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August 2026

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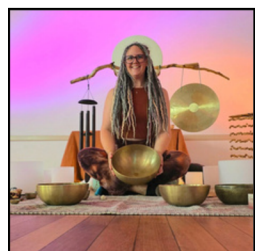
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PRESIDENT'S *Report*



History Month has now come to a close, and with it our temporary history signs have been removed from around the district. **We'd like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to stop, read them and share stories of their own.** It was wonderful to see so much interest in the rich history of our area.

The success of the signs has raised an interesting question for us. Rather than displaying them only during History Month each year, **would you like to see the history signs become a permanent feature throughout One Tree Hill?**

We'd love to hear your thoughts as we explore the possibility of making local history more accessible for residents and visitors all year round.

One of the greatest strengths of our community is that people care enough to speak up. Many of the projects and issues we work on begin with a resident bringing something to our attention.

Working together is how we continue to make One Tree Hill a safe, welcoming and connected place to live.

As always, you can contact us via email, visit our website or come along to one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the One Tree Hill Institute.

You're welcome to arrive from 7:00 pm for a coffee and chat before the meeting begins. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, your ideas, participation and support are always welcome.

Tabatha Pettigrew

President One Tree Hill Progress Association Inc.

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EDITOR'S *Note*

This month, I was quite moved by a visit to Uley Cemetery. I must have driven past this place thousands of times, without ever stopping in. With no relatives there, I didn't feel a need. However, having now paid my respects for the sake of our feature article (thanks to Tab, Wayne, David and Auntie Jen) I feel a deep sense of gratitude for many things at once: our freedoms in this great land, the history of our area that has been built on the hard work of those before us, and the legacy of these past legends.

The kids, dog and I have enjoyed so much time in nature after being inspired by last month's article on winter school holiday ideas. We have not only been soaked with rain on our Para Wirra adventures, but have also witnessed Smith Creek flowing again! My daughter came home, "Why are you so wet!?" I asked. "I fell! I fell in the river!" she replied. Never a dull moment here!

Beth



*On the cover:
Sunset at
Uley Cemetery,
Uley Road.*

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our community?**

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ULEY CEMETERY

Remembering Our Resting

For many locals, Uley Cemetery is a quiet place along Uley Road, perhaps one passersby may not even know about. Behind its stone wall lies the story of the people who laid the foundations of our area.

Over recent months, visitors may have noticed new paths, seating, signs and restoration works taking place throughout the Cemetery. These improvements represent something bigger than a small landscaping project. They are about preserving the history of the families whose vision, hard work and generosity helped shape the community we know today.

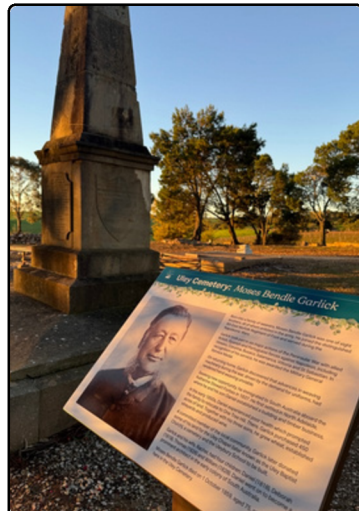
Much of this work has been driven by long-term resident Wayne McKenzie and City of Playford Councillor David Kerrison, whose shared passion for protecting our local heritage has brought renewed attention to this important site.



Before One Tree Hill became a township in 1851 (celebrating 175 years this year), Uleybury was born.

Moses Bendle Garlick moved to the area in the early 1850s, purchasing 450 acres of land. He and his family grew wheat and produced wine from their own vineyards. **The name Uleybury came from Garlick himself, naming the land as a nod to his home village, Uley in Gloucestershire, England. With 'Bury' used as a term used to describe a tree-covered rise.**

Reverend John Parker Buttfield became the first appointed minister of the chapel and played an important role in the community beyond the church. He served on the Uleybury School Building Committee as Honorary Secretary, and was also one of the school teachers, helping to shape both the spiritual and educational foundations of the area.



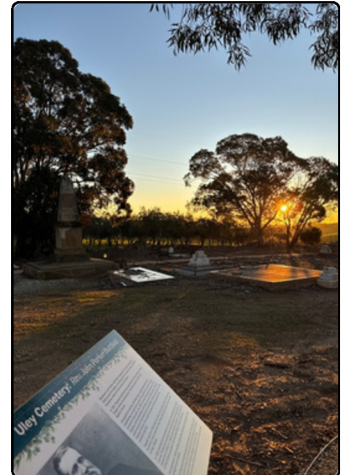
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Remembering Our Resting

Today, many of the district's pioneering families rest within Uley Cemetery, including the Garlicks, McKenzies, Bowmans, Barritts, Ifoulds and many others whose names remain familiar throughout our community.

For Wayne McKenzie, this project is personal. His own family members are buried within the cemetery, inspiring years of research into those laid to rest here. **Wayne even mapped the cemetery, identifying known graves and helping piece together the stories of those who helped establish our district.**

As part of the recent project, the City of Playford also commissioned a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey. The survey helped identify previously unknown burial locations and confirmed the positions of many unmarked graves, ensuring they can be recognised and protected for future generations.



Councillor David Kerrison said his motivation for championing the restoration was simple:

"Our history is our culture. We mustn't lose that."

Speaking with David and Jenny McKenzie ("Aunty Jen"), it quickly became clear that this project is about far more than restoring a cemetery. Family photographs from the old Uleybury School, stories of community gatherings at the One Tree Hill Institute, memories of farming the surrounding land, and generations of local history brought the cemetery story to life. Rather than simply names carved into stone, these were neighbours, teachers, farmers and families whose legacy continues through their descendants today.

The new pathways, seating and signage now invite visitors to slow down, learn and reflect. They tell the stories behind the names and ensure future generations can appreciate the remarkable people who built our community.

As further restoration works continue, Uley Cemetery stands as a reminder that preserving our heritage is not simply about maintaining old monuments. It is about honouring the lives, sacrifices and generosity of those who came before us.

Today, many of those original family names continue to shape our area. Their descendants still live, work and contribute to the community they helped create. Perhaps that is the greatest legacy of all.



Drawing of the Uley Chapel by Steven A. Hill from the One Tree Hill Sketchbook.



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LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S *Report*

CR DAVID KERRISON | CITY OF PLAYFORD

Dear Ratepayers and Residents,

I hope this edition finds everyone well.

Local Government Elections 2027 - The Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) has released the official timetable for the 2027 Local Government periodic elections. The timetable follows the deferral of the 2026 Council elections under the Local Government (Elections) (Periodic Elections) Amendment Act 2026, which commenced on 2 July 2026. If you are considering standing for Council or would like more information about the election process, I encourage you to visit the Electoral Commission of South Australia website or alternatively contact me with any questions.

Key dates:

- Roll closes – Monday 4 January 2027
- Nominations open – Tuesday 26 January 2027
- Nominations close – Tuesday 9 February 2027
- Close of voting – Wednesday 7 April 2027
- Scrutiny and Count – 9.00 am, Saturday 10 April 2027

A local resident asked me a simple but meaningful question: **"What inspires you to represent the community?"**

I first stood for Council following the 2017 Rate Review policy when our rural community was facing significant rate increases. Together, our community successfully campaigned to have the policy overturned. That experience reinforced the importance of strong representation, transparency, accountability and responsible financial management.

Below: David at one of the original meetings for Uley Cemetery, Oct 2023



CR DAVID KERRISON | PHONE: 0478 283 879 | EMAIL: CRDKERRISON@PLAYFORD.SA.GOV.AU

Today, my motivation remains the same. I want to help ensure our community is represented fairly, our rates are managed responsibly, and our rural communities are never placed in that position again.

My family's connection to this district dates back to the 1840s. Like many local families, our history is woven throughout the district. I grew up in One Tree Hill, attended One Tree Hill Primary School before moving to Craigmore High School, and later studied Agricultural Science at Roseworthy Agricultural College. I also worked at the Blacksmith Inn when it first opened before beginning my real estate career with LJ Hooker Craigmore in 1993.

Virtually my entire life has been centred in and around One Tree Hill and what is now Ward 3 within the City of Playford. This community has shaped who I am. It taught me the value of neighbours helping neighbours, volunteering, community spirit and looking after one another. One Tree Hill is more than where I live - it is home.

That is why I remain committed to being a strong voice for our community, advocating for transparency, accountability and responsible financial management while working to place downward pressure on rates and ensure Council delivers the services our community needs.

One of the most valuable parts of serving on Council is hearing directly from residents. If there is an issue in your street, a local project you would like investigated, or something you believe Council should be focusing on, please get in touch. Your feedback helps me represent our community more effectively and ensures local concerns are raised where they matter most.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
David Kerrison



SAPOL COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

OFFENCES REPORTED BETWEEN:
12/6/26 AND 12/7/26
Nil crime reported - only traffic accidents.

Darren has been providing the stats for the Grapevine since 1993! He shared that there has only been around four or five instances where this has happened.
A special thanks to Darren McCue, Senior Sergeant First Class, Elizabeth Police Station for his ongoing contributions to our magazine!



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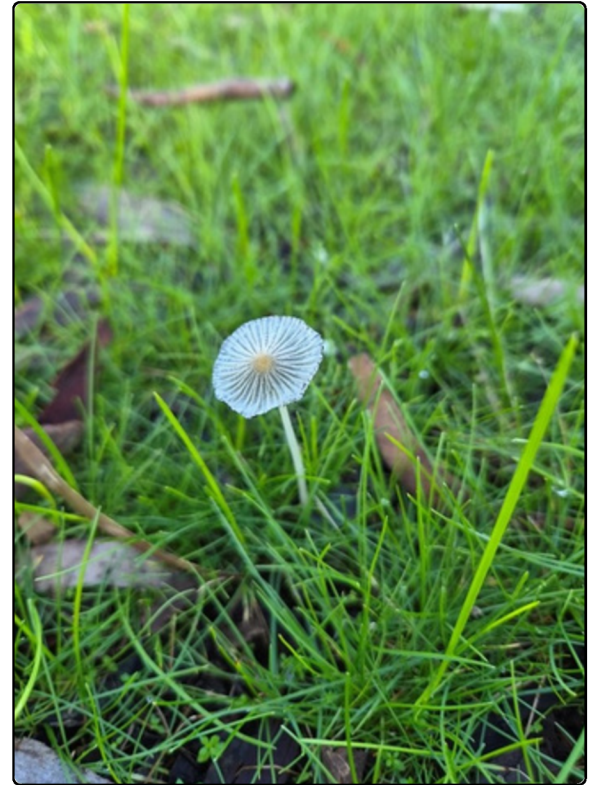
FROM THE *Ground Up*

A wet winter created great growing conditions for all sorts of interesting fungi at Para Wirra. The wattles are coming into flower, led by the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*). And keep an eye out for climbing plants like hardenbergia, twining fringe lily and climbing sundew.

There are lots of walking tracks throughout Para Wirra where you can see a wide variety of wildflowers, especially during winter and spring.

Some that are worth a look include:

- Workshop Track, in the main part of the park, near the Para Wirra Resource Centre
- The Mack Creek Boundary Track, which runs parallel to Humbug Scrub Road
- Bowdens Track, near historic Bowdens Cottage on Para Wirra Road at the Northern edge of the park.



Are you interested in helping care for our local conservation park?

Come along and try a bushcare morning at Para Wirra on the first Thursday or third Saturday of the month (weather permitting).



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LONG-NOSED POTOROOS

by Liane and Brent



AUSTRALIA'S UNDERGROUND GARDENERS

When most people think about gardeners, they picture someone with a shovel and watering can. But hidden beneath the cover of darkness, one of Australia's smallest native marsupials has been quietly gardening our bushland for thousands of years.

The Long-nosed Potoroo may not be as well-known as kangaroos or koalas, but it performs one of the most important jobs in maintaining healthy forests.

Unlike many native mammals, potoroos spend much of their night searching beneath the soil for underground fungi, known as truffles. Using their long, sensitive noses and strong front claws, they dig hundreds of small holes as they search for these hidden food sources.

At first glance, these tiny diggings may seem insignificant, but they provide enormous benefits to the environment. Every hole helps loosen compacted soil, improves water penetration after rain, and allows leaf litter and organic matter to mix naturally into the ground. It's free cultivation, performed every single night.



Perhaps even more remarkable is the relationship between potoroos, fungi and our native forests. **The underground fungi they eat form essential partnerships with the roots of many Australian trees, including eucalypts.** After passing through the potoroo's digestive system, the fungal spores are dispersed throughout the bush, helping new fungal networks establish and supporting healthier forests. Without animals like potoroos, many of these fungi would struggle to spread.

Sadly, Long-nosed Potoroos have disappeared from many parts of their former range. Habitat loss, fragmentation and introduced predators such as foxes and feral cats have dramatically reduced their numbers, making suitable protected habitat more important than ever.

At Uleybury Native Wildlife Sanctuary, we are incredibly fortunate to have Long-nosed Potoroos living within our predator-proof sanctuary. By restoring native vegetation, protecting the understorey and providing a safe environment, these remarkable animals can once again carry out the work nature designed them to do.

Most visitors never realise that beneath their feet, while they sleep, these tiny marsupials are helping rebuild the very ecosystems on which countless other plants and animals depend.

The next time you walk through native bushland, remember that some of Australia's greatest conservationists aren't people at all. They weigh less than a kilogram, work the night shift, and have been quietly caring for our forests long before we arrived.



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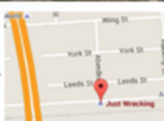
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Birds in my BACKYARD

by Julie Buttery

A MAGPIE-LARK BY ANY OTHER NAME STILL SOUNDS AS SWEET...

(SORRY, SHAKESPEARE!)

Murray Magpie, Mudlark, Peewee, and Piping shrike are all alternate names for this black and white bird. Today, the accepted name by the naming authorities is Magpie-lark, *Grallina cyanoleuca*. Its only close relative is the Torrent-lark of New Guinea.

Grallinas come under the family of monarch flycatchers, with only one other species likely in this area, (restless flycatchers), but they prefer drier areas.

The Magpie-lark is found throughout Australia except in Tasmania. Strongly black and white, it is smaller than Australian Magpies, and the markings are slightly different. White bellies and black backs with white tips on the wings, they also have distinct markings for each gender. Males have a black crown, white cheeks and black from chin to the centre of the chest. Females have a black crown, white cheeks and a white throat. I remember them by thinking: Boys have beards, girls have pigtails. Juveniles have black crowns, white throats, and their black chests are smudged on the edges.

They are very common along the Murray, hence the common name Murray Magpie. Their bowl-shaped nests are built of mud, high in a tree near a watercourse, and this gave them the other name of Mudlark. Their song is quite pretty when not angry or worried. A pair calls to each other with a two-toned Pee-wee call while their territorial warning is much higher-pitched "Pee Pee Pee."

I guess, to round out common names, we can mention the very old name Piping Shrike, possibly named because of their similarity to European Shrikes, although they are not related. **It is thought the South Australian Emblem (the piping shrike) may have originated from a variety of these birds, but it has not been catalogued since 1880's and there is some doubt about its existence at all.**

Magpie-larks forage on the ground for seeds and insects, particularly in the muddy edge of a waterhole.



Above: A typical nest.



Left to right: a pair with the female "shouting" and a male Magpie Lark.

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What's Flowering IN MY GARDEN

by Heather Fischer

It's midwinter and it has been quite cold with chilling winds and most welcome rain. Some of the creeks are flowing after the rain, but some dams are not full yet. Hope more rain is on the way.

The local Wattle, *Acacia pycnantha*, is beginning to open its many buds to put on a glorious golden yellow show against its large dark green leaves. The perfume from this truly spectacular Wattle is so intoxicating. This imposing wattle is found in all states of Australia. **It's no wonder that it is Australia's Floral Emblem.** Many Correas continue to brighten the garden, resulting in many nectar-feeding birds visiting and flitting from one flower to the next for a feed.

A few Eucalypts are flowering and are providing food and shelter to many birds. Eucalypt *leucoxylon* with its large cream flowers is quite a sight to enjoy. The cream, pale pink and bright pink blossoms of Eucalypt *sideroxylon* are so beautiful and, again, provide plentiful nectar for the New Holland Honeyeaters, the White Naped Honeyeater, the Lesser Honeyeater as well as lots of Silvereyes.

Eucalypt *tetraptera* has also been flowering. This very hardy small Eucalypt was planted seven or eight years ago and is now flowering for the second time.



© Image of *Eucalyptus tetraptera* taken by Heather Fischer

WHAT'S FLOWERING IN MY GARDEN

It is about 1.5m high and wide but may grow up to 4m and become a mallee rather than a single-stem small tree. With the common names of Square Fruited Mallee or Four Winged Mallee, this most unusual Eucalypt has very large lance-shaped thick leathery mid-green leaves that can be up to 18cm in length and 6cms wide.

It produces extraordinary square-shaped pinkish-red very large flower buds from which gold-tipped dark pink-red stamens cascade. Each flower bud ranges in size from 20mm to 45mm in width. They are huge compared to many other Eucalypt seed pods. This small but hardy tree or shrub grows naturally along the coastal areas of

southern Western Australia in sandy loam or gravelly loamy soils and does need good winter rains but likes a warm but dry summer.

Being a hardy Eucalypt with a sprawling habit it is suitable to grow as a specimen feature plant in a large pot. It is worth growing this most interesting Eucalypt just for its large leaves, its brilliant pink-red flower buds and its stunningly beautiful stamens. It is available from most nurseries and once established, is quite a hardy, attractive small tree.

Eucalyptus tetraptera, such a stunner.
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Incident Report

The OTH CFS Brigade responded to 9 incidents across the past month, including, five vehicle accidents, two trees down, one vehicle fire, and one fire alarm.

- **28th Jun – Vehicle accident** at 4pm, a car v tree on Lower Hermitage Rd near Millbrook Rd at Lower Hermitage. Initially reported as Hannaford Hump Rd, OTH34 and Golden Grove MFS located the accident after doing an expanding search of the area. OTH34 and OTHA34 provided traffic control until the scene was cleared.
- **29th Jun – Vehicle accident** at 9.42pm, a single car into the barrier on One Tree Hill Rd Gould Creek. **Vehicle lost control avoiding a kangaroo.** Vehicle was successfully moved off the road and the road reopened. OTH34P and OTH34 provided traffic control.
- **30th Jun – Vehicle accident** at 6.39am on Kersbrook Rd 1.5km past Karwin Rd Kersbrook. OTH34P responded to the initial call out, with OTH34 being responded at 8.18am to assist with clean up and traffic control.
- **1st Jul – Fire Alarm** at 11.15am at **One Tree Hill Primary School**, McGilp Rd, One Tree Hill. OTH34P responded to investigate with nothing located.
- **2nd Jul – Tree down** at 11.38am on Shillabeer Rd, Sampson Flat. OTHA34 responded to the **tree blocking the entire road**. Crew cleared the tree and reopened the road.
- **5th Jul – Vehicle accident** at 5.39pm on One Tree Hill Rd, Gould Creek. OTH34P and OTH34 responded with Golden Grove MFS to find a vehicle on its side, **after colliding with a tree**, blocking the road. The road was closed at Hannaford Hump and Seaview Roads, while the driver was assessed by SAAS at the scene and the vehicle righted and moved off the road.
- **6th Jul – Vehicle fire** at 2.53am in the reserve on Seavington Rd, Elizabeth Park. OTH34P and Elizabeth MFS responded to the fire. MFS crew knocked down the initial vehicle fire and small grassfire, with CFS crew extinguishing the vehicle. A great example of coordination between CFS and MFS. SAPOL are investigating the vehicle fire.
- **14th Jul - Tree down** at 8.30am on the Gawler One Tree Hill Rd at Yattalunga. OTHA34 located a **tree blocking the road**. The crew made quick work of the tree to restore traffic flow.
- **16th Jul – Vehicle accident** at 6.58am on One Tree Hill Rd Gould Creek. OTH34P and Golden Grove MFS responded to the vehicle accident with injuries.



OTH CFS

Brigade Activities



The Brigade member has been kept busy with an increased response to vehicle accidents, a **timely reminder to drive to the conditions**, particularly during or after heavy rain.

One of our **newest qualified firefighters** attended their first **call out** during this month, **congratulations FF Rylan**. Our recently qualified FF have been responding to callouts this month. It is great to see them integrating into the Brigade and strengthening their newly acquired skillsets.

The OTH CFS Brigade driver qualified pool has increased this month by gaining two additional FF, **congratulations SFF Josh and FF Josh**. Both FF are now stepping into the driver role especially on training nights to hone their on and off-road capabilities ahead of the fire danger season.

The OTH CFS Brigade is excited to announce that we are holding another **Open Day**. Mark **Saturday September 5th** in your calendars, with the station open from **9am to 2pm**. There will be plenty of activities and a stove top fire demonstration that is not to be missed. The previous Open Day was a huge success and the OTH CFS Brigade plans on making this event even bigger and better than our last. **See the flyer (on page 9) for more details and keep an eye on our Facebook page as we get closer to the date.**

The OTH CFS Brigade will hold our annual AGM in August to vote in a new SFF4. **FF Jarred, thank you for service and leadership during your tenure as SFF4.**

OTH CFS Brigade wishes our Brigade Captain, Mike, **all the best as he takes a short leave of absence**. We look forward to seeing Mike back at the helm in due course. **Congratulations to Lt1, Rick, who has stepped up into the captain role during Mike's absence**. All our other Lts have also moved into additional roles and responsibilities.

Please drive safely, especially with the changing road conditions in our area. **Heavy rains have dislodged roadside debris and soddened the soil, increasing the risk of falling trees in high winds and altering road surface conditions**. As always stay safe, review your Bushfire Ready plan with your family and loved ones, and remember,

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While foxes and feral cats are well recognised as major threats to Australian wildlife, there's another part of the conversation that's becoming increasingly important - our pet cats.

Something that surprises many cat owners is that even well-fed pet cats still hunt. Hunting is driven by instinct rather than hunger, and many of the animals they catch are never brought home. This means their impact on local wildlife can be much greater than we realise.

But here's where I'd love your thoughts.

Living in this sort of area – many of us have barn cats or outdoor cats. Some are treasured family pets, while others have become part of life on acreage, helping keep an eye on mice around sheds, grain, feed and chicken coops.

Our family doesn't have a huge property, but we do have ducks and chickens. Every winter, long before we welcomed our poultry friends, we've battled mice and rats. I've found myself wondering whether a barn cat is the answer.



The research is interesting, while cats certainly catch mice, studies suggest they rarely keep rodent populations under control on their own because mice breed so quickly. What cats do seem to create is a "landscape of fear", where rodents avoid areas they know a cat frequents - so that in itself would help. **But where else would that cat go, and what else is it killing if it doesn't have mouse to play with?**

Do I choose a cat to help keep the rodents at bay, knowing there may also be a cost to the bush birds, blue-tongues and other native wildlife I love seeing around our home? Is there a middle ground? Could enclosed cat runs, night-time containment or other approaches work in a semi-rural/rural community like ours?

I genuinely don't know the answer, and I suspect many others are asking the same questions.

So, I'd love to hear from you.

Whether you're a cat owner, wildlife carer, farmer, bird enthusiast or simply someone who enjoys living amongst nature, what has your experience been? Have you found a way to balance protecting native wildlife while managing rodents? **Are there solutions our community could learn from?**

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