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Dear readers,

Welcome to the March edition of the One Tree Hill Grapevine!

I hope you're liking the different layout. I've also changed things to now have the back page as a puzzle/competition page.

You can find a competition being run by Koala Rescue Inc on page 13 with the entry form on the back page to fill in. Good Luck!!

Finally, please take the time to read the president's report on page 6 and complete the survey to have your say on the things that affect your community.

Well, enjoy this edition!

Kelly Fischer - Grapevine Manager

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- Scroll to 'Read the Grapevine Magazine Online'

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

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	Rebekha Sharkie	08 8398 5566	Soccer Club	Jake Milka	
	Tony Zappia	08 8265 3100	Tennis Club	Garry Evans	0415 399 658
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PLAYFORD COUNCIL CONTACTS

24HR EMERGENCY & LOST/FOUND DOGS

GENERAL ENQUIRIES & BURNING PERMITS

Phone: 8256 0333

Home Assist: 8256 0355

Email: playford@playford.sa.gov.au

When telephoning council with requests, please remember to get a Customer Reference Number (CRN) to ensure registration and easy identification of your communication.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE, COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE OR POLICE: 000

Bushfire Info Hotline (24hr): 1800 362 361

CFS Station (When Staffed): 8280 7412

General Business: 8280 7055

Hospital: 8182 9000

Police (non emergency): 131 444



What's on in MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1  OTH Market
2 Term 1—Week 6	3	4  SHROVE TUESDAY	5	6 	7	8
9 Term 1—Week 7	10  ADELAIDE CUP DAY	11	12	13  Progress Association Meeting 	14	15
16 Term 1—Week 8	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20 	21  HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH	22
23 Term 1—Week 9	24	25	26	27 	28	29
30 Term 1—Week 10	31					

Saturday 1st OTH Country Market

Tuesday 4th Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day

Monday 10th Adelaide Cup

Thursday 13th Progress Assoc Meeting

Monday 17th St Patrick's Day

Friday 21st Harmony Day

• 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

COUNTRY MARKET

**DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A STALL
AT THE MARKET?**



• CRAFT • COOK • GROW • FRESH

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

Email: market@onetreehill.org.au

COUNTRY MARKET REPORT

The Market held in February was well attended despite a prediction of very hot weather but the weather in the morning was perfect for visiting our market.

Do visit our market for a chat with the locals, breakfast from the General Store and the opportunity to purchase some well made hand crafted items.

Mark will have plenty of quality nuts, dried fruits and sweets. Wendy will be there with bread, pastries and sweets.

You will find inside hand made greeting cards, candles, pottery pieces, jewellery and much more.
See you there!!

NEXT COUNTRY MARKET:

SATURDAY 1st MARCH

8:30am-12:30pm



ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION—PRESIDENT’S REPORT

We would like to extend our thanks to the members of our community who attended the OTH Progress meeting on Thursday 13th of February. The primary discussion of the evening focused on the recent reduction of the speed limit on Black Top Road from 100 km/h to 80 km/h. The overall sentiment expressed by attendees was one of concern and frustration.

Many locals highlighted the increased issues of complacency and impatience on the road, particularly pointing out tailgating, which has become more prevalent along the roads surrounding the township. While accident statistics on Black Top Road indicate that inattentive driving is the leading cause of incidents, the reduction in the speed limit does not appear to address this issue. There is a growing fear within the community that the reduced speed limit may actually heighten the risk of accidents, as drivers familiar with the road could become more relaxed, contributing to unsafe behaviours.

Suggestions from the community included installing a roundabout at the Yorktown Road/Black Top Road intersection, creating slow vehicle turn-off lanes, or adopting a middle ground with a 90 km/h speed limit for all roads surrounding the township to alleviate confusion and frustration. To have your say - use the QR code below. I encourage you to provide your feedback by Tuesday 11th March to ensure this information can be reviewed and discussed at the next OTH Progress meeting on Thursday 13 March.

In other news, a proposal has been suggested to host a community event at McGilp Recreation Park to celebrate the recent upgrades to the facilities. This would be a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together and celebrate our beautiful township. While this is still in the early stages, if you’re interested in supporting or getting involved with this initiative, please feel free to reach out.

Additionally, the One Tree Hill Community Facebook page (QR code below) is an excellent platform for connecting and engaging with fellow residents. Give the page a like to stay up-to-date with local conversations and community happenings.

As always you can also reach out to us via email, website or coming along to one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of the month, you are welcome to come at 7pm for a coffee and chat before the meeting.

Tabatha Pettigrew

President One Tree Hill Progress Association Inc.
president@onetreehill.org.au



Have Your Say
Black Top Road Speed Limit



One Tree Hill Community
Facebook Page

PLAYFORD COUNCIL - LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dear Ratepayers and Residents,

I hope you are all doing well and making the most of 2025.

Community Voice: Speed Limit Change on Blacktop Road - Thank you to everyone who attended the February One Tree Hill Progress Association meeting to discuss the recent speed limit reduction on Blacktop Road, where the 100km/h zone was lowered to 80km/h. This decision was made at a departmental level, not by the City of Playford, as some have assumed.

Community feedback was mixed, but there was strong support for reinstating the 100km/h limit from the intersection of Yorktown Road and Blacktop Road to Hillbank. Many residents also supported a compromise—returning Blacktop Road to 90km/h—and urged the department to align rural road speed limits, such as Gawler OTH Road and Kersbrook Road, at 90km/h. The OTH Progress Association is continuing to gather input identifying roads where the community may seek reassessment.

Key Concerns Raised by the Community

- Speed limits should not replace proper road maintenance.
- Increased roadside vegetation reduces visibility and increases wildlife collisions.
- Many crashes involve animals, reinforcing the need for improved control measures.
- Increased driver inattention at lower speed limits.
- Increased incidences of tailgating and illegal overtaking are occurring.
- Intersection Safety- support exists for a roundabout at Yorktown and Blacktop Road.

The OTH Progress Association will seek further community feedback before advocating for a resolution. Please join us at the next meeting to continue discussions.

Uley Road Safety Audit - The recent safety audit of Uley Road is available in the City of Playford's Strategy and Services Committee Agenda (August 13, 2024). One key recommendation is reducing the speed limit to 80km/h.

Accountability & Responsible Spending - At the January 28, 2025, Ordinary Council meeting, a motion was moved to commit \$15 million in spending without sufficient data or design concepts. I proposed an amendment to ensure the City of Playford works with the State Government to develop a preferred road design and funding strategy before committing funds. Responsible decision-making requires comprehensive planning.

Motion on mRNA Vaccine Safety - A December motion calling for a Royal Commission into discrepancies between TGA advice and independent research was narrowly defeated. With growing data and public support, I intend to move another motion advocating for an impartial inquiry. For further updates, please follow my Facebook page. If you'd like to share your experiences with me, please reach out—**Your Voice Matters**. Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

Kind regards,



Cr David Kerrison - City of Playford

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CRIME REPORT – ONE TREE HILL RURAL WATCH

OFFENCES REPORTED BETWEEN 12/1/25 AND 11/2/25

13 January

Arson of Motor Vehicle

One Tree Hill Rd ONE TREE HILL

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

17 January

Non-Suspicious Grass Fire

Stars Gully Rd YATTALUNGA

Bore pump overheated resulting in grass fire.

20 January

Grass Fire – undetermined cause

Uley Rd ULEYBURY (near Chapman Rd)

Small grass fire at location – Crime Scene Investigator attended – nil determined cause

2 February

Theft

Blacktop Rd GOULD CREEK

Farm equipment (boom sprayer) positioned on unregistered trailer stolen from paddock

10 February

Uley Road (Chapman Rd) ULEYBURY

Fatal Vehicle Accident (car collided with stobie pole)

35-year-old male from One Tree Hill died at scene

Police continued to respond to several serious motor vehicle accidents (including role overs and the above fatal accident) in the One Tree Hill area over the last month.

Please ensure you drive to the road/weather conditions and keep safe!



**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 131444 or the undersigned.

Darren McCue Senior Sergeant First Class — Elizabeth Police Station

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?

PH: 0459 105 045 EMAIL: hall@onetreehill.org.au

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



CFS INCIDENT REPORT FEBRUARY 2025



OTH CFS Brigade has thankfully experienced a quieter period than the festive season, attending 10 incidents, including 6 grass fires, 2 vehicle accidents, one tree down, and one structure fire. The Brigade volunteers continue to display their dedication and preparedness to respond and protect our community at all hours of the day and night.

Grass fires occurred on the 17th, 19th, 20th, and 28th of January, and two on the 8th of February. Grass fires occurred at Stars Gully Rd, Yattalunga, Mawson Lakes, Gawler-One Tree hill Rd, Bibaringa, Uley Rd/Chapman Dr, Uleybury, Curtis Rd, Penfield, and Kelly/Yorktown Rd, One Tree Hill. The largest grass fire was the Stars Gully Rd, fire on the 17th of January. All OTH appliances attended this 3rd Alarm fire, with Salisbury appliances doing a change of quarters to cover the OTH response area. Crews were on the fire ground from 3.45pm until 7.30pm. Para base was activated and manned by OTH CFS personnel.

Motor vehicle accidents occurred on the 2nd and 10th of February. The MVA on the 10th of February resulted in a fatality of a local resident. The Brigade sends our condolences to the family and the friends of the man for your loss.

A tree down incident was reported on the 13th of February along Kersbrook Rd near Kelly Hill Rd; however the tree had been cleared by a good samaritan before the crew arrived.

The Brigade responded Para Bulk Water 10 to a structure fire, at Paracombe, on the 3rd of February with two Breathing Apparatus trained firefighters. Crews from Paracombe, Tea tree gully, Kersbrook, Hermitage and Cuddle Creek attended the large shed fire which resulted in a \$170,000 loss to the owners. The Mount Lofty Ranges had two Total Fire Ban (TFB) days in January and February since our last report.

Brigade activities.

Our raffle tickets and 2025 calendars are still available from the station every Monday night at 7pm as well as the OTH Post Office, General Store, and Hooves Paws and Claws. You may have noticed that works have commenced on our new standpipe and station entrance. Once all the works are complete we will be holding an opening ceremony. The Brigade is looking for volunteer firefighters to bolster our membership. If this sounds like you, please contact the Duty member on 8280 7055 for more details. On the 3rd of February the Brigade held our Quarterly meeting with two new members voted in, welcome to the Brigade. Several members of the Brigade have recently deployed on Strike teams to the Wilmington fire in the Mount Remarkable National Park. These volunteers have represented OTH CFS with pride and professionalism. It is anticipated that more members will deploy shortly, we wish them all a safe and rewarding deployment. As always, 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**

ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP



LEARN, GROW & PLAY TOGETHER!

Join us on Mondays at the One Tree Hill Institute from 9:30-11am.

We have art & craft activities, sensory play, free play, shared fruit and story time together.

First session is FREE! Everyone is welcome! Ages range from 0-6 Years old.

Please see Term Calendar as it may be the week we have an offsite excursion planned (which of course you are welcome to join too).

  FOLLOW US:
One Tree Hill Playgroup



Term 1 Calendar

Week 1 27 Jan No Playgroup Australia Day Holiday	Week 2 3 Feb "Hello!" Ice + water play	Week 3 10 Feb "Grow!" Planting seeds How tall am I? Finger Painting
Week 4 17 Feb "Valentine's Day!" Heart Collages Red rice sensory bin We love oobleck	Week 5 24 Feb Water World Excursion	Week 6 3 Mar "Pancake Day!" Cooking together Playdough Pizzas Chickpea sorting
Week 7 10 Mar No Playgroup Adelaide Cup Holiday	Week 8 17 Mar "Autumn!" Insect Small World Parachute games Leaf print painting	Week 9 24 Mar "Colours!" Coloured water mixing Sensory sorting boxes Ice block painting
Week 10 31 Mar Bush Play at Para Wirra	Week 11 7 Apr "Easter!" Easter Egg Hunt Egg + Spoon Race Bunny Cups	

ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 10.00 AM

Kid's Church has returned for our JAM kids ("Jesus and Me") and we are looking forward to a great term of sharing and learning together!

We are exercising our brains and challenging ourselves to remember different verses of the Bible by heart.

We will also focus on Lent, make and serve pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, and learn about the significance of Palm Sunday and Easter.

Children aged 6-12 are always welcome to join us at 10 am on Sundays during the School term.

Any enquiries please call Kendrie -0419 994 332

BIBLE STUDY

Held every Wednesday evening
7.00 pm at the Church

March Meetings

5th & 19th March – Men
12th & 26th March – Ladies & Men

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERAL

The church is available for any of the above Services. If you would like further information, please leave a message on the **Church phone – 8280 7951** and someone will call you back.

RED BIRD OP SHOP

Opening hours

9.30 am–4pm, Monday - Friday.

Address - 4 Hiltott 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



MENTAL HEALTH Natasha Steen

Over the last couple of weeks, I have delivered "Resilience" sessions to a new bunch of apprentices. I love this stuff! What a wonderful opportunity to interact with young people as they step into a career pathway and contemplate how they will best navigate it!

I am very passionate about supporting people – young and old – to know and understand what resilience is all about. This is because we are not particularly born with resilience, but, we can actively develop skills to use it better.

Adversity and challenging events do not discriminate.. where only certain people are picked in this world to experience tough stuff! For as long as we are alive, we are likely to have some tough times to work through. Resilience is not about perfection and it's not a "get out of jail free" card that ensures you are immune to challenges but it is a learnable skill.

To develop this skill I support people to practice the 5 C's, perhaps you would like to work on some of these things yourself... They are:

Confidence – Notice what your mindset is like. Do you need to work to show a bit more grit and determination? Can you adopt a positive mindset and see mistakes as learning opportunities rather than feeling the pressure of perfectionism or the fatigue of failure?

Control – Start to focus a whole lot more on what YOU CAN CONTROL in life. Too many people lack resilience as they spend too much time losing energy by thinking about things that they can not control.

Curiosity – Slow down a bit and consider your options when things go wrong or a challenge is faced. Ask questions. What can you learn from what is happening and what might you try next?

Coping Strategies – Check in on how well you know yourself. Take time to be clear on what helps you move down the scale if, for example, you are getting really angry or feeling really sad or noticing frustration, etc.

Connectedness – It is an absolute myth that resilient people are tough and do it on their own!! You don't need large numbers of friends or good contacts but you do need to nurture a few good people that you connect with. These connections are very important to maintaining resilience.

I hope these tips are helpful. Please reach out if you would like to know more. Let me know if there are any topics you're interested to hear more on at natasha@natashasteen.com



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ONE TREE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Boy, A Sign, and his Mission to protect the Possums

Inspired by his love of nature and a desire to protect local wildlife, 8-year old Patrick from One Tree Hill Primary School has used his initiative to create signs to raise awareness about protecting the local ringtail possums.

When asked why he wanted to make the signs, Patrick explained, *"I do not want possums to have a terrible life, instead a beautiful life."* Wanting to protect the possums to ensure they thrive on school grounds, led him to create the signs that have been placed around the trees where the possums are often seen. *"There is a 1 in a lifetime chance of having possums at your school, I don't want them to go,"* he added.

The school, who proudly embraces many sustainability initiatives, is extremely supportive Patrick's initiative. *"We are proud to support Patrick's initiative. When students are heard and empowered, learning becomes a shared journey where curiosity and growth thrive."*

The possums have taken up residence in two trees in the schoolyard, making use of nesting box homes that were made by year 6 students a few years ago.

Patrick's parents were equally proud of his dedication. *"I was surprised as I didn't know we had possums at school,"* said his mother. *"Patrick was very passionate about his idea for a sign to help keep the possums safe."* She added.

After installing the signs, Patrick held a class discussion, inviting his classmates to get involved in protecting the possums. *"Half the class said yes!"* he said, excited by how his passion for wildlife protection has sparked a wider interest.

Patrick's message for other children who care about the environment and want to take action: *"They should make posters and tell other people about what they are trying to protect."* This simple yet impactful effort is a reminder that every small action can contribute to a bigger change in protecting the environment and its inhabitants.



Patrick with his sign

KOALA RESCUE NEWS - Bronwyn Wilton

When we go out to rescues we will be looking at many things when viewing the koala.

Their eyes, condition of their coat, body condition, how they move, how they present, their claws, bottom and their location.



COMPETITION TIME!!!

ALL THE KOALAS IN THE PHOTOS NEED MEDICAL INTERVENTION.

CAN YOU NAME THE 4 CONDITIONS THAT ARE AFFECTING THEM?

To go in the draw to win a mystery prize all you need to do is write your answers numbered 1-4 on the answer slip at the bottom of page 24!!!! Cut along the dotted lines and deliver it to Bronwyn at the KOALA RESCUE Inc stall at the March OTH Country Market (Saturday 1st of March)! There will be a Junior and Senior category so please make sure to put your name, phone number and age (yes, everyone) on your entry.

If you can't get to the market you can send your answers to the Grapevine at grapevine@onetreehill.org.au Please include the same information (answers 1-4, name, age and phone number).



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



BIRDS IN MY BACKYARD

Julie Buttery, Humbug Scrub



'Bin Chicken'. I am sure you know of this bird. It is the Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*.

How did it get its nickname? Because it is a survivor. It has learnt to forage in the rubbish bins of humanity.

The natural habitat of the ibis is shallow wetlands, foraging for invertebrates and insects but, with those being drained for "aesthetic reasons" they have learnt to look elsewhere for

a feed. Their preferred habitat includes the coastal fore-shore, swamps, flooded paddocks, lakes, tidal mudflats. They are waders, hence the long legs and long toes. They use the long bill to dig in the mud while searching for molluscs and crabs.

The ibis should be white, with a filigree of black feathers over the rump. They are very lacy and pretty if clean. The neck grows stiff cream plumes in breeding season, giving it an appearance of a bib. The nape is bald, often pink, with banded shading. In flight, you may see pink just behind the leading edge of the wing. This is bare skin, and indicates breeding condition.

When the ibis forages in sewerage works, muddy ponds or other dirty environments its feathers pick up the colour of the water, often grey, brown or yellowish.

The Ibis is one of an increasing number of native Australian animals that have learnt how to eat cane toads. The ibis picks up the toad by a hind leg and bashes it on the ground, or shakes it. This triggers the toad to release the poison from its glands. The ibis then washes the toad and eats it.

Ibis are about 1.3 kg and the wing span is 350 to 400 mm. Their long curved bill is about 150 mm long and is black. The juvenile has feathers on the neck and the bill is shorter and grey/brown.



Although they are often seen alone, they forage as a loose flock and in flight follow a leader, often in V formation. Their contact call is a hoarse bark or honk.

Although an unusual visitor to our backyard, we have seen a group of eight, originally foraging in the pasture then roosting on a fence. More often I have seen a lone ibis hunting along the edges of our dam.

Previously this bird has been called the Sacred Ibis and was thought to migrate from Africa. However recently we have learnt it is a different, but related species. The African species is *Taethiopicus*.

WHAT'S FLOWERING IN MY GARDEN

Heather Fischer, Humbug Scrub

There's not much flowering in my garden at this time of the year as we are heading towards the end of Summer.

After the terrible heat spikes of our extremely dry Summer we will be embracing the cooler temperatures that come with Autumn weather. Will we see some showers of rain? When will we see showers of rain?

The severe lack of rain during the past 12 months or more is now starting to show in many gardens and our resilient native bush. Some plants have died. Some plants are dying. Most plants are very stressed due to lack of water. Some dams are dry.

I hear that many households that are not on mains water are having to have water delivered for domestic needs as rain water tanks are very low or empty. We do live in the driest state of the driest continent of the world.

Much to my surprise I discovered that a Hoya is in flower. Hoya carnosa is a very hardy plant that can be trained to be a climber against a south facing wall well away from direct sunlight. This plant with its large oval speckled dark green leaves has the common name of Wax Flower. It requires very little water and does not like too much water.

Many Hoyas come from the tropical and sub tropical areas but Hoya carnosa is thriving well in a sheltered spot underneath my back veranda.

This evergreen plant produces large clusters of star shaped flowers that are sweetly scented. These flower clusters start off as tiny clusters of a ruby red brownish shade and as they grow the unopened flowers are of a pale pink shade. These open up to reveal a very pale pink flower of five petals with a small red centre that is surrounded by five quite small petalled star shape petals.

Hoya carnosa produces attractive clusters stunningly beautiful flowers and at this time of the year these flowers are really welcome to admire and enjoy when not much else is flowering.

This plant is available from all good nurseries that offer indoor plants for sale. Find one, pot it into well drained potting mix, give it a climbing frame and some slow release fertilizer and a little water and watch it grow and flower.

Hoya carnosa, Just Beautiful.





Feral goats and deer are invasive species that have severe impacts on agriculture and the environment across our region. They also create a safety risk on our roads and attract illegal hunting.

Since 2020, Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu and partners have removed almost 3,000 feral goats and 6,000 feral deer from the region. They are confident that remaining goat populations are small satellite groups which can be removed efficiently with the right information and opportunity.

Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu is calling on the community to report sightings of feral goats and deer via feralscan.org.au to help them plan their programs.

Through the goat and deer eradication program, they are also assisting landholders in the Greater Adelaide and Hills and Fleurieu regions to control feral goats and deer.

If you're dealing with feral goats or deer on your property, [register your interest](#) in the program. The team will assess if your property is in a priority area, and if so, you may be eligible for professional control at no cost. Registration is not a commitment, just an expression of interest.

To find out more visit:

www.landscape.sa.gov.au/hf/pestanimals

Or scan the QR code to register your interest



This program is delivered in partnership with Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu, Green Adelaide, the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA, funded by landscape levy and the Landscape Priority Fund, through the 'Now or never - controlling feral deer and goats' project.



**Government of
South Australia**



**LANDSCAPE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
HILLS AND FLEURIEU**



Breakfast and Guest Speaker

The Art of Guitar Making



You're invited to **The Kersbrook Shed** for breakfast followed by a presentation by guest speaker, Arthur Winn.

Arthur creates acoustic guitars as a hobby in his shed at home. Come along and learn what it takes to build one of these beautifully crafted instruments from scratch.

Calling local guitarists, come along and perform for the audience!

Date: Saturday 15th March, 2025

Time: Breakfast from 8.30am

Talk from 9.15am to approximately 10:45am

Location: Kersbrook Community Shed

Menu: Egg & bacon roll - \$6.00

Sausage & onion - \$3.00

Muesli & fruit - \$3.00

Entry: Gold coin donation

Cash or card accepted

RSVP: For catering please msg

Pat 0419 869 219

by 12th March






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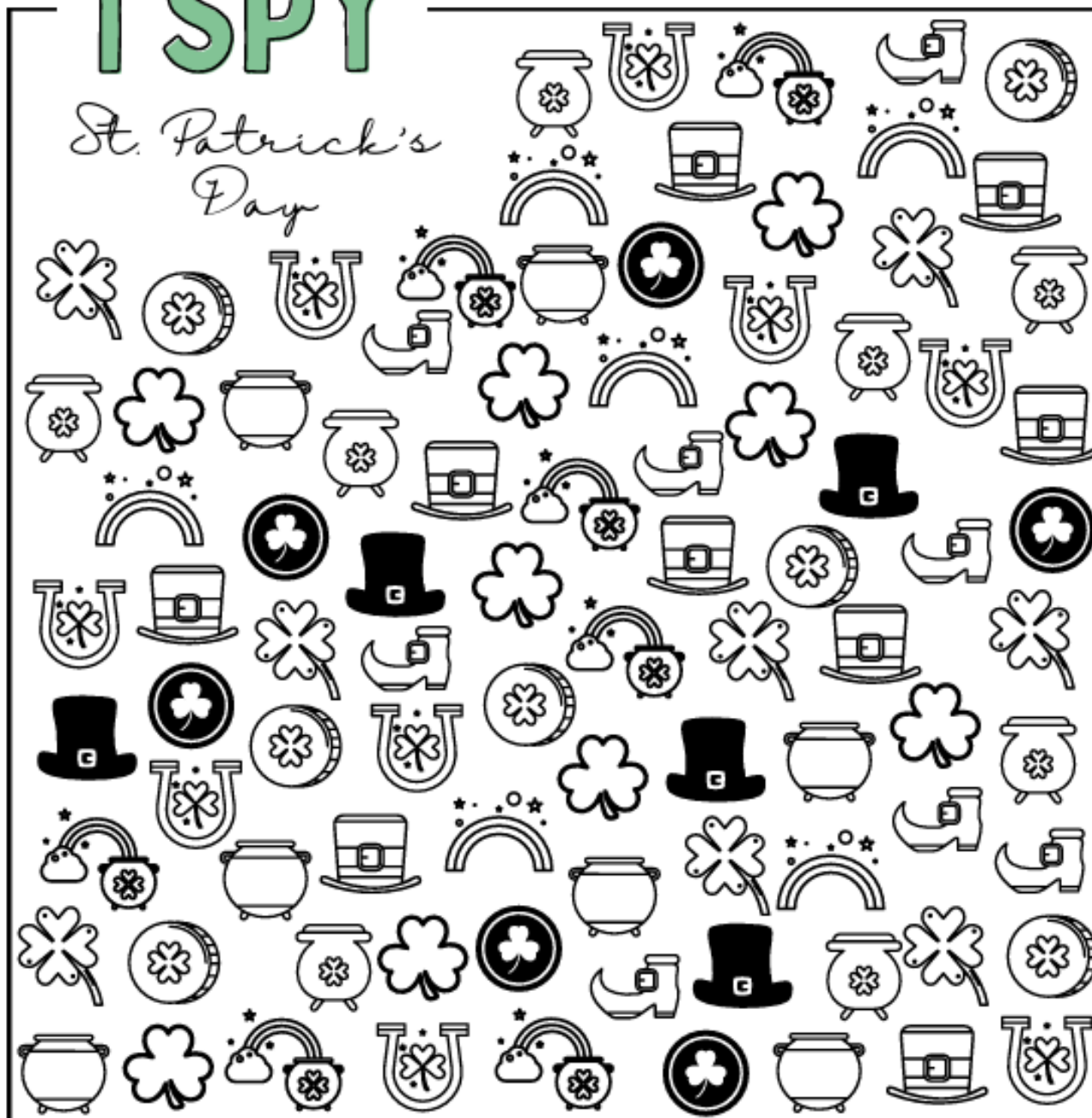
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