

One Tree Hill GRAPEVINE

June 2026



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OF WINE**

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COME TOGETHER**

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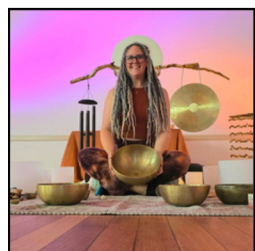


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the month
(more on p.6)



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PRESIDENT'S *Report*



It has been another positive and productive year for the One Tree Hill Progress Association as we continue working to strengthen community connections and support local initiatives.

Throughout the year, our monthly community markets - including the popular Christmas Market - have provided valuable opportunities for locals to connect and support local businesses. The development of the One Tree Hill History Trail has also helped celebrate and share the rich history of our district.

Some of the year's biggest highlights were the continued collaboration with the City of Playford on the One Tree Hill Community Day and the growing success of the ANZAC Dawn Service.

These events would not be possible without the support and partnerships formed with our local school, Scouts, church, CFS, sporting clubs, businesses, volunteers, and wider community.

Thank you to all committee members, volunteers, contributors, members, and the wider community for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we continue building a strong and connected community for the future.

As always you can also reach out to us via email, website or coming along to one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of the month, you are welcome to come at 7:00pm for a coffee and chat before the meeting.

Tabatha Pettigrew

President One Tree Hill Progress Association Inc.

president@onetreehill.org.au

EDITOR'S *Note*

The cold is finally here! Time for winter reds, curling up by the fire with a good book, and watching everything return to green. Easy for me to say I love winter now that I no longer work in the weather!

We're also beginning to feature some of our wonderful local wineries, inspired by One Tree Hill local Joe Rocca. We're looking forward to showcasing more of the incredible hospitality our township and surrounding region has to offer.

Have a photo of our picturesque area? Enjoying a glass of wine somewhere local? Send me your shots!

And as Dolly Parton says, "Better get to livin'" - don't let the winter months stop you.



*On the cover:
Rob harvesting Shiraz
in Fran and Bob's
vineyard - full story on
page 4.
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Brydson.*

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our community?**

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Gavouring the Ghiraz

LOCAL WINEMAKERS COME TOGETHER

When you look closely, the One Tree Hill Country Market is full of living treasures. Some of those treasures have recently come together over the love of good wine.

Rob Brydson from Meadowbrook Adelaide Hills – also recognised as REL Wine - met long-time One Tree Hill residents and winemakers Fran and Bob at the market one day. Fran shared that their One Tree Hill property still had an abundance of grapes ready for harvest – ones that she has used to create the satisfying Shiraz produced under their wholesome homemade label, Hill Top Wines.

Rob - father, winemaker and local Airbnb owner - took the opportunity to get involved in some hard yakka, not only for the delicious grapes destined to become wine, but also for what is becoming a burgeoning friendship with Fran and Bob.

Rob produces his own quaint collection at Kersbrook Hill Wines, a space where smaller makers can also borrow equipment to produce their own wines. Fran and Bob, however, have always made everything from home, a process Rob was eager to learn more about.

"In 1974 we arrived here and planted the vineyard ourselves around 1987," shared Fran. "We used to yield quite a good crop and sell to a winery, and we did everything ourselves."

Fran and Bob were involved in every step of the process: planting the vines, picking the grapes, crushing, stemming and fermenting them, and even labelling their own wines under the Hill Top Wines name.

"Fran came by and said she had all this Shiraz and didn't know what she was going to do with it," Rob explained. "I said I'd love to take half a tonne – which, in wine terms, is not a lot!" Rob will produce around three to five barrels each year. One barrel holds roughly 300 litres, producing around 400 bottles of wine – a very small amount compared to larger wineries.

One of the aspects Rob loves most about winemaking is that it is "science without the seriousness." He enjoys tasting throughout the fermentation process, ensuring the wine develops towards the flavour he envisions.



LOCAL WINEMAKERS COME TOGETHER

With Fran's grapes, Rob imagines a soft floral Shiraz with aromatic plum flavours – a wine that will rest in the barrel for around 12 months before bottling. Fran has also provided invaluable knowledge through her understanding of both the grapes and the winemaking process, something Rob has been grateful to learn from. Over the years, Fran and Bob's property has produced everything from their famous Port Rum to Rosé, Riesling, Grenache and, of course, Shiraz.

Having previously worked with a Barossa winery for over a decade, this is the first time Rob has harvested Shiraz from the One Tree Hill region. He says that it reminds him very much of the Eden Valley – with its elevation, slightly cooler temperatures, and dry climate. He describes Fran's grapes as having plenty of natural acidity, something that strongly supports the winemaking process.

Interestingly, dry conditions have actually contributed to excellent wine grape quality this season. Unlike table grapes, which are often preferred large, juicy and thin-skinned, wine grapes benefit from being smaller with thicker skins, producing richer and more concentrated flavours.

Thirsty yet?

Come down to the next One Tree Hill Country Market and meet some of our talented local winemakers. The market happens every first Saturday of the month 8:30am-12:30pm at the OTH Institute.



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One Tree Hill Country Market



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OFFENCES REPORTED BETWEEN 10/4/26 AND 10/5/26

20 April

Gawler – One Tree Hill Road, BIBARINGA

Possession of Ammunition

Police searched property and located large amount of ammunition incorrectly stored within a shipping container constituting offences against the Firearms Act. Enquires continuing.

27 April

Blacktop Road, ONE TREE HILL

Arson of Motor Vehicle

Vehicle stolen from Jamestown on 26 April. Involved in a petrol drive off at Paralowie on 27 April before being located destroyed by fire at One Tree Hill

27 April

Gawler – One Tree Hill Road, BIBARINGA

Property Damage

Rock thrown at vehicle causing damage. 37-year-old male from Andrews Farm interviewed by police. Further enquiries continuing

Overnight 6 May

Blacktop Road, ONE TREE HILL

Non Residential Serious Criminal Trespass

Roller shutter forced open and window smashed. Entry not gained to premises.

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!

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Decorate Our Town

It all started when Pauline Balloch went to help with the Lyndoch mosaic couches and she decided that One Tree Hill needed one too! So she approached the OTH Progress Association for some support for this project and got the support of the group – knowing this piece of art would not only create a great photo opportunity for locals and passers-by, it would also be something to withstand the test of time, and become a moment in history for our town.

First of all, the 'where' was sorted by evicting her hubby from his shed. The 'who' came forward somewhat tentatively - Pauline can be very convincing! The 'what'? Well, that was the couch! They now had a band of collaborators, and with more enthusiasm than experience, the Mosaic Girls were born. Fuelled by donations of bricks and tiles and a Playford Council grant, the group encountered and successfully navigated one challenge after another.

Expertise in putting the structure together was gratefully received from St. Patrick's College teachers and students. There are 2 QR codes on the couch for more information.

So with this exciting experience under our belt, Pauline led us fearlessly on to the stobie poles. The biggest challenge of the poles has been the variety of sizes and conditions, which is why they are spread from one end of the town to the other.

"The Mosaic Girls are a fabulous group of like-minded women who are happy to share their expertise," shares member Regan.

"Being part of the Mosaic Girls is an important part of my life since they are a social outlet as well as an opportunity to create. A steep learning curve, but really satisfying to see and hear the positive responses to our handywork," says member Gill.



MOSAIC GIRLS DECORATE OUR TOWN

"We hope our creations have brought you a little joy each time you pass by," Pauline says.

There's talk the group may reform later this year (after some repairs to the shed!) for another creative project, so if you're interested in getting involved, keep an eye out or contact Pauline for more information on 0408 842 882.



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LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S *Report*

CR DAVID KERRISON - CITY OF PLAYFORD

Dear Ratepayers and Residents,

I hope this edition of the One Tree Hill Grapevine finds everyone well.

Did You Have Your Say? – Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget

The City of Playford's Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget was released for public consultation from 30 April to 28 May 2026, providing residents an opportunity to comment on Council priorities and spending.

The proposed budget outlines **\$167.25 million in expenditure**, supporting community facilities, programs, city maintenance, waste and recycling, public health, regulatory services, environmental management and local business support.

Council proposes \$13.3 million in new infrastructure, \$60.9 million toward continuing multi-year projects, and \$36.4 million renewing existing assets, including roads, footpaths, kerbing, recreational and sporting facilities.

The draft budget references a 3.3% CPI figure (December 2025) when considering inflationary pressures. Council has also included \$1 million in continuous savings initiatives and \$5.1 million in growth revenue to reduce inflation impacts. The proposed average rate increase is 3.5%, intended to support rising costs and long-term financial sustainability.

One Tree Hill Streetscape Upgrade - Positive news for our township is the return of concept planning for the One Tree Hill Streetscape Upgrade on Blacktop Road.

The project aims to improve township identity, pedestrian safety, parking and overall walkability. As part of planning, traffic counters were installed, with the most concerning result recorded at the western entry to One Tree Hill, showing an 85th percentile speed of 88.2 km/h. This information will help inform future design works and discussions with DIT and SAPOL, with Council seeking short-term action regarding speeding concerns.

Illegal Dumping Costs Continue - Illegal dumping remains a major concern for our community, with the 2026/27 budget allocating \$1.778 million toward management and clean-up costs. I encourage everyone to continue reporting incidents to help maintain our rural amenity.

Cemetery Works Update - Works at Uley Cemetery are progressing to improve accessibility and visitor experience, including paths, seating and signage, with completion expected by 30 June 2026.

At the **One Tree Hill Cemetery**, stormwater pipe assessments, CCTV investigations, surveying and design work are now complete. Planned works include stormwater pits, perimeter swales and damaged pipe replacement near Wood Crescent, with completion currently forecast for June 2026.

As always, please feel free to contact me regarding any local issues or concerns.

Kind regards,
Cr David Kerrison
City of Playford



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Community Thank You Party

FOR OUR CFS HEROES



The One Tree Hill Country Fire Service Community Thank You gathering was held on Saturday 10th May at the station, with more than 50 members of the community coming together to show their appreciation for the dedication and support of our local volunteers.

Our CFS crews give up time with their families, work, and recreation to respond when emergencies ignite - often being paged out in the early hours of the morning to protect our area and beyond.

One recent major incident we all remember was the tree fire on One Tree Hill Road, which was quickly contained thanks to the fast response of the One Tree Hill crew already out on the road at the time. With nearby properties at risk, the fire was brought under control quickly with support from neighbouring crews including Kersbrook and others. Events like these remind us of the very real risks faced in our area. Even with fire season officially over, emergencies do not stop, with wet weather increasing the risk of road accidents and strong winds bringing down trees.

The community event was organised by local resident Helen Turvey who, as mentioned in last month's Grapevine, felt compelled to give back after her Humbug Scrub home was saved during the Sampson Flat fires in 2015.

CFS Brigade Captain Mike Hawkey addressed the crowd, thanking those who attended and acknowledging Helen's

thoughtful efforts in recognising the volunteers and their ongoing service to the community.

Special guests included the Mayor of the City of Playford (COP), Glenn Docherty, COP Councillor Clint Marsh, and our local COP Councillor David Kerrison.

Families enjoyed a relaxed afternoon with face painting by local mum Claire, fire trucks were on display for the children, and a wonderful spread of shared food including homemade firefighter-themed cupcakes, sausage rolls, and more.

Darren Gray was also there capturing photos from the day. Darren is actually the one behind our regular CFS updates featured in the Grapevine and the man behind the Brigade's own social media, helping keep the community informed, connected – and often entertained!

Thank you to everyone who attended the day, and of course a heartfelt thank you to our One Tree Hill CFS volunteers for everything they do to support and protect our community.

And a reminder that Rick Quaiat often shares with us at the Progress meetings - as we move into the cooler months, remember to stay safe when using fireplaces and ensure your flues and chimneys are properly cleaned and maintained to avoid a chimney fire! Stay safe and stay warm!

Birds in my BACKYARD

by Julie Buttery
Humbug Scrub

THE GREY CURRAWONG

Currawongs belong to the butcherbird family, along with Magpies and Apostlebirds. There are three species (black, grey and pied) but only one lives in this area. Grey Currawong *Strepera versicolor* lives along the southern edge of our continent, extending further inland in Western Australia but mostly in the coastal fringe.

There are six subspecies, the one in Adelaide being S.V. *melanoptera*. (Melan = black). **Our grey currawongs (nearly black) can be distinguished from black currawongs by a large area of white under the tail, around the vent.** Black Currawongs have white at the wing tips but not around the vent.



Above: Grey currawong

The Currawong is slightly smaller than a Little raven, with a longer bill. This bill is used to catch its prey. **Feeding on insects, reptiles and even tiny birds, they sometimes push their prey into crevices to hold it while dismembering it.**

Their eye is yellow. (Compare with the Raven whose eye is brown as a juvenile and white as an adult or the chough whose eye is red). **Our grey currawongs have a chirp-like call. "Tew tew"** has been one way of writing it. Birds in some other locations have a sharper cry or even a "clink" sound.

I usually see only one or two currawongs although they may hang out in small family groups. When on the move, seasonally but not in every location, they will be in flocks of 50 to 70 birds. Like so many of our birds, they prefer to hang out around trees near open or semi-open grasslands.

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What's Flowering IN MY GARDEN

by Heather Fischer
Humbug Scrub

The warm balmy sunny days of Autumn are about to come to an end with the approach of Winter. With much needed rain on the forecast, this precipitation is most welcome in order to address the low levels in our dams as well as the dry top soil.

Many mid-season flowering Correas are an absolute delight to enjoy especially *Correa reflexa* Dusky Bells with its pendulous dark pinkish red tubular flowers held against bright but dark green foliage. **A locally growing tree, *Eucalyptus fasciculosa* with the common name of Pink Gum is flowering and is providing much needed nectar for the small foraging birds such as New Holland Honeyeaters and Silvereyes.**

The brilliant orange flowers of *Beaufortia squarrosa* have attracted the Eastern Spinebills and New Holland Honeyeaters to forage and enjoy the nectar that this hardy evergreen plant offers. This plant grows naturally on the south west coast of Western Australia and grows well on sandy/loamy well drained soils in full sun and part name.

It can be planted as a feature plant or many planted can create a low hedge and windbreak. It will grow up to 1.2m in height with a spread of up to 3m.

***Beaufortia squarrosa*, with the common name of Sand Bottlebrush, has spreading branches but this plant when mature is rounded in shape and provides shelter and refuge for small birds.**

Small rounded grey green leaves cover the branches and the stunningly beautiful orange flowers appear on the ends of the branches. This plant is available from most good nurseries and once established is both hardy and drought tolerant. **Being a small spreading but rounded shrub, I think the Blue Wrens may even nest in this plant during Winter and Spring as it offers so much protection for small birds. Blue Wrens on an orange flowering plant, what a brilliant colour combination.**

I just need to be patient, just watch and observe and enjoy. *Beaufortia squarrosa* - just beautiful.



Above: Heather's photo of her *Beaufortia squarrosa*.

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ULEYBURY NATIVE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Kangaroos

by Liane and Brent



ICONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH

At Uleybury Native Wildlife Sanctuary, kangaroos are some of the most loved animals at the sanctuary. **Visitors are often surprised by how gentle, curious and social they are, with each kangaroo having its own unique personality.** Some are confident and cheeky, while others are quieter and prefer to observe from a distance before coming closer.

Kangaroos are perfectly adapted to the Australian environment. **Their powerful back legs allow them to travel long distances efficiently, while their strong tails act almost like a fifth limb for balance and support.** They are also highly social animals and live in groups known as mobs, where they interact, communicate and protect one another.

One of the most fascinating things about kangaroos is their reproductive system. **Female kangaroos can have three joeys at different stages of development at the same time** — one joey outside the pouch, one growing inside the pouch, and another tiny embryo waiting in a suspended state known as embryonic diapause. This remarkable adaptation allows kangaroos to respond to changing environmental conditions and continue their species in Australia's harsh climate.



Joeys are incredibly small when they are born, only around the size of a jellybean. After birth, they climb into the pouch where they continue developing for many months before eventually venturing out into the world.

Kangaroos also play an important role in maintaining healthy ecosystems through their grazing and natural movement across the landscape. Like many native species, however, they face increasing threats from habitat loss, fencing, vehicle strikes and human expansion.

At the sanctuary, our kangaroos help visitors develop a deeper appreciation and respect for Australia's native wildlife. Spending time quietly amongst them often changes people's perceptions forever.

Fun facts about kangaroos. Kangaroos CAN walk backwards! A large kangaroo can jump up to nine metres in one bound. They can reach speeds of over 60 kilometres per hour, and their tails are strong enough to support their entire body weight while kicking.



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KOALA RESCUE

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**KOALA
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by Bronwyn Wilton

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EUCALYPTUS SUITABLE FOR THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN KOALA

Koalas can eat up to one kilogram of eucalyptus leaves each day, feeding several times over a 24-hour period. One species commonly associated with koalas is the Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*), recognised by its pale smooth bark, narrow leaves, and distinctive white flowers often seen throughout our local area.

Interestingly, the Manna Gum experiences increased cyanide levels during July and August - one of the many fascinating adaptations found in Australian native plants.

Fun fact:

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OTH CFS



Incident Report & Brigade Activities

The OTH CFS Brigade responded to 4 incidents across the past month, including, two vehicle fires, one grassfire, and one tree down.

- 25th April – **Grassfire** reported at Blackburn Rd Hillbank following reports of fireworks and an orange glow in the area. Two crews responded to investigate. At 9.45pm, OTH34 located a small “**comfort fire**” near the Jo Gapper lookout. OTH34 conducted a wider search of the Jo Gapper reserve to ensure the area was safe. The small fire was extinguished quickly before crews returned to the station.
- 27th April – **Vehicle fire** near the corner of Blacktop Rd and Yorktown Rd, One Tree Hill. When crews arrived just after 1.30am they found a car fully involved. The fire generating significant heat necessitating a sustained effort to fully extinguish the car. SAPOL are investigating the incident.
- 10th May – **Vehicle fire** reported on Whitford Rd Hillbank at midnight. Elizabeth MFS arrived to find a car well off the road within the Sanctuary Rise reserve. OTH 34P accessed the 4WD only area and took over extinguishing the vehicle after MFS had expended their available water. At a different time of year this fire would have had a very different outcome given the area it was in. SAPOL attended and are investigating the incident.
- 11th May – **Tree down** on Kestrel Rd at Humbug Scrub. A large Sugar Gum had come down blocking the road; however, residents had removed smaller branches to get past the fallen tree. Crews quickly commenced chainsaw duties to remove the larger section of the tree and re-open the road.



Brigade recruitment has been encouraging with a total of 8 new applications. Four applicants have advanced through the application process and are scheduled to complete the Basic Firefighting Course (BF1) next month. We look forward to seeing our newest recruits at training and getting to know them better.

The OTH CFS station and trucks have all had some timely repairs and servicing. **The station received a new roof section in the truck bay, while all trucks were rotated through Fraser for a service and some TLC following the Fire Danger Season.** A Stokes litter is now permanently fitted to OTH34P to assist with patient transportation. The trucks have all returned and look in great condition.

The OTH CFS Brigade was visited by the Salvation Army Coffee truck on our training night on 13th of April. Brigade members enjoyed a coffee and some cake before training. Multiple members are upskilling or re-skilling over the Winter months with members attending **Provide First Aid, Provide Advanced Resuscitation, Breathing Apparatus, and Chainsaw courses.** Similarly, members are completing yearly Skills Maintenance Drills (SMDs) on equipment they are trained on.

Lastly, a massive thank you to all who attend the OTH CFS Station on the 9th of May to say Thank you to our Brigade. It was an overwhelming and humbling experience for our members. It was so lovely to chat with residents and build a deeper connection with our community. Thank you for your continued support of our OTH CFS Brigade.

The Fire Danger Season came to an end at midnight April 30th. We have seen an increase in vehicle fires, not unusual for this time of year.

Please drive safely and to the changing conditions in our area as we transition into Winter. As always stay safe, review your Bushfire Ready plan with your family and loved ones, and remember,

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Many of the weeds in the coastal sand dunes are different to the ones we usually tackle in Para Wirra, so it took a while for us to get our eye in and learn to spot them. *Euphorbia terracina* was prolific, growing in amongst the native vegetation, identified by its distinctive red stems, caustic white sap and long tap root. It was certainly easy to pull weeds out of the beach sand, and much more comfortable to kneel on sand rather than on hard, rocky ground! A combined group of more than 20 people had a very successful morning, filling many large bags with weeds.

The Semaphore Largs volunteers provided a delicious morning tea. Then they led us on a coastal walk, where we saw some wonderful examples of local species regenerating naturally (including prostrate acacias and native geraniums), once the worst weeds had been removed. It was interesting to see some familiar species, like Muntries (*Kunzea pomifera*, native cranberries) and *Dodonea viscosa* (sticky hop bush) thriving in such a different environment.

There were plenty of butterflies (a swallowtail was a highlight) and birdlife. Our group saw the Singing Honeyeater, Crested Pigeon, Nankeen Kestrel, Australian Magpie and, of course, plenty of Seagulls.

For more information about caring for the dunes, check out [facebook.com/SemaphoreLargsDunesGroup](https://www.facebook.com/SemaphoreLargsDunesGroup). They meet every Monday morning (weather permitting).



If you're interested in volunteering and learning about bushcare in our local conservation park, the Friends of Para Wirra meet at the park on the first Thursday and third Saturday of the month (weather permitting).



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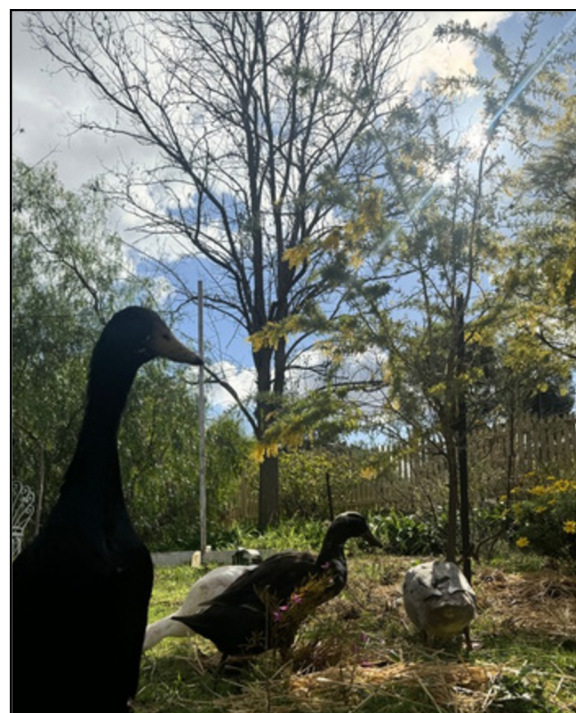
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