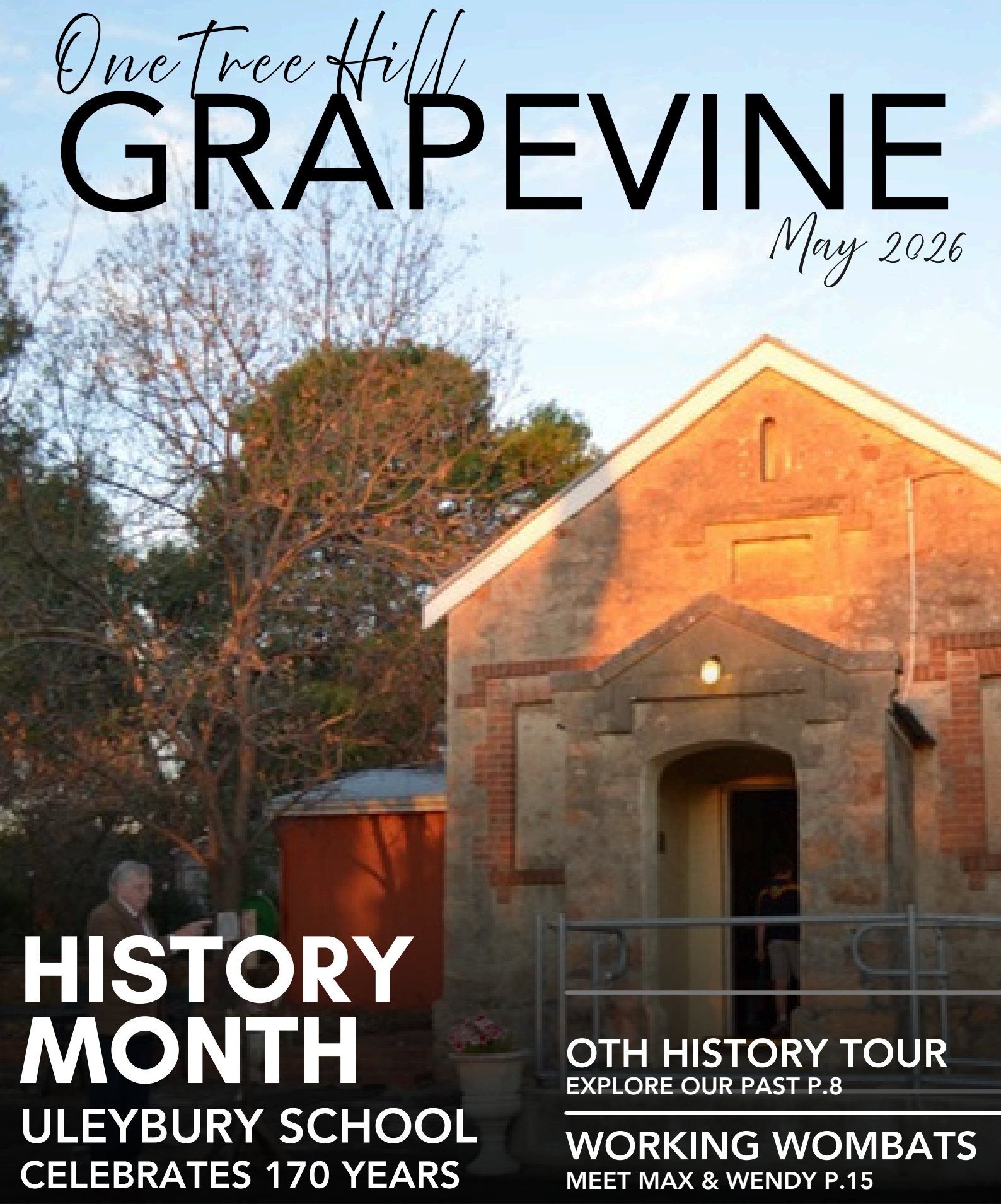


One Tree Hill

GRAPEVINE

May 2026



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National Volunteer Week 18-24 MAY 2026
YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

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Mother's Day is Sunday 10th May

One Tree Hill Playgroup
Wednesdays 9am - 11am (during term)
Krysia: 0419 863 077

The Walkie Talkies
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun 8am
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Helen: 08 8280 7035

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AGM will be held Thurs May 14th
7:30 pm Every second Thursday of the month
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Be a voice for One Tree Hill | Learn about town upgrades | Hear what Progress does for OTH | Listen to CFS updates | Be the first to hear about events | Volunteer for your community
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PRESIDENT'S *Report*



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the One Tree Hill ANZAC Day Dawn Service. This service would not be possible without the support of Veterans SA, the City of Playford, and our incredible volunteers, who put so much effort into ensuring everything runs smoothly on the day. Please be sure to check out our socials and website for images from the service. If you have any photos you would like to share, we would love for you to email them through.

Just a quick reminder the One Tree Hill Progress Association Inc. will hold its Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 14 May from 7:30pm at the One Tree Hill Institute**. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear more about what this great group of volunteers is doing for our community.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our members and volunteers for your time and effort over the past 12 months. We have made some significant changes this year and built meaningful relationships across our community. It has not always been easy, but overall we have achieved so much. You have all been incredible to work with, stepping up whenever you could to help bring our vision to fruition. I look forward to what we can achieve together over the next 12 months and beyond.

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, and you are welcome to come at 7pm for a coffee and chat before the meeting.

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

EDITOR'S *Note*

National Volunteer Week takes place this month, and I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to all the volunteers who help bring this publication together each month.

As a mum of three, I have spent much of my motherhood in volunteer roles. Over the years, I have come to see that volunteering is not just about giving back - it is also a chance to make friends and be part of something bigger than yourself. A quote I have always loved, and often come back to, is:
"Leave things better than how you found them."

Our One Tree Hill ANZAC Day service is another wonderful example of this spirit. It is made possible by volunteers - people who come together to honour an event of great significance. As an ex-Defence family, that is something especially close to my heart.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and to our wonderful readers for continuing to support the community spirit in One Tree Hill.

Beth



*On the cover:
Uleybury school
museum
celebrating 170
years in 2026.*

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STEPPING BACK IN TIME

Uleybury School Museum

The Uleybury School Museum is a beautifully preserved historic building that offers visitors a rare insight into the rich history of rural education—an era when children’s school attendance often depended on the demands of working on the family farm.

Built from local stone in 1856, the school is one of the oldest surviving public school buildings in the state. In its early years, it operated in the style of a church school until 1874, when responsibility for education shifted to the state government. By 1875, schooling became compulsory for children aged 7 to 13, and in 1963 the school leaving age was raised to 15.

Providing basic literacy and numeracy, the school played a vital role in supporting farming families at a time when access to education was limited. Its single classroom, simple furnishings, and practical design reflect the realities of 19th-century rural life, where communities relied on shared resources and resilience.

The school remained in operation for over a century before closing in 1971. Recognising its historical significance, the building was preserved rather than lost to time. Today, it is maintained as a heritage site, inviting visitors to step into the past and explore its original stone classroom, vintage desks, and authentic teaching materials.

1978 the school was converted into a museum officially open by Mr Hedley James Lang, headmaster of the school from 1942-1947.



The school’s last ever lesson is still written on the blackboard for visitors today.



Visiting the museum is a wonderful way to connect with our local heritage and appreciate how far education has come. Whether you’re curious about history, looking for an educational outing, or simply wanting a unique day trip, Uleybury School offers something memorable for everyone.



LOCAL STUDENTS EXPLORE THE MUSEUM

One Tree Hill Primary School students and One Tree Hill Cub Scouts recently experienced a journey into the past with a visit to the historic Uleybury School Museum. Standing for over 170 years, the former schoolhouse offered the group a unique glimpse into what education and daily life were like for children in the early days of our district.

Participants were treated to an immersive experience with the school's caretaker, Mr Squires. He brought the past vividly to life, imagining a time when lessons were written on slates, discipline was strict, and a single teacher guided students of all ages in one room. Mr Squires used the school's original ploughshare to keep rhythm while his students marched into class.



During the visit, students explored the original classroom, complete with traditional desks, slates, and teaching materials. The experience gives students the opportunity to compare their modern classrooms with those of the past, sparking curiosity and conversation about how education has changed over time.

This ploughshare (pictured) was used to as a means of keeping rhythm when marching, singing or playing musical instruments.

Mr. Hedley Lang Headmaster 1942 – 1947 used this innovative idea because no money was available for more recognised methods of keeping rhythm.



Thank you to Jenny McKenzie for providing this photograph. Jenny and classmates at Uleybury School during the 1940s.



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OFFENCES REPORTED BETWEEN
14/3/26 & 13/4/26

Between 16 and 20 March -
Frank Barker Road,
HUMBUG SCRUB

Theft of Fuel

Unknown persons have removed a quantity of fuel from a vehicle parked on residential property.

POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE

131 444

With the beginning of the change in weather 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.

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ONE TREE HILL

HISTORY TRAIL

1-31 May 2026

Celebrate our community's history with a new self-guided History Trail launching as part of South Australia's History Festival. Follow the trail, visit local landmarks, and scan QR codes at each stop to discover the stories behind the places that shaped One Tree Hill.

Trail Locations include:

- One Tree Hill original tree site
- One Tree Hill Institute
- Uleybury School *
- McGilp Oval
- Precolumb School Site
- Uley Cemetery and Chapel

This is a free, family-friendly experience designed to help you explore our local heritage at your own pace.

Start anywhere, visit anytime in May.



*Uleybury School Museum is open Sunday 1pm-4pm, Gold coin donation admission





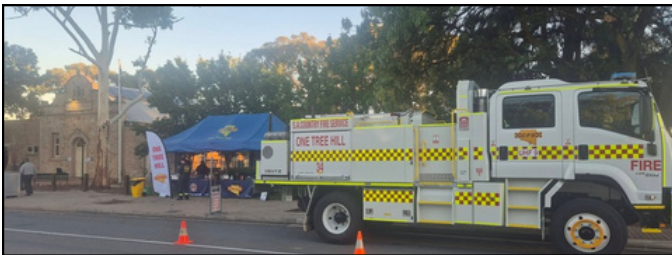
OTH CFS



Incident Report & Brigade Activities

Since the last report, the brigade responded to 10 incidents, listed below along with other brigade activities.

- 9/3 – **Tree down** on powerlines on private property in the township. CFS along with SES and SA Power Networks responded.
- 17/3 – **Motor vehicle accident** on Snake Gully Road. CFS assisted with traffic control as one lane was blocked and traffic was heavy due to morning "rush" hour.
- 18/3 – **Small grass fire** located in Elizabeth Park near Seavington Road. While this area is surrounded by housing and is covered by the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS), the grass/scrub area nearby means the CFS are responded to this area, usually alongside MFS. The MFS trucks aren't suited to offroad firefighting.
- 21/3 – **The brigade ran a BBQ outside the institute for the SA Election.** The truck was also at the scene and a few kids were able to take a look on the crew deck and cab.



- 22/3 – **Members from the brigade along with other brigades nearby completed a course on operating and maintaining chainsaws.** This is a minimum requirement before brigade members can use a chainsaw in CFS. Congratulations on those members who completed the course. Once again, Goodman Fielder donated bread and rolls to the brigade for all our fundraising BBQs.
- 25/3 – **The brigade ran another BBQ at the Hope Christian College for their open day,** with all proceeds going to the brigade.
- 27/3 – **Combustion heater fire.** Fire was located in the wall cavity, fortunately quick work by residents had the fire extinguished before our arrival, with crews confirming with a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) that no further heat remained in the vicinity.
- 28/3 – **The brigade attended the CFS Soccer Shield at Tea Tree Gully.** This is a yearly event organised by Tea Tree Gully Soccer Club for the benefit of One Tree Hill and Tea Tree Gully brigades. **We have trucks on display and there is a "penalty shoot-out" between members of both OTH and TTG CFS brigades. Tea Tree Gully won it this time, but not sure if the umpiring was 100% fair!**
- 31/3 – **Motor Vehicle accident** – Gawler/One Tree Hill Road.
- 2/4 – **Motor vehicle accident** – Blacktop road, Car into tree, no major injuries

- 2/4 – **The brigade assisted Department of Environment and Water (DEW) with a prescribed burn near Para Wirra,** along with members from Para Reserve Brigade, Salisbury CFS and Tea Tree Gully CFS.
- 3/4 – CFS assisted with helicopter landing for child injured in a **buggy rollover** as well as assisting SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) at the scene. Unfortunately as reported in the media, the child passed away. Our thoughts are with the family and friends at this time.
- 8/4 – **Motor Vehicle accident** – Gawler/One Tree Hill Road.
- 8/4 – **Tractor rollover** Purdom Road. MFS assisted CFS with a winch rope to secure the tractor, until proper recovery could occur in the daylight. Fortunately no major injuries.
- 9/4 – **Motor Vehicle accident,** car into tree. Driver unable to be located, left in the hands of SA Police (SAPOL).

The Fire Danger season ended on 30th April for Mount Lofty Ranges. Unlike last year, we have had a reasonable amount of rain, and it is looking quite green around. However, if performing any burnoffs, please ensure you still take care and follow any council by-laws around burning.

As the weather cools down, the use of slow combustion heaters starts, and the brigade has had one callout regarding a fire for one already as mentioned above.

Please consider having your flue cleaned, as flues can build up deposits over time, which can ignite. You can pay a professional, or if you are handy, you can purchase flue cleaning kits from hardware stores.

Consider cleaning your gutters as well, the brigade alongside State Emergency Service (SES) have been called to flooding events in the past where gutters and drains are blocked due to buildup of leaves etc.



Above: CFS Members at chainsaw course.

For dry vegetation burning

If you live in the City of Playford you are required to obtain a burning permit between the dates of 1 May 2026 and 31 October 2026.

Some areas are exempted from having to obtain an individual burning permit and are instead covered by a General Notice Burning Permit – per information below.

Burning Permits are issued to enforce the *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016* in accordance with clause 6.

This general notice burning permit is issued by the City of Playford and authorises any person within the following areas of the City of Playford (as defined in the City of Playford Development Plan pursuant to the Development Act 1993) that are within Metropolitan Adelaide (as defined in the *Development Act 1993*):

- a. The Watershed Zone (Mount Lofty Ranges);
- b. The Hills Face Zone;
- c. Primary Production Zone (Mount Lofty Ranges);
to carry out any of the following burning activities in those areas, outside of the 2026/2027 fire danger season (fixed under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*) subject to the conditions set out below:

Conditions:

1. Burning off vegetation for fire prevention or control;
2. This burning permit cannot authorise a person to carry out a burning activity under (1) on land if the person is not the owner occupier of the land or does not have the consent or authority of the owner or occupier.
3. A person carrying out a burning activity under (1) and (2) must:
 - Only burn between the hours of 10am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday. NOTE: Burning on Sundays and Public Holidays is prohibited.
 - Create Piles 3m x 3m x 2m Maximum
 - Notify your neighbours prior to the day of burn.
 - Place materials to be burnt in a position that allows for a four-metre clearance around and over the fire.
 - Ensure all piles to be burnt are not in close proximity to other flammable materials including grass and logs.
 - Burn one pile at a time, to ensure that you retain control of each burn.
 - Have appropriate working fire control equipment on standby.
 - Extinguish the fire immediately if smoke or odour is causing a nuisance on another person's property.
 - Stay within the direct vicinity of the immediate burn site if smoke or smoulder is coming off of the burn.
 - On the completion of the burn, ensure the fire is completely extinguished.

You must not:

Burn materials mixed into soil or permapine treated with copper arsenate, household rubbish, plastic or rubber.

4. This notice remains in force until 31 October 2026.
5. Individual permits will be considered on a case by case basis in November 2026.

Notes:

This burning permit does not authorise the burning of a prohibited substance (Clauses (6)(3)(d) and (7) (1) of the *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016*. The fact that a person has complied with the conditions of the burning permit does not:

- a. relieve the person from liability for any loss, damage or harm caused by a fire lit under the authority of the burning permit; or
- b. prevent proceedings for enforcement of the general environmental duty under section 25 of the *Environment Protection Act 1993*, or for any offence under the Act, in relation to the burning activity (clause 6(5) of the *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016*). This permit is subject to any ban, prohibition, restriction, or other requirement under the *Fire and Emergency services Act 2005*, the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* or a prescribed act (clause 5(4) *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016*).

For general information and Frequently Asked Questions on Burning in the Open in the City of Playford Council area please visit the council's website playford.sa.gov.au or the EPA's website epa.sa.gov.au

CELEBRATING OUR

by Helen Turvey

Local Heroes

The idea of wanting to thank our CFS volunteers started after the Sampson Flat fire.

Our home was threatened on three sides, with one side coming within two metres of our home. Thanks to the CFS and their determination to save our house, we only lost fencing and a watering system, but our home and buildings were saved. I always meant to do something to thank them, but never did.

Fast forward to last summer, when I was driving home on a 48° day. **The station was on alert, trucks ready to go, with crews waiting outside in the extreme temperature — ready to deal with any fire.**

When I got home and switched on the air conditioner and had a cool drink, I started thinking about our CFS volunteers, willing to give up their comfort to protect us. I realised I had to do something now.

Everyone I spoke to felt the same way. **That is why I am asking the community to join together on Saturday 9th May, from 12pm – 3pm, to say thank you to the people who make living in our bushfire area much safer.** All of this is done without any fanfare or payment.

We would also like to thank their families, who support them in the work they do.

I would also like to thank my friends in the Walkie Talkies for all their help in organising this event.



**12PM - 3PM
SATURDAY
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WHAT'S FLOWERING

in my Garden

by Heather Fischer
Humbug Scrub

Rain. Glorious Rain. A much needed drop of rain came our way. The dust has been settled on our roads for the time being but more importantly dust has been gently washed off of the trees and shrubs. The roadside vegetation and remnant bushland look refreshed and with the recent weeks' rain all plants no longer show signs of stress. It is quite a long time since we have enjoyed such welcomed rain so early in April. Many trees and shrubs are showing good signs of new growth.

Autumn flowering Correas have produced some very fat flower buds, all ready to burst open to delight our eyes. There are many varieties of Correas with flower colours ranging from white to cream, pale pinks as well as some beautiful dark cherry red shades. **There is a Correa available for any space in a garden whether it be grown in a large pot or in cottage garden or even as mass plantings to create a clipped hedge.**



Above: Heather's very own Correa Reflexa Flared Bell.

Correa Reflexa Flared Bell is an outstanding very hardy variety which will grow approximately 80cm high and 1m wide in full sun or part shade in well drained loamy soils. This variety has smooth mid-green leaves on the upperside but the underside of the leaves are of a pale green.

The flower buds have a brown base with a whitish cap which drops off to reveal a stunningly attractive two tone flower in the shape of a bell. The large flowers can be up to 40mm in length. The outside colour of the flared bell petal is of a vibrant pinkish red with a lime green tip and the inside shade of the same petal is a soft pink with a soft lime green tip. Gold tipped stamens are prominent and add to the beauty of this lovely Correa. **Many New Holland Honeyeaters are attracted to the many flowers that are produced often resulting in a colourful carpet of spent flowers.** Correa Reflexa Flared Bell is such a spectacular flowering small native that can be pruned after flowering and can be propagated easily from cuttings.

With Mother's Day on Sunday May 10th a bunch of beautiful flowers is always appreciated but why not consider a purchase of a lovely flowering Correa from any good nursery. Surround the pot with some pretty pink paper and tie with a pink bow. Planted in the garden or in a large pot the beautiful flowers of Correa Flared Bell will delight all who admire it for many years to come. Correas, known as Australia's Native Fuschia, are some of our best natives to grow, admire and enjoy.

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BIRDS IN MY *Backyard*

by Julie Buttery
Humbug Scrub

BLACK-FACED CUCKOO-SHRIKE

Australia strikes again. Or perhaps it should be that the British strike again in their desire to link everything with their home land. For the cuckoo-shrike is neither a cuckoo nor a shrike. Its flight is reminiscent of cuckoos, especially in their habit of shuffling their wings as they land. And their song is rather shrike-like, a pleasant trill. Here the likeness ends.

Coracina novaehollandiae is a mid-size bird found locally, with a wing span about two thirds that of a magpie and a weight of about half. That means they are about 120 grams with a wing of around 200mm. **As with all birds, we can learn a lot from the shape of their bill. Cuckoo-shrikes have a sharp bill, similar to a butcher-bird. It forages among foliage, occasionally on the ground and has been seen to take insects in flight.** It prefers lightly forested areas, especially close to clearings.

This bird tends to be solitary or in pairs although several pairs may live close together but not flock in the way corellas do. Their nest is rather small, set in a fork of a tree. The young are a soft grey, developing the deeper colouration at about one year old. They have a black eye stripe which extends as they age. The adult has a blue-grey back with black face and chin, and black along the wing edges and tail. Their underbelly is a soft grey. Compare this with the ground cuckoo-shrike which has a black tail and wings but no black on the face.

The black-faced cuckoo-shrike lives all over Australia, with three variations. In the north-west around the Pilbara, they are paler, while in Tasmania their bill is shorter. The mainland sub-species *C novaehollandiae melanops* is the most widespread. All tend to migrate from the colder areas in winter, some of the Tasmanian ones crossing Bass Strait, while a few move as far north as New Guinea.

THEY ARE HARD TO SPOT, BEING RATHER A QUIET BIRD UNLESS AGGRESSIVELY TRILLING.

Their contact call is a pretty, quiet trill of two or three notes or very occasionally of ten or so.



Above: Juvenile and adult Black-faced cuckoo-shrike

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KOALA RESCUE

A KOALA PINKIE'S JOURNEY

After Birth

by Bronwyn Wilton



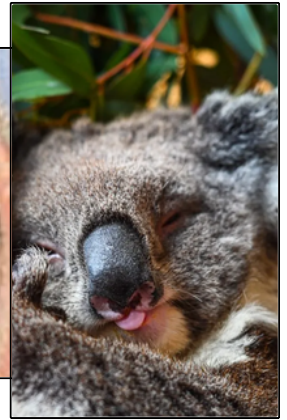
KOALA RESCUE

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It usually takes 35 days from conception for the Koala Pinkie to develop enough to travel down the birth canal and into its mother's pouch, which just takes a few minutes.

THE JOURNEY OF THE UNDEVELOPED PINKY BEGINS:

- **SIZE AND STATE:** At birth, a Koala Pinkie is tiny, about the size of a jellybean (around 2 cm long) and weighs less than a gram. It is blind, hairless, undeveloped ears, strong though not developed forelimbs with claws and it has a very small markings of a nose.
- **NAVIGATION:** The Pinky relies on its well-developed senses of touch and smell, along with strong forelimbs and claws, to make the difficult, unaided climb through its mother's fur to the downward-facing pouch opening. This usually takes a few minutes.
- **ATTACHMENT:** Once inside the pouch, it attaches to one of the mother's teats, which swells to fill its mouth, securing it in place for the next six months when it will fully develop and then be called a Joey.



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by Liane and Brent

Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats

QUIET ACHIEVERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH

At Uleybury Native Wildlife Sanctuary, we are lucky to work with many wonderful native animals, but two of the most loved residents here would have to be Max and Wendy, our Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats. They are favourites with visitors and never fail to spark curiosity, smiles and plenty of conversation.

The Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat is one of Australia's three wombat species and is also South Australia's faunal emblem. Strong, solid and perfectly built for digging, these remarkable animals are well suited to life in some of Australia's harshest environments. Their broad heads, powerful claws and soft hairy noses make them both distinctive and incredibly well adapted.

In the wild, Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats live in semi-arid areas and create extensive burrow systems to escape the heat and shelter from predators. These burrows are essential to their survival, especially during extreme weather. Mostly nocturnal, wombats emerge in the cooler evening hours to graze on grasses and other vegetation.

While they are often admired for their cute and sturdy appearance, wombats also play an important role in the environment.

Their grazing helps shape the landscape, and their digging assists with soil movement and aeration. Like so many of our native species, they are a valuable part of a healthy ecosystem.

Max and Wendy are wonderful ambassadors for their species. They help visitors connect with wildlife in a meaningful way and remind us that every native animal has its own special place in our environment. For many people, meeting a wombat up close is something they never forget.

At Uleybury Native Wildlife Sanctuary, we are passionate about creating those connections and encouraging greater appreciation for Australia's precious wildlife. Max and Wendy may win hearts very easily, but they also help tell a much bigger story — one of conservation, respect and protecting our native species for the future.

Fun facts about wombats. It can take a wombat up to two weeks to digest a meal. Wombats create cubed shaped poop. They can run up to 40 kph in short bursts. Wombats don't sweat, which is why they need to stay cool. When sleeping, they can slow their breathing down to one breath a minute. And they can sleep up to 20 hours a day, much like their cousins the koalas.



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The Friends of Para Wirra were delighted to welcome students from Kurna Plains School, One Tree Hill Primary School, and Holy Family Catholic School to Para Wirra Conservation Park for an engaging biodiversity-themed day as part of Green Adelaide's *Cooler Greener Wilder Youth* program.

Working alongside Park Rangers and the Green Adelaide education team, Friends of Para Wirra volunteers helped spark a sense of wonder as students explored what biodiversity really means in a practical and engaging way.

"Students gain invaluable insight from the wealth of knowledge our Friends group has to share around our local ecosystems and conservation practices" One Tree Hill Primary School.

Para Wirra

The session focused on biodiversity and understanding how to identify what exists in our natural surroundings. Through hands-on activities, students explored tracks, scats and traces, participated in a nature discovery walk to retrieve SD cards from trail cameras used to observe nocturnal wildlife - however on this occasion there wasn't much to see on the recordings. To round out the experience, students took part in an interactive game exploring the impacts of habitat loss, helping them understand the challenges wildlife face and the importance of conservation efforts.

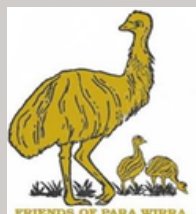
"It was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with the environment and deepen their understanding of the natural world!" Holy Family Catholic School.

The program encourages students to reflect on their learning and consider how they could apply it within their own school communities. Building on this experience, students are now encouraged to take on leadership roles back at their schools, helping to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards and foster a deeper connection to the natural world around them.

For the Friends of Para Wirra, days like this are a powerful reminder of why we do what we do.



If you would like to get involved, the Friends of Para Wirra organises bushcare sessions at the park on the first Thursday and third Saturday of the month, weather permitting.



For more information, contact friendsofparawirra@gmail.com or check out our Friends of Para Wirra Facebook page.





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Term 2 Calendar

Week 1 29 Apr Colours	Week 2 6 May Mother's Day Picnic Bring your mama, nana, aunty, big sister or special friend to celebrate!	Week 3 13 May Bush Play at Para Wirra
Week 4 20 May On the Farm	Week 5 27 May Peek-a-Boo!	Week 6 3 June Bush Play at Para Wirra
Week 7 10 June Winter	Week 8 17 June Dinosaurs	Week 9 24 June Bush Play at Para Wirra
Week 10 1 Jul Bubble Day!		

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LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S *Report*

CR DAVID KERRISON - CITY OF PLAYFORD

Dear Fellow Ratepayers and Residents,

I hope that this edition of the Grapevine finds everyone well.

Thank You to Our Community - I would like to sincerely thank our local community, volunteers, supporters, and everyone who backed my candidacy for One Nation in the electorate of King at the recent State Election.

The One Tree Hill polling booth recorded **572 votes out of a total 25,799 votes across the electorate of King**, with a **two-party preferred result of approximately 60%**. This is a strong show of support from our local community, and I am deeply grateful for that confidence.

Across the electorate, we achieved a significant result for a first-time campaign, securing **30.7% of the primary vote and 44.3% of the two-party preferred result**. While we were ultimately unsuccessful in winning the seat, the result reflects a strong and growing voice within our community.

There were many reasons I chose to stand, but one of the key drivers was the need to improve Local Government. Local councils are increasingly influenced and controlled by State Government decisions, and I believe our communities deserve stronger advocacy and a greater say in how those decisions impact our local area.

Returning to Council Duties - With the election now complete, my required leave of absence has concluded, and I have returned to my role as your Councillor for Ward 3.

I remain committed to representing One Tree Hill and our surrounding rural and hills communities with integrity, transparency, and strong local advocacy.

Staying Connected - I encourage all residents to reach out and raise any local concerns or matters of importance.

You will also find me at the **monthly One Tree Hill Market**, where I will continue to be available at the community table inside the hall. Please feel free to stop by for a chat.

Looking Ahead - While the election outcome was not what we had hoped for, the level of community engagement and support reinforces the importance of continuing to stand up for our local area. I will continue to advocate strongly on your behalf and ensure our community's voice is heard.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and engagement. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Kind regards,

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A Grade: D Stutley 555 runs

B Grade: G Mead 426 runs

C Grade: B Ryall 625 runs

Bowling Trophy

Awarded for taking the most wickets in the season

A Grade: C Snow 24 wickets

B Grade: C Moorehead 21 wickets

C Grade: J Ryall 18 wickets

Fielding Trophy

Awarded for fostering catches and runouts by someone other than the wicketkeeper in the season

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C Grade: J Ryall 4 catches, 2 runouts

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Awarded for most dismissals as wicket keeper

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Coaches Award

Awarded by the coach at his discretion

L Lister

5 Wicket Awards

Awarded for taking 5 wickets in an innings

As:

- 1/11/25: B Duncan 5/52 v Enfield B
- 8/11/25: C Snow: 7/33 v Thunderwolves
- 10/1/26: L Manning 6/23v ATCO B

Bs:

- 25/10/25: B Duncan 7/11 v Parafield Gardens E

Cs:

- 22/11/25: Braden Jarman 5/22 v Athelstone f
- 21/2/25: J Ryall 5/30 v Virginia D

100 Trophies

Awarded for scoring an individual hundred in any innings

Bs:

- 15/11/25: G Mead 106* v Athelstone E

Cs:

- 1/11/25: B Ryall 104* v Eyre Royals G
- 1/11/25: B Watson 105* v Eyre Royals G
- 13/12/25: B Ryall 103 v Enfield D
- 14/2/26: B Ryall 124 v Enfield D

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A bottle of wine awarded to both Batsmen for scoring a partnership of 100 runs for the season

As:

- 18/10/25: L Lister & J Balloch 153* v ATCO B
- 8/11/25: L Lister & J Balloch 145 v Thunderwolves
- 14/2/26: D Shultz & D Stutley 119* v Parafield Gardens

Cs:

- 1/11/25: B Ryall & B Watson: 209* v Eyre Royals G
- 14/2/26: B Ryall & J Ryall: 117 v Enfield D
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