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Welcome to the December Grapevine.

This is the final Grapevine for 2024, the next edition will be in February 2025 after a well deserved break for everyone.

Thank you for all your support, contributions and feedback over the past year. I hope that the Grapevine is everything you want in a community magazine.

I would personally like to send a special shout out to Louise Niva, Stuart Otway and Michael Fischer for helping with proof reading every month.

From my family to yours, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy your time with family and friends.

*Kelly Fischer* - Grapevine Manager

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JANUARY 2025!

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Just a friendly reminder that the Grapevine is a great way to share local news, views and events. It is funded and produced by the One Tree Hill Progress Association. a donation towards the cost of production would be greatly appreciated. The 'Piggy Banks' around town are located at:

- GENERAL STORE
- POST OFFICE
- PHARMACY
- FODDER STORE
- OTH COUNTRY MARKET

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## ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION—PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I’d like to start by extending a big thank you to our Progress Association members. Your dedication each month is essential in keeping our community informed and well-represented on local matters. You are an incredible group of volunteers. A big thank you as well to our community— your feedback and engagement are invaluable. We encourage you to stay connected and contribute in any way you can.

Our final Progress monthly meeting for 2024 will be at 7pm Thursday 12 December. Please note, we will not be holding a monthly meeting in January so our first monthly meeting for 2025 will be Thursday 13 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 to join us at our special Christmas Market on Saturday 21 December with a 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.

[president@onetreehill.org.au](mailto:president@onetreehill.org.au)



## 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.

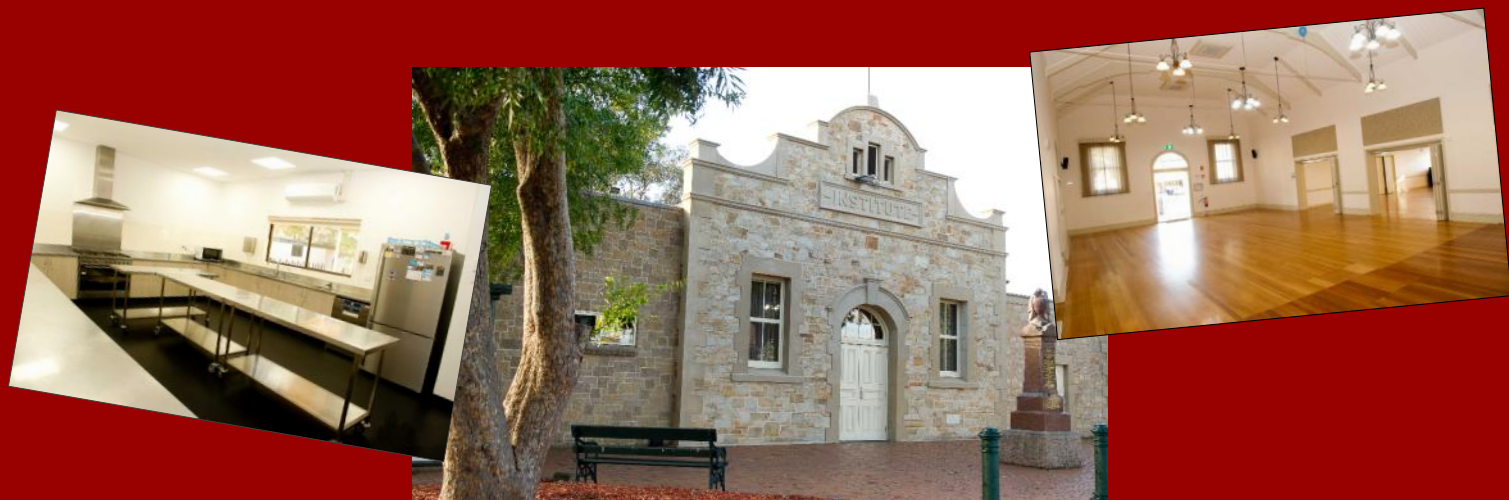
Outside you will find a sheltered playground & picturesque garden areas which are ideal for photos.

*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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**<https://onetreehill.org.au/index.php/hall>**



## PLAYFORD COUNCIL - LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Ratepayers and Residents,

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and all the best for a fantastic 2025.

It has been an honour to represent my hometown and the residents of Playford over the last 6 years. Thank you to everyone who supported me by taking the time to vote in the last two council elections.

What motivated me 7 years ago to run and represent the community? It was the 2017 Rate Review Policy that would have seen massive rate increases with the rural communities being targeted. During the campaign against the Rate Review Policy (that we were successful in seeing overturned) many concerns were raised. Since being elected I have advocated for and seen many improvements in processes and management. One of those areas is debt management. The City of Playford was heading towards \$150 M in debt with concerns raised by a previous CEO, Tim Jackson. Mr Jackson indicated his concerns in a news article indicating that if the direction of Playford did not change we could reach a debt level of \$250 M. I am pleased to say, 7 years later we have managed our debt. While the debt ceiling remains at \$150 M and as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 the actual debt was \$67.9 M.

What are the major challenges impacting Playford over the next ten years? In short it is residential growth and required infrastructure. The State Government rezoned large portions of Playford as the growth zone. Who should be paying? I'm advocating that it should be the State Government delivering on infrastructure. The City of Playford can then manage, depreciate and replace assets into the future. We don't need the State Government further impacting the high rates within Playford.

The prime example is Curtis Road that has grown from a small rural road to essentially an arterial feeder road to the Northern Expressway. The cost to upgrade Curtis Road is now beyond the City of Playford's financial capacity. The State Government and the Member for Taylor, Nick Champion MP seems reluctant to come to the table from my understanding and continues with the narrative saying, it is a Council road. I am sorry, I expect a little more from Mr Champion as our Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure and Minister for Planning.

Recently we had Matt Burnell MP, Member for Spencer publicly questioning the City of Playford on our grant funding applications. I was disappointed with his commentary as it appeared to lack understanding on the suitability of the grant program.

This month the City of Playford received information from the Port Headland Council seeking support in gaining answers from the Prime Minister and in calling for the immediate suspension of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. There is a large amount of data and information with disturbing findings of synthetic DNA contamination. Dr. Speicher's testing revealed that the contamination levels in these vaccines exceeded Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) safety limit by up to 145 times. Furthermore, the Pfizer vaccines contain the SV 40 promoter-sequences, which are well known for facilitating genomic integration and amplifying cancer risk.

Please contact me for further information. I appreciate hearing from the community on local matters.

Kind regards,



**Cr David Kerrison - City of Playford**

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## CFS INCIDENT REPORT NOVEMBER 2024



### Incident report

OTH CFS Brigade has seen a 50% increase in call outs this past month. The brigade attended 17 incidents, including 8 grass fires, one prescribed burnoff, 5 vehicle accidents, one vehicle fire, one tree down, and one spill clean-up callout. The brigade experienced multiple call outs on multiple days throughout October and November.

The grass fire occurrence increased due to the drier conditions and private burns being left unattended. The vehicle fire on 21<sup>st</sup> of October on Yorktown Rd around midnight also caused a minor grass and tree fire.

Elizabeth MFS extinguished the vehicle while OTH 34P, 34 and Para BW10 crews extinguished the trees and grass fire.

Grass fires occurred on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October (x2), 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> (x2) of November. Grass fires occurred on Craigmores Rd, Uleybury; Cornishmans Hill, Rd OTH; Lower Hermitage Rd, Lower Hermitage; Womma Rd, Penfield; Little Para Reserve. Salisbury; Stebonheath Rd, Munno Para; Sheoak Rd, Humbug Scrub; and, Williams Rd, Gould Creek. The largest of these was the Womma Rd, Penfield, fire on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. All OTH appliances attended this 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm fire, with Tea Tree Gully and Salisbury CFS appliances doing a change of quarters to cover the OTH response area. Crews were on the fire ground from 2.40pm until midnight. Para base was activated and manned by OTH CFS personnel.

Grass fires on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> of November were the result of private burn offs. Alarmingly, some of these fires were left unattended, while others were reported to 000 by a well-meaning passer-by. The grass fires on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of November are being investigated as suspicious.

OTH A34 assisted the Department for Environment and Water with a large prescribed burn in Para Wirra Conservation Park along the Quarry Track on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. This involved both ground and aerial ignition to burn the 58 hectares for fuel reduction and landscape protection.

Motor vehicle accidents occurred on 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October and the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (x2) of November. The largest and most challenging was the MVA on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. 4 vehicles were involved in the accident near the Uley Rd - Gawler/One Tree Hill Rd intersection at 5.25pm. High road traffic volume and a subsequent 2 car MVA tested and stretched available resources; however, the crews managed the evolving incident with composure and resourcefulness.

### Brigade activities.

Our 2025 Calendars are still available from the station every Monday night at 7pm as well the OTH Post Office. We will be running a Christmas and Easter raffle to raise funds for the new standpipe installation. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details with some awesome prizes up for grabs. Two new members were voted into the brigade at our Quarterly meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. A massive shout out to Hope Christian College for the invitation to attend their open day and cook the BBQ. Our Brigade did a sterling job cooking just under 600 sausages and 160 burgers. Thanks to those members that assisted with this valuable community engagement event. Lastly, keep the 18<sup>th</sup> of December free as the Brigade will be doing a Christmas Lolly run through the township commencing at 6.30pm. Be safe and bushfire ready!

**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 1800 362 361**



## CRIME REPORT – ONE TREE HILL RURAL WATCH

Offences reported between 15/10/24 and 14/11/24

Overnight on 21 October

Arson

Yorktown Road ONE TREE HILL

Vehicle stolen from Blakeview address, dumped at location and set on fire

Overnight on 21 October

Theft from Motor Vehicle and Property Damage

Kentish Road BIBARINGA

Vehicle stolen from Elizabeth Vale address, dumped and wheels stolen. Damage to interior and exterior of vehicle

4 November

Unlawfully on Premises

McGilp Road ONE TREE HILL

3 unknown persons attended the Primary School, pushed bins over and started fire in the fire pit – appears no damage caused

9 November

Illegal Use of Motor Vehicle and Police Pursuit

Somerton Road BIBARINGA

Vehicle stolen from Davoren Park address and involved in short police pursuit on One Tree Hill Road before being dumped at above location. 18-year-old Elizabeth North man arrested nearby and appeared at Elizabeth Court

Police continue to respond to several serious motor vehicle accidents (including roll overs) in the One Tree Hill area over the last month. Please ensure you drive to the road/weather conditions and keep safe!

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.



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

Darren McCue  
Senior Sergeant First Class  
Elizabeth Police Station

## KOALA RESCUE NEWS - Bronwyn Wilton

**REMEMBER:** 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



KOALA RESCUE Inc

wish everyone a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to everyone  
for their continued support  
throughout the year

## BIRDS IN MY BACKYARD

Julie Buttery, Humbug Scrub

I have just returned from a six week driving about 6000 kms through NSW and Qld. In that time I took about 500 photos of birds, including five I have never photographed before. And that is all I will be saying about those birds here. These articles are about birds I **MY Backyard**, birds I have identified in or above my personal property in One Tree Hill. A few cases I will illustrate the article with photos taken elsewhere. A case in point is the subject of this issue: Rainbow bee-eaters. I have one terrible photo taken at home in 1997, sufficient to identify the bird but too poor to print. Since then I have photographed some in Qld and those shots are being used here.

Rainbow bee-eaters spend much of their time in northern Australia. However they come south in the summer to breed. As I write this I am being told they have been seen in One Tree Hill but alas I have not been lucky enough to see any this year.

They nest in burrows in sandy banks or on open flat ground. As such their nests and young are very vulnerable especially to cats and foxes.

The Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*) hunts while flying, taking bees, wasps and other insects in flight. They often return to a branch to wipe the sting off before eating the insect. Their flight from branch to insect and return is very quick, just a flash of colour before almost disappearing in the foliage.

Head of gold, with a black eye-band, you would expect them to be easy to spot. But their bodies are green shading to blue and that helps them disappear in foliage. The juvenile has no gorget (collar at the front) while on the adult male it is very distinct, the female's being less bold. Adults have long tail streamers extending downward below the tail proper. The male's streamers are longer but the female's are wider. Their under-wing is rufous-brown, seen only in flight from below.

The bee-eater, with a slender body shape, is slightly longer than the familiar New Holland Honeyeater with a much longer wing span and a bill of about 35 to 40 mm.

*M. ornatus* is the only example of its species in Australia. During the floods of 2022/23 many of their nesting sites in southern NSW and Victoria were unusable and they failed to hatch young. With low water levels in SA this year their breeding chances are poor as they nest close to water and the ground cover around waterholes will provide scant cover.



## WHAT'S FLOWERING IN MY GARDEN

Heather Fischer, Humbug Scrub

Summer has arrived. Where was the Spring rain? Perhaps, perhaps we will receive some Summer rain. Many dams are very low with some as low as they would be at the end of Summer. There is not much feed for the sheep, cows, goats, horses, kangaroos and other animals. We have had a few balmy evenings and warm days and the delightful perfume of the Native Frangipani, *Hymenosporum flavum*, has been quite intoxicating. Many colourful Callistemons are flowering with colours ranging from soft yellow to pale pink, pale orange, brilliant letter box reds, and many shades of purple red. All are providing much needed nectar for the many Honeyeater birds that visit. Many Melaleucas are flowering providing splashes of pink and mauve throughout and all have been stunning in flower.

The eastern state Banksias have completed their annual flowering cycle and are now putting on their new growth. *Banksia blechnifolia* has produced some bold pinkish soft orange flowers to which many Honeyeater birds are attracted. This Banksia occurs naturally on the coastal regions of southern Western Australia and grows well in well drained sandy loamy soils but may need a drink or two over summer. Being a ground cover Banksia, this plant will sprawl to cover an area up to four square metres with its stiff upright leaves only up to thirty, maybe thirty five centimetres high. The shape of the leaves are similar to those of the *Blechnum* fern. When in flower the flowering cones appear at the end of ground hugging branches. New growth is of a bright bronze rusty brown shade. This Banksia is a very worthwhile addition to any garden especially a native rockery type. It does not have a lignotuber and will be destroyed by fire but will regenerate from seed. This stunning Australian Native is available from all good nurseries. It can also be grown in a large pot providing that it receives adequate water. Find one or two, plant them and enjoy the beauty that this ground cover Banksia offers.

Banksia

*blechnifolia*,

Just beautiful.





A huge THANKYOU to the wonderful residents of One Tree Hill, who agreed to welcome all of our Trick or Treaters. We met at the Institute Playground, took a group photo and then handed out maps to the eager children. It was a fantastic night, the weather was perfect, costumes were amazing and the kids had so much fun! Here's a couple of photos ...





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## YOUTH IN EMERGENCIES PROGRAM

Henry Brown, One Tree Hill

### Introduction

My name is Henry and since April I have been part of the Youth in Emergencies Programme run by the Red Cross, where I am working towards my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The main point of the programme is learning how young people can help their community become more resilient during an emergency or disaster. For this project I have chosen to learn about bushfires as it is something that greatly effects One Tree Hill, and I have been writing some articles in the Grapevine so that I can use my knowledge to help my community. In my final article I am reminding people what to do when a bushfire has happened, so they know what to do next.

### Contacting Insurance

One of the first things you should do after ensuring it is safe to return to your property is to contact your insurance provider. Document any damage to your property and belongings by taking photos or videos of them, as this will be important when filing a claim to your insurance. Your insurer can guide you through the process, helping you understand what is covered under your policy and what steps to take next.



### Calling Emergency Services

If there are any lingering dangers, such as smouldering hotspots or hazardous conditions, it's vital to contact emergency services before entering these properties. They can assess the situation and ensure that the area is safe. Even if the fire is out, there may be risks from downed power lines or damaged solar panels, smoke inhalation, or other hazards like chemical residues or toxic ash or asbestos. These require immediate attention from professionals. Be careful not to tread on fallen logs or any debris as hot coals can be hidden under rubble and trees may still be burning inside.



### Inform Family and Friends

Let your family and friends know you are safe. This can be a challenging time and reconnecting with loved ones can provide much-needed emotional support for the stress of a bushfire. They may also be able to assist you in various



ways, whether through practical help or simply by being there for you during this difficult time. The Red Cross runs 'Register, Find, Reunite' during emergencies which is a service that lets other people know that you are safe. During the 2019-2020 fires 71,000 people registered with it and it was used to help those affected by the fire and follow up with them to help their recovery.

### Staying Informed

Keep yourself updated with the latest news regarding the bushfire's impact and recovery efforts. Local authorities will often provide updates about recovery resources, road conditions, and community assistance programs. Staying informed can help you make better decisions about your next steps and access available support that you or others might need.



### Seeking Emotional Help

The mental and emotional toll of a bushfire can be significant. Feelings of grief, anxiety, and stress are common, and it's important to seek help if you need it. Consider reaching out to mental health professionals, support groups, or hotlines dedicated to disaster recovery. Talking to someone can provide relief and guidance during this challenging time.



### Conclusion

Recovering from a bushfire is a multifaceted process that requires both practical steps and emotional support. By contacting your insurance, reaching out to emergency services, and keeping in touch with loved ones, you can navigate the aftermath with greater ease. Staying informed and seeking emotional help will aid your recovery, while assessing property damage helps set the foundation for rebuilding your life. Remember, you're not alone in this journey. Support is available, and recovery is possible.

## ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH



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

#### **JAM**

The children's church program - "Jesus and Me" (JAM) is held during the school term each Sunday morning at 10.00 am whilst the Service is being held.

All children are very welcome.

### **BIBLE STUDY/ GROUPS**

#### **Men's Bible Study Group**

Held Fortnightly, Wednesday evenings

7.00 pm - at the Church

### **WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERALS**

The church is available for any of the above Services.

For further information regarding bookings, please

leave a message on the

**Church phone - 82807 951**

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE**

**9.00 AM**



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

## **ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH**

**INVITES YOU TO :**

### **"CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE GARDEN"**

**7.00 PM**

**SUNDAY DEC 22<sup>ND</sup> 2024**

Come along and enjoy singing many of our favourite Christmas Carols. On conclusion, tea, coffee, cool drinks & mince pies will be served.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Enquiries – Maureen – 8280 7368**

# COUNTRY MARKET



• CRAFT • COOK • GROW • FRESH

**Do you want to have a stall at the market?**

**Contact HEATHER for information on 0457 107 817 or**

***Email: [market@onetreehill.org.au](mailto:market@onetreehill.org.au)***

## COUNTRY MARKET REPORT

The November Market was held on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> with fine weather. Many people visited despite the Christmas Pageant being held in the City of Adelaide.

Everyone is welcome to visit and to purchase well made goods that have been handcrafted by some very talented craftspeople. You will find some interesting jewellery, wooden platters and Christmas decorations, pottery, handbags, cards, candles and much more. There is no Market in January therefore you will need to purchase sufficient supplies of your dried fruit, nuts and sweets in December to keep you going until the first Market of 2025 in February.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our local market this past year. We look forward to enjoying our market in 2025.

## NEXT COUNTRY MARKET:

**SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER**

**8:30am - 12:30pm**

**CHRISTMAS MARKET:  
SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER  
8:30am-12:30pm**



# WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

| SUNDAY                                                                                                    | MONDAY                                                                                 | TUESDAY                                                                                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                   | THURSDAY                                                                                                                  | FRIDAY                                                                                                     | SATURDAY                                                                                                      |
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| 1<br>Term 4—Week 8                                                                                        | 2                                                                                      | 3                                                                                                           | 4                                                                                                           | 5<br>                                  | 6<br>                   | 7<br>                      |
| 8<br>Term 4—Week 9                                                                                        | 9<br> | 10                                                                                                          | 11                                                                                                          | 12<br>Progress Association Meeting<br> | 13<br>School's Out!<br> | 14                                                                                                            |
| 15<br>School Holidays                                                                                     | 16                                                                                     | 17                                                                                                          | 18                                                                                                          | 19<br>                                 | 20<br>                  | 21<br>Christmas Market<br> |
| 22<br>School Holidays<br> | 23                                                                                     | 24<br>Christmas Eve<br>   | 25<br>Merry Christmas<br> | 26<br>Boxing Day<br>                   | 27<br>                 | 28                                                                                                            |
| 29<br>School Holidays                                                                                     | 30                                                                                     | 31<br>NEW YEAR'S EVE<br> |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                               |

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|-----------|------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 7th  | OTH Country Market                            |
| Thursday  | 12th | Progress Assoc Meeting                        |
| Friday    | 13th | Last Day of School for 2024!!!!               |
| Saturday  | 21st | CHRISTMAS MARKET                              |
| Sunday    | 22nd | Uniting Church—Christmas Carols in the Garden |
| Tuesday   | 24th | Christmas Eve                                 |
| Wednesday | 25th | Christmas Day                                 |
| Thursday  | 26th | Boxing Day                                    |
| Tuesday   | 31st | NEW YEARS EVE                                 |

• School weeks - SA Government Schools

## REGULAR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mondays 9.30am-11.30am

OTH Playgroup



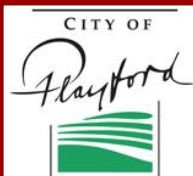
Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun 8.00am

The Walkie Talkies



Thurs/Fri

Which Bins go out



### Mobile Library

Opposite Blacksmith's Inn  
Black Top Rd, One Tree Hill

Alternate Fridays:

3:00pm—4:00pm

Contact 8256 0333 for information





The Kersbrook Shed extends a warm welcome to the folks of One Tree Hill and surrounding areas, to come over and utilise this fantastic community space!

You may not even know your closest Community Shed exists! It's available for everyone in the district to join, and not just the old men either. Kids, women, families, dogs (we do actually have 1 dog member, Harry). And it's all just over the hill in Kersbrook, at the Soldiers Memorial Park tucked in behind the tennis courts.

There's all sorts of interest groups awaiting, from model plane building, 3D printing, electronics, metalwork and of course good old woodwork. Feel like starting a new interest group? Go for it! There's funding available to kickstart new ideas into life.



With membership only \$50pa, which includes access to a shed full of well maintained machinery and tools, materials to get you started, insurance cover, and of course the free tea, coffee and biscuits, it's cheap and easy to join up. The Shed's open Mon & Thurs 9am-12pm and Wed evenings 7pm-9pm. Can't make it during these times? Send us a message and with enough interest we can open more often, even weekends.

Keen to know more? Jump onto our website, follow the Facebook page 'The Kersbrook Shed', give Tim a call on 0468 615 612 or just drop in!

<https://sites.google.com/view/thekersbrookshed>

So come and join in with some like-minded community folks, to share ideas over a cuppa and bring your project, or one of our many community projects, to life!



**NORTHERN FOOTHILLS  
LAND CARE GROUP**

**Event series #20**

## BUGS, BEETLES, BUTTERFLIES AND SCORPIONS

When most of us think of Biodiversity our thoughts do not zero in on some 60,000 species of micro bugs living in our soil, many of which are not identified. But I am pleased to say I am very aware. Members and guests of the Northern Foothills Land Care Group were both entertained and educated by two fascinating speakers, Dr Michael Nash, an applied invertebrate ecologist and Kristen Messenger, a science educator.

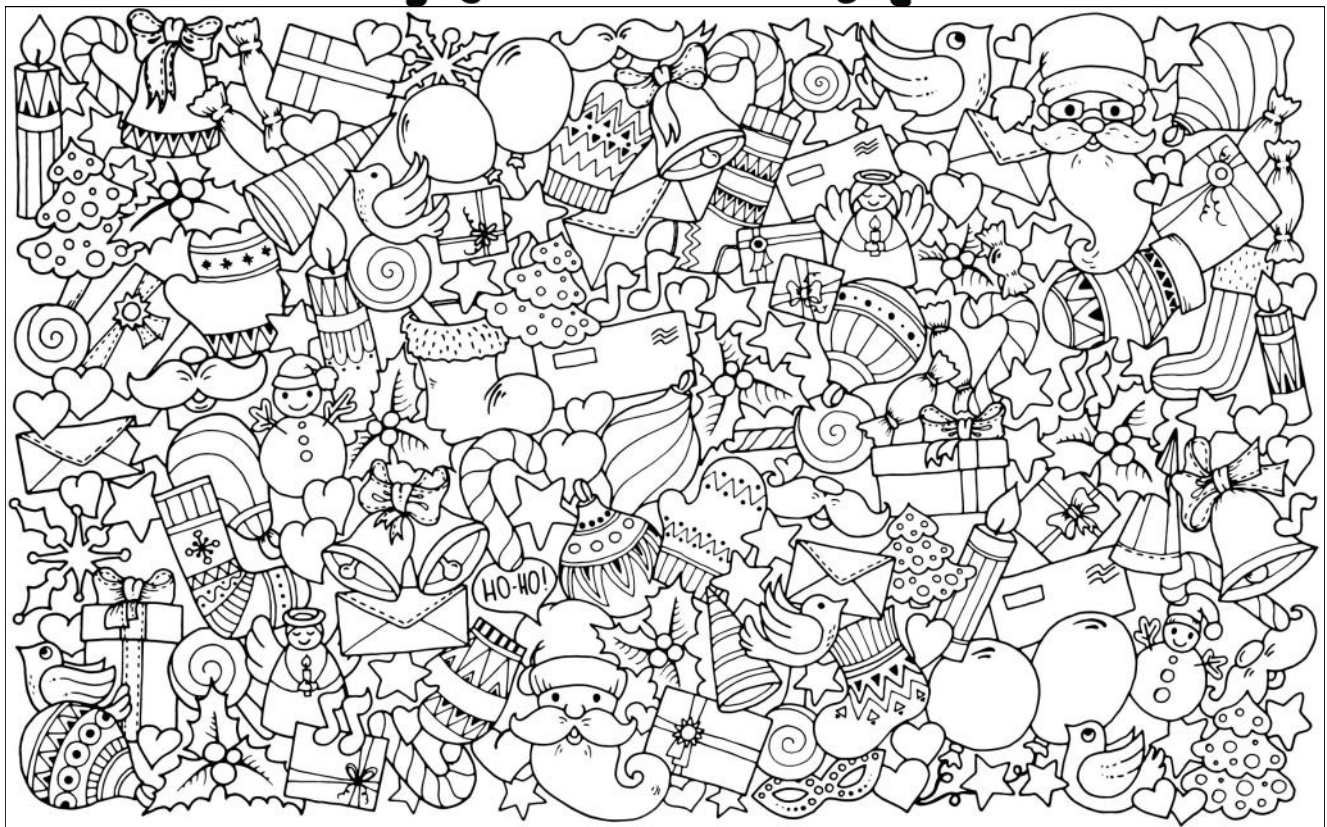
*"There are never going to be enough ants in the world..."*  
Kristen Messenger

Many of us are vaguely aware there is a lot of interest in the migration of the Bogong Moths. I have to confess, I never really understood why but the reason; the moths are an important food source for the Critically Endangered Mountain Pygmy-possums. With fewer than 2,000 left in the wild, it is important to understand the threat to their disappearing spring food source. Gaining a better understanding of the life cycle and movements of the Bogong

Moth, we can help contribute to its survival and this starts with us recording sightings on Moth Tracker.

Ants, scorpions, beetles, predator bugs, make up 90 percent of all animal species on earth. There was and is so much to learn. Thanks to everyone for coming it was a great night.





## XMAS FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

**How many gifts are in Santa's bag?**

**Word Scramble**

NATSA  
1

LGNAE  
2

YLOLH  
3

Find all the items

# Merry Christmas

**Connect the dots**

1) Why is Santa really good at karate?

2) What bites but doesn't have any teeth?

3) What has a lot of needles but can't sew?

4) What is a ball that does not bounce?

**Word Search**

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| M | O |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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**Maze: Help Frosty find his hat**

**Tic Tac Toe**

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1) Because he has a black belt, 2) Frost, 3) Frost, 4) A snowball

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If you are looking for fun, friendships, adventure and challenge, then One Tree Hill Scout Group is for you! Scouts is open to all and the programme is a 'choose your own adventure' of youth-led and adult-supported activities. Scouting offers exceptional leadership opportunities for young people who are interested in taking on additional responsibilities, but there is no requirement or expectation to assume a leadership role.

One Tree Hill Scouts were busy on camp in Mount Crawford Forest last month, putting their outdoor skills into practice. The weather was very wet but that didn't dampen the Scouts' enthusiasm for a weekend of fun. The theme for this term's camp was 'survival camp', and the Scouts used the opportunity to develop their skills in pioneering by building survival shelters using tarpaulins, wooden poles and rope. It was a chance for many Scouts to tick off some important achievements in their Outdoor Adventure Skills and gain the next level of badges by putting their knowledge into practice.

The Scouts challenged themselves to spend the night in the shelters they had built and in the main they remained dry and warm. A flood of water at 4am when a scout inadvertently let the rainfall that had collected during the night flow into the shelter rather than off it, proved a valuable lesson! In the end four Scouts braved the elements and survived the entire night in their shelter. Other activities for the weekend included building campfires and playing a selection of wide games (large-scale outdoor games). One Scout ran a workshop teaching the group about bushfire risks and how to extinguish campfires properly, which was particularly apt given the forest setting.

The start of a new year is a great opportunity for young people to join Scouts, although new members are welcome anytime. One Tree Hill Scouts are aged 11 to 15 and meet on Thursday nights during school terms at 7 pm at the Scout Hall. There is a no obligation free trial of three free sessions, and Scouts SA also accepts the \$100 government Sports Vouchers towards membership fees. Please call the group leader, Mike Branson, on 0430 422 895 for more information about Joeys (ages 5-8), Cubs (ages 8-11), Scouts (ages 11-15) or Venturers (ages 15-18) – including how to gain access to the Scout Hall during the McGilp Oval redevelopment works!





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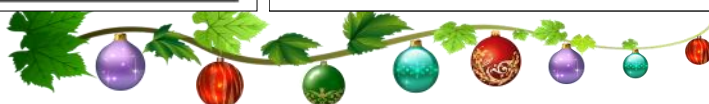
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