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Dear readers,

Welcome to September. What a massive month this is going to be with Fathers Day, the OTH Community Day and School Holidays!

Enjoy this edition of the Grapevine, its jammed packed with articles and information for everyone!!

Kelly Fischer - Grapevine Manager

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• POST OFFICE

• PHARMACY

• FODDER STORE

• OTH COUNTRY MARKET

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## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

| ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION |                   |                              | COUNCIL MEMBERS          |                   |              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
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|                                    | 0459 105 045      |                              | <b>General Store</b>     | ViJay Voore       | 08 8182 5163 |
| <b>Market Manager</b>              | Heather Fischer   | market@onetreehill.org.au    | <b>Post Office</b>       | Wain Walker       | 08 8280 0090 |
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| FLORA / FAUNA CONTACTS             |                   |                              | <b>Senior Citizens</b>   | Louise Niva       | 0409 315 625 |
| <b>Friends of Para Wirra</b>       |                   | friendsofparawirra@gmail.com | <b>Walkie Talkies</b>    | Helen Turvey      | 08 8280 7035 |
| <b>Para Wirra Conservation Pk</b>  |                   | 08 8336 0901                 | <b>Uniting Church</b>    | Maureen Hill      | 08 8280 7368 |
| <b>Koala Rescue Hotline</b>        |                   | 0474 737 283                 | <b>Scout Group</b>       | (Group Leader)    | 0430 422 895 |
| <b>Fauna Rescue</b>                |                   | 08 8289 0896                 | LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS     |                   |              |
| EDUCATION                          |                   |                              | <b>Tennis</b>            | Garry Evans       | 0415 399 658 |
| <b>Primary</b>                     | Principal         | 08 8280 7027                 | <b>Soccer</b>            | Luke Matthews     |              |
| <b>Playgroup</b>                   | Kryisia           | 0419 863 077                 | <b>Cricket</b>           | Luke Lister       | 0406 788 425 |

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**AMBULANCE, COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE OR POLICE: 000**

Bushfire Info Hotline (24hr): 1800 362 361

Police (non emergency): 131 444

CFS Station (When Staffed): 8280 7412

Hospital: 8182 9000

General Business:

8280 7055



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE

## 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.



# What's on in SEPTEMBER

| SUNDAY                                                                                                   | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                                                                                              | FRIDAY                    | SATURDAY                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Term 3—Week 7                                                                                            | 1      | 2       | 3         | 4                                                                                                                     | 5                         | 6  |
| 7 <br>Term 3—Week 8      | 8      | 9       | 10        | 11 <br>Progress Association Meeting | 12                        | 13                                                                                    |
| 14<br>Term 3—Week 9                                                                                      | 15     | 16      | 17        | 18                                                                                                                    | 19                        | 20                                                                                    |
| 21<br>Term 3—Week 10                                                                                     | 22     | 23      | 24        | 25                                                                                                                    | 26<br>Last Day of Term 3! | 27                                                                                    |
| 28 <br>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 29     | 30      | 31        |                                                                                                                       |                           |                                                                                       |

Saturday 6th OTH Country Market  
 Sunday 7th Fathers Day  
 Thursday 11th Progress Assoc Meeting  
 Friday 26th Last day of Term 3  
 Sunday 28th OTH Community Day 

\* School weeks - SA Government Schools



## REGULAR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mondays 9.30am-11.30am

OTH Playgroup

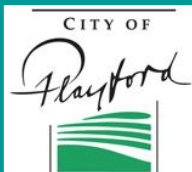


Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun 8.00am

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

**SEPTEMBER 2025**

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

Come along , have a chat with a coffee from the General Store or Gold Dust Café or The Blacksmiths Inn.

Market is held at the One Tree Hill Institute.

Take time to browse the Market stalls. You may find a suitable handcrafted gift for Dad and/or Grandad.

Select from quality nuts and dried fruits, wood turned bottle stoppers and pens, plants and more .

Also, warm beanies, leg warmers and rugs, fishing hooks and rods and cards.

Come and visit our market. Enjoy the morning.

***PLANTS PRODUCE CRAFT PLANTS PRODUCE CRAFT***

## **NEXT COUNTRY MARKET:**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6th 2025**

**8.30 am - 12.30pm**

## **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](mailto:hall@onetreehill.org.au)**

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



# ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the One Tree Hill community day to celebrate the anticipated re-opening of the McGilp Recreation Park. We are excited to have our local sporting clubs and service groups involved in the event and can't wait to celebrate with you all.

Last month we received correspondence from the office of Rhiannon Pearce in relation to the speed limit on Black Top Rd, we will continue to advocate for our community in this space and encourage you to reach out if you have the capacity to support these efforts.

We have also sent our community feedback to Playford council in relation to Precolumn Rd, Council have received this feedback for and will be undertaking an inspection of the Rd in the coming weeks.

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.

Take Care,

**TABATHA PETTIGREW**

President One Tree Hill Progress Association Inc

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



## CRIME REPORT – OFFENCES REPORTED

Offences reported between 16/7/25 and 15/8/25

**16 July**                      **Theft from Motor Vehicle**                      **Jordan Drive ONE TREE HILL**

Number plates stolen from vehicle parked outside address

**4 August**                      **Property Damage and Unlawfully on Premises**                      **Blacktop Road ONE TREE HILL**

Damage to gates of Electranet Power Substation

Vehicle of interest has been identified and follow up investigations taking place.

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

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

**Darren McCue - Senior Sergeant First Class**

**Elizabeth Police Station**



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

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

## PLAYFORD COUNCIL - LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

**Dear Fellow Ratepayers and Residents,**

I hope this edition of the Grapevine finds you well.

**Council Elections & Ward Changes** - Recent State Government reforms have capped councils at 13 elected members. For Playford this means 12 councillors plus the mayor, down from 16. From 2026, Playford will shift to four wards (not five) with three councillors each. Our ward will expand to cover all of Craigmore, Blakeview, and part of Elizabeth Downs—likely renamed from Ward 3 to Ward 4.

This means our hills community must vote strongly to ensure rural voices remain represented.

**State Election 2026 – Why It Matters Locally** - The State Election in March 2026 will decide 47 lower house seats and half of the upper house. Cost-of-living, housing, health services, and economic stability will be key issues. These directly affect local government because State decisions drive council costs, red tape, and rate increases.

**The Need for Reform** - Councils are often forced to absorb costs from State policy. For example, in our rural ward, removing a few roadside trees for safety required expensive environmental reports and levies—pushing up rates unnecessarily.

We need reform at both council and state levels: less red tape, fairer cost-sharing, and stronger local advocacy.

**In Summary** - The hills and rural community must stay engaged. Your vote—both in council and state elections—matters to ensure representation that understands our community.

**Community Spirit** - One Tree Hill is my hometown, where I grew up and have lived most of my life, now residing in Yattalunga. My family settled in One Tree Hill around the 1840s, and I was raised in the semi-rural community where everyone chipped in for the good of the district. Over the years, my family has contributed to sporting clubs, the One Tree Hill Progress Association, the Pony Club, and many other local initiatives.

I extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped make One Tree Hill and the surrounding hills such a fantastic place to grow up and live. In particular, the dedicated members of the OTH Progress Association who, despite being few in number, continue to represent and provide for our community. It has been wonderful to see some newer residents stepping up in recent years, adding fresh energy and ideas. We even have a resident from Hillbank attending meetings and giving valuable input on Blacktop Road.

I attend monthly meetings as a councillor and encourage anyone with time to come along, share a coffee, and join like-minded people who care about our community. Growing the Progress Association will help spread the load, increase diversity, and strengthen the community spirit that has always defined One Tree Hill.

On a personal note, I'd like to give special thanks to **Pat**, for her tireless and dedicated service as Hall Manager over many decades. Your contribution is deeply appreciated.

**If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out—or come see me at the One Tree Hill Market ON Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 between 9:30 am and 11 am.**

Kind regards,

**Cr David Kerrison - City of Playford**

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## Time to celebrate!

### McGilp facility upgrade

To celebrate the incredible transformation of McGilp Recreation Park, the community is invited to attend the One Tree Hill Community Day on Sunday, 28 September to explore, enjoy and make the most of this brand-new fantastic space.

The City of Playford has proudly transformed One Tree Hill's only sport and recreation space into a modern and accessible welcoming hub for the whole community. Through our commitment to helping the community bring its long-term vision of improving McGilp Recreation Park to life, the space will now cater for a diverse range of sports and people. Council's transformation includes an oval extension, new changeroom facilities, resurfaced tennis courts, formalised parking, and enhanced spectator amenities such as seating — all designed to improve the experience for athletes and supporters alike. The extended oval now features both full-sized senior and junior soccer pitches, enabling the One Tree Hill Soccer Club to host all home games at McGilp for the first time. This upgrade gives the club a true home ground, bringing all teams together and strengthening club culture.

New, modern and accessible changerooms are now available for the One Tree Hill Soccer Club, Tennis Club and Cricket Club, providing upgraded amenities that reflect the growing needs of local sport. Council has also refreshed the existing clubrooms, with new kitchen facilities, upgraded toilets, and a fresh coat of paint to improve the overall look and feel of the space.

To celebrate this achievement, in collaboration with the One Tree Hill Progress Association the City of Playford welcomes everyone to come along on Sunday, 28 September from 11am to 3pm.

McGilp Recreation Park will come alive with free family fun and entertainment, including a rock climbing wall for the adventurous, interactive activity trail, farm animals for the little ones, vibrant school art exhibition, sizzling community BBQ,

market stalls showcasing local talent, come-and try sports sessions on the new facilities, Scouts outdoor activities, nature-based crafts and playgroup for mums and bubs.

City of Playford Mayor Glenn Docherty is excited to see the community come together to embrace the upgraded facilities, connect with community and celebrate the latest improvement to the recreation park.

"This project has transformed One Tree Hill's only sport and recreation space into a modern, accessible and welcoming hub for everyone," Mayor Docherty said.

"By delivering these improvements, we have brought to life the community's long-term vision for McGilp Recreation Park, creating a place that strengthens our sporting clubs, supports local participation and provides a venue the whole community can be proud of."

"Investing in local sport and recreation facilities goes beyond bricks and mortar — it helps build healthier, more connected communities by creating spaces where people of all ages can come together, stay active, and feel a sense of pride in where they live."

Food trucks will also be on site, including What the Croque Coffee and Toasties, OMG Donuts and Potato on a Stick. Market stalls Succulently Stitched, Indi GLO, Kathy's Plants, Hilltop Fresh Flower, Wildmoonstone Alchemy, Stitch 23 Designs, Kreativ Chaos, Karen's Cuddly Creations, Goofy Danglers, Bekky's Diamond Art, Azalea Professional will provide attendees with plenty of interesting items to browse through.

So, whether you're a seasoned player, a keen supporter, curious about getting involved, or a local resident eager to explore the magnificent new playground, the community day is a chance to discover how this revitalised space can become your own — a special place to have fun, thrive, and connect with others in the heart of One Tree Hill.



Past, Present & Future

ONE TREE HILL

# Community Day

Sunday 28 September

McGilp Reserve, One Tree Hill • 11am – 3pm



Free Family Activities

Facepainting

Activity Trail

Community Come n Try Sports

Rock Climbing Wall

Music

Food Trucks

Community BBQ

Country Market Stalls

School Art Exhibition



Celebrating the newly upgraded McGilp Reserve

# ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION



## CFS REPORT – JUNE/JULY 2025

Unfortunately we missed publishing an article in the last Grapevine. Since the last report, the brigade responded to 15 incidents, listed below :

23/6 – 3 cars burning at a property in Yattalunga. Police investigating.

26/6 - Rubbish fire reported at Whitford Road, Elizabeth.

30/6 – Requested to respond to a house fire in Elizabeth however cancelled shortly after.

7/7 – Oil spill near Riggs road. While we were cleaning up the oil, another job came in for a vehicle accident in Humbug scrub, a car was found that had hit a tree, but occupants had already left the scene.

15/7 – Report of unattended burnoff on Blacktop road, as there was no risk to property, no action was taken.

17/7 – Vehicle reported as smoking, we found the engine had failed and fortunately it did not catch fire, just a lot of oil smoke.

24/7 – Vehicle into tree.

25/7 – Tree on road, then shortly after – another tree on the road, then followed by a flooding job, due to heavy rain and blocked drainage.

6/8 – 2 vehicles collided head-on on Blacktop road near Cornishmans Hill Road. No major injuries.

8/8 – Brigade responded to assist with a helicopter landing for a possible patient transport, while responding to that a vehicle fire was also reported on Kersbrook Rd. Fortunately the helicopter landing was not required and all brigade appliances assisted with the vehicle fire, which was only some minor smoking of the vehicle.

12/8 – Tree on road. This incident was the first ever incident that Gawler SES (State Emergency Service) responded to. Gawler SES are a new SES unit. Previously it was mainly Salisbury SES that would respond to our area. SES respond alongside us for tree down incidents, having the extra help is great especially for larger trees. SES are the primary emergency service for storm related incidents. While the CFS does respond to trees on road, if you have a tree on your fence or house, then SES will respond, not us. They also have more specific equipment for flood damage, like portable pumps and lighting.

Other activities:

24/6 – One Tree Hill CFS visited Salisbury MFS for a joint training night, consisting of Breathing Apparatus (BA) training, relay pumping and Entry Control.

3/7 – A junior primary class from One Tree Hill visited the

station. They had a lot of fun learning about the trucks, and climbing all over them as well as squirting water and having a tour of the station. One of the kid's members Dad is a volunteer with us, she made sure that we all knew about it and that she had visited the station many times!

5/7 – Our cadets combined with Tea Tree Gully cadets on a Saturday morning for a practical session at one of our member's rural property. The cadets were able to learn about the way different fuels burn under controlled conditions, and get more practice extinguishing the fire and operating the pumps.

4/8 – This was our Annual General meeting, and was a voting year. Various positions are available in the brigade such as administration, finance, management committee, and leadership roles (Lieutenants/Senior Firefighters). Members are nominated for positions and if multiple people are nominated, the position holder is decided by vote. Our current Captain, Mike Hawkey will continue in the role for another 2 years, with some changes to other roles. Congratulations to all the new position holders. Being a position holder generally means some extra work, and meetings to attend, however there are also many other members who while not holding an official position, contribute over and above what is expected of them, so thank you! The brigade enjoyed an awesome meal cooked by our "Kitchen Krew" with options of curry or pasta.

The brigade is still looking for new members, recently we welcomed our newest firefighter, Emily to the brigade, who will shortly do her "Basic Fire Fighting Course" and be able to respond to incidents. We have room for more members, so if you are interested please contact the Duty phone on 82807055 for more information.



Photo Credit : Tom Woods. Vehicle fire 23/6 at Yattalunga.

**For general information please contact OTH Duty Phone on 8280 7055. You can also visit them at <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au> or phone 1800 362 361**



## WHAT'S FLOWERING IN MY GARDEN

Heather Fischer, Humbug Scrub

The daytime temperatures are starting to creep up on some days whilst on other days the Winter cold chills us to our bones. Spring is coming but I do hope that plentiful rains come during Spring as some dams are not overflowing. Pretty flowers can be seen on the Eucalyptus leucoxylon trees with colours ranging from a soft creamish yellow to a delightful pale pink with a hint of yellow. The Rainbow Lorikeets and all the Honeyeaters are enjoying the many bunches of nectar laden flowers on these trees. It's Wattle time with the local Wattle, Acacia pycnantha just coming into full bloom and creating a stunning scene of golden yellow flowers held against its bright green leaves along our roadways and through our paddocks.

Acacia baileyana is flowering and its many blossoms are a delight for the eyes. This large tree which originates from the Cootamundra area of New South Wales has been planted throughout the wetter areas of southern Australia on many house blocks, paddocks and parks. Unfortunately this Wattle is now classed as a weed in some areas and as a consequence of its weed status needs to be closely monitored. Any unwanted escapee Cootamundra Wattles will be removed especially if the trees are adjacent to remnant native vegetation. The beauty of this wattle though is its silver bipinnate foliage which is found along its stems. Large bunches of golden yellow tiny balls of scented flowers clothe this majestic tree. When in flower this wattle is covered with many indigenous pollinators and Honey Bees. It can grow up to 5m high and 5m wide and live 10 years or longer. If the lower limbs are removed you have a living tree house for young children to climb into and have fun.

There are other varieties of Acacia baileyana that have purple leaves and sometimes available are prostrate forms of this beautiful Wattle. This tree produces copious amounts of very dark brown seed which is devoured by the brilliant red Eastern Rosellas and seed eating birds such as the Top Knot Pigeons and Bronzewing Pigeons. This stunning big tree is suitable for large blocks or parkland spaces and can be purchased from good nurseries. Prostrate varieties are suitable for rockeries, embankments and extra large pots. It is now 10 years since I lost my big Cootamundra Wattle to the Sampson Flat Bushfire but seed is still germinating. 2025 might be a good year for native seed germination; I'll just have to wait and see.

Acacia baileyana, a stunning big tree. Just beautiful.



## BIRDS IN MY BACKYARD

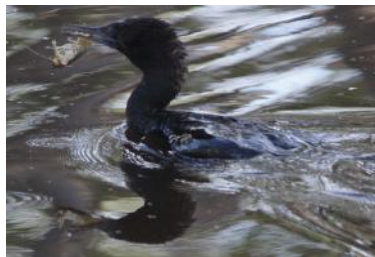
Julie Buttery, Humbug Scrub

I have seen two species of cormorants, the Little Black and the Little Pied, in Humbug Scrub. They are close to the same size, the Black perhaps slightly larger maxing out at 1000 grams over the pied 830 grams.

Phalacrocorax sulcirostris, the Little Black Cormorant, is easily distinguished from the pied

by...the colour. Yes. The Little Black is all black possibly with a few short white plumes close to the ear in a breeding adult. The much larger Great Cormorant is also black but has a white face.

It is found all over Australia but always needs a water pool to hunt. Little Black cormorants sometimes hunt cooperatively, surrounding fish and holding the school while each bird has a chance to hunt. My photo shows one with a yabby – and what a meal it was, taking several gulps to get down.



Microcarbo melanoleucos the Little Pied Cormorant is not the same genus but is still in the same family. It is pied (black and white) by having a white throat and belly with black back and wings. It can take off at a

much steeper angle than most water birds, hence is able to utilise ponds with closer trees. It also forages in shallower

water than other cormorants. It is much more likely to be a solitary hunter than the Little Black.

Cormorants are unusual in water birds in that their plumage does not repel water like the plumage of ducks. This means they can dive more easily and to greater depths. The catch is that they need to dry their feathers. Hence the classic pose with their wings held out, as my father used to say "hanging the washing out". They also need somewhere close to be able to perch while they dry their "washing". They float and swim quite low in the water.





*In Honour of*  
**Ruth Irving**

1954 – 2025



**OPEN  
GARDEN**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
September

**Community Event**

**10 am – 4 pm**

**\$10 per person** – Proceeds support One Tree Hill CFS

Enjoy a day out with:

- Morning/afternoon tea or a light lunch by the One Tree Hill Uniting Church
- Local market stalls
- Explore the stunning Al Ru Farm gardens



## 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 3 Calendar

|                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                |                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Week 1</b><br>21 July<br>"Dance Party!"<br>Disco with DJ Benny<br>Making Instruments<br>Glow Sticks & Bubbles | <b>Week 2</b><br>28 July<br>"Dinosaurs"<br>Slimey Dino World<br>Dino Fossil Dig<br>Paint stamping                              | <b>Week 3</b><br>4 Aug<br>Bush Play<br>at Para Wirra  |
| <b>Week 4</b><br>11 Aug<br>"Construction"<br>Crunchy Hammer Box<br>Lego Paint Blueprints<br>Builder pretend play | <b>Week 5</b><br>18 Aug<br>"We're Going on a Book Hunt!"<br>Costume Parade<br>Book Worm Sock Puppet<br>Hungry Caterpillar Tray | <b>Week 6</b><br>25 Aug<br>Bush Play<br>at Para Wirra |

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| <b>Week 7</b><br>1 Sept<br>"Father's Day"<br>Barber Shop Pamper<br>Bunnings<br>Cricket on the grass<br>Lets go camping | <b>Week 8</b><br>8 Sept<br>"Spring!"<br>Gardening & Shopping at<br>our Farmers Market<br>Daffodil Craft<br>Sensory Veggie Garden | <b>Week 9</b><br>15 Sept<br>Bush Play<br>at Para Wirra                                                   |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                  | <b>Week 10</b><br>22 Sept<br>"Doggy Day Care"<br>Agility Course<br>Doggy headbands<br>A Special Visitor! |

# ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

## ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH



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

### RED BIRD OP SHOP

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

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

### JAM (JESUS & ME) HAPPENINGS

As the weeks pass by, we are continuing to learn more about Psalm 23, as well as working on our Memory Verses remembering!

We are still collecting items in readiness for preparing and packing "Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes of Love," from the end of September/beginning of October.

Any school aged children are welcome to join us at Kids church, when we meet at 10 am on Sundays during school terms. Any enquiries please call Kendrie -0419 994 332

### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Held every Wednesday evening 7.00 pm at the Church.

### 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.



## AL-RU FARM - OPEN GARDEN

**Sunday 21st September 2025**

**10.00 am – 4.30 pm**

At this year's special Open Garden at Al-Ru Farm honouring Ruth Irving, our church will be catering. As well as viewing the beautiful grounds, come and enjoy our delicious Devonshire teas and lunch.



The Kersbrook Shed extends a warm welcome to the folks of One Tree Hill & surrounding areas to come & utilise this fantastic community space! You may not even know your closest Community Shed exists!? It's available for everyone in the district to join, and not just the old men either. Kids, women, families, dogs (we do actually

have 1 dog member, Harry). All just over the hill in Kersbrook at the Soldiers Memorial Park behind the tennis courts.

There's all sorts of interest groups awaiting, from model plane building, 3D printing, electronics, metalwork and of course good old woodwork. Feel like starting a new interest group? Go for it! There's funding available to kickstart ideas into life. With membership only \$50pa, which includes access to a shed full of well maintained machinery and tools, materials to get you started, insurance cover, and of course the free tea, coffee & biscuits. The Shed's open Mon & Thurs 9am-12pm and Wed evenings 7pm-9pm. Keen to know more? Jump onto our website, <https://sites.google.com/view/thekersbrookshed> follow the Facebook page 'The Kersbrook Shed', give Tim a call on 0468 615 612 or just drop in! Come and join in with some like-minded community folks, to share ideas over a cuppa and bring your project, or one of our many community projects, to life!



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## KOALA RESCUE NEWS - Bronwyn Wilton

### Fun Fact, Koalas Fart!!

Koalas do fart constantly - but quietly because of their fibrous diet, koalas generate a lot of intestinal gas, but their farts are often silent and low in odour, which some researchers speculate could help them avoid predators.

This stealthy flatulence is rarely documented but observed in captive environments.



## ULEYBURY NATIVE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY — Liane & Brent

Have you ever driven down Medlow Road and wondered what's behind those big fences and gates just before the final hill? Well, that's us — and this is our story.

It all started with two grumpy veterans (myself included) who had retired and were simply chasing a quiet, peaceful life. What began as rescuing and hand-raising orphaned kangaroo joeys soon grew into something much bigger — we established *Kangaroo Rescue South Australia*, a not-for-profit, tax-deductible charity.

After relocating to our property in Uleybury, we noticed something was missing. There was a noticeable absence of native wildlife, and the land had been stripped of much of its natural vegetation. So, we got to work — not just to give our kangaroos a safe place to thrive, but to build a true sanctuary for a whole range of native animals: Southern Brown Bandicoots, Brush-tail Bettongs, Long-nosed Potoroos, Fat-tailed Dunnarts, Tamar Wallabies, and Ring-tailed Possums.

But it didn't stop there.

Our mission grew into something even greater — restoring the land itself. We've planted over 11,000 native trees, shrubs, and grasses to bring the habitat back to life. This revegetation work is crucial, not only for the animals we care for, but for the pollinators, insects, and the overall

biodiversity of our region. Every plant we put in the ground helps rebuild a functioning ecosystem within the safety of our feral-proof fence, so our rehabilitated wildlife can live as close to their natural environment as possible.

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Uleybury Native Wildlife Sanctuary has become more than just a quiet retirement project — it's a beacon of hope. A place where people, animals, and the environment are all given a chance to thrive together. Whether you're an animal lover, an environmental advocate, or simply someone seeking peace in nature, we welcome you to share in this journey with us.

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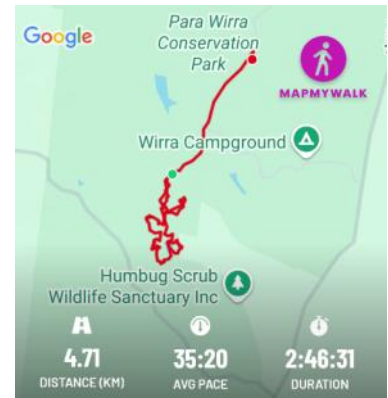
## FRIENDS OF PARA WIRRA

### Friends of Para Wirra Working Bees

**Thursday 3rd July 2025** With two volunteer rangers (Nic and Brett) we were at the Goldfields area near the Tramway Tunnel, tackling boneseed, bridal creeper and a few of the many olives in the area. And a cuppa while the sun was out!

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Cleaning up the Lady Alice Mine area**

What a fantastically successful morning we all enjoyed in the Lady Alice Mine area. With our intrepid leaders Phil and Steve showing the way and 18 other friends in tow, we walked a big loop (see screen shot opposite) though this very historic gold mining area, removing boneseed and spraying/removing other unwanted invasive weeds. Ruins of past mining ventures as well as diggings, large and small were to be found everywhere. *Remember – gold fossicking, metal detecting and prospecting are not permitted in our national park.*



Testament to our recent drought conditions was our morning tea site in the bed of the dried out large dam, covered in newly sprouted Eucalypt seedlings.

### Scouts in the Park

Our local scouting community has been helping us with bushcare at Para Wirra for many years and we really appreciate their efforts.

We are planning a joint working bee with One Tree Hill Scouts on Sat 16 August. Joeys and older scouts and families will be helping out with some pesky garden escape weeds, concluding with a sausage sizzle at Para Wirra Office.

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## Weed Watch – Help Stop the Spread

**Green Adelaide** is raising awareness of invasive weeds that thrive with winter rains and should be controlled early to prevent spring seed set.

### Declared Weeds to Watch & Control

#### 1. Cape Tulip (*Moraea flaccida* & *Moraea miniata*)

- o **Type:** Toxic bulb weed
- o **Features:** 1–3 strappy leaves, salmon-pink/orange flowers, up to 60 cm tall
- o **Impact:** Displaces native plants, toxic to stock, spreads in pastures
- o **Control:** Early intervention before spring flowering



#### 2. Coolatai Grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)

- o **Type:** Dense tussock grass
- o **Features:** Up to 1 m tall, grey-green leaves, V-shaped silky flower spikes
- o **Impact:** Forms monocultures, hard to control in gullies, notifiable weed
- o **Note:** Can resemble kangaroo grass—confirm ID before control



#### 3. Gazania (*Gazania* spp.)

- o **Type:** Escaped garden plant
- o **Features:** Bright yellow/orange flowers, clumping growth
- o **Impact:** Spreads along roadsides, excludes native plants, herbicide resistance possible
- o **Control:** Contain to gardens, avoid roadside spread



#### 4. Wild Artichoke (*Cynara cardunculus*)

- o **Type:** Spiny perennial weed
- o **Features:** Up to 1.5 m tall, large taproot, dense prickly growth
- o **Impact:** Smothers pasture, injures stock and people
- o **Control:** Ongoing efforts have reduced its spread—keep up the momentum



### Weed Control Tips

- Choose control methods suited to your site (pasture vs. native vegetation).
- Always read herbicide labels and confirm plant ID.
- Use **iNaturalist** to help with identification. <https://www.inaturalist.org/>
- For chemical advice, visit: Controlling declared weeds in SA at: [www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/declared-weeds](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/declared-weeds)
- For property site specific advice contact Green Adelaide Landscape Officer on 8256 0411



## One Tree Hill Cricket Club News

2026 marks the One Tree Hill Cricket Club's 150th birthday, & we are looking forward to a great year of cricket, for juniors & seniors, along with our Junior Blast!

### Juniors

Under 10's & Under 12's will play on Friday nights & Under 14's on Saturday mornings. Training for all ages will occur on Thursday nights, Players of all abilities are welcome to join.

The Woolworths Blast program for those aged up to 8 years of age will again run in October til December.

For more information about junior cricket at OTHCC, please contact Ben Schmitdke on 0421 711 626 or email [onetreehillcc1@gmail.com](mailto:onetreehillcc1@gmail.com).

### Seniors

Preseason training continues into September, moving to outdoor sessions at 11am on the first three Sundays at midday. The 4th Sunday, being the OTH Community Day, will not have training, but we will have a stand near the nets for people to find out more, & even have a go!

Regular training, commencing in October, will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays, with the latter leading on from Under 14's training. All senior matches will be 40 over one-day games, commencing in 11 October.

For more information about senior cricket, please contact Luke Lister at 0406 788 425, or email [onetreehill-cc1@gmail.com](mailto:onetreehill-cc1@gmail.com)

### Non Players

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Registration for all levels, including the Blast, are live & can be accessed at [https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/one-tree-hill-cricket-](https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/one-tree-hill-cricket-club/0b221046/register)

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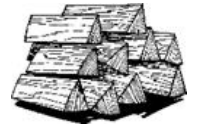
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