

# ONE TREE HILL GRAPEVINE



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## Locals Have Their Say



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## From the Desk



Hello and welcome to the June edition of The Grapevine, as it's officially winter now, freezing days and nights will be upon us in a blink of an eye.

This month the front page photo shows the people of OTH banding together with their opinion for the Options in Council's Rate Review, it was taken during the show of hands for Option 3. Letters from residents appear on page 4 these should help bring you up to date with what has been happening around the town of late.

Page 5 has some uses for lemons, we are aware that we have covered lemons before but here are some new ideas for them. We hope to bring you even more next month because many of you have lemon trees growing in your garden. On this page we also have information about a health check if you have a creek flowing through your property.

What a talent we have in OTH for sports people. Page 8 has information and photos of the Premiers for their divisions at the OTH Tennis Club. Well done to the girls and boys for their exceptional efforts again this year.

The Northern Foothills Landcare Group have sent through an article about weeds on page 10. Please make the effort to read this and eliminate troublesome weeds from your property. Put a note in your diary for the Landcare meeting which will be at the Institute on the 18th July, details will be in

next month's issue of The Grapevine.

We managed to track down a great article from an old newspaper from the late 1800s about how the Institute came about. This appears on page 11.

Page 18 has some gardening information for June, lets hope we have a few dry days to be outside digging in the garden this winter. After a very dry May we need the rain, but let it rain overnight so we can get out in the garden to tend to things that need doing!

These days it appears to be fashionable to find out that your ancestors were convicts, but they certainly didn't lead a glamorous life over in Botany Bay. Page 20 has a few snippets about their very humble life in Hyde Park Barracks.

We hope you have a good read with the articles that we have managed to bring you. Don't forget if you have any article which you would like us to cover, old photos, occasions etc. let us know.

Until next month, The Grapevine Team.

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### One Tree Hill Progress Association Report May 2017

Hello Everyone,

May has been a very busy month for Progress with the planning and completion of more upgrades to the Institute.

Many tables have been replaced and all the seating is in the process of being upgraded to modern comfortable chairs. The excellent "state of the art" audio visual system now completed allows guests/hirers to see and hear any presentations in both halls without having to peer through the dividing doors to view and hear all that is happening in the "new" hall. It also provides the same level of presentation in an individual hall if only one is being used.

Although the hall is heavily booked for the next several months, Progress was able to provide the facility as well as refreshments at the recent ratepayers' meeting on the 18th of May which was hastily convened by a handful of ratepayers and had an attendance of over 300 people. Well done to those involved. Unfortunately, the abovementioned A/V system was deliberately damaged just 4 hours before this meeting was due to start. A few people tried desperately to reinstate the sound but it was not up to standard by a long shot. Thank you to those residents who stayed behind after the meeting to clear and clean the hall ready for a booking on the Friday. This helped our hall manager immensely as she must prepare the venue before any hiring and in this case it was a wedding due to set up on the Friday.

The City of Playford came to our aid on the morning of

Friday 19th and their technicians were able to rewire the system and have it fully functioning for a busy weekend of hiring.

Progress acknowledges the passing of a past resident, Mr. Don Needham and passes its condolences to his family, some who still live in OTH. During Don and his late wife Kath's time in OTH they were very active in the community. They lived adjacent to the Institute and always kept their eye on this building, letting Progress know if there was anything untoward happening on the premises. Unfortunately they had to move out of the area due to their health and lack of transport.

Winter is upon us now, but Progress hopes that residents will come out of their warm homes to support events like the Country Market on the first Saturday of each month.

The next Progress Association meeting is on Thursday 8th June at the OTH Institute starting at 7.30pm.

Until next month,

One Tree Hill Progress Association.



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# ONE TREE HILL GRAPEVINE CFS REPORT MAY 2017

## Incident Report



The Brigade received 8 call-outs this month, where a call for tanker assistance at the major pallet fire in Para Hills West, it was something out of the ordinary, as was the call to the school later in the month, more later.

Vehicle related incidents made up 6 of the 8 call outs. A vehicle fire near Gulf View Drive resulted in a dumped vehicle sustaining major damage while two vehicle fires, both on Kersbrook Road, proved to be uneventful with one being a minor electrical problem and the other apparently caused by dust from a vehicle leaving the scene of a stolen car. There were two serious accidents during the month which required ambulance attendance, one at the T-junction where Uley Road meets Gawler One Tree Hill Road, where the occupant of the car sustained neck injuries, and the second near the Miles Road/Uley Road intersection involving a young motorcycle rider who was badly shaken. These areas both see more than their fair share of accidents and with the worst of winter just around the corner, we ask that you take extra care.

Monday morning was made a bit more exciting for the local primary school kids this week with teachers raising the alarm after arriving at the school to find a strong electrical burning smell in one of the classrooms. The call was attended by two of our appliances as well as two from the MFS with several fire fighters donning breathing apparatus to investigate the source. Despite use of the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) the origin of the smoke proved elusive and was suspected to be a faulty fluorescent light.

## Some good news from the Council ....

The situation has changed in Playford Council regarding burning off for bushfire load reduction. Thanks to Councillor Federico's hard work, a general burning permit has been secured for rural properties until the end of October. (Note the situation within the township remains unchanged). Burning outside of the Fire Danger season is a council responsibility so please call Playford Council for more details.

A lot of people have shown interest in our response system and many people are surprised that our active members still all carry a digital pager which alerts us to fire calls. Pagers have evolved over the years and the initial call now alerts us to the nature of the call, the location, the trucks attending and the radio channel (Talk Group) that we are to use. With an average of more than 2 calls per week, it is hard for members to attend every call and we get around this problem using a we-based system called the Fire Fighter Response System (FFRS). Members use this system to notify when they are available and when they are responding to call outs, this information is displayed in the station in real-time. This is a far cry from the days of beepers and sirens.

**For general information please contact One Tree Hill Duty Phone on 8280 7055.**

**You can also visit the CFS website (<http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au>) or Phone 1300 362 361.**

## Councillor's May 2017 Report

Well what a month for large crowds. Firstly, I want to ensure that the wonderful efforts of the Progress Association in pulling off yet another really successful ANZAC DAY commemoration is acknowledged and applauded and not overshadowed by the rate review meetings. Congratulations to the large crowd attending the Anzac Dawn Service ceremony and for showing your support and appreciation for our Diggers and armed services.

The next big crowd was at the Angle Vale and Virginia residents associations meeting to discuss the implications and ramifications of Council's rate review policy. The meeting was attended by some 350+ people, members of parliament, and five elected members being 4 rural and 1 urban ward member. The meeting discussed the intent of the review and formed an opinion on which option to support and developed tactics to ensure that their voice and concerns would be heard loud and clear. Ian Slater, president of the OTH Progress Association, along with numerous other OTH residents who were informed about this meeting at the Country Market and by word of mouth were in attendance. Realizing that OTH doesn't get the messenger and that the Grapevine may not have reached the whole of the OTH and surrounding areas, residents quickly formulated a plan to have a similar meeting. Flyers were sent out and a meeting convened at short notice which saw a crowd in excess of 300 attend the meeting. A lot of anger was vented at this meeting mostly directed at Council and the 5 elected members present. Demands were made of those members to state their position and option preference, however attempts to explain that it was not possible due to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) guidelines and penalties associated with breaches of those guidelines fell on deaf ears. The meeting became agitated and very vocal. The politicians present and who had a direct line to the Minister for Local Government escaped retribution. The meeting managed to re-focus on the agenda item for the night and a unanimous show of hands clearly reinforced support for Option 3. Many residents filled in feedback forms on the night and many asked to be heard at a public meeting. The public meeting was attended by at least 350+.

239 had asked to be heard on the night with 119 confirming their desire to be heard. The meeting began at 7.00pm with a minutes silence in respect of those who had lost their lives or were injured in the Manchester bombing. The meeting began with the confirmation of the previous meeting and bringing forward of the public hearing. Ratepayers supporting both Option 1 and 3 were able to have 5 minutes in which to voice their concerns and state which option they supported, a timeline that was strictly adhered to. Surprisingly 2 people supported Option 2. The meeting heard from those receiving rate cuts and Commercial representatives, however the overwhelming majority were those in support of Option 3. Many arguments were put forward and as the 119 people who wished to be heard had their say the well behaved crowd showed their support and displeasure to the arguments being put forward. At 12.45am all ratepayers that wished to have their say were heard and the meeting closed. The remainder of the agenda was suspended to be heard on the 6th June. The date on which the decision on which option will be implemented has yet to be announced but it will have to be made before the end of June probably discussed at the Strategic Planning committee and ratified at the Ordinary (Full Council) meeting.

If you have any concerns or issues with or about our City, please in the first instance phone Council's 24 hour phone number "8256 0333" and or email [playford@playford.sa.gov.au](mailto:playford@playford.sa.gov.au), and cc your email to me at [crjfederico@playford.sa.gov.au](mailto:crjfederico@playford.sa.gov.au).

When speaking to Council please remember to get a Customer Reference Number to ensure registration, and easy identification of your communication. If you have a pressing concern you can talk to me at the Country Market, or pop a note into my letter box.

**Cr Joe Federico**  
**Fax: 8280 7963**

**Phone: 0417 016 164**



# Ratepayers Letters About The New Rating Review

Local ratepayers in the One Tree Hill Ward of Playford CC are in revolt at Council's proposed increase to their rates under Option 1 of Council's current draft rate review. If adopted by Council, this would likely increase local rates well in excess of 27% for residential ratepayers living in the OTH Township. Rural areas are likely to receive a far higher increase under the proposal (well over 100% for some). We are not alone here in One Tree Hill, with Angle Vale and Virginia also taking a stand against the Playford CC's draft rate review (Option 1).

A ratepayers meeting was held in the OTH Institute on Thursday night 18th May, 2017. This meeting was called at short notice, due to what is seen by many as Council's short consultation period from 26th April to 23rd May, 2017. Also conflicting data did not help timing. A small band of locals called the meeting to allow ratepayers time to form their own opinion to the various options available in Council's Rate Review document, put their views in writing to the rate review if they wished and register with Council if they wished to speak at the Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May, 2017.

The purpose of the meeting was for ratepayers to hear what was known about the Rate Review plus to hear local input as to how a rate increase, if adopted, would affect them. Those invited to attend the ratepayers meeting at One Tree Hill were all Playford Councillors plus the Mayor and some parliament dignitaries. Five Councillors attended the meeting: Joe Federico, Andrew Craig, Duncan MacMillan, Dino Musilino (deputizing for the Mayor) and Peter Rentoulis; along with Jon Gee (ALP) Parliamentary member for Napier: the Hon. David Ridgeway MLC (Liberal Party) and the nominee (Liberal Party) candidate, Paula Leuthen who will be standing in the new seat of King. The Mayor Glenn Docherty was an apology, due to illness from his recent trip to China.

A lively discussion took place. Over 300 ratepayers attended the meeting and unanimously voted for Option 3 (no change to the current rating policy).

We understand Council's stated aim is to reduce rates to 66% of ratepayers whose houses are valued at less than \$250,000 and reduce commercial rates by approx. 40%. Recent real estate data indicates that 52% of properties in the Elizabeth area are owned by investors (some live interstate whilst some others live outside the Playford CC area). The recent Census data seems to back-up these figures.

The likely increases to OTH Ward residents appears to be, if Council adopts Option 1 and we read the charts correctly: Residents in the One Tree Hill Township face an increase in excess of 27%, Primary Production an increase of 32.9% to 182% and vacant land valued above \$100,000 an increase of 140% to 264%. These figures do not take into account any other increase or Council's proposed rate increase of 2.8%.

The Council Meeting on 23rd May, 2017 was attended by approximately 500 people, with 117 people speaking until 12.30am on Wednesday morning. Some speakers of the 220 who registered left early as they understood the meeting would close at 10pm. Some speakers listed data, such as Council was likely in breach of section 151 together with other sections of the Act. Others quoted how a possible rate increase would affect them personally. Some speakers were quite emotional in their responses.

The One Tree Hill Ward residents stated they want basic services first. Second, a significant reduction to debt, and third, for Council to justify all expenditure items before they take place and identify the benefit to ratepayers. We note that Council is forecasting to increase debt by over \$2 Million in 2017/18 which will take Council's debt to over \$140 Million.

Generally, the majority of speakers were against the Option 1 proposal of Council's Rate Review Revenue documents and opted for Option 3 (Leave things as they are).

(Name and Address Supplied).

Photos taken at the One Tree Hill Institute on 18th May, 2017.

Many of you are now aware of the proposed rate changes the Playford Council were seeking to underhandedly implement upon all the ratepayers in our local area and to many across the greater Playford region. If adopted these changes will have a devastating affect upon many residents.

The events of the past week have allowed me to witness, once again the selflessness and support of many of the residents within the One Tree Hill and surrounding areas. Although too many to name individually, your assistance and efforts have allowed many to have a voice and has not gone unnoticed.

In times where we can be extremely busy, and living in a region where we can become quite isolated at times, a few residents got together (with very little notice) and distributed information throughout the local area. To see over 300+ residents attend the meeting at the OTH Institute (18th May) was extraordinary. Although feeling frustrated and angry, many were receptive to what we must do next.

The turnout by Playford residents at the council meeting on Tuesday 23rd May, 2017 was overwhelming. There were almost 120 speakers registered on the night who were given 5 minutes each to present their case. Although I was enlightened and touched by many of the presentations on the evening, I was proud to recognise many of the faces who attended to give their moral support. With reports of almost 500 people who attended the meeting, it was pleasing to see many of them still there giving support when the meeting closed in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

The community has spoken, hopefully the council will listen. We now live in times where we are bombarded with information, sometimes important information that can significantly impact our lives is missed. Keep talking to your neighbours, check community noticeboards and visit the village shops for further updates. I am proud to say that I am a part of your COMMUNITY and that you are a part of mine.

(Name and Address Supplied).

As a 40+ year resident of One Tree Hill I was aghast at the proposed rate rise of approximately 27% being considered for the rural township and larger increases by far for small holdings.

Thanks to those who organized the meeting in OTH, I was able to learn a little more of these proposed rate increases in Council's rate review. The show of hands was unanimous in support of Option 3 from the three options that were currently being considered.

I was so incensed and worried about my ability to pay this proposed rate rise if it came to be, that I also attended the Council meeting on May 23rd. The speakers there were unanimously in favour of Option 3 with some suggesting a possible Option 4 (whatever that might be), but the main point most rural and township speakers made was that Council reconsider taking from one group to lessen the burden on others (mainly commercial properties) by looking at their budget and to reassess their spending in some areas of the City. I sincerely hope that the councillors listened to their constituents and vote in the most fair and equitable manner.

(Name and Address Supplied).

Please note, part of the letters submitted have been edited as space was limited.





# Uses for Lemons



Now that lemons are in plentiful supply it's a time to remind you that there are other uses for lemons other than the traditional uses for lemons to soothe sore throats etc. We are aware that we have printed uses for lemons some time ago but this article will tell you of even more uses.

- 1) Did you know you can freshen up your fridge by squeezing lemon juice on a cotton ball or sponge and leave it in there for several hours to absorb odours.
- 2) High blood pressure: Squeeze half a lemon into a glass of water and drink. Make a lemon drink 3 to 4 times per day to lower your blood pressure. (Squeeze 2 whole lemons at the same time and keep in the fridge for use during the day).
- 3) When cooking cauliflower squeeze a teaspoon of lemon juice on to it before heating.
- 4) Freshen your cutting boards. No wonder they smell when we cut up lemons, garlic etc., just rub a cut lemon over the surface of your boards. Wash and rinse and it will get rid of any smells and it will sanitize it too.
- 5) Lemon water can brighten your mood and relieve depression and stress. The energy a human receives from food comes from the atoms and molecules in your food. A reaction occurs when the positive ions from food enter the digestive tract and interact with the negatively charged enzymes. Lemon is one of the few foods that contain more negatively charged ions, providing your body with more energy when it enters the digestive tract. The scent of lemon also has mood enhancing and energizing properties.



6) **Treat Arthritis and Rheumatism:** Lemon is a diuretic, meaning it assists in the production of urine and helps to reduce inflammation by flushing out toxins and bacteria while also giving you relief from arthritis and rheumatism.

7) **Prevents Kidney Stones:** Regular consumption of lemon juice mixed with water may increase the production of urinary citrate, a chemical in the urine that prevents the formation of crystals that may build up into kidney stones.

8) **Keep insects out of the kitchen:** You don't need insecticides or ant traps to ant-proof your kitchen. Just give it the lemon treatment. First squirt some lemon juice on door thresholds and windowsills. Then squeeze lemon juice into any holes or cracks where the ants are getting in. Finally, scatter small slices of lemon peel around the door entrance. The ants will get the message that they aren't welcome. Lemons are also effective against roaches and fleas: Simply mix the juice of 4 lemons (along with the rinds) with about 2 litres of water and wash your floors with it, then watch any creepy crawlies disappear. They hate the smell.

9) **Anti-Aging:** Lemon water reduces the production of free radicals which are responsible for aging skin damage. Lemon water is calorie free and an antioxidant.

10) **Fruit and Vegetable Wash:** You never know what kind of pesticides or dirt may be lurking on the skin of your favourite fruits and vegetables. Slice a lemon and squeeze out one tablespoon of lemon juice into your spray bottle. The lemon juice is a natural disinfectant and will leave your fruit and vegetables smelling nice too.

*Next month we will have some more uses for lemons. Meanwhile we are going to sit back and have a cup of tea with a slice of lemon!*

## Time For A Creek Health Check

Now is the perfect time to check your creek and make sure it isn't in need of maintenance before the higher flows of winter arrive. Timely maintenance of your creek can save you money, reduce the risk of flooding, erosion and damage to property, as well as giving local wildlife a better place to live. Immediate neighbours and people further downstream, including those on the coast, will also thank you for maintaining a clean and healthy creek, as a poorly maintained section of creek can cause many unwanted impacts downstream.

To help you make sure your creek is well-managed, here are some tips from the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board and City of Burnside's *Property owner's guide to managing healthy urban creeks*.

**Plant Natives and Get Rid of Weeds:** Native plants are the ideal choice for planting along creek banks, as they can survive floods and droughts, prevent erosion and provide better habitat for native animals than exotic plants - nurseries which specialise in native plants should be able to suggest the right plants for your area. Reeds, sedges and small shrubs are recommended to be planted within the creek line as they can help prevent erosion and are less likely to cause flooding than larger shrubs and trees - of course native plants will be the best choice. Weeding is also an important part of maintenance. Weeds can reduce water quality and may outcompete your native plants.

**Check For Erosion:** Exposed tree roots, bare earth and creek banks that have been washed away are signs that erosion may already be impacting your creek. Erosion is a serious problem and can result in the foundation of sheds and houses being exposed. It also causes many environmental problems such as poor water quality and loss of habitat. In most cases, the longer erosion is left unattended, the more

expensive it will be to stop.

Natural Resources AMLR can provide advice about erosion in the first instance and an engineer may be needed to help with a long-term solution.



**Dealing With Creek Blockages:** There are a number of things such as fallen trees, driveways and fences that can block creeks and cause problems in the event of a flood. Blockages in creeks should be removed to reduce the risk of flooding, but before you do it is important to contact the AMLR Natural Resources Management Board as a water affecting activity permit may be required. A number of other activities may also require a water affecting permit, so it is always best to check if a permit is needed before doing any work in your creek. Leaves and other garden waste can also pollute and clog up waterways. Instead they can be raked up and used to mulch the garden or placed in your green waste bin. The Environment Protection Authority has a code of practice for some activities in the home and garden, such as using pesticides and cleaning products that can harm our waterways - if you have a creek it is important to check out your legal obligations.

Visit the EPA website to find out everything you need to know: [http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental\\_info/water\\_quality/programs/stormwater/standards\\_and\\_laws](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/water_quality/programs/stormwater/standards_and_laws)

More Information: Check out this new DERWNR blog on maintaining healthy creeks: <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/goodliving/posts/2017/03/urban-creeks>  
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Sunday Service and Sunday School  
Visiting children are welcome to join our children attending Sunday School which takes place during the Service.

## **SMYG AND YOUNG ADULTS** **(Sunday Morning Youth Group)**

A Sunday morning gathering of Youth and Young Adults, held at 10am on Sunday in their room located behind the church. Food and drink supplied.

## **WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERALS**

The Church is available for the above Services. For further information please phone Edna on 8255 7987.

## **FELLOWSHIP MONTHLY** **MARKET STALL**

Our ladies will be at the One Tree Hill Country Market as usual this month selling a variety of home-made cakes, slices and biscuits as well as plants, bric-a-brac, games, books and more.

## **MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS**



**Meetings are held on the 4th**  
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## **Some Funny Puns For Amusement**

A courtroom artist was arrested today for an unknown reason....  
Details are sketchy!

What do you call an academically successful slice of bread?  
An Honour Roll!

eBay is not so good, I tried to look up lighters and all they had  
was 13,749 matches!

I'm glad I know sign language, it's pretty handy!

I was addicted to the hokey pokey....but thankfully, I turned  
myself around!

What do you have to do to have a party in space? You have to  
Planet!

I'm on a seafood diet. I see it, I eat it!

Thieves had broken into my house and stolen everything  
except my soap, shower gel, towels and deodorant. They  
mustn't have been dirty!

Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door? He  
wanted to win the No-bell prize!

What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground Beef!



**Crime Report - One Tree Hill Rural Watch**  
**Offences reported between 20th April and 20th May 2017**

**May 14th**                      Non Residential Serious Criminal Trespass    Gulf View Drive, ONE TREE HILL  
Entry to shed via unlocked door and motor cycle stolen.

**May 18th**                      Unlawfully on Premises, Property Damage    Black Top Road, ONE TREE HILL  
Male person gained entry to Hall and damaged audio visual equipment.



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



Many thanks to Darren McCue (Senior Sergeant First Class) - One Tree Hill Rural Watch Liaison Officer for this information.

# One Tree Hill Tennis Club Premiers

One Tree Hill Tennis Club held their presentation day on Sunday April 2 at the McGilp Courts/Clubrooms.

The Junior Boys Division 4 and Girls Division A4 finished premiers for the 2016/17 season. Both teams finished top of their division.

The girls match was very tight against Valley View and actually finished in a draw. However, as OTH finished top of the ladder, the girls were awarded the Premiership!

The boys won their match in straight sets against Broadview, what a great effort. Both the boys and girls teams are back to back Premiers.

Lance and Hazel Walter attended the presentation, (Hazel being the club's one and only Life Member) and shared the celebration. Hazel even brought her old tennis racket.

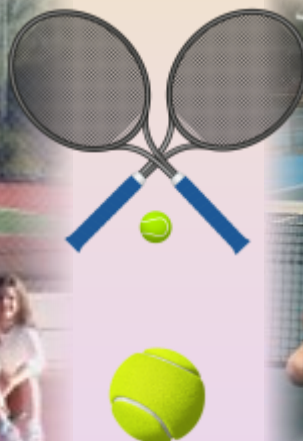
The tennis season may be over for now but we are looking for Junior players, up to the age of 18, of any ability, to join us next season. (Commencement date is October, 2017).

Please contact the club if you are interested or wish to make an enquiry. There is also the option of sub-junior participation whereby young players wanting to learn the skills but not play competition can still join. (Max. 4 per group).

Private coaching sessions will be available during the winter break with Head Coach, Shane, who can be contacted on 0400 379 809).

For any other queries, please contact the President: Garry Evans on 0415 399 658 or email: [garry@aesproperty.net](mailto:garry@aesproperty.net)

*Pictured above: Division A4 Girls Premiers  
Bottom Left: Taken on break up day at the Tennis Club.  
Bottom Right: Division 4 Boys with their Premiership Medals.*





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### Emerging weeds of the season...

For many of you that have attended one of our past events you may recall information presented on local weed issues and how best to tackle them

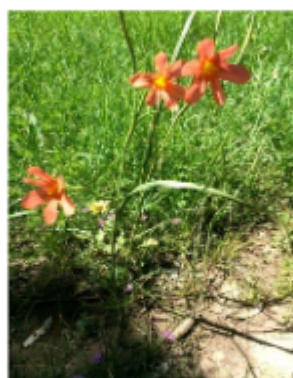
Winter is well on the way and so are the winter weeds! It's time we all started considering our options of how best to control them.

The winter weeds prominent in our region, namely, wild artichoke *Cynara cardunculus*, Cape tulip *Moraea* spp. and Capeweed *Arctotheca calendula*, are on the verge of replacing the summer weeds in our paddocks.

**Wild artichoke**, a prickly nuisance, is a major issue for some properties in our district and across the region. There are those windy days when seeds fly like snow waiting to land on an unsuspecting paddock to begin a new infestation. Controlling an infestation is a challenging problem once established as artichokes often grow in difficult locations. Autumn is the best time to control this plant, just after the first rains and when plants are smaller and actively growing and when need to use less herbicide!!



Artichoke has large prickly leaves and purple flowers



Both Cape tulip species have apricot coloured flowers

Did you know **Cape Tulip** comes in two species? A bulb plant, both One-leaf and Two-leaf are toxic to stock, and may cause death by heart failure. Just what we don't need! Both *Moraea flaccida* and *Moraea miniata* are found throughout the foothills and are difficult to control. It's a good idea to get on top of this weed early. With leaves emerging June-July, the best time to control is at early flowering during July- August.

**Capeweed** can often be confused with dandelion... but of course they look very different. Capeweed has a black centre whilst dandelion is yellow all over. Be prepared to control this plant before it becomes a problem in your paddocks. Individual



Capeweed have a distinct black central disc

plants can become large and smother good pasture. Animals may graze Capeweed but it is not preferred and may cause nitrate/nitrite poisoning in certain situations.

### So, have you seen any of these plants in your paddocks yet? If so what are your plans for control? Unsure?? ?

At the PIRSA website [www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity) or Natural Resources [www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au](http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au) you'll find fact sheets, a weed control app, a control calendar, a list of declared plants and a Weed control handbook for declared weeds.

And if you can't find information you're looking for on the web, ask your local agricultural supplier or your local Natural Resources office for helpful advice.

If you notice a problem in your area or are simply interested in the health of the environment and livestock, the members of the **Northern Foothills Land Care Group** are interested in hearing from you. We are an independent group of locals who meet quarterly to discuss local issues and plan community information evenings.

See the next edition of the Grapevine for more details of our next event **"Don't Eat Me, Control Me!"** An information evening on paddock plants that are toxic to horses and livestock. This is to be held on **Tuesday 18th July in One Tree Hill Institute** with our own members as main presenters, local veterinarians Drs Sandy and Bill Harbison.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the One Tree Hill Grapevine for their support with publishing our articles.



# From The Past - Assorted Clippings From The Early Days

Saturday 17th November, 1906 - One Tree Hill Institute

November 7th - The success of the ceremony at the laying of the foundation stone at the Institute was exceedingly gratifying to the committee and all concerned. There was a large attendance of people. Vehicles poured in from all directions freighted with visitors in holiday guise, and the loveliness of the surrounding scenery contributed to make a charming picture, which will not readily be forgotten.

The Chairman of the district council (Mr. W. Smith) was director of ceremonies, and he performed his task admirably. Having formally opened the proceedings, he called upon Mr. R. Fiebig (secretary to the committee), who said for many years the residents of One Tree Hill and visitors had felt the need of an institute.

Mr. E. A. Thomas called a public meeting on December 1 last, when a resolution was carried unanimously that it was desirable to erect an institute hall. Mr. E. A. Kelly generously offered to place a building site at the disposal of the committee. This offer was gratefully accepted, and the project at once took practical shape by the residents of the district coming to the aid of the committee in raising and carting stone and providing sand free of cost.

The foundations gave the committee a surprise. They had expected to find rock near the surface, but instead found a treacherous formation to a considerable depth. The architect for the building (Mr. G.G. Wallace, of Parkside) relieved the difficulty by designing a series of concrete piers, which will assure a sound job.

There is no doubt, judging from the plans, the building will be an ornament to the township. Mrs. J. S. Harvey (President of the ladies' bazaar committee) presented Mr. E. A. Kelly with a silver trowel on behalf of the residents: and Mr. Kelly, having gracefully thanked the donors, remarked that he would value the handsome gift. The usual documents, coins etc. having been placed in a cavity prepared for them, the stone was carefully placed in position, and formally declared by Mr. Kelly to be "well and truly laid." It bears the inscription:- "This stone was laid by E.A. Kelly, Esq., on the 7th day of November, 1906." Mr. Kelly said it would remain a red-letter day in his memory, not only on account of his having taken a prominent part on this occasion, but more so because the scheme of building an institute in this place had so far taken root that day they celebrated the first public function in connection with it.

Above this stone would rise, under the careful supervision of Mr. Wallace and in competent hands of Mr. Hymers, a structure that would be a thing of beauty, a substantial building, a useful institution, and a legacy that would descent to succeeding generations. The hall would be a source of profit as well as amusement. On the shelves of the library would, he hoped, be found literature suited to the tastes of all classes of readers. The foundation of this library had already been laid.

Mr. H. Ifould, of the Public Library, who claimed One Tree Hill as his birthplace had laid this foundation by presenting to it four valuable works. Mr. Ifould was a son of that grand old pioneer the late Mr. E. L. Ifould, of Uley. Another son (Mr. Frank Ifould) was associated with some others of those present on the trust. For the successful carrying out of the scheme they were indebted to a number of people. He would mention two, Mr. Arthur Thomas, who convened the first public meeting to consider the possibility of undertaking the work. Mr. Thomas held it was possible to build a hall and backed his opinion with a liberal donation. Mr. Thomas provided the financial help needed to complete the building. The subscribers owed very much to that gentleman. The other name was that of their worthy secretary (Mr. Fiebig). No one had the building more at heart than he. He had worked for it night and day. His enthusiasm knew no bounds, and was such that he readily undertook any work, and considered himself well paid if any satisfactory progress was made.

During the afternoon £15 was laid on the stone, Mr. Coombe, M.P., delivered an interesting address. He said the educational possibilities in connection with institutes were far reaching, and success all round would largely depend upon the work and enterprise of the management, who would also have the responsibility of censors in building up a library. Mr. Wallace (architect) spoke at length. He hoped the building would be stamped with characteristics which were the adornments of human character - truth and honesty - and that while utility had been their principal consideration, he trusted moreover, that the structure would be an ornament to the township. He worked most harmoniously with the committee, and had confidence the contractors would give full satisfaction. Mr. Rudall, M.P. offered encouragement to the committee and sound advice to young people.

The Rev. W. H. Robinson said that the hall should not be regarded as merely an assembly place. It should be utilized for the holding of classes and the study of the best work in literature and books or reference should be available. A vote of thanks to the ladies for the work they had done and were said to do in connection with the day's festivities was moved by Mr. C. Ayling, and the Rev. T. Geddes White seconded. Mr. White spoke of education effort, and of the good purpose to which institutes could be turned.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Mr. Smith for directing the ceremonies, Mr. E. A. Kelly for laying the stone, and to the members of Parliament and other speakers.

The gathering lasted about two hours, and afterwards tea was served, the proceeds from which amounted to £6 11/4. Entertainment was given in the evening. The performers were principally from Gawler. The Rev. T.G. White presided. The following contributed to the programme:- Miss Rowe (Elder Conservatorium), Miss Audrey Avery, Mr. Allan Limb, Miss Marchant, Rev. W. H. Robinson, Mr. Avery, and Mr. F. L. Ifould. The total proceeds for the day were £26 7/1. Over £20 has been subscribed, leaving a debt of about £300 to be faced.



Thursday April 13 - 1944

## "Nyroca" Jersey Breaks Production Record

Another production record has been broken by a cow in the Nyroca herd of Dr. A. Tostevin of One Tree Hill.

The Jersey cow Navua Noble Belle by Bravo's Lad from Navua Samaritan's Bell, has a junior four-year old broken the South Australian breed record, with a production of 633.lb of butter-fat under an official test over 273 days. Her milk production was 9,895lb. And her test 6.40 p.e.

The previous record was held by Mr. R. L. Laing's Kirami Coutance Sunbeam with 605.50 lb. of fat.

Friday 23rd August, 1946

## Scientists Visit One Tree Hill

"Nyroca" Inspection: Interstate scientists and plant breeders inspected Dr. A. L. Tostevin's "Nyroca" stud Jersey farm at One Tree Hill on Saturday. The party was primarily concerned with pastures, but showing great interest in the dairy and associated activities.

PENICILLIAN AND MASTITIS: Outlining his methods of controlling mastitis, Dr. Tostevin told the visitors that the first signs of the trouble were detected by means of a strip cup. As soon as a cow was known to be affected it was treated by an injection of 30,000 units of penicillian into the quarter involved. Provided the trouble was diagnosed early this treatment was completely effective.

The party inspected a number of flats which had been cleaned of rushes by a special plough made in South Australia and exported in large numbers to England for development of marshland.

# Kids' Page

Welcome to the June Kookaburra Club's pages. Well, it looks like winter has finally arrived, it's drizzling with rain as I write this. I guess we will have to wait some time until we have warm sunny days again. Until then, explore the land around you and see if you can find some frogs, snails or other little critters that seem to have made their appearance known lately. You may also like to go out and find some Autumn leaves and use them to make pictures. There are so many things you could be doing during the cooler months, leave your indoor games and get out and enjoy this cooler weather, you may have to take an umbrella and warm jacket but I'm sure you will still have some fun.

Until next month, Auntie Bev.

Email: [oth.grapevine@bigpond.com](mailto:oth.grapevine@bigpond.com) or drop me a line at the Grapevine, Postal address is OTH Grapevine P.O. Box 196, One Tree Hill Post Office, SA 5114.



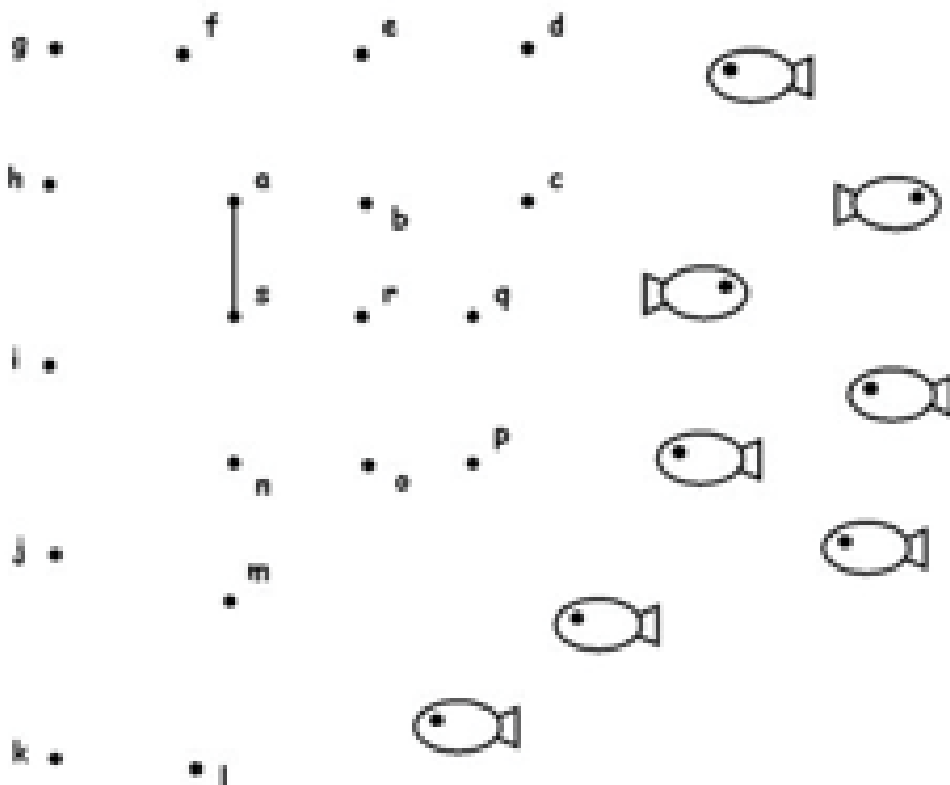
## OTH Kookaburra Club



The Kookaburra Club is open to all children 15 years and under. If you would like to become a member email or post your name, address, birthdate and a story or jokes to the grapevine. (Details are on page 2 of this edition) We have a monthly prize for the best story or jokes, this is a \$10 voucher. Birthday cards and a \$10 voucher will be awarded for your birthday but please note that if you don't submit something for 6 months you will not receive your birthday gift. I hope to hear from lots of you this year.

Thank you to OTH Progress for the awards.

Join the letters of the alphabet to make a picture. Can you guess what it is?



Knock, knock, Who's there?  
Scold. Scold who?  
Scold outside!

Knock, knock. Who's there?  
Snow. Snow who?  
Snow laughing matter!

Knock, knock. Who's there?  
Atch. Atch who?  
Bless you!

Knock, knock. Who's there?  
Snow. Snow who?  
Snow use, I forgot my name again!

Knock, knock. Who's there?  
Icy. Icy who?  
Icy you!

Tom: Winter is here.  
Bob: Well don't answer the door!

Harold: Getting a job in the Arctic in the winter is great! Bob: Really, why?  
Harold: When the days get short, you only have to work a 30 minute work week!

Melissa: Man, is it cold out!  
Jen: Why do you say that?  
Melissa: I just chipped a tooth on my soup!

Q: What's a good winter tip?

A: Never catch snowflakes on your tongue until all the birds have gone south for winter!

Q: What's it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?

A: A Meltdown!

Q: What do some ladies put on their faces in the winter?

A: Cold cream!

Q: What's the difference between winter and a hurt football player?

A: One is cold out and the other is out cold!

Q: How do you scare a snowman?

A: Turn on a hairdryer!

Q: What do snowmen call their children?

A: Chill-dren!

Q: Which one is faster, hot or cold?

A: Hot. You can catch a cold!

Q: Why don't you see penguins in Britain?

A: Because they are afraid of Wales!



Q: What kind of math do Snowy Owls like best?

A: OWLgebra!

Q: How was the snow globe feeling?

A: A little shaken!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? A: Frostbite!

Q: How does a penguin build a house?

A: Igloos it together!

Q: Why was the walrus late for the party?

A: His iceberg ran into a ship!

Q: How did Jack Frost get to work?

A: By icicle!

Q: Why are there only snowmen and not snowwomen?

A: Because only men would stand out in the snow without a coat!

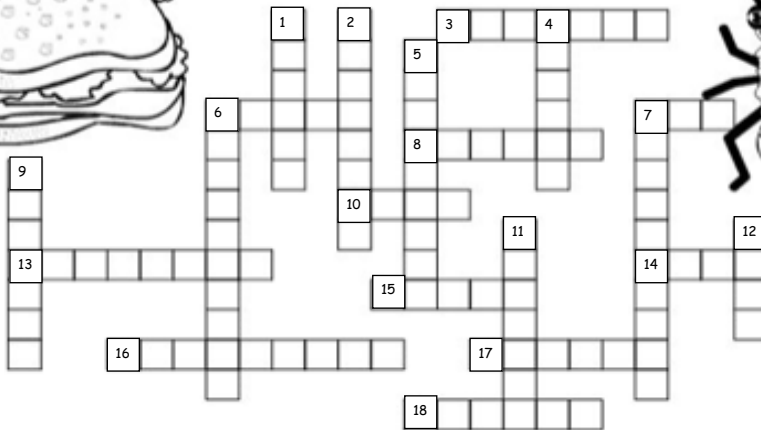
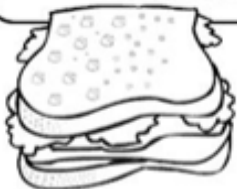
Q: What flies when it's born, lies when it's alive, and runs when it's dead? A: Snow!





# Kids Stuff

## Picnic Crossword Puzzle



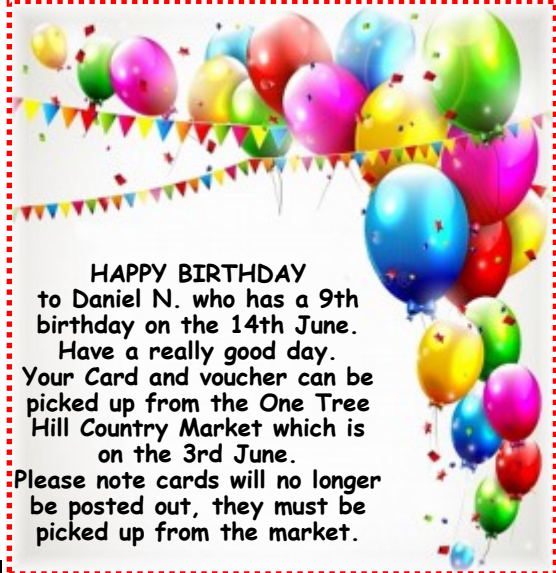
### ACROSS

- 3: A fun picnic game played with a disc shaped toy.  
 6: Coleslaw is a type of \_\_\_\_\_  
 7: A popular round-shaped baked dessert that is cut into wedges to serve.  
 8: One type of container used to carry picnic goodies.  
 10: It's yummy on the cob.  
 13: This comes in black lumps and is sometimes used on a picnic BBQ.  
 14: This type of weather can often ruin a picnic.  
 15: Tall and leafy, these provide shady places for a picnic.  
 16: A bright evening show that sometimes follow a picnic or concert.  
 17: A square of cloth or paper used to keep things clean when eating your picnic meat.  
 18: Grilled wiener on a bun.

### DOWN

- 1: A picnic container that keeps food cold.  
 2: Two pieces of bread stuffed with meat, cheese and salad.  
 4: Most popular season of the year for picnics in Australia.  
 5: A ground beef patty on a roll.  
 6: Eye protection from the sun.  
 7: A fun area for kids inside some parks.  
 9: Red condiment made from tomatoes (Americans call it this).  
 11: Yellow sauce sometimes used on hamburgers and hotdogs.  
 12: Tiny picnic invaders.

Across: 3 - Frisbee, 6 - Salad, 7 - Pie, 8 - Basket, 10 - Corn, 13 - Charcoal, 14 - Rain, 15 - Trees, 16 - Fireworks, 17 - Nodkin, 18 - Hotdog.  
 Down: 1 - Cooler, 2 - Sandwich, 4 - Summer, 5 - Hamburger, 6 - Playground, 9 - Ketchup, 11 - Mustard, 12 - Ants.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
 to Daniel N. who has a 9th birthday on the 14th June.  
 Have a really good day.

Your Card and voucher can be picked up from the One Tree Hill Country Market which is on the 3rd June.

Please note cards will no longer be posted out, they must be picked up from the market.

Q: What do geese take for hayfever?  
 A: Anti-hissss-tamines!

Q: Why is it so windy inside a sports arena?  
 A: Because of all the fans!

Q: How do you keep a bull from charging?  
 A: Take away his credit card!

Q: Why should you never trust a pig with a secret?  
 A: Cause it's bound to squeal!

Q: What did the fireman name his twin sons?  
 A: Jose (pronounced hose A) and Hose-B!

Q: What do cows read?  
 A: Cattle-logs!

Q: What does a spider's bride wear?  
 A: A webbing dress!

Q: Where do young cows eat lunch?  
 A: At the calf-aterial!

Q: What do you call a rich elf?  
 A: Welfy!



Q: What do you call a smart group of trees?  
 A: A brainforest!

blue



bird



rain



panda



glove



shark



What do you call a pig that knows Karate?



A  
Pork  
Chop

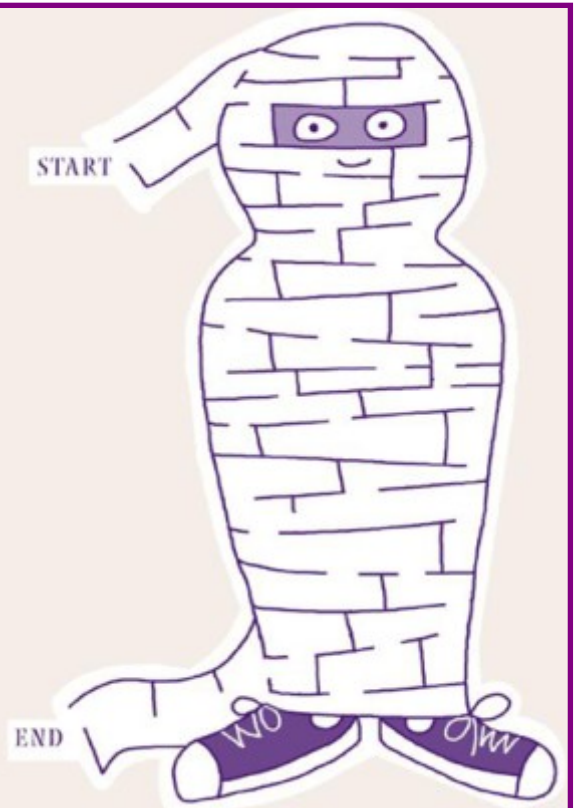
Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: Because it was not peeling well.



Q: Why are teddy bears never hungry?

A: Because they are always stuffed!





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## Horse Care - Przewalski Horse (*Equus ferus przewalskii*)



I was recently asked about the Przewalski horse (thanks for the suggestion) so here goes.

My sister-in-law says it is pronounced "she-VAL-ski" with the emphasis on the second syllable, as she comes from Poland I guess that's right. The "e" in the "she" part is a short "e" as in egg not "ee" as in meet. For short, they are often referred to as P-horses.

The wild Przewalski horse was hunted to extinction, with the last one seen in 1966, after a very hard winter. They were first described in the 1870s by Przewalski, being sighted on the edge of the Gobi Desert.

In 1900 many of the horses were captured and sold to zoos in Europe and for P.T. Barnum to exhibit in his travelling shows. The local people hunted them for meat and this, coupled with habitat destruction and several very hard winters they were almost wiped out prior to World War II. It is unlikely that there were viable numbers left in the wild by 1965 even if it had not been yet another hard winter.

The zoo populations had almost all died but there were 31 individuals left, in two zoos. By the end of the 1950s, they were down to 12.

At this point, the Chinese government, working with London, Prague and Munich zoos, began a breeding program. By carefully moving breeding stock to maximise the genetic diversity, they have managed to bring the species back from the brink.

Within Australia, there are now three breeding zoos for the Przewalski horse; Taronga Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo (NSW), Werribee Open Range Zoo (Melbourne) and Monarto Zoo (South Australia). Each have large, viable populations and have been critical to the ongoing breeding program, swapping breeding stock with other zoos to maintain the diversity.

In 1994, P-horses were released into three reserves in Mongolia. Unfortunately they chose autumn before a hard winter (what is it about that part of the world?). Many of the released horses died and those that were left were not considered to be a viable number. More were released and they have managed to survive, with the total population (including zoos) of about 1,100 by the turn of the millennium. Many are still held and bred in zoos as back up stock to supplement the wild herds if needed. By 2011 there were about 1500 in total. Then Man struck again. The wild herds were decimated by trophy hunters and only about 60 survived in the wild. Again zoos are trying to build up stock for another release. Some have been released into the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone where few hunters are prepared to go. It appears to be doing well there.

So, what is so special about these horses? Well, for a start, they are the only subspecies of the *Equus ferus* that is left.

The Tarpan was the only other one, extinct in the early 1900s. Our domestic horses are a close relative but not a descendant or ancestor.



Genetic sequencing shows they are unique and branched from the ancestor of our domestic horses some 70,000 years ago. Cousins, not descendants.

They have 66 chromosomes, instead of 64 of domestic horses. Strangely, they can breed with domestic horses and have fertile offspring (with 65 chromosomes). This is not true of donkeys and horses - their offspring are infertile (mules and hinnys).

They are the only true wild horses. Mustangs and brumbys are domestic horses gone feral. P-horses have never been domesticated. In type, they are similar to a stocky pony, about 13 hands high, with short legs for their body size. Mostly they are dun coloured with "primitive" markings; bars or stipes of black on the lower legs, dark mane and tail, often a black stripe down the back and lighter colour around the eyes, muzzle and under the throat, extending into the chest and belly. Their tails are shorter but have a longer dock (bone section) than a domestic horse. They have no forelock.

Other names for the Przewalski Horse are: Mongolian Wild Horse, and the local name is Takhi which means "spirited one".



If you have a horse query for Julie please email or post to the Grapevine and we will pass it on.

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Many thanks to Julie for her articles each month.

## I Dream of a World of Peace

I dream of a world of peace,  
Where people can live a life of ease.  
World where there is no difference between rich and poor,  
Life being pleasant for living ever more.

I dream of a world of happiness,  
Where there is no sight of selfishness.  
Where each and everyone can get their needs,  
And have belief in their deeds.

I dream of a world of kindness,  
Where people can know that value of love is priceless.  
Where people could realize that of earth we are all children,  
And to have a kind heart is better for all men.

I dream of a world of loving mates,  
Where people can realize all are great.  
Where people can know that in this earth,  
With a kind heart people must give birth.

I dream of a world of peace,  
Where people can live a life of ease!  
*Written by Riken Shrestha (Nepal).*



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# GOATS - Miniature



I have long thought that miniature goats were a curiosity or a pet. Nothing more. But having recently judged miniatures at a recognised show, I have changed my mind.

The goats I saw were of two distinct types: the milking goat and the hair/angora goat.

Those goats that were being milked provided enough for their households, about 2 litres per day. Since you need 2 goats for them to be happy, (they need the companionship) the homes had more than enough milk.

Most exhibitors had worked out that they needed to stagger breeding, mating at the opposite ends of the breeding season, to maximise milk production over the lean winter months. That way, they had a continuous supply.

But production was not the most important reason for having goats. The owners just like them as pets that happen to bring something useful to the household budget.

These goats are so small that they can be picked up, useful when one had decided she wanted to go home before the last class was judged. They are strong minded enough that they would protect themselves from all but the biggest and most aggressive dogs yet gentle and small enough that they play with young children, much as the family dog does.

The other great advantage is that, being so small, their appetite is not large, making them cheaper to keep than standard goats.

They still need a warm, protected place to live. A large dog kennel is fine. And of course they need the same as every animal: food, clean water and a safe environment. They need their hooves trimmed from time to time, their coats brushed, worming treatments, and medical/vet care if needed.

Breeders recommend a minimum of ½ acre for a pair, and they cannot be kept in suburban backyards or you will run foul of council by-laws.

So if you are thinking about having a goat, take a look at the miniatures. They can be great pets, you can get milk, or leave the kids on Mum to save yourself the time, they are easier to handle than "Full Size" goats.



And they come in so many different colours.

Just please, check their health status before buying: CAE and Johnes in particular. Markets are not good places to buy animals from.

Thanks to Megan from Briar Rose Goat Stud for her input into this article and agreeing to share photos of her beautiful goats - all miniatures.

*Photos: Top left: "Beauty" is a typical British Alpine style goat but mini in size. Her colouring is incorrect for British Alpines but I think it looks stunning.*

*Bottom left: "Brambles" shows Anglo Nubian heritage but her ears are not. This doe is a more solid style of goat than Beauty is, which is often true of Anglo Nubians too.*

*Right: "Briar Rose Daphne" has excellent conformation. Remember, the aim of good conformation is to carry the animal for a long and healthy life.*



*Right: "Hartwell Hills Licorice" is one of the "Hairy" persuasions. The hair is long and fine but I think it is not mohair. The long coat hides the conformation and this is where the judge has to actually handle the animal to feel the structure under the skin.*



*Right: As for the unnamed kid, who could fail to think she is cute?*



*Article written by  
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# History of Humbug Scrub - Part 5 - 1915 to 1925

The War years must have been very tough on Tom and his sanctuary. He had a son, Vic, serving overseas, wounded at Gallipoli and recuperating in England. On returning to Australia, Victor and his wife, Sarah, lived for a time at Tenefeate, in the One Tree Hill area, before moving to the Mt Remarkable area and starting their own sanctuary. It appears from newspaper reports that their sanctuary died with them.

War shortages stretched most budgets but Tom was also trying to feed his animals. He had built pens to keep foxes away but this meant he now had to find or grow feed for them.

In 1915, Tom was instrumental in founding the "Nature Lovers' League". Their stated aim was "to take men for the work, to assist in all wise legislation, to combat vandalism in every form". The League was instrumental in establishing Flinders Chase, on Kangaroo Island, but Tom says "it will fall far short of what is needed".

One of Tom and Eliza's daughters, Neata, married Nicholas Tambllyn and they lived for a time in an old cottage on the corner of Uley Road and the Gawler Road. They repaired the cottages by rebuilding from the inside as they had spare time and money. The cottages was still lived in when last checked in 2010. Nicholas also helped to build the new cottage at the sanctuary that was completed in 1919 and still stands, as a museum.

Tom walked everywhere. He is known to have packed a roll of wattle bark on his back and walked to the Smithfield railway station, there catching a train to go and sell the bark. On his return, he brought provisions for his family and walked back to his sanctuary. Access to the area was either over a rough track from Williamstown (possibly what is now known as Goldfields Road) or over ruts through farmland, via Tenefeate Farm and from there via Uley Road, to Smithfield.

Tom published his first book "Nature - Our Mother" in 1918. It was well received, with the Minister for Education adding one to every public school library. But, although it brought interest, it did not help the coffers much.

In 1920, Tom was paid a visit by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (writer of "Sherlock Holmes" mysteries). Doyle was fascinated and passionate about Tom's work and he said in an English Newspaper that one of his prime reasons to visit Australia had been to see the "wonderful work done by Mr. Bellchambers". Doyle was very encouraging and approached the government to assist Tom's work. There was another "unknown friend" who assisted and Tom is recorded as writing "I would greatly accept help for needed improvement, fox-proofing fences and other necessary expenditure".

(The Register 7 Oct 1920).

Tom worked hard. His income sources included: honey from his bees, hay (for use on the sanctuary), thyme, vegetables, and fruit, a few cattle, wattle barking and he also caught snakes for museums and zoos. The family also ate the fruit of the prickly pear, planted by the miners years before.

In 1923, the Premier, Sir Henry Barwell, visited the sanctuary. All this interest did not help him much. In 1923 he is quoted by "The Bunyip" (September 21st) as saying "it is heartbreaking to have to turn animals adrift sometimes because there are no bags of grain left for them and no means to replenish the storeroom...."

At this point he was desperate for the Nature Lovers League to get going properly and take over both the freehold and the leases of his property. He would have happily managed it but needed more help with finances and labour.

A pair of Mallee Fowl were presented to King George V in 1924. And still Tom, his wife and children labored on with little help from outside.



Photos Left: A group of field naturalists, in their model T Ford, on Humbug Scrub Road, 1920.

Above: Sir Henry Barwell and Mr. Hayne visit the sanctuary. From left to right: Raynor Bellchambers, Eliza, Sir Henry Barwell (front row), young lady in white is Millicent Bellchambers and the far right is Bernhard Bellchambers. The others in the photo are unknown, it is thought that Tom Bellchambers took the photo. The Mallee Fowls which were given to King George V.



# Winter in your Garden

Now that winter is upon us when is the last time you had a good look around your garden? With the winter days being cold and grey and all the plants looking a bit tattered and weather worn it can be hard to muster some enthusiasm for gardening. In cold, northern hemisphere climates gardens virtually shut down over winter. Gardening tasks revolve around preventing squirrels from robbing seeds from bird feeders and shovelling snow. This of course doesn't apply to Australia.

Winter is an exciting time to be outside if it's not raining, most of the time you can find a sheltered spot to do some therapeutic gardening to chase away the winter blues. Indeed, five minutes outdoors can lift your spirits. Studies released in scientific journals have shown that a short walk or a spot of gardening does wonders for your mental and physical wellbeing. And the cooler months mean that you can take on some tasks that raise a sweat, such as laying a new path or digging the ground in readiness for spring planting. If this sounds a bit hard, here are some winter jobs to get you outdoors and active.

**1: Rake the leaves, pick up twigs, sticks and bark, this job can involve the kids too and a bonus is that it keeps you warm. Add the leaves to your compost heap and use the sticks to light indoor winter fires if you have a wood burning heater. Or maybe some of the sticks can be kept as supports for plants later.**

**2: Aerate the lawn, many lawns are compacted and weedy after the hot summer months. Aerating now lets moisture into the soil so you can begin to rejuvenate the lawn in spring. Use a garden fork or hire a powered aerator. Top dress your lawn with a fine layer of coarse sand or loam. If rain is puddling and not soaking in, even after aeration, apply a hose on soil wetting agent.**

**3: Cheer yourself with potted colour. Plant a few pots with annuals such as pansies or polyanthus. Choose plants that are already flowering for an instant show of colour. Water well after planting and keep in bloom by deadheading and watering every 10 days with a liquid plant food.**

**4: Prune and tidy while plants are bare, you can more easily remove dead or crowded growth or spot invasive climbers and remove them. Don't prune late winter or you will spoil spring flowering shrubs. Roses can be pruned along with grapevines from June onwards. Don't forget to sharpen your trusty secateurs in readiness for pruning.**

**5: If your parsnip leaves are not looking the best, don't be put off, below the ground they will be growing tender and tasty. If you have plants in your garden that need to be moved, now is the time to do it while the soil is still warm. Some plants like camellias will have to wait until the flowering finishes. Always remember to soak plants the day before you move them to ensure they are fully hydrated.**

**6: Dig the veggie garden and plant new crops. Providing your soil isn't sodden, winter can be a great time to dig a new veggie or garden bed or to turn in green manure crops to get the garden ready for planting in spring. It's also a good time to pull or hoe out weeds and cut back invasive plants. It's not too late to plant some veggies now, snow peas, English spinach, cabbages, carrots, butter swedes, kale and lettuce are some of the plants you can plant now.**



## Message From The Recovery Coordinator

Anne Ellis's office has kindly written in to tell you about the interPAR program which may help people affected by the Sampson Flat fires.

The PAR program is a **FREE** program designed to assist emotional recovery in the Pinery and Sampson Flat communities affected by bushfires in 2015. The InterPAR program is currently being delivered in South Australia by Phoenix Australia-Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, in partnership with The Prince's Charities Australia partners, The Australian Red Cross (SA), The Northern Health Network, and Country SA Primary Health Network.

The program helps people who are feeling stressed or mild to moderately distressed, but do not have a diagnosed mental health problem. It is a five session program designed to help people learn skills to manage their stress and strong emotions following the fires. Participants of interPAR are allocated a Coach from the community who will see them weekly for an hour to develop skills for coping with stress and distress.

So far, most participants who have gone through the interPAR program are reporting an improved mood through a reduction in stress, anger, or worries, an improved quality of life through better sleep, engagement in healthier activities, and better relationships. Many have reported better strategies for coping with life's challenges and thus an improved sense of preparedness for future challenges.

The interPAR program is nested in a larger research program designed to test its effectiveness as an evidence-based package that can be delivered to individuals in a medium to long term aftermath of disasters. As we are testing the effectiveness and feasibility of interPAR for disaster affected communities, we are offering the program free. As the program is due to end in June 2017, we are inviting anyone who may be interested in participated in the interPAR program to contact the interPAR project officer to see if this program would be suitable for them.

If you would like to enquire about the interPAR program please contact Jason Blunt (Project Officer), via email [jason.blunt@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:jason.blunt@unimelb.edu.au) or phone 0484 568 878.

## Slow Cooker Pea and Ham Soup

Just in time for winter, this will warm the cockles of your heart!

### INGREDIENTS:

- \* 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil
- \* 1 Brown Onion finely chopped
- \* 2 Garlic Cloves, crushed
- \* 2 Sticks Celery, diced
- \* 300g Potatoes, peeled and diced
- \* 650g Ham Hock
- \* 1 Cup Green Split Peas, washed & rinsed
- \* 3 Cups Chicken Stock
- \* 1 Dried Bay Leaf
- \* Chopped fresh parsley
- \* And of course Crusty Bread to serve



**METHOD: Step 1:** Heat oil in frypan over medium heat. Cook onion, stir while cooking for approximately 3 minutes or until softened. Add garlic, celery and potatoes. Fry for 5 minutes, stirring to avoid burning. Transfer to bowl of slow cooker.

**Step 2:** Add ham hock, peas stock, bay leaf and 1 litre of cold water. Season with salt and pepper. Cover with lid and cook on high for 4 hours.

**Step 3:** Remove hock from soup. Remove and discard rind and bone.. Shred ham. Return to soup. Cook on low for 1 hour or until ham and peas are tender. Sprinkle with parsley to serve and crusty bread.

If you would like to use a pressure cooker follow steps 1 & 2, transferring mixture to cooker. Seal cooker and place over high heat until steam escapes, then reduce heat. Cook for 35 minutes. Follow step 3, returning ham to soup on stovetop. Cook on low for 5 minutes.





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# A Convicts Life in Australia

We often hear how excited some people are to learn that one of their ancestors were convicts arriving in Australia at the time of settlement but it was a very hard life they had as you will learn from this article.

A convict's life depended on who they worked for, where they worked and the kind of skills they had to offer. Between 1819 and 1848, convicts living at Hyde Park Barracks (NSW) were employed mostly by the government and known as "government men". Barrack convicts had a different life from those who were assigned to work for free settlers.

Very strict rules controlled the daily lives of convicts. Convicts living at Hyde Park Barracks had to obey the orders of the superintendent, convict constables and overseers. The ringing of the bell in the barrack's yard told them when to get up in the morning, when to eat their meals and when to go to their hammocks each night. It also told them when to assemble in the courtyard for daily inspections before heading off to their worksites around the town.

Convicts were sent to Australia to work. This was their punishment. Convicts were expected to work from sunrise until sunset. In hot weather they had an hour off in the middle of the day. Male convicts generally did hard physical labour such as making bricks, constructing buildings, gardening, and building roads. Female convicts often worked as household servants, cooking, cleaning and sometimes taking care of children. Some of the convicts had special skills and did work such as keeping records, printing, making pottery.

Food was scarce in the early days of the new colony, crops did badly so people relied heavily on supplies shipped from England. But by the time Hyde Park Barracks was built in 1819, a lot of the food was grown locally. Convict rations varied from year to year.

For example, in 1820, convicts working in government service were given 3.1kg of salt beef, 1.8kg of salt pork, 3.1kg of flour (to be used for bread), 1.6kg of maize (corn) meal (to be eaten as "hominy" porridge for breakfast), 110 grams of tea, 450 grams of sugar and 220 grams of salt (when fresh meat was issued). At other times convicts were also given peas, rice, oatmeal and sometimes green vegetables such as cabbage for their soup. The greens were grown at the vegetable garden near Hyde Park Barracks, where some of the convicts worked. Female convicts were given fewer rations, as their work was considered to be less physically demanding. Convicts who worked for free settlers were expected to be fed by their masters.

One Canadian convict (Pierre Hector Morin) refused to take bread that was offered to him at the barracks saying that it wasn't good enough. He was taken to the court house and received 50 lashes because it was found that the bread was satisfactory. Many others also complained about their rations but they ended up in getting lashings for complaining.

Most of the convicts often looked ragged and untidy. Most arrived in Sydney wearing their own clothes and without a change of clothing. Men wore coarse cotton shirts and trousers, waistcoats and jackets. According to regulations, each year every male convict was issued with 2 jackets, 1 waistcoat, 1 pair of trousers, 1 hat, 1 woollen cap and 2 pairs of shoes. Female convicts were given 1 jacket, 2 petticoats, 2 plain dresses, 2 caps, 1 handkerchief and 1 hat. Every Saturday convicts were ordered to wash their clothes and to be clean and ready to attend church the next day.

Convicts sent to Hyde Park Barracks weren't always lucky enough to be issued with socks. And to make matters worse, their shoes weren't made for the left or right foot, making them very uncomfortable and painful. Some convicts were shoemakers by trade and worked in a shoemaking and tailoring workshop at the barracks.

Around one in every four male convicts had tattoos on his body. Some tattoos were made to remember loved ones left behind, like the initials of a wife, parent, child, brother, sister or friend. Other tattoos were made to symbolise courage or strength, or to protect the wearer from danger or evil spirits.

Convicts tattooed themselves to show that they belonged to a particular group or clan, like the Masonic Society or a specialist guild or even an underworld society. Common tattoos included mermaids, anchors, love hearts, stars, moon and sun, religious symbols, letters and numbers.

Each night, convicts at Hyde Park Barracks had one hour of recreation in the yard before going to bed. Gambling was illegal but they played cards, marbles and other games of chance. Improvised musical instruments, storytelling, juggling and other pastimes probably relieved the boredom. A number of convict game tokens and marbles made out of bone and wood were discovered under the floorboards of the Barracks. Convicts sometimes wore cabbage-tree hats to pass the time and trade in town.

Sunday was the only day convicts didn't have to work. Instead they went to church - as religion was considered very important.

Convicts had their own slang words called the "flash language". They used these words to talk to each other so that the authorities couldn't understand them.

Some convicts just couldn't stay out of trouble, punishments were common for bad behaviour like swearing, laziness, being drunk, returning late from work, and stealing small items. For this, convicts were whipped with the "cat-o-nine-tails" or kept in solitary confinement for several days, with only bread and water. Convicts who ran away from their work were often sentenced to wear heavy leg irons for at least six months and up to three years. These leg-irons could be put on or taken off only by a blacksmith. Some convicts were even ordered to walk on a big wooden treadmill to grind the corn used to make their breakfast. If a convict's crime was really serious, they might be sent to a distant penal settlement like Port Macquarie, Newcastle, Norfolk Island or Port Arthur.

Of course, there were many well-behaved convicts, and they could be rewarded with responsible jobs or allowed time away from the barracks. A well-behaved convict might be given a "ticket of leave" that allowed them to work for money and own land but not to leave the colony. They could even receive a pardon, a conditional pardon allowed them to live anywhere in the colony and an absolute pardon allowed them to travel abroad, even back to England if they chose. Once a sentence had been served, a convict received a "certificate of freedom".

Convicts were supposed to remain in the barracks all night. Some did not return after work, or climbed over the wall to go out at night. Others even escaped from the barracks for good....



Above: Hyde Park Barracks sketch



Left: Convicts in ragged clothes outside Hyde Park Barracks.



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A man goes to a bar and asks: "Seven double whiskey shots, please". The bartender arranges the seven whiskeys in front of him and sees the man drink one by one almost as quickly as they were served. In disbelief, the bartender asks: "Why so fast?" and the man replies. "You'd drink this fast too if you had what I have".

The bartender asks: "What do you have mate?" The man replies quickly: "One dollar!"



Three fishermen were fishing when they came upon a mermaid, the mermaid offered them one wish each so the first fisherman said: "Double my IQ" so the mermaid did it and to his surprise he started reciting Shakespeare. Then the second fisherman said: "Triple my IQ" and sure enough the mermaid did it and amazingly he started doing math problems he didn't know existed. The third fisherman asked the mermaid to quadruple his IQ. The mermaid said, "Are you sure about this? It will change your whole life!", the fisherman excitedly said "Yes" so the mermaid turned him into a woman....





## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Do you have an upcoming Community event or a special announcement that you would like printed on this page? Please keep notices as brief as possible.

Email or call with your details. Email: [oth.grapevine@bigpond.com](mailto:oth.grapevine@bigpond.com)

Phone: 8280 7095 Please note deadline date on the front cover for each edition.



## This Saturday 3rd June

Don't forget our monthly market is on this Saturday 3rd June from 8.30am until 1.00pm at the One Tree Hill Institute 1009 Black Top Road.

Lots of new stalls holders as well as regulars with an assortment of goods available including plants, jewellery, home baked biscuits, cakes, books, arts and crafts and items for your home plus bric-a-brac stalls.

If you are feeling hungry Kamcheyenne Limousin will be cooking up sausages, they are located on the lawned area and will be raising money to support local groups. This month proceeds will help Humbug Scrub.

Raya and her team will be back in the kitchen cooking up Piroshkis which are a favourite with lots of people. Money raised goes to under privileged people overseas.

Farmhouse Bakery has delicious hot pies, pasties etc. for sale as well as a good range of breads, cakes and buns.

For stall enquiries please email Bev at [oth.market@bigpond.com](mailto:oth.market@bigpond.com) or phone 0448 208 338.



## Our Country Market 1st Saturday of each Month

## You're Invited

Come and join us for an activity fun filled night and see why 25-40 million youth participate in the Scouts movement globally. Ages 11 to 15.

Where: One Tree Hill Scout Hall, McGilp Road

When: Friday night 2nd 7.00pm with an opening parade

What is provided: Fun activities that will keep your young adult entertained, maybe even a big adult!

What you need to bring: Drink bottle and a "Can Do" attitude.

Please contact our scout section leader: Chad "Onion" Ownsworth, for further details on 0430 888 903 or [onionchad@gmail.com](mailto:onionchad@gmail.com)



## One Tree Hill Primary School



If you have a child who will turn four before May 1st, 2018, and you wish for them to attend One Tree Hill Preschool, you will need to complete a "Preschool Waiting List" form as soon as possible.

This form is available from the schools Front Office.

Priority of access to the preschool is firstly given to children living in the One Tree Hill Preschool zone, then to children who have siblings at our school, then to children outside of the zone, providing there are places available.

Please do not assume your child will automatically be accepted.

Phone: 8280 7027

## HISTORY MAKING

### NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH

All will be revealed at the NEW Cooking Discovery Class at the One Tree Hill Institute on June 6th and 13th - 7.00pm.

LIMITED SEATS WON'T LAST—RSVP NOW!

Email: <mailto:majjic@gmail.com> or

Phone: 0404 294 811

*Photos below were taken at the Pressure cooking class held at the OTH Institute in May. The cooking class group was treated to lovely home cooking and had recipes provided to take home to cook up for their family.*



## MOBILE LIBRARY APRIL DATES



The Playford Mobile Library will be at the OTH Institute on Friday 9th and 23rd June.

The van parks outside the OTH Institute

Next PROGRESS GENERAL MEETING is next Thursday 8th June at 7.30pm. Venue: One Tree Hill Institute, 1009 Black Top Road, One Tree Hill.

New members are always very welcome, Progress is at present a small group but with your input we can grow and make One Tree Hill an even better place to live.

