scouting for your family? Try 3 visits for free before you decide to join. Scouting is for everybody, so come and give it a go!

~ FUN ~ FRIENDS ~ ADVENTURE ~ CHALLENGES ~ OUTDOORS ~

~ CAMPING ~ HIKING ~ LEADERSHIP ~ LIFE SKILLS ~ RESILIENCE ~



AGE 5-8 Wednesdays 6:15-7:30pm



Scouts

AGE 8-11 Mondays 7-8:30pm



Scouts

AGE 11-15 Thursdays 7-9pm



Venturer **Scouts**

AGE 15-17 Fridays 7-9:30pm

CONTACT INFO

GROUP LEADER Mike Branson / 0430 422 895 ASSISTANT GROUP LEADER Michelle Voigt / 0414 843 784

onetreehill@sa.scouts.com.au

HALL LOCATION: McGilp Road One Tree Hill POSTAL: P.O. Box 136. One Tree Hill, SA 5114







HOW TO BUILD AN EMOTIONALLY SATIFYING LIFE

'I don't feel like I have a life purpose.'

'I feel as though I don't really fit with my life.'

'I want to make some changes but I'm not sure where to start.'

These are some of the common things I hear when people first come to see me at my practice. But despite what you may think, this feeling of 'lacking a life purpose' isn't limited to one age group or gender. Instead, it tends to come up when people are facing key life changes.

This was the situation one of my recent clients found himself

The client – let's call him Mike – is close to retirement and he's started thinking about what his life will be like after he finishes working. At the moment, Mike can see a lot of negatives: his grandkids won't be needing his help as they're all grown up; he won't be able to race cars like he once did; none of his mates will want to 'ride' like they used to. He feels like he won't be needed and he is struggling to find purpose.

I've been working with Mike on redefining his view on what 'having a purpose' really means and how he can go about finding it. I'd like to share some of that thinking with you.

Ditch the word 'purpose' to help you find yours

First things first, I'm not entirely sure I really like the word 'purpose'. For me, it conjures up something that's a little rigid or prescriptive. Instead, I prefer the word 'satisfying'. Asking yourself 'What do I find satisfying?' or check out - https:// chatsworthconsulting.com/2012/03/08/bucket-filling-as-a-<u>leadership-competency/</u> for a few tips and to not feel so intimidated by the question of.. 'What is my purpose?'

So, with that in mind, here are ten things you can do to build a satisfying life that gives you a feeling of place and purpose.

- 1. Understand what 'fills your bucket'. What are those things that you do purely for the joy or the sense of satisfaction it gives you? Is it walking, sitting with family, gardening, participating in a club, sleeping, taking a bath, or something you do as a hobby? Write down at least three things.
- **2. Future-proof the things you enjoy.** Take a look at the things on your 'fills your bucket' list and think about whether they'll be sustainable as you age. Some hobbies or activities can become too expensive, too physical, or are just no longer a good match as we get older. If something's not sustainable in its current format, think about whether there's a variation that while a little different, could keep you connected to the activity that you love.

- 3. Know your values. Our values sometimes called core values or personal values – are those beliefs that we hold most dear. If you need a hand working out your values or you'd like a refresher, this article - www.psychologytoday.com /au/blog/changepower/201811/6-ways-discover-and-chooseyour-core-values - will step you through the process.
- 4. Write down a few goals. That's right, write them down! Research has shown that when we write our goals down, we are much more likely to achieve them. Don't forget to add a target date for each one.
- 5. Give back. Giving back to others can be a great way to establish a sense of purpose and satisfaction with your life. You could join a cause, volunteer, donate money or skills, or maybe just undertake a few random acts of kindness.
- 6. Practice gratitude. There's a lot of evidence that this focus really helps our sense of purpose. You can start by simply writing down three things you were grateful for each day. If you are doing that and want to go to the next step, check out this article - https://www.mindful.org/an-introduction-tomindful-gratitude/ for some more tips on practicing daily gratitude.
- 7. Explore your passions. What are you good at? What could you do more of? You don't have to be good at everything, you can still nurture and grow your strengths. Try to be open to different things because you never know when you might find your newest passion!
- 8. Notice who you spend time with. While some people energise and uplift us, others drain us of energy. Notice how you feel around others and try to spend more time with people that inspire you.
- 9. Read more. If you needed an excuse to read more, here it is! Reading fiction has been found to improve your empathy and critical/creative thinking. So, grab yourself a cuppa, get comfy, and immerse yourself in another world for a while.
- 10. Practice self-acceptance and self-awareness. Working on your self-acceptance and self-awareness can lead to a greater sense of connection to others and everything you do, giving more meaning to your life.

Need more support – don't hesitate to reach out.



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COUNTRY MARKET



December Market Saturday 2nd 8.30 am - 12.30pm

Christmas Market Saturday 16th <u>8.30am - 12.30pm</u>

ENQUIRIES: HEATHER 0457 107 817 MARKET@ONETREEHILL.ORG.AU

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION COUNTRY MARKET REPORT

The monthly market held on the first Saturday in November was well attended despite being held at the same time as the iconic South Australian Pageant.

For a great selection of hand crafted/home produced gifts for Christmas do visit the market and enjoy the friendly country atmosphere.

Where has the year gone? There's no market in January. The first market in 2024 will be on February 3rd.

Thank you to all stallholders for their continued support for the market and a BIG thankyou to everyone who has visited our market this year and purchased goods from a very talented group of craft persons.

SPOTLIGHT ON A STALL HOLDER

CHRIS REHN 0425 397 399

CHRIS WILL BE AT THE MARKET IN DECEMBER THEN WONT BE BACK TIL MID 2024!

CHRIS.REHN@LIVE.COM.AU



Recycled Australian Hardwoods

Unique Gifts Serving Platters 2 Pens (Australian collection) Wine Glass Hangers

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 picture gue garden areas which are ideal for photos. 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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What's on in DECEMBER

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Saturday 2nd OTH Country Market

Thursday 14th Progress Assoc Meeting

Saturday 16th OTH Xmas Market

Sunday 17th Carols in the Gardens (see pg7)

Thursday 21st Mt Pleasant Twilight Market

Sunday 24th Christmas Eve

Monday 25th Christmas Day

Tuesday 26th Boxing Day

Sunday 31st New Years Eve

REGULAR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mondays 9.30am-11.30am

OTH Playgroup

Saturdays 8.00am-12.00pm

Mt Pleasant Farmers Market

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun 8.00am

The Walkie Talkies

Thurs/Fri

Which Bins go out









Eve

Mobile Library

Opposite Blacksmith's Inn Black Top Rd, One Tree Hill Alternate Fridays: 3:00pm-4:00pm 1st, 15th & 29th December



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FRIENDS OF PARA WIRRA Steve Taylor

The Tangier Pea Story from Para Wirra

When I was getting to know Para Wirra as a new Ranger in 1998, I noticed there was one hillside in the South Para Valley that turned an attractive shade of pink-purple every November. A creeper not unlike the garden Sweet Pea was emerging from seed each winter and twining and smothering Grass trees, Sticky hop shrubs, Correas and all the lilies, Rock ferns and other small native plants that cover the lower slopes of the valley and the river bank.



I had seen the extent of this garden escape weed in the Torrens Gorge, Paracombe, Montacute and such places where it seems to be accepted as being beyond any control and now part of the landscape both on and off National Parks Reserves. It occurred to me that this infestation in Para Wirra might be relatively young and it was relatively small, no more than 2ha. It seemed to be centred on a track that crosses the South Para valley through very steep and rugged country and surveys found it nowhere else in the park

So we embarked on a mission to get rid of it and anyone who has tried to control hard seeded pea family weeds will understand the difficulty of this project. With the help of Friends of Para Wirra and a few staff members we undertook an annual program to simply pull it up each season when its showy flowers gave it away and before seed set. Initially we bagged and removed it, filling a rubbish skip but then we realised if we got the timing right we could just bundle it up, releasing the smothered grass trees and shrubs and leave it to slowly rot. As long as no new seed formed, we had to win eventually didn't we? And with no damage from herbicide use in the river valley.

I have to say that it took many years before the population suddenly dropped to a level where a handful of volunteers could bundle all the Tangier Pea vines up in a couple of hours; we had depleted the seed bank and no new seeds were being added because of our timing and thoroughness.

Well this November is the 25th Anniversary of the Tangier Pea control program and I can report that on my visit to the South Para this month, now as a volunteer, it took me just an hour and a half to collect 47 plants from what was once a dense 2ha population requiring 100s of person hours effort each year. Over the years we have controlled olives and boneseed on those river banks as well and almost eradicated Blackberry and Prickly pear. Now Red browed finches nest in the dead olives, the river bottlebrush, Correa and grass trees have reclaimed their river banks and Peregrine falcons and Euros add colour and interest to the valley. It really didn't need the addition of a dominating European flower.



Red browed finch nest in dead olive



Bundles of Tangier Pea left to break down



Tangier pea spreading across a grassy hillside







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OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESULTS Grade 2						
		Grade 2				
21 & 28 October	·	OTH 135 (Stutley 48) & 4/147 (Stutley 36) v Salisbury North 233 (Schmidtke 8/116) Match Drawn				
4 & 11	ATCO 'B' v OTH 'A'	OTH 236 (Lister 109) & 3/39 (L Ellis-Mules 22) v ATCO 176 (Duncan 3/39)				
November		Match Drawn				
Limited Overs Division 2						
21 October	Parafield Gardens 'B' v OTH 'B'	Parafield Gardens won by Forfeit				
14 October	Titans v OTH 'B'	OTH 83 (Mead 23) def by Titans 6/84 (Oliver 2/5) by 4 wickets				
4 November	Para Vista 'B' v OTH 'B'	Para Vista 8/209 (Oliver 2/16) def OTH 53 (Balloch 13) by 156 runs				
11 November	OTH 'B' v Adelaide Risers 'A'	OTH 132 (Balloch 60) def by Adelaide Risers 3/136 (Mead 1/32) by 7 wickets				

DECEM	BER HOME FIXTURES	JANUARY HOME FIXTURES		
	Seniors	Seniors		
9 December	OTH 'A' v Angle Vale 'B'	6 January	OTH 'A' v Smithfield	
16 December	OTH 'A' v Salisbury West 'B'	13 January	OTH 'B' v Parafield Gardens 'B'	
		20 January	OTH 'A' v ATCO 'B'	
		27 January	OTH 'B' v Para Vista 'B'	

PASSING THE BAT ON... Tabatha Pettigrew

Did you know it's been seven years since the One Tree Hill Cricket Club has had a junior Billies team? But that's all about to change....

Back in 2021 the Club started a junior blasters program for kids to learn cricket skills, embrace teamwork, and have a blast through fun game-based activities. This program has been run by club volunteers and parents for the past three seasons and has been well received in the community with many kids looking forward to participating on Thursday's after school. Some of these kids are now ready to advance their skills a little further. So for the first time in seven years One Tree

Hill will have a junior (Under 10s) cricket team.

The junior cricket pathway will nurture their passion, build their confidence, while allowing them to create lifelong friendships. Just in time for the clubs last under 10s Premiership team (2013/2014 season) to celebrate their ten year premiership reunion. This team will be invited back to the club to celebrate in January, providing players the opportunity to reconnect with the club and each other.

"Junior teams have provided the One Tree Hill Cricket Club great enjoyment over the years and we look forward to welcoming the next generation of

cricketers and their families into the Club" explains Ben - Junior coordinator - One Tree Hill Cricket Club "In the coming years we plan to develop a strong junior squad creating pathways into senior cricket and would love to see U10s, U12's U14's and U16's teams all playing here at McGilp Oval."

The club supports the development of cricketers both on and off the field and there are many ways to be a part of the cricket community. If you would like to know more about how you can get involved contact Luke 0406 788 425 or Ben 0421 711 626. Go Billies!

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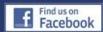
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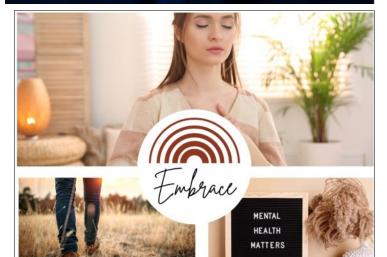
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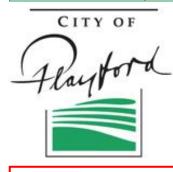
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