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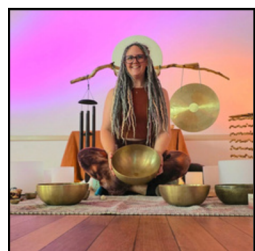
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PRESIDENT'S *Report*



As we settle into the heart of winter, I would like to thank everyone who continues to contribute to making One Tree Hill and the surrounding area such a vibrant and connected community.

One of the highlights of recent months has been the launch of the One Tree Hill History Trail. This exciting project celebrates our rich local heritage and encourages residents and visitors alike to explore the stories, landmarks, and people that have helped shape our district. We plan to continue to add to this trail so if you are interested in contributing your time, research, ideas and support to bring this project to life, please let us know.

Our monthly Market continues to provide an important gathering place for residents, visitors, and stallholders.

I encourage everyone to come along to our next Market on Saturday 4 July, where you'll find a great range of local produce, handmade goods, community information, and friendly faces.

Supporting our market is a wonderful way to support local businesses and connect with fellow community members.

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

With the winter school holidays here until the 19th of July, we wanted to focus on some ideas not only for parents and grandparents to enjoy with the kids, but to share how we all can appreciate the surrounding landscapes our region has to offer. Sometimes getting back to nature is exactly what we need. Check out our list on page 9.

I'll have to also share a special mention for my favourite places on the main street to visit in the chilly weather: Gold Dust Cafe (recently a finalist for South Australia's Best Babyccino!), the General Store (who have recently started doing evening takeaways!) and of course The Blacksmith's Inn where we can have a beverage in front of the fire and catch up with some of my favourite friendly faces.

Stay warm, stay grateful, stay free! - Beth



*On the cover:
One Tree Hill
Playgroup visit Para
Wirra for part of their
Bush Playgroup
sessions.*

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our community?**

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STUDENTS DISCOVER NATURE'S *Wonders at Para Wirra*

Year 3 and 4 students from **One Tree Hill Primary School** recently spent a day learning outdoors at **Para Wirra Conservation Park**, as part of an ongoing partnership with **Green Adelaide** and the **Friends of Para Wirra** volunteer group.

The excursion gave students the chance to learn outside the classroom through a range of practical activities. Throughout the day, students took part in ecology games, looked at trail camera footage from the park, learned about weed control, contributed to citizen science tasks and recorded observations in their nature journals.

Curious moments happened right from the start of the day, when a student asked a ranger to come and look at something he described as "really satisfying." The ranger identified it as slime mould, which led to further discussion and questions about how it fits within the ecosystem.

Working alongside environmental educators and volunteers, students were able to learn more about biodiversity and the work involved in maintaining natural spaces. The experience helped connect classroom learning which has focused on how Para Wirra is a special place.

"We are incredibly proud of our students, who showed genuine engagement and asked insightful questions throughout the day. This partnership reflects our commitment to helping students understand the importance of the park and their role as environmental stewards."
Heather Brown, Assistant Principal.

Our students will return to Para Wirra later in the year to continue their learning and strengthen their connection with the park.



Friends OF PARA WIRRA

It was another busy month for the Friends of Para Wirra.

Our Saturday bushcare session took us to the Goldfields, an area known as 'Scouts Corner', where local Scout groups used to camp regularly, pre-COVID. We hand-pulled small boneseed seedlings, grubbed out olives and cut-and-swabbed a couple of feral dog-roses. A tool called a 'tree-popper' worked a treat for removing small-to-medium sized olives.

The first Thursday in June was cold and wet, but that didn't deter our trail maintenance team. Years of intermittent heavy flows in Mack Creek had undermined part of the walking track, putting it at risk of collapse. Our team redirected the track around an Exocarpos (native cherry tree) and two large xanthorrhoea (grass trees). It took a lot of hard, muddy work but by the end of the morning, the redirected track was made safe for bushwalkers.

The following week, Green Adelaide hosted a large group of students from One Tree Hill Primary School at the Gawler View nature play area. The Friends contributed a small part of the day's program, taking students on a short wildlife walk and running a 'show and tell' session with trail camera footage of local animals, and a display of taxidermy raptor specimens, raptor pellets, bird nests, feathers and other interesting items.

The winter wildflowers are starting to bloom. We've already spotted some exquisite little orchids in 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).



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



OFFENCES REPORTED BETWEEN 16/5/26 AND 15/6/26

19 May - Blacktop Road, ONE TREE HILL

Non Residential Serious Criminal Trespass

Entry gained to premises by smashing window and accessing door. Alcohol stolen.

19 May - Para Wirra Conservation Park

Theft from Motor Vehicle

Vehicle parked on Lake Road within park. Unknown persons have jemmied bonnet of vehicle and stolen car battery.

2 June - McGilp Road, ONE TREE HILL

Attempt Non Residential Series Criminal Trespass and Property Damage. Fence damaged at School and entry attempted to ground keeper shed.

5 June - Uley Road, ULEYBURY

Arson of Motor Vehicle

Vehicle stolen from Evanston South – burnt out at above location.



With 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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Play in Nature

THIS WINTER

As the winter school holidays approach, it's tempting to fill everyday with activities and outings. But winter offers something special - an opportunity to slow down, breathe deeply, and notice the natural beauty that surrounds us. One Tree Hill and the surrounding area are rich with natural spaces, wildlife, and quiet places to explore. This winter, embrace a slower pace and discover the simple joys right on our doorstep.

1) Build a cubby using fallen sticks and branches (great examples of these in the Gawler View Picnic Area/Nature Play area - of Para Wirra!)

2) Hunt for animal tracks after rain and see what creatures have been visiting. How about identifying animal scat left behind too? (Best not to touch though!)

3) Visit Para Wirra Conservation Park and count how many bird species you can spot. Compare the species you find with the ones in your own backyard. Get prepared for Bird Life Australia's Aussie Bird Count happening again this October!

4) Take a thermos of hot chocolate on a family bushwalk.

5) Create nature art using leaves, bark, seed pods and rocks.

6) Search for fungi and mushrooms (look, but don't touch!).

7) Visit a local creek or dam and see how it changes after the rain - they come alive during winter!

8) Go puddle jumping in your gumboots (but not your school shoes!)

9) Look and see what areas have bushland understorey - but do not disturb (more about this by Uleybury Wildlife Sanctuary on page 11)

10) Find the biggest gum tree you can and guess its age!



Play in Nature

THIS WINTER

11) Draw or take photos of winter wildflowers and create your own nature journal. (Get some ideas from our 'What's Flowering in my Garden' page about what flowers you might like to plant in your garden too!)

12) Watch the clouds and see what shapes you can find and even draw a picture to match. Winter skies can be spectacular, with vibrant colours and dramatic cloud formations.

13) Visit Hale Conservation Park for a family walk. This park is located in Williamstown.

14) Collect interesting leaves and learn the names of local trees. Maybe even create a collage or make a nature shelf on your bookcase.

15) Listen for frog calls after dark and see how many different sounds you can identify. (There's a great app for this called FrogSpotter from Frog Watch SA.)

16) Enjoy a sunrise or sunset from a local hilltop. OTH Scouts do some great adventures just like this. Find a safe lookout and take a moment to appreciate the beauty of the season.

17) Build a tiny fairy garden or gnome village using natural materials. Plant some winter herbs around it to attract some good critters to your yard.

18) Try a "rainy day scavenger hunt" and search for moss, feathers, gum nuts, different shaped rocks, worms and beetles.

19) Spend an hour outside with no screens and see where your imagination takes you. Being bored outside is the best way to make your own fun (or get up to mischief!)

20) Simply Listen to the Rain. Find a sheltered spot on your veranda, wrap yourself in a blanket, and just listen, winter reminds us that the natural world has its own rhythm.



Photos have been kindly shared by One Tree Hill Playgroup and Friends of Para Wirra

ULEYBURY NATIVE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

by Liane and Brent



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UNDERSTOREY DISAPPEARANCE

When people think about habitat loss, they often picture forests being cleared. But one of the greatest environmental changes in southern Australia happened much closer to the ground.

For thousands of years, the Adelaide Hills were covered not only by trees, but by a rich understorey of native grasses, shrubs, wildflowers, leaf litter and fallen timber. This lower layer provided food, shelter and nesting sites for countless native animals.

Over the past 180 years, grazing by sheep, cattle, goats and rabbits dramatically altered much of the landscape. Native ground cover was eaten faster than it could regenerate, fallen timber was removed, and many areas were left with scattered trees but very little habitat beneath them.

WHILE THE LANDSCAPE STILL APPEARED GREEN, MANY NATIVE ANIMALS LOST THEIR HOMES.

Species such as Southern Brown Bandicoots, Brushtail Bettongs, Long-nosed Potoroos and Fat-tailed Dunnarts rely on dense ground cover for protection from predators and to find food. As the understorey disappeared, so did many of these species.

The loss affected more than wildlife. Fewer digging animals meant less soil turnover, reduced water infiltration and fewer opportunities for native plants to regenerate naturally.

At Uleybury Native Wildlife Sanctuary, restoring this missing layer of habitat has become one of our most important goals. **Over the past several years, we have planted more than 16,000 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses to rebuild the structure of a functioning ecosystem.**

The results are already becoming visible. Bettongs are building nests beneath shrubs, Bandicoots are foraging through leaf litter, and native birds are returning to areas where suitable habitat now exists.

Conservation is about far more than protecting individual animals. It is about rebuilding the complex web of life that supports them.

The next time you walk through native bushland, look beyond the trees. The shrubs, grasses, fallen branches and leaf litter beneath them may not seem important, but they are the hidden homes that allow our wildlife to survive.



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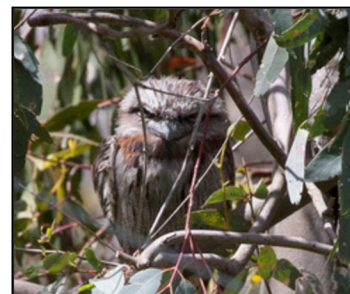
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Birds in my BACKYARD

by Julie Buttery

WHEN IS AN OWL NOT AN OWL?

WHEN IT IS A TAWNY FROGMOUTH!



Pogardus strigoides is the scientific name for the Tawny Frogmouth and it is closer to nightjars than to owls. True owls in Australia may be *Tyto* or *Ninox* family.

The tawny, found over almost all of Australia and common in the south east, is a grey bird, paler below with mottled black above. The eye is yellow and the heavy bill is grey, sometimes quite dark. There is a rufous morph, where the colouring has a more brownish red tone.

Although a night hunting bird, the Tawny Frogmouth has quite weak feet, not capable of taking heavy prey. Instead, it feeds mostly on insects, caught with its beak. Other favoured foods include spiders, worms, snails, wasps, centipedes, and a few small reptiles and frogs with an occasional mouse or small marsupial. It is a large bird, with a disproportionately large head. Weights of about 350 to 400 grams are average. They live about 14 years in the wild although there are known examples to have reached over 20 years old.



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It's call is similar to the Southern Boobook, sometimes called the Mopoke. The Tawny is more mournful, less of a two tone call in my opinion although the difference is slight. (Mopokes are in New Zealand, the Southern Boobook is an Australian owl of the *Ninox* genus found throughout eastern Australia).

Tawny Frogmouths mate for life, spending around ten years together. They roost together during the day, usually in physical contact. The male often grooms the female with his beak during this roosting time. The nests are built in the fork of their tree. They share brood duties, the male taking most of the daytime duty while they share the nighttime work. They both feed their young, taking about 35 days from hatching to ready to leave the nest. During this time, the young are never left alone, with one adult always on a nearby branch if not in the nest.

They inhabit areas with a wide range of temperatures and have developed methods to regulate their body temperature. In cold weather they use the north side of trees, to maximise the sunlight, and huddle together. In summer they use shady areas and may open their beaks. If very hot they can engorge blood vessels in their mouth and then pant, allowing the air flow to cool the blood.

Occasionally they sunbake on the ground, with beaks wide and head turned sideways. In very cold times they may go into torpor. This is similar to hibernation except it only lasts for a few hours. They, and some other birds, use it to get through the energy sapping cold hours of pre-dawn. The body slows, reducing heart rate, breathing and allowing body temperature to drop, sometimes as much as 10 degrees. This reduces the energy demands.

Tawny Frogmouths are at risk from insecticides and rodenticides. The accumulation of toxins causes death months after the first ingestion of the poisons, usually in winter when their demand for stored fat allows the poison to enter the bloodstream. **Flying in front of cars to catch insects, and cats are also major killers of the birds.**

Tawny Frogmouths spend most of their days roosting together on a branch. They are very hard to spot, camouflaging themselves by colour, texture and the characteristic lift of their head.

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Term 2 FUN at Playgroup!

We've had such a lovely start to Term 2, welcoming lots of new faces alongside our beautiful returning families too!

Together, we've celebrated Mother's Day and explored so many fun themes: colours, farm animals, and winter. We also ventured to Para Wirra for bush play, which is always a favourite!

We still have plenty of fun planned for the weeks ahead and would love to see you there!

Much love,
The team at OTH Playgroup.



LEARN, GROW & PLAY TOGETHER!

Join us on Wednesdays at the One Tree Hill Preschool from 9-11am.

We have art & craft activities, sensory play, free play, shared fruit and story time together.

First session is FREE! Everyone is welcome! Ages range from 0-6 Years old.

Please see Term Calendar as it may be the week we have an offsite excursion planned (which of course you are welcome to join too).

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LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S *Report*

CR DAVID KERRISON | CITY OF PLAYFORD

Dear Fellow Ratepayers and Residents,

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

Local Government Elections Amendment Bill 2026 - The State Government's **Local Government (Elections) (Periodic Elections) Amendment Bill 2026** is currently before Parliament and, at the time of writing, remains subject to debate and possible amendment in the Legislative Council.

The Bill proposes cancelling the 2026 periodic council elections and instead holding elections in April 2027. While there are arguments both for and against the proposal, I have concerns that an April election timetable may not align well with Council's Annual Business Plan and budget planning processes, which are important in shaping the future direction of our community. I will continue to monitor the Bill's progress and look forward to seeing what amendments may emerge through the parliamentary process.

Advocating for Our Rural Communities - This month I had the opportunity, together with my fellow Ward 1 Councillor, Clint Marsh, to meet with Glen Carter, Senior Manager City Operations, to discuss a range of community matters affecting One Tree Hill and surrounding rural areas.

I would like to thank Glen Carter and Councillor Marsh for their proactive approach and willingness to work with the community to address local issues. It is always a privilege to advocate on behalf of our residents and help progress matters that are important to our rural communities.

One Tree Hill Streetscape Upgrade - The One Tree Hill Streetscape Upgrade is within Council's Strategic Projects budget for planning works. While concept planning is an

important first step, any future streetscape upgrade will still require funding consideration and support through a future Annual Business Plan.

The project aligns with the One Tree Hill Urban Design Framework (2010) and seeks to enhance the township's main street as a hub for activity, shopping, social interaction and local character. The project aims to improve township identity, pedestrian experience, traffic safety and parking convenience.

Uley Cemetery Upgrade - Works continue at the Uley Cemetery as part of the Open Space Minor Projects Program. The project includes improved pathways, benches and visitor information signage, with completion anticipated in 2026. Following completion, City Operations will develop an ongoing maintenance plan for the site.

Thank you to the many community members who have supported advocacy efforts to improve this important local cemetery, helping preserve and respect the history of our district, our forebears and loved ones.

One Tree Hill Cemetery Update - Progress at the One Tree Hill Cemetery has been slower than many would like; however, important groundwork has now been completed, including the site survey, stormwater pipe condition assessment, CCTV investigations and stormwater design.

The next stage involves replacement pipe works and securing an agreement to traverse SA Water land. Once these stormwater works are completed, attention can turn to longer-term priorities, including renewal of the heritage wall and the development of a broader plan for the future of the cemetery. As always, if there are local matters you would like raised or discussed, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,
David Kerrison



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What's Flowering IN MY GARDEN

by Heather Fischer

It's winter and the wonderful rain keeps coming. **After a wet week last week and 63mls in the gauge, we were lucky to have a few rain-free days.** Many plants have been planted and with plenty of rain predicted, all plants are off to a good start. Many Hakeas are still flowering providing a reliable source of nectar for many birds.

Hakea clavata has started it's Winter flowering season and has the most beautiful pale pink/cream small puff balls of flowers. Hakea franscisiana with it's stunningly beautiful long spikes of brilliant red flowers are a delight to see and marvel at their size, shape and depth of colour. **Early Winter flowering Correas are still looking lovely and with the mid-season Correas now coming into flower there are plenty of red, orange, pink and white flowers to admire and enjoy.**

Diplolaena dampieri, an evergreen perennial from the coastal regions between Geraldton and North West Cape in Western Australia is flowering and putting on quite a show.

This medium-sized shrub will grow 1-4m high and 1.5m to 3m wide in well drained soils in full sun or part shade. **With the common name of Wild Rose this plant has the most amazing pendulous orange red flowers that look like mini lanterns.**

Medium-sized mid-green roundish almost oval shaped leaves cover this plant. The beauty of this plant is the many bright red orange flowers that can swing in the breeze. A pair of Eastern spinebills were seen moving from one flower to another, enjoying the nectar that these flowers produce.

Wild Rose flowers continuously throughout Autumn, Winter and Spring and can be used as a cut flower in a bunch of beautiful Australian Natives. This plant is available for all good nurseries, but I will take some cuttings after flowering, hoping to strike them and plant more out and about to enjoy.

Diplolaena dampieri is such a stunning beautiful flower from a very hardy native - *just beautiful*.



Above: Heather's very own photo of her *Diplolaena dampieri* - isn't she a great photographer!?

RAIN, OH, PRECIOUS

Rain

Living in and around a rural area, we all know how precious water is. In winter, when the rain finally comes, it is a good reminder that every roof and gutter has the potential to collect something useful – other than leaves and bird poo!

We now know that rainwater tanks are not just for big rural properties. Legislation in 2006 required new builds and large extensions to have a rainwater tank as a part of the design, reminding us that we are in fact the driest state in the driest continent.

Now whilst most of us remember the water restrictions of 2008, during the 'Millenium Drought', many of us also still live our lives being water-wise. You have probably seen messages from the Government and SA Water over the years, sharing tips on how to save water in your home, from taking shorter showers to getting dripping taps fixed as soon as you can.

Extra tanks can help alleviate the stress of running out of water if you're not on mains, and if you are, what an even better way to save more water. If you've been meaning to get an extra tank for your property, this is your reminder, so you can make the most of every drop that's free from the sky.

Collecting rainwater is not quite "set and forget". SA Health reminds us that rainwater collection is low maintenance, not no maintenance. Good quality rainwater depends on keeping roofs, gutters and tanks clean and well looked after.

A few simple things can help protect your water quality including keeping gutters clear of leaves, bark and debris, screening tank inlets and overflows to keep mozzies out, and considering a first-flush diverter to stop the first dirty roof run-off entering the tank. There are also considerations to be made about where you collect your water from, where flues, chemicals, lead-based paint can become contaminants, so its best to speak with the experts.

For more information, check out SA Health and:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/energy-efficient-home-design/rainwater-tanks>

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His visit brought plenty of smiles, laughter and cuddles to the residents, making for a memorable day for everyone involved. It's a lovely reminder of the joy animals can bring and certainly gave us a reason to smile.

Do you have a heart-warming animal story from our local area? Email it in to: grapevine@onetreehill.org.au

HANDY HORSE

Hints

from Julie Buttery

Many of us enjoy walking around One Tree Hill and the surrounding district. Along the way, it's common to see horses and ponies in paddocks. Often they'll wander over to the fence, looking curious and friendly. It can be very tempting to offer them a treat. Please don't.

While a slice of carrot, apple or a piece of bread may seem harmless, horse owners carefully manage their animals' diets, and even small treats can cause problems.

Ponies in particular can gain weight very easily. Excess weight can lead to a serious condition called founder (laminitis), which causes painful inflammation within the hoof. In severe cases, it can result in permanent damage to the feet and require extensive veterinary and farrier treatment. Recovery can take many months and, unfortunately, some animals do not survive.

Horses and ponies can also suffer digestive upset or other health issues from inappropriate foods. What may seem like a small treat can have unexpected consequences.



It's also worth remembering that you may not be the only person feeding that animal. A horse that receives "just one treat" from several well-meaning visitors each day may end up consuming far more than its owner intends.

If you'd like to say hello, the best gift you can give is simply your company. Enjoy watching these beautiful animals from a distance and leave the feeding to their owners. Your kindness is appreciated, but so is helping to keep our local horses and ponies healthy.



OTH CFS



Incident Report & Brigade Activities

The OTH CFS Brigade responded to seven incidents across the past month, including, two vehicle fires, two vehicle accidents, one assist SAAS, one tree fire, and one tree down.

- **16th May – Vehicle accident** at 8.30pm, a car v tree on One Tree Hill Rd at Gould Creek. The single vehicle occupants self-extracted, one taken to hospital in a private vehicle, the other treated for shock and chest pain at the scene until SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) arrived. OTH34P and OTH34 provided traffic control until the scene was cleared.
- **19th May – Tree fire** at 11.46am on Gawler One Tree Hill Rd at Yattalunga. OTH34 responded, however the resident had extinguished the fire when the crew arrived.
- **22nd May – Vehicle fire** at 4.35pm on Blacktop Rd at One Tree Hill. OTH34P and OTH34 responded, finding a vehicle with overheated brakes. Crews provided traffic control while the brakes were cooled. After they were determined to be cool via a Thermal imaging camera, OTH34P escorted the vehicle and trailer to the corner of Yorktown Rd and Blacktop Rd to remove the traffic hazard.
- **25th May – Assist SAAS with entry to Jo Gapper Park** at Hillbank. OTH34P crew utilised the "What Three Words" location app to locate the exact position of the person and the SAAS quick response vehicle inside the park.
- **2nd June – Vehicle accident**, car v tree at 1.57pm on One Tree Hill Rd at Gould Creek. OTH34P responded to assist Salisbury MFS with clean up after the vehicle was cleared.
- **5th June – Vehicle fire** at 2.25am at the corner of Gawler One Tree Hill Rd and Uley Rd. OTH34P responded to find a vehicle fully involved and partially blocking the east bound lane. This incident is being investigated by SA Police.
- **13th Jun – Tree Down** at 6.22am on the Gawler One Tree Hill Rd at Yattalunga. OTH34 located a tree partially blocking the road. The crew made quick work of the tree and restore traffic flow.



Brigade members have recently completed **Breathing Apparatus, Basic Firefighter, Strike Team Leader, and Sector Commanders** course.

Congratulations to LTs Ian and Gary, SFF Josh, and FF Quinn, Tom, Brain, Rylan and Matt on completing these courses in their own time on the weekends.

Also, all **Chainsaw qualified firefighters** have completed their annual **Skills maintenance training** ahead of the winter onset.

Dalkeith CFS attended the station with their **Hazmat Truck**, providing OTH CFS members with an increased knowledge of Hazmat incidents and improving our inter-brigade operational expertise.

OTH CFS Cadets attended the **Cadet Field Day in May**, with our cadets show casing their **firefighting skills**. Cadets are also training hard each Tuesday night, see our Facebook page for some great cadet photos.

Members of the Brigade helped the **Blacksmiths Inn** by cooking a BBQ breakfast for patrons on May 16th.

The OTH CFS Brigade celebrated the **"End of Fire Season"** with a **Quiz night**, held at the OTH Institute on May 22nd. The night was filled with good natured competition, plenty of yummy food and drinks. **Thanks to the management committee for their hard work** in supporting the Brigade and organising events such as this one for Brigade members to unwind after a long fire season.

The OTH CFS Brigade members attended the **Shaka Project** presentation night held at the Gawler SES. The Shaka project aims to raise awareness of Mental Health and Suicide by prompting mates to start a conversation with a simple "all good bro" question.

Please drive safely, especially with the changed road conditions on Blacktop Road, and in the rest of our area, as we are well and truly into Winter. As always stay safe, review your Bushfire Ready plan with your family and loved ones, and remember,
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