



ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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Dear readers,

Firstly, I do apologise for the mistake in the September edition of having 31 days in September, should only be 30.

Hoping you had a very happy and eventful September, there was a lot going on around the place. Enjoy October!

Kelly Fischer - Grapevine Manager

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Just a friendly reminder that the Grapevine is a great way to share local news, views and events.

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GENERAL STORE

POST OFFICE

PHARMACY

FODDER STORE

OTH COUNTRY MARKET

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Fauna Rescue		08 8289 0896	LOCA	CLUBS			
	EDUCA	TION	Tennis	Garry Evans	0415 399 658		
Primary	Principal	08 8280 7027	Soccer	Luke Matthews			
Playgroup	Krysia	0419 863 077	Cricket	Luke Lister	0406 788 425		

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE, COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE OR POLICE: 000

Bushfire Info Hotline (24hr): 1800 362 361 General Business: 8280 7055

Police (non emergency): 131 444

CFS Station (When Staffed): 8280 7412

Hospital: 8182 9000





PLAYFORD COUNCIL CONTACTS

24HR EMERGENCY & LOST/FOUND DOGS

GENERAL ENQUIRIES & BURNING PERMITS

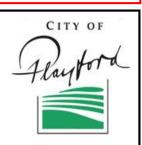
Phone: 8256 0333 / Home Assist: 8256 0355

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 OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS			1	2	3	4 OTH Market
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	6 BAPPY LIMITED DAY DAY	7	8	Progress Association Meeting	10	11
12 Term 4—Week 1	WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!	14	15	16	17	18
19 Term 4—Week 2	20	21 Diwali	22	23	24	25
26 Term 4—Week 3	27	28	29	30	HALLOWEEN 2025	

Saturday 4th OTH Country Market

Sunday 5th Daylight Savings Starts

Monday 6th Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 9th Progress Assoc Meeting

Monday 13th Back to School—Term 4

Wednesday 15th Grapevine Deadline

Tuesday 21st Diwali/Deepaval

Friday 31st Halloween

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

Email: grapevine@onetreehill.org.au



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

Contact HEATHER for information on 0457 107 817 or Email: market@onetreehill.org.au

The weather was kind to all visitors to the market on September 6th. It was cool, no rain and plenty of sunshine. Let's hope that weather is kind to all on Saturday October 4th.

Do you need something to do on the Saturday of the long weekend?

Visit the market for quality Craft, Plants, Produce and fresh Bakery lines.

Come for a coffee and a chat with the locals.

PLANTS

PRODUCE

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PLANTS

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NEXT COUNTRY MARKET:

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th 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 and picturesque garden areas which are ideal for pho-

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



ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION—PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a busy and rewarding month as we finalised the us—we'd love to see your perspective of the day! details for the One Tree Hill Community Day! A huge thank you to all the clubs, community groups, and market stallholders who took part and helped bring the day to life.

We're incredibly grateful to One Tree Hill Primary School and the City of Playford staff for their support and collaboration. This event truly wouldn't have been possible without your dedication and involvement.

A special thank you goes to our amazing secretary, Beth, for her tireless work behind the scenes—your efforts ensured everything ran smoothly from start to finish.

It's been a pleasure working alongside such passionate and committed people. You are part of what makes this community such a special place to call home.

Photos from One Tree Hill Day are now available on our social media and website. If you captured any great moments and are happy to share them, don't forget to tag

As always you can 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



CRIME REPORT – OFFENCES REPORTED

Offences reported between 17/8/25 and 16/9/25

23 AUGUST

ILLEGAL USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

ONE TREE HILL ROAD BIBARINGA

Vehicle left on side of road overnight. Stolen from location and involved in a collision with a tree nearby.

14 SEPTEMBER

RECOVERY OF STOLEN TRAILER

FRANK BARKER ROAD HUMBUG SCRUB

Trailer stolen from Salisbury Plain address on 7 September. Investigations undertaken by Elizabeth Volume Crime Section members located trailer at above location. Enquiries ongoing to identify persons involved.

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.

<u>Darren McCue</u> - <u>Senior Sergeant First Class</u> **Elizabeth Police Station**



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE SAFER COMMUNITIES

Email: 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.

It has been sometime since I have mentioned the financial position of the City of Playford and share the following information from the September 2025, Budget Update Report.

Budget Update 2025/26- As of 31 August, Playford's full-year forecast shows an operating surplus of \$3.5M, compared with a budgeted surplus of \$10.7M—an unfavourable variance of \$7.2M. We also face a structural deficit of \$6.2M, compared with a budgeted surplus of \$2.0M. This largely reflects the timing of \$9.2M in financial assistance grants received early in the previous year, along with higher developer contributions offset by increased material and contractor costs.

The capital forecast is \$62.8M, down \$40.4M from the \$103.2M budget. This is due to multi-year projects carried over from 2024/25 into 2025/26, with some continuing into 2026/27. These adjustments will reduce borrowing this financial year, with a budget review scheduled.

Council's debt position remains stable, with borrowings of \$70.3M against a \$150M ceiling. I will continue to advocate for careful debt management and efficiencies to keep downward pressure on rates.

Community Ideas - Two resident suggestions deserve community input:

- A monument at McGilp Recreation Park to honour local history and the contribution of residents who donated the land.
- A memorial wall at One Tree Hill Cemetery (separate from the ash interment wall) where plaques could recognise community members who lived and contributed locally, even if not buried or interred there.

I believe both concepts would help preserve our history and honour those who have built our community. I plan to raise these again with the Progress Association and welcome your feedback.

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.

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

Kind regards,

Cr David Kerrison - City of Playford

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Phone: 0478283879





Dear Grapevine,

"A lot is happening in our community and we'd all like to hear about it - send us a short letter about something going on locally"

I would like to say how much I appreciate Julie's notes in the *Grapevine* about birds that frequent our district. My wife Jeanne and I have known Julie for many years and we enjoy seeing the details about the various bird species.

Many thanks for an excellent local publication in the Grapevine.

Keith





ONE TREE HILL CRICKET CLUB—150th Anniversary

The club is preparing to celebrate our 150th birthday next year, which is planned to include a community celebration. We are presently looking at holding the event in January, and we hope to include the wider One Tree Hill community in our celebrations, in recognition of the century and a half of support we have received.



ONE TREE HILL TENNIS CLUB

"Yellow Ball" Juniors (winter season) won their Grand final against Playford 4-2 on 13th September.



Friday 31st October One Tree Hill

Meet at McGilp Reserve Playground

Face Painter - from 5pm (range of designs start from \$5)

One Tree Hill Tennis Club - sausage sizzle from 5:30pm

(proceeds go to the Tennis Club)

Maps handed out from 6:15pm

To add your home / business to the map as one kids can visit, please message Tanya 0414 828 981 or email tanya.abela07@gmail.com

If you live outside the town, but would like to deck out your car, park in the town and hand out lollies - please also contact Tanya so we can add extra spots around town.

Let's make Halloween a SPOOK-tacular event for the kids to enjoy!



ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION





Since the last report, the brigade responded to 14 incidents. The first incident (17th August) was a bus rollover on the road to Williamstown. The bus was full of passengers with one man suffering serious injuries. It was reported in the media that everyone was wearing seatbelts which likely kept the count of serious injuries minimized.

On the 23rd, we had a minor cleanup just east of Cornishman's Hill Road, with some glass and wood on the road.

Our next incident on the 25th was a tree on fire in the Elizabeth Pistol Club, which is located in Jo Gapper Park, Hillbank. The tree was smouldering and took a little while to find in the dark, it also was difficult to extinguish as it was located on a steep cliff.

Our next round of incidents was on the 29th. Wild weather was predicted and the prediction was correct! We had 7 incidents for "Tree

down". There was one on Gawler-One Tree Hill Road which covered the whole road, some smaller ones on Blacktop Rd, Yorketown Rd, and Tyeka drive, and a very large one on Hannaford Hump Road. A local resident assisted us with the Hannaford Hump Road tree, as he had a large front-end loader which was able to push the tree off the road and save us a lot more chainsaw work.

On the 30th, we attended a vehicle fire, the vehicle suffered a mechanical fault with the cabin filling with smoke, and the passengers were assessed by Ambulance. Not long after this job we received another job for "Tree down" on Bassnet Road. Crews were able to clear the road in about 30 minutes.

We had a short break from jobs with our next incident occurring on the 8th September. 2 vehicles had collided on Blacktop Road, just west of Cornishmans Hill Road. Fortunately, there were no major injuries, however both vehicles suffered significant damage.

The brigade had another fire in Jo Gapper Park on the 12th September, it was an extremely small fire and crews were able to extinguish quickly. The two police officers who had been waiting for us appreciated a ride in the fire truck back down the hill to their patrol car.

Rounding out the month, on the 15th September, we responded to a structure fire at a piggery near Dublin. Our specialist CAFS (Compressed Air Foam System) truck was requested, along with our 34P appliance to support the incident with BA (Breathing Apparatus) crew. Approximately 3 hours were spent at this job, and on the way home we had another tree down job in the township which one of our other trucks was able to respond to.

In other news, on the 23rd August, we had our official "Standpipe" opening day. This was an opportunity for our main supporters to be thanked for their work and take a look at what their support did for our brigade. We had representatives from Heywood Carpentry, JV Crash and our biggest support-

er from BTR Excavations, Rick Flitter attend. BTR donated an enormous amount of time and effort to install the standpipe, and we are truly grateful. We'd also like to thank our brigade member Jarred, who was the member of our brigade who really helped get this project going. With our stand-pipe completed, we are able to re-

completed, we are able to refill the trucks with water after

training or incidents without being parked on the road.

The brigade had a social evening at Salisbury Bowland on the 13th September. Everyone who attended had a great evening, the first game of the night was a traditional game, however once that was completed, the fun really started with every bowler having to take a "challenge" ticket and perform the activity either before, during or after their bowl. Some of the activities included "pretending your bowling ball is on fire", "Bowl between someone's legs", "Taking a selfie while you bowl". Special thanks to Paul for organizing the evening and Di for arranging the challenge activities.

While the start of fire season is still a little while away, now is the perfect time to clean up your property and as long as you are located outside the township - burning off excess vegetation. Please ensure you abide by any council regulations, and

don't burn on Sundays.

Pic: Tree down on Hannaford Hump Road

The brigade still has vacancies for members, so please give us a call or visit on a Monday evening to have a chat.



Rick Flitter from BTR excavations alongside our new standpipe, accepting our certificate of appreciation, presented by Brigade Captain, Mike Hawkey



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

WHAT'S FLOWERING IN MY GARDEN

Heather Fischer, Humbug Scrub

Spring has sprung, at last. The bitterly icy cold days of Winter are now in the past for another season and we can look forward to enjoying some warm Spring days. The grass is green and growing well thanks to some reasonable rains during Winter. It's time to start mowing to cut the grass as short as possible prior to the inevitable bushfire season. Many plants which died during the drought have been removed and now is the time to start planting.

The soil is moist and when the soil temperature increases plants will respond with new growth.

Grevillea Hills Jubilee was a mature plant that succumbed to the lack of water during the drought even though it is often reported to be drought hardy. It is exciting to plant a replacement. Many birds nested and reared the young in this Grevillea. It will grow as a small rounded compact bush to 1.5m x 1.5m in well drained soils in full sun to part shade. Grevillea Hills Jubilee has sturdy straight stems that are covered with small elongated mid green leaves that have a pointed ends making it an ideal small plant for birds nests. The most beautiful cream and pink clusters of spider like flowers appear along the stems during Autumn, Winter and Spring. Many nectar loving birds, especially the black and gold New Holland Honeyeaters are attracted to these clusters and can be seen hanging upside down when foraging for nectar. As a small compact plant, this hybrid Grevillea can be planted as a feature plant amongst other plants or mass planted to create a hedge that would be easily maintained with regular pruning. Grevillea Hills Jubilee is such a versatile plant for any garden being small, compact, bird attracting and an evergreen native with stunningly beautiful flowers.

Grevillea Hills Jubilee. Just Beautiful

BIRDS IN MY BACKYARD

Julie Buttery, Humbug Scrub
WHITE FACED HERON

The White-faced Heron, *Egretta novae-hollandiae* is one of four herons in Australia. Unfortunately, it is not a true heron. It is an egret. Yeah. The genus is *Egretta* (egrets) while herons are *Ardea*. Confused? But wait, there is more. The Plumed Egret, previously called the Intermediate Egret, is actually a heron and is in the genus *Ardea*. It had a name change because it is not the same species as the Intermediate Egret in South Africa, which is still *Egretta intermedia*. Ain't genetic studies lovely?

So, our Whitefaced heron, the egret, is a tall but lightly built bird. With a wing span of 300 to 340mm

and a weight of 450 to 690 grams, it is mostly leg and

neck. It is found over nearly all of Australia. Herons (and egrets) eat fish, invertebrates and even other small animals found around waterways. They mostly hunt by

wading or standing and waiting. They roost in trees quite often. The neck can be kinked into an S shape and this allows for a fast action in catching its prey. With its long bill, it strikes faster than the eye can follow.

This heron is mostly grey, with obvious white markings on the face when an adult. Juveniles do not have the white face.

In flight, they typically retract heir head until it almost disappears into the body of the bird.

It's not often I see them as any disturbance near our dam and they leave. I have to approach very quietly in the early morning to see them and still have to be very lucky.









One Tree Hill Cricket Club News

October marks the start of One Tree Hill Cricket Club's 150th season. For 2025/26, the club has Under 10's, Under 12's, Under 14's, and Senior teams, along with our Woolworths Blast junior development program for those under the age of 8.

Training and Matches: Training for all levels has commenced, and matches are beginning soon.

As always, all players, of any skill level, are invited to join, and spectators are always welcome to come down and watch, whether we're playing at home at McGilp Recreation Park, or away around the Para Districts Cricket Association.

Level	Training	Matches
Woolworths Blast	Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30	N/A
Under 10's	Thursdays 4.00 - 5.00	Fridays from 5pm
Under 12's	Thursdays 4.00 - 5.00	Fridays from 5pm
Under 14's	Thursdays 5.00 - 6.00	Saturdays from 8.30am
Seniors	Thursdays from 5.30pm	Saturdays from 1pm

For more information about juniors, please contact Ben Schmitdke on 0421 711 626 or email onetreehillcc1@gmail.com

For information about senior cricket, please contact Luke Lister at 0406 788 425, or email onetreehillcc1@gmail.com





New and returning players can register at https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/one-tree-hill-cricket-club/0b221046/register, or by following the QR code.

<u>Match Results</u>: Match results will be published in the Grapevine each month, or, for more up to date results, visit https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/one-tree-hill-cricket-club/0b221046.





Now taking enrolments for 2026 © 08 8280 7027





Students at One Tree Hill Primary School Take Action for the Environment

A group of enthusiastic students from One Tree Hill Primary School have recently started a meaningful environmental initiative, planting 150 native trees and shrubs on the land at the back of the school. This hands-on project was inspired by a recent excursion to Para Wirra Conservation Park, where students observed the rich biodiversity and natural beauty of the park compared to the cleared land at the back of the school.

The plants were donated to the school through the *Buffers to Bushland* revegetation project, run by the City of Playford.

Students eagerly rolled up their sleeves and got involved in the planting process understanding that this small but significant act marks the beginning of a long-term journey of learning and action. Through this project, they are gaining firsthand experience in caring for their environment.

Ongoing visits to Para Wirra will allow students to further explore native ecosystems, engage in citizen science, and strengthen their connection to Country.

This initiative not only enhances the school grounds but also fosters a sense of responsibility, curiosity, and pride in our students.

Heather Brown

Assistant

Principal



One Tree Hill PS students planting at school



Play-Based Curriculum, Nature, and Sustainability: Nestled within the grounds of One Tree Hill Primary School, One Tree Hill Preschool is a dynamic and nurturing environment that champions children's natural curiosity, creativity, and autonomy. The preschool's philosophy centres around learning through play, with thoughtfully designed spaces indoors and outdoors that invite children to explore, grow, and connect with the world around them. Guided by a strong commitment to sustainability, the preschool has integrated eco-friendly practices into its daily operations and is proudly registered with Green Adelaide's Sustainable Schools program.

Embracing Nature: The Heart of the Curriculum: A key focus of the preschool is to foster a sense of curiosity, agency and connection to nature through authentic and meaningful experiences. The outdoor environment includes a flexible and expansive natural space, offering endless opportunities for rich learning experiences. Integral to this is the well-established Bush Kindy program at Para Wirra Recreation Park. This engaging nature-based curriculum prioritises environmental stewardship, skill building, and inquiry-based exploration. Through Bush Kindy, children, educators, and families achieve shared outcomes and develop a collective appreciation for the environment. It is our vision that through outdoor learning and the Para Wirra Bush Kindy Program, we will build:

- A community with a closer connection with nature.
- A community that values and participates in nature play more regularly.
- A healthier and more environmentally aware community.
- A well connected, cohesive and supportive preschool community.
- Curious, reflective, creative, independent, persistent and resilient children.

A Strong Partnership with the School and Community: The preschool community fosters a seamless connection with One Tree Hill Primary School, participating actively in whole-school events such as Sports Day, Book Week and cultural celebrations. Children and educators make use of various school facilities, including the library, oval, playground, hall, and even the school farmyard. This ongoing collaboration enhances the preschool experience while supporting a smooth transition to primary school.

By blending play-based learning, connection to nature, sustainability, and a strong community connection, One Tree Hill Preschool provides a foundation for lifelong learning, curiosity, and to care for our land.

Jade Croft - Preschool Leader

ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

10.00 AM

JAM (Jesus & Me) Happenings

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.

JAM WILL BE IN RECESS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

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.

RED BIRD OP SHOP

Opening hours

9.30 am-4pm, Monday - Friday.

Address - 4 Hilcott Street,

Rosewood Village, Elizabeth North.



Your Local Creative Space

The Kersbrook Shed extends a warm welcome to the folks of One Tree Hill and surrounding areas to come and utilise this fantastic community space! You may not even know your closest Community Shed exists!? It's available for everyone in the district to join, and not just the old men either. Kids, women, families, dogs (we do actually have 1 dog member, Harry). 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.

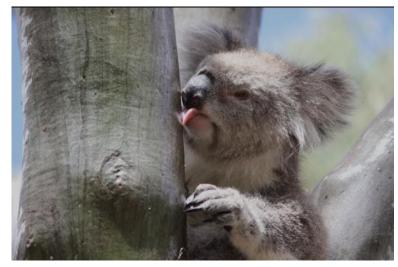
With membership only \$50pa, which includes access to a shed full of well maintained machinery and tools, materials to get you started, insurance cover, and of course the free tea, coffee and biscuits.

The Shed's open Mon and 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!



KOALA RESCUE NEWS - Bronwyn Wilton



STEMFLOW WATER

Stemflow represents an important and safe source of free water for koalas.

Historically, Koalas were presumed to depend exclusively upon leaves to maintain their hydration. However, recent studies have demonstrated that Koalas drink regularly from free water sources, including rivers and lakes, flowing water on roads, artificial water stations and stemflow (water off trees), regularly during rainfall events, with koalas licking the stemflow off tree trunks.

Stemflow water that flows down the outside of tree stems during rain is a type of free water used by koalas (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) for drinking, alongside the moisture obtained from the *Eucalyptus* leaves consumed in their diet.

Stemflow, the portion of precipitation that flows down the bark of tree stems during rainfall, is a richly diverse and distinctive type of free water, comprised of various elements, including major plant nutrients (e.g., Sodium sulphate, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) and aerosols (like sea salt and combustion-related carbon), as well as a spectrum of bacteria, fungi, and small metazoans. The concentration of these constituents in stemflow is also known to vary, differing between forest types, tree species and individual trees of the same species.



ULEYBURY NATIVE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY— Liane & Brent

The Return of the Brushtail Bettong

When we first started thinking about breeding programs at Uleybury to help restore native vegetation, one species immediately stood out – the Brushtail Bettong (*Bettongia penicillata*). These little marsupials are listed as endangered under the National Parks & Wildlife Act 1972, and depending on which list you look at nationally, they're

considered either extinct or critically endangered.

We sourced a small group of bettongs from South Australia, Western Australia, and Victoria, and released them into the sanctuary – setting them free to live as they should in the wild. Watching them hop away for the very first time was both exciting and humbling.



It's taken a couple of years of hard work, but today one of the greatest joys for us is seeing the **re-emergence** of the Brushtail Bettong here at Uleybury. Once widespread across southern Australia, their numbers plummeted due to habitat loss and predators like foxes and cats. For a long time, it felt like we might lose them completely.



That's why having them here feels so special. The bettong isn't just a cute, bouncing ball of fur – it's a keystone species. By digging for fungi and roots, they turn the soil, spread seeds, destroy invasive weeds like sour sobs, and help keep the whole ecosystem healthy. In their quiet, unassuming way, they're vital to the land. At Uleybury, we've done everything we can to

give them the safe habitat they deserve – from

predator control to ongoing monitoring – and now, our population is nearing **100 Brushtail Bettongs** within the sanctuary. Every time I see one darting across the ground at night, I'm reminded why we do this.

For us, the bettong's story is one of hope. It proves that with persistence, care, and community support, even our most threatened species can recover. I'm proud that Uleybury is

part of their comeback, and I'm even prouder to share that story with everyone who visits.

Together, we can make sure the Brushtail Bettong – along with so many of our unique native animals – has a safe future. After all, we want to hand over an environment to our kids where seeing these creatures in the wild is natural, not a rare privilege.



Get on board Chilean needlegrass control this season and help STOP the spread!

Chilean needlegrass (Nassella neesiana) has established itself in the One Tree Hill area on many properties but it does not mean that it should be ignored. Quite the contrary. Landholders with this noxious declared Weed of National Significance should consider the impact it has on their neighbors and on the state's primary producers if it were to spread.

Chilean needlegrass (CNG) is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, the negative impact it has on farm productivity, the injury it can cause to stock and how it displaces native grasses.

CNG is a long-lived tussock grass. While it often remains green for longer into summer, it is not palatable to stock once seeded. It is best identified by its large red-purple glumes (seed husk), the typically drooping seed heads and the small, sharp, needle-like seeds with a distinct ring of densely packed hairs at the base.

Care needs to be taken to identify the grass correctly as it can be confused with native spear grasses, as well as other exotic grasses that have similar seeds and a drooping form. It's always best to look twice or check the seed for confirmation before undertaking control.

You can help to STOP the spread!

It is essential that all reasonable measures are taken to ensure your practices and animals do not transfer CNG seed off the property.

Step 1: Implement farm biosecurity (vehicle, machinery and personal hygiene).

Take care of what comes onto or leaves your property to ensure other vehicles, contractors, deliveries, slashers, hay etc. are clean and weed free. This allows the safe movement of persons, machinery or any other item that could carry seed or weed propagules e.g. clothing in particular socks, horse rugs, slashers etc.



Horses 3 days

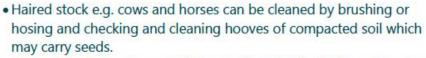


Step 2: Only move clean animals around and off the property.

Quarantine stock in a clean paddock or yards, up to a week prior to

movement, to empty internally according to stock type. Monitor these areas after and control for any new germinations.

Before moving stock off the property (includes taking your horse out for a ride) also check for and remove any external seeds from the body:







Sheep and alpacas 6 days



Cows 7 days

Stock can be sold direct to an abattoir for slaughter. They must be transported direct from the affected property to the abattoir site. (This does not include transporting stock to a saleyard where they are sold and then transported elsewhere for slaughter).

NOTE: There may be a requirement to obtain written permission to allow movement of CNG-contaminated stock on public roads. Contact your local Landscape officer to discuss on 8256 0411





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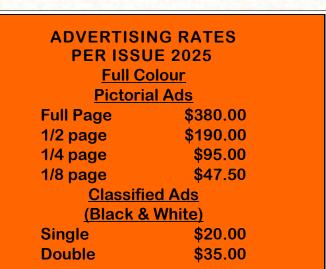
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Jack-o'-lantern	6								
Candy (striped)	7								
Cat	5								
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LOGIC PUZLE

24	Samuel	Tunisian	Mr. Finklestein
65	Isabelle	Estonian	Mrs. Koralis
69	Elliott	Malian	Mrs. Rocek
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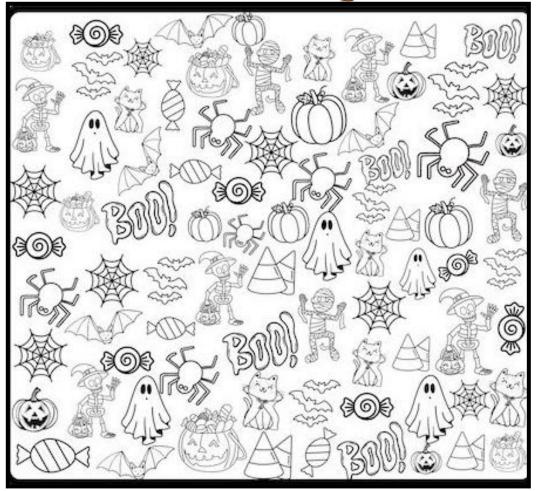
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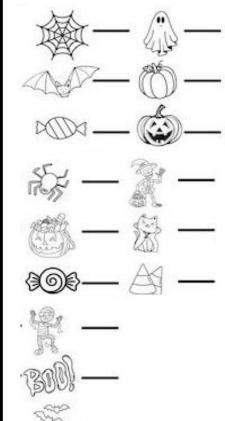
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