

One Tree Hill

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# Grapevine



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ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

*Community Magazine*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Term 1 Week 2	3	4	5	6	7 OTH MARKET
8	9 Term 1 Week 3	10	11	12 PROGRESS MEETING	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Term 1 Week 4	17 Happy Lunar New Year	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23 Term 1 Week 5	24	25	26	27	28

\* Bin collection may be delayed due to public holidays



**One Tree Hill Playgroup**  
 Wednesday 9:00am - 11:00am  
 Krysia: 0419 863 077



**The Walkie Talkies**  
 Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun 8:00am  
 Helen: 08 8280 7035



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 Black Top Road, One Tree Hill

Alternate Fridays  
 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
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# EDITOR'S

*Note*



Welcome to the February edition of the *Grapevine*!

We hope you and your families had a wonderful break over the Christmas / New Year season!

Now in 2026 hopefully things are starting to get back to normal for most people. Kids back at school and some starting school for the very first time.

The cover picture celebrates the The One Tree Hill Cricket Club (OTHCC) 150th Anniversary on Saturday 31 January. I'm sure most locals will know someone who plays or has been involved at the Cricket Club over the years.

Feel welcome to send us any of your photos from One Tree Hill and surrounds, we love to see them!

Warm wishes,  
**The Grapevine Team**

Have something to add share with our community?  
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**Gold coin donations are welcome at the OTH General Store, Fodder Store, Post Office, OTH Country Market and Pharmacy to support our local magazine!**

# PRESIDENT'S

*Report*



We are delighted to welcome Alicia as our new hall manager, and our February meeting will be a chance to come along and celebrate Pat as we take a moment to thank her for her amazing commitment to the role.

Planning has commenced for the annual One Tree Hill ANZAC Dawn service. If you would like to be a part of the planning or are available to volunteer on the day please let us know.

At the December meeting, members voted to form a subcommittee to review the constitution, which is currently preparing a draft for presentation to the membership.

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.  
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# One Tree Hill Country Market

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  - Hand-crafted pottery & jewellery
  - Artisan bags & textiles
  - Fresh baked goods
  - Native plants and succulents
- And plenty more to discover!

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First Saturday of the month exc January

One Tree Hill Institute,  
Black Top Road

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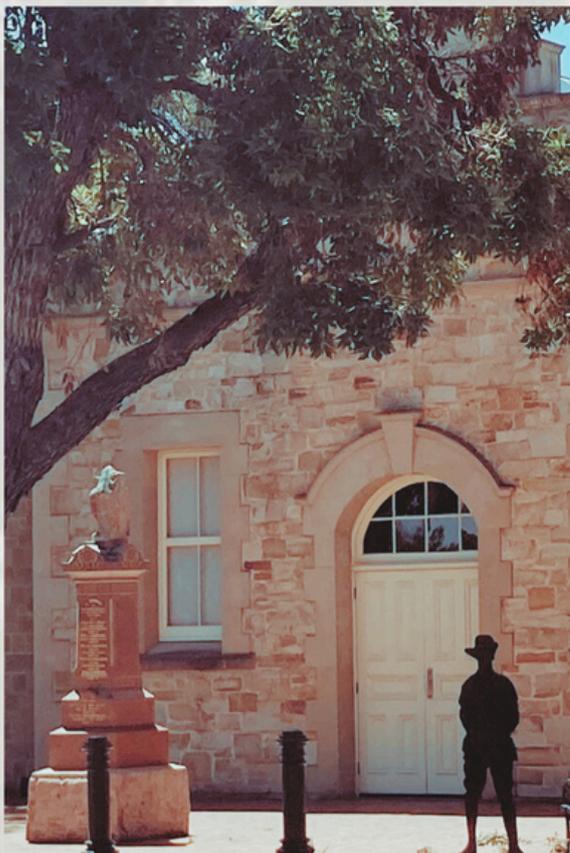
*Market Report - Heather Fischer*

Our local Country Market is back for 2026!

## Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>

Visit the market to browse the many stalls that offer a wide range of lovingly made hand crafted goods. From upcycled tea trays, knitted baby booties, tiled bird baths, pottery mugs, bric-a-brac and so much more.

Do visit our market and catch up with the locals.



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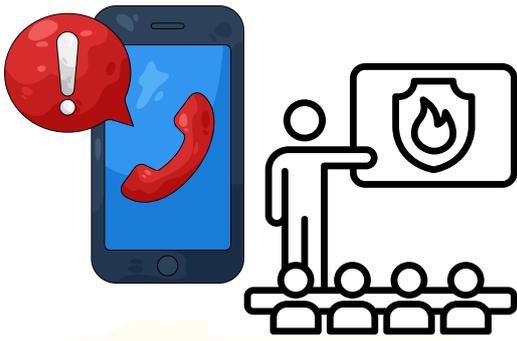
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# Dear Grapevine....

A CHANCE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO HAVE A SAY



Dear Grapevine,  
If there are any Community Fire Safety Groups around? Could the details of them be published for us? I'd like to join one, but don't know if there are any to join. Thank you very much

Dear Grapevine

Just wondering what peoples thoughts are on some of the new names I was going to call my co-workers.

- Sensor light because they only work when someone moves past.
- Wheel barrow because they only work when pushed. 
- Cordless because they take all night to recharge then work for two hours.
- Lantern who is not very bright and needs to be carried. 
- E.T because they always want to go home.
- Deck chair who folds under pressure.
- Teflon because no matter how many times we explain things it just doesn't stick.
- Blister because they always show up after the work is done.
- Glowstick who we just want to break and shake until they work.
- Seagull who flies in, makes everything worse then flies out.

Or my personal favourite:

- Coleslaw because their head must be 90 percent cabbage. 

*I'm not quite sure where HR are located,  
but I'm fairly sure I'm about to find out.*

## SAPOL Community Safety Update

### Offences reported between 15/12/25 and 14/1/26

22 December Recovery of stolen vehicle  
Humbug Scrub Rd HUMBUG SCRUB  
Vehicle stolen from Smithfield Plains – recovered at above location

29 December Arson of Motor Vehicle  
Blacktop Road ONE TREE HILL  
Vehicle parked in driveway and set alight by unknown persons.  
Vehicle destroyed.

29 December Theft of Motor Vehicle  
Kersbrook Road SAMPSON FLAT  
Vehicle stolen from garage/shed on property.  
Vehicle located by Police at Frankton (near Truro) on 2/1/26. 31 year old male from Mt Gambier arrested after Police Helicopter tracked vehicle which left the road and collided with a tree

31 December Residential Serious Criminal Trespass  
Craigmore Road ULEYBURY  
Entry to premises via forcing/smashing front door. Various items stolen from within.

10 January 2026 Property Damage  
Craigmore Road ULEYBURY  
Fence damaged by vehicle doing 'burnouts' – rego obtained from nearby resident however appears false plates attached to vehicle.

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.

Darren McCue  
Senior Sergeant First Class  
Elizabeth Police Station



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
SAFER COMMUNITIES

# LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

*Cr David Kerrison - City of Playford*

Dear Fellow Ratepayers and Residents,

As we begin a new year, I hope everyone enjoyed a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable Christmas and New Year spent with family and friends. I wish you all good health and happiness for 2026.

## **Continuing to Represent Our Community**

I wish to take this opportunity to clearly advise residents that, while I am now a candidate for One Nation in the upcoming State election, I will continue to represent the community and ratepayers of the City of Playford in my role as Councillor for as long as I am permitted to do so under electoral requirements.

Under the State electoral process, I will be required to step down as a Councillor during the period between the issue of the writs (anticipated around 21 February 2026) and polling day (21 March 2026).

If elected, I will no longer be able to serve the community in the capacity of Councillor and would instead serve the people of King as their elected Member of Parliament. If I am unsuccessful at the State election, it is my intention to continue serving the residents and ratepayers of the City of Playford as your Councillor.

Regardless of the outcome, my commitment to this community does not change.

## **Standing Up for Our Rural and Hills Communities**

Wherever I may serve in the future, I will always stand by my hometown and surrounding areas to ensure we are never again unfairly targeted as a rural community, as occurred under the 2017 Rate Review Policy.



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I also remain concerned that future objections or advocacy on behalf of communities—particularly when residents consider decisions unjust or unfair—must never be silenced. Open discussion, respectful disagreement, and strong local advocacy are essential to healthy democracy and community representation.

## **Wearing Two Hats – and Keeping Them Separate**

In the period leading up to the State election, I am conscious that I will, at times, be wearing two hats, and I want to assure residents that I will keep these roles clearly separated.

I will be attending the One Tree Hill Saturday Markets in February and March wearing my One Nation candidate hat. However, I warmly encourage residents to continue speaking with me about council and local government matters at any time. When those conversations occur, I will happily “change hats” and engage with you as your local Councillor.

## **A Personal Reflection**

I never planned to become a Councillor, nor did I ever plan to run for State government. However, I saw a genuine need for strong, local representation and am deeply grateful for the trust and opportunity given to me to serve this community.

I have always sought to represent One Tree Hill and the broader Playford community with integrity, honesty, and respect. I would only be given the opportunity to represent you at the next level with your support, and I remain humbled by that possibility.

Thank you again for your ongoing engagement, your feedback, and your support. I look forward to continuing conversations with many of you throughout the year.



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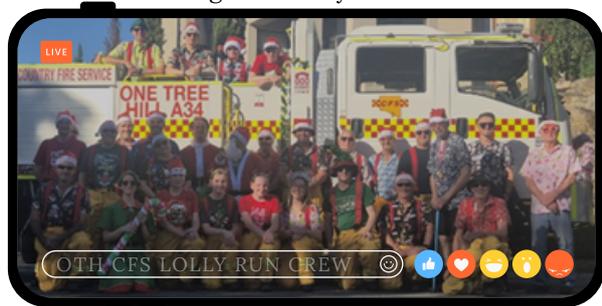
## BRIGADE ACTIVITIES

The Brigade participated in a Guard of Honour for fallen firefighter Peter Curtis along the Northern Express way on the 3rd of December. A sobering reminder of the ever-present danger on the fireground.

The Brigade conducted several visits to local schools during December. OTH Kindergarten was visited on December 2nd and 5th, with the children having a great time asking questions, climbing into the truck and squirting some water at bowling pins. Similarly, a truck and crew visited the Trinity College North OSH with the children enjoying the visit. On each occasion, a strong message of what to do in a house fire was relayed to the children and teachers alike.

The Brigade held their Annual Christmas Party generously hosted at ALRU Farm on Friday 12th December. Thank you to those members' who forewent the festivities to remain on duty if required. Santa made a late appearance much to the delight of the Brigade members children and Grandchildren.

The Annual OTH CFS Christmas Lolly Run on the 17th of December was a highlight for Brigade members, as we gave back to the OTH community that supports us all year round. Santa, Elves and The Grinch all made an appearance on the trucks, as did our Cadets crewing OTHA34. This year the music was coordinated across all trucks, with plenty of lollies to share around. A big thank you to those residents that generously donated to the Brigade.



Lastly, as previously mentioned the Brigade membership has responded quickly to calls for interstate deployments, sometimes at very short notice. We welcomed home three of our Senior firefighters, Steve, Ethan and Josh, on the 16th of January, who represented OTH CFS as part of the Region 1 and 2 Strike team to Victoria. Welcome home guys and congratulations on a job well done.

We are well into the Fire Danger Season, and the threat of a bushfire remains present, please continue to be vigilant and thoughtful within our community. As always stay safe. If you have not reviewed your Bushfire Ready plan with your family and loved ones, then now is the right time to do it. Always remember, **BUSHFIRES DON'T WAIT!**



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<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/bushfire-ready/>

OTH CFS Brigade has experienced an unusual Fire Danger period so far, which began on December 1st in the Mount Lofty Ranges region.

The OTH Brigade attended 10 incidents including, three grass fires, two vehicle accidents, two trees down, a vehicle fire, one assist SAAS, and one animal rescue. The Brigade volunteers also responded to several calls for Interstate Strike teams to WA and Victoria during this period. Members recently travelled to the Victorian fires demonstrating their unselfish devotion to assist when calls from our partner agencies are received.

8 Total Fire Bans (TFB) during this period meant crews held either passive or active standby at the station. These days are quite long, with crews maintaining a heightened level of preparedness, thankfully the crews were not required on those days.

- 21st November OTH34P responded to an animal rescue on the Gawler One Tree Hill Rd at Yattalunga. This incident presented the crew with a very different type of task and role.
- 27th November OTH34P responded to a 2-car vehicle accident on Yorktown Rd, One Tree Hill. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries but there were some very brave children.
- 8th December OTH34 and Para Bulk Water 10 (BW10) responded to a grassfire re-ignition on Port Gawler Rd Two Wells. This incident demonstrated the importance of thorough mopping up, blacking out and patrolling of a fireground.
- 26th December all OTH trucks responded to a grassfire on the corner of Medlow and Craigmere Rd Uleybury. Crews worked well with trucks from Dalkeith CFS, ably supported by aerial bombers.
- 28th December OTH34 and 34P responded to a large tree down on Bassnet Rd Humbug Scrub. Crews cleared the tree quickly and reopened the road.
- 29th December OTH34P responded to a vehicle fire on Blacktop Rd OTH.
- 30th December OTH34 responded to a tree down on the corner of Cornishmans Hill and Kaiser Rd. Crew worked quickly to remove the tree.
- 31st December OTH34P responded to a call to assist SAAS with a patient lift just before midnight.
- 8th January Para BW10 responded to a grassfire in Salisbury East to assist MFS units from Salisbury and Elizabeth, however they received a stop on call before arriving.
- 17th January OTH34P responded to a vehicle accident, a trailer rollover on Kersbrook Rd Sampson Flat.



# WHAT'S FLOWERING *in my garden*

by Heather Fischer  
Humbug Scrub

It's January. It's Summer. Dry heat, panoramic clear blue skies, heat spikes and a short heat wave. There has been no rain in our patch but plenty up to the north and east of Australia. That's our Summer.

Most plants are looking quite good thanks to some reasonable rainfall during late Spring. A few local Eucalyptus leucoxylon trees are in full flower to which many raucous Rainbow Lorikeets are attracted

The Summer flowering Callistemons are putting on a bright display with their various shades of red flowering brushes providing nectar to many nectar loving birds.

It is so good to see a bit of colour in garden at this time of the year.

A drop or two of precipitation would be most welcome as many plants have a thick coating of dust that needs to be washed off.

It might rain soon. Well... it is Summer in Adelaide and surrounding areas.

One of the Verticordia plants is flowering and it always puts on a stunning show of bright purplish pink beautiful flowers at this time of the year.

This small plant, Verticordia monadelphina which grows naturally in southwest of Western Australia will grow up to 1m high and wide and bears small narrow rounded mid-green leaves.

Tiny green elongated flower buds which grow from the leaf axis mature to a dark pink bud with a white cap. After the white cap and outer petals are blown away, a stunningly beautiful tiny purplish pink flower is revealed. Gold tipped stamens surround the centre of this flower but it is the lovely feathery edge of the flower that gives this flowering shrub its common name of Feather Flower.

Being a small rounded plant it would be suitable to grow in pot of good native plant potting mix.

Small insects can be seen visiting this most attractive plant. This plant, with its lovely flowers can be purchased from various specialist native nurseries. It is such a stunner, so lovely, just gorgeous.

Just beautiful.



Verticordia monadelphina will grow in full sun in well drained soils and being very hardy is suitable to grow in a cottage garden type area or as a filler amongst other large plants.

# BIRDS *in my backyard*

by Julie Buttery  
Humbug Scrub

You probably know the New Holland Honey-eater. I wrote about it in April 2024. It is the largest of the local Honey-eaters and quite confident, making it easy to spot. These others are far harder to get a good look at. Indeed, it is only by photography that I have been able to positively identify them.

This Family is Megiphagidae and has 76 species in Australia. All are small birds that primarily feed on nectar, using a brush-tipped tongue to collect the nectar. Because of their nectar feeding needs, they move about their range, following whatever is flowering. Planting a wide variety of native plants will encourage them to stay in your garden. They also eat some insects and some soft fruit but this is a small part of their diet. Those in captivity need to be fed a special supplement to thrive. There is very little difference in the colours between male and female, although typically there are brighter/stronger colours on the males. All have a wing span of 70 to 100mm, making them small but not tiny birds. With most being grey, cream and/or brown the colour differences between species are hard to spot when in flight. You may notice that although they are all the same family, these are from different species (the first word in the italicised name).

The Crescent Honey-eater *Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus* has yellow on the wing edges and a crescent across the upper breast. Juveniles have a less distinct crescent. Its range is the south eastern part of the continent including Tasmania with only a small population around Adelaide.

*Gavicalis virens* is the Singing Honey-eater. A fairly plain brown and fawn bird, it has a tinge of yellow immediately under the eye, with a black stripe through the eye and curving downward. Its notes are quite intrusive in a quiet bushland. Its range is the inverse of the Crescent HE, being almost everywhere except the far eastern fringe of Australia. There are several subspecies but all look very similar.

The White-naped Honey-eater *Melithreptus lunatus* is the most different of these honey-eaters. Its white nape (back of the neck) is hardly an easy to see feature, while its red patch above the eye tends to stand out. Its black cap, extending down the neck is also quite different from other local honey-eaters. Its back is much more olive green and belly much paler than the usual brown/grey of other honey-eaters. Its range is along the coast from Adelaide to Cairns and in the south west of WA.

The White-plumed Honey-eater *Ptilotula pencillata* ranges over most of Australia except the tropics and the Nullarbor. There are several subspecies with variations in the depth of colour between them. The distinctive plume of white runs across the neck with a grey line above it. Otherwise the bird is grey-olive and darker on the back than the belly. These actively hunt the lerps that damage the gum trees.

The Yellow-faced Honey-eater *Caligavis chrysops* is another grey-brown bird with a yellow stripe running just below his eye. He also sports two black stripes, one above and one below the yellow. His range is also the eastern area, extending a little further inland than the Crescent or White-naped.



When a koala comes into care and is successfully rehabilitated to go back to the wild they are ear tagged.

Recently we have had two tagged koalas that were released into the One Tree Hill area. One needing our help to be relocated and the other sadly hit by a vehicle and did not survive.

Ear tagged koalas can tell us a lot. How far they are travelling, if they have stayed in the area or if they have moved to another location.

In Philomena's case have they been successful in raising their Joey.

If you ever see a tagged koala we would love to hear from you. Male koalas are tagged in the left ear and females in the right ear.

Different rescue groups have different colour ear tags and we can tell which group the koala was tagged by.

Even if the koala is deceased the information is still very useful.



100% of donations go to koala rescue, care and conservation. We rely on your generosity to continue our important work. Find out more here



Bentley was rescued after falling into a creek and after being checked by a vet he came into care then released. Bentley was hit and killed on the Gawler to One Tree Hill Rd, One Tree Hill exactly four years after being released.

**Koala Rescue is a 100% volunteer run, local not-for-profit charity**



Philomena and Joey  
Photo Credit Kelly

Philomena came into care after surviving a dog attack and had a pinkie in her pouch when released. Philomena and her now back rider Joey were reported running up and down Uley Rd on numerous occasions. Thankfully when spotted on the last occasion Philomena and her Joey were ushered up a tree to safety and were both captured and released back to a safer location

## ULEYBURY NATIVE

by Liane and Brent

### Wildlife Sanctuary



If you've ever heard a thump-thump on the roof, spotted glowing eyes in the torchlight, or found half-chewed blossoms on the verandah, you've probably met a possum. They can be cheeky, clever, and sometimes a little too comfortable around people

— but possums are native wildlife, and they play a genuine role in keeping our bushland healthy. In South Australia, the two most common are the Common Brushtail Possum and the Common Ringtail Possum. Brushtails are sturdy and adaptable, which is why they're more likely to show up in sheds and roof spaces, especially where old hollow-bearing trees have been removed. Ringtails are generally smaller and often build leafy nests called dreys, using their curled tail like a fifth limb as they move through the canopy. Both species belong here, and both contribute more than most people realise. Possums are part of the bush's "night shift". While we sleep, they move through their territory



feeding on leaves, buds, flowers and fruit. This helps with natural pruning, and as they travel they can assist with seed dispersal and pollination, supporting regeneration in connected habitats. They're also a vital link in the food web, providing prey for native predators like powerful owls.

### Possums: Australia's Night-Shift Neighbours (and Why They Matter)



Sadly, possums frequently end up in trouble due to car strikes, dog attacks, habitat loss, entanglement in netting or wire, secondary poisoning (including rodent baits), heat stress, and orphaning when a mother is killed. If you ever find a possum out during the day, sitting low and not moving away, or a deceased possum on the roadside, treat it seriously and check carefully for a joey. If you find an injured or orphaned possum: secure pets, gently contain the animal in a ventilated box with a towel, keep it warm, dark, and quiet, and do not feed or give water. Then contact a licensed wildlife rescue or carer immediately. Possums aren't "pests" — they're neighbours trying to survive in a changing landscape.

With small actions like driving carefully at night, supervising dogs, using wildlife-safe netting, planting natives, and avoiding baits, we can help them thrive. Even consider a possum box in your yard so possums are less likely to enter the roof space!

PROTECT, RESPECT, RESTORE



# NEW LOCATION FOR OUR *Legacy Playgroup*

**One Tree Hill Playgroup is moving! A fresh day and a new location will mark an exciting new chapter for our local Playgroup in 2026.**

**NEW DAY & LOCATION:  
WEDNESDAYS | 9AM-11AM  
ONE TREE HILL PRESCHOOL**

Formerly held Mondays at the Hall, Playgroup's new location will continue to foster the strong sense of community families have cherished for generations

**One Tree Hill Playgroup began around 1974**, originally held at Jill's home, where a group of local mums - including Margaret, Fran, Leonie and Carlene - came together to support one another and provide play opportunities for their children.

As the group grew to around ten children, it soon became clear that more space was needed. The matter was taken to the One Tree Hill Progress Association, and the Hall (also known as the One Tree Hill Institute) was generously offered as the Playgroup's new home.

Over the decades, local mums (and some dads!) have continued to run Playgroup every week during school terms - rain, hail or shine. However, during COVID, coordinators Charlotte and Julie faced particularly difficult times when coming together was a challenge. Yet Playgroup endured, continuing to provide a vital sense of connection and normality for local families.



Last year saw Kryisia and Beth team up to take on Playgroup, introducing a new administrative system and expanding craft activities and sensory experiences to suit the growing number of young families in the community.

Social media manager Meagen Haywood helped engage an audience via Instagram that went well beyond One Tree Hill, welcoming visiting families from Roseworthy through to Mount Barker.

As Playgroup grew, so did the team, with local mum Katrina helping share the weekly responsibilities of setting up and packing away.

**In recognition of its impact, One Tree Hill Playgroup was nominated for Playgroup SA's 2025 "People's Choice of the Year", receiving heartfelt and positive feedback from families across the region.**

"Playgroup has provided a home-away-from-home for families to enjoy a comfortable space where their children can interact with other children and adults as they explore sensory activities and themes that support learning," says Coordinator Kryisia. "We are always looking for parents and grandparents who may like to lend a helping hand - whether that's cutting up fruit, assisting with activities, or simply spending time with the children. Every bit of support helps keep our Playgroup thriving."

"Connection and finding community is truly vital for mums to thrive in parenthood," shares Melanie Potter from *Finding Mum - Postpartum Care*. "Conversations about the realness of motherhood - the beauty and the chaos - are invaluable for new and seasoned mums alike. We all need a 'village'. Playgroup creates a safe, fun environment for friendship and support."

The staff of One Tree Hill Primary School and Preschool have welcomed the Playgroup with the utmost support, with hopes that this new location will help strengthen community connections for all - fostering a journey of education, belonging and friendship from babies and beyond.

# OTH CRICKET CLUB

*Celebrating 150 years!*



The One Tree Hill Cricket Club (OTHCC) celebrated its 150th Anniversary on Saturday 31 January, inviting families, past players and supporters who have stood beside the Club over generations.

Most local families will know someone who plays or has been involved at the Cricket Club, its presence in the community becoming a true staple of country living.

The Club calls the McGilp Oval and Clubrooms home, where the buzz begins on Tuesday and Thursday nights for training, continues on Friday evenings for junior matches, and comes alive again Saturdays for senior games. With the bar open and the snags on, the community gathers around a shared love of this great Australian sport.

The Club's story began in 1876, when a group of local friends came together to play in a cricket carnival at a Gawler oval. Originally known as Munno Para East Cricket Club, the turn of the century saw the Club formally established under its permanent name: the One Tree Hill Cricket Club.

Over the years, many players have left their mark. Brian "Gubbo" Walter holds the remarkable record of 507 games played, followed closely by Stuart "Olly" Oliver with 487 games and Danny Stevens with 485.

Today, the Club fields three senior teams, three junior teams (two under 10s and an under 12s) and facilitates the Woolworths Blasters for under 8s. These are more junior sides than seen in some time – reflecting the changing demographic of One Tree Hill and the strong family-focused culture the Club is proud to maintain.

"We want this Club to remain family-friendly, with a clear pathway for our juniors to become our future seniors, guided and coached by the lads who are already an integral part of our club," said Luke Lister, President of OTHCC.

The Club is also proud to have our local pub, The Blacksmiths Inn as a major sponsor which has helped bring the Club closer to the community of One Tree Hill.

Adding to the Club's unique character is its very own locally brewed lager, Billie's Lager, produced in South Australia by SixTwelve Brewing. Those lucky enough to sample the brew may notice a poem on the back of the can, which reads:

RUNS WERE SCORED,  
WICKETS WERE TAKEN,  
CATCHES WERE DROPPED,  
STUMPINGS WERE MISSED,  
WIDES WERE BOWLED...

BUT WIN OR LOSE,  
THE SOUND OF LEATHER ON WILLOW  
HAS ECHOED THROUGH  
ONE TREE HILL SINCE 1876.  
GO THE BILLIES!

Long-time member Darren "Kumba" Phillis played a key role in bringing these words together and has been part of the Club for 35 years.

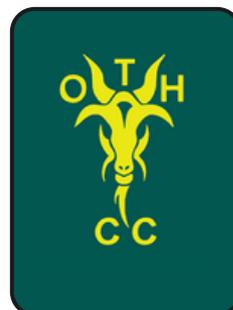
"To me, the Club is a group of blokes I've known for a long time – a bunch of good fellas," Darren said. "We've been there for each other through the good times and the bad; celebrating birthdays and weddings and supporting one another through funerals too."

Darren says one of the Club's cornerstone families has been the Walter family, with Lance, Brian and Adam all playing significant roles in shaping the OTHCC culture.

"This place has character," he said. "For us, having fun comes first and winning is secondary."

Anyone's welcome to visit the Club during training and matches to see what it's all about.

Here's to another 150 years!



Follow the QR Code to reach OTHCC's PlayHQ to find out more about how to get involved!



# CRICKET CLUB *Results*

*November 2025 - January 2026*

Date	Match	Result
21/11/25	ATCO 11/58 (P Grogan 3/8) v	OTH won by 120 runs
	OTH U10 Gold 5/178 (W Schultz 29)	
	Craigmore U10 Navy 7/140 (Z Schultz 3/4) v	Craigmore won by 64 runs
	OTH U10 Green 10/78 (Gillett 9)	
	Craigmore Navy U12 5/107 (Z Liebelt 2/1) v	
OTH U12 5/100 (H Friel 31*)	Craigmore won by 7 runs	
22/11/25	Adelaide Union v	Match Abandoned without a ball bowled
	OTH A	
	Craigmore D 2/18 (Fumer 1/14) v	Match Abandoned
	OTH B	
	OTH C 5/100 (Bl Jarman 46*) v	Athelstone won by 2 wickets
	Athelstone F 8/110 (BB Jarman 5/22)	
28/11/25	Angle Vale U10 v OTH U10 Gold	Match Abandoned
	Eastern Park U19 v OTH U19 Green	Match Abandoned
	OTH U12 v Virginia U12 Black	Match Abandoned
29/11/25	OTH A 9/187 (Balloch 75) v	OTH won by 140 runs
	Central United 47 (Jacob's 3/8)	
	Two Wells 4/107 (D Bayram 2/14) v	OTH won by 8 wickets
	OTH B 2/110 (Moorehead 49*)	
	Parafield Gardens F v OTH C	OTH won by forfeit
5/12/25	Craigmore U10 Navy 8/100 (Prouse 4/11) v	OTH won by 1 run
	OTH U10 Gold 3/101 (Prouse 21)	
	Virginia U19 Black 3/134 (M Miller 1/18) v	Virginia won by 51 runs
	OTH U10 Green 4/83 (Gillett 13)	
	Craigmore U12 White 26 (M Liebelt 1/1) v	OTH won by 110 runs
	OTH U12 3/139 (Coomber 26*)	
6/12/25	Eyre Royals C 177 (M Friel 3/11) v	OTH won by 8 wickets
	OTH A 4/181 (Steven's 88*)	
	Para Vista B 5/145 (Mead 1/9) v	OTH won by 4 wickets
	OTH B 6/147 (Stewart 38)	
	Eyre Royals G 7/181 ( ) v	OTH won by 5 wickets
	OTH C 5/184 (B Watson 52)	

12/12/25	OTH U10 Gold v OTH U10 Green	Match Abandoned without a ball bowled
	Eyre Royals U12 v OTH U12	
13/12/25	Adelaide Warriors B 8/291 (M Friel 2/25) v	Adelaide Warriors won by 37 runs
	OTH A 7/254 (Stutley 79)	
	OTH B 7/193 (Holman 58) v	OTH won by 48 runs
	ATCO D 8/145 ( )	
	Enfield United D 162 (H Friel 3/28) v	
OTH C 5/163 (B Ryall 103)	OTH won by 5 wickets	
9/1/26	OTH U12 8/100 (H Friel 32) v	Angle Vale won by 18 runs
	Angle Vale U12 4/118 (H Friel 1/8)	
10/1/26	OTH A 7/232 (Lister 59) v	OTH won by 144 runs
	ATCO B 88 (L Manning 6/23)	
	OTH B 8/189 (Trainer 36) v	Eastern Park won by 2 wickets
	Eastern Park B 8/171 (Chester 4/46)	
OTH C v Virginia D	OTH won by forfeit	
16/1/26	Virginia Black 3/102 (Hariyono 1/12) v	Virginia won by 12 runs
	OTH U10 Gold (Prouse 28)	
	Eyre Royals U10 15/82 (Gillett 4/3) v	OTH won by 89 runs
	OTH U12 Green 2/181 (F Miller 17)	
	Eyre Royals U12 5/91 (Z Liebelt 1/5) v	Eyre Royals won by 6 runs
OTH U12 85 (Robert's 29)		
17/1/25	Smithfield 5/182 (Snow 3/42) v	OTH won by 4 wickets
	OTH A 6/188 (Stutley 77)	
	OTH B 3/307 (Mead 72) v	OTH won by 221 runs
	Parafield Gardens 88 (Moorehead 4/10)	
	Athelstone F 132 (B Ryall 3/0) v	Athelstone won by 79 runs
	OTH C 53 (Coomber 18*)	

## HORSE HINTS

### *Nervous Rider*

by Julie Buttery

Humbug Scrub

Are you or do you know a nervous rider?

Ask why they are nervous. Generally it can be any of three basic reasons.

- They are inexperienced: so they should have some nervousness. Horses are large animals with a mind of their own.
- The rider needs time to understand the process and learn.
- They have a disability that makes riding more difficult.

Personally, I have poor proprioception. What does this mean? It means that the person has a poor awareness of their body. They are not certain where their body is. A test is to ask them to close their eyes and balance on one foot without touching anything. Other variations of this is poor ability to judge how hard they are pressing.

How can you expect someone who can't balance on one foot to be able to easily balance on a moving object such as a horse's back?

The horse is not suitable for the rider at this stage. A horse that is too big, too small, too lively, too independent is going to cause the rider to have some difficulty managing the horse. Find them a safer horse.

Notice that I am in no way suggesting the nervous rider is at fault. They have a problem that needs to be addressed.

A frequent issue is a parent who buys a horse that is not suitable for the child. They think the child will grow into the horse. THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN. Either there is an accident or the child loses interest in the activity. I am guilty as charged of this. I should have found a safe 14hh horse when my daughter outgrew her 10hh pony. They were (and still are) rare and so she stopped riding.

# ONE TREE HILL *Uniting Church*



Our annual Carols in the Garden celebration took place on Sunday, 21st December, bringing our community together for an evening of Christmas cheer. We enjoyed singing much-loved carols, watching the delightful Nativity presentation by the JAM Group (our Sunday School children), and sharing tea, coffee, and traditional mince pies to finish the night. It was a truly joyful and memorable evening. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us and helped make this festive event so special.



## *Sunday Morning Service*

**10:00am**

### **JAM - (Jesus and Me)**

The children's church program (JAM) runs every Sunday at 10.00 am during the school term, taking place alongside the main Service.

School-aged children are always welcome to join us each week as we gather at 10 am throughout the term.

### **WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERAL**

The church is available for any of the above Services.

### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Wednesday evenings  
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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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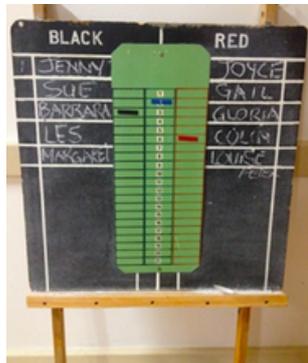
## Those Were the Days

### A VERY SENIOR CITIZEN REMEMBERS...

Gladys Humphreys came out to Australia in 1960 with her husband Fred as 10 pound migrants. They worked hard, built a couple of houses, raised two children and loved living in One Tree Hill in the '80s. At 103, Gladys recently told us all about the OTH Senior Citizens Association and how much fun they had in those days.

Sometime in 1987, Eric Chippett (the then manager of the OTH Hardware Store) received a complaint that there was "nothing for seniors to do in One Tree Hill". He quickly responded by calling a meeting in the Institute's back room, now the modern kitchen. About 10 locals, mostly women including Gladys, turned up and formed the OTH Seniors Association on the spot. They decided that all present were now members of the new club's committee. Today, Gladys is the last remaining founding member.

The Salisbury Bowling Club donated their first indoor mat, with members supplying their own bias bowls. Rotary later donated a second mat, and two more were added through membership funds. One of their members built a sturdy metal frame on wheels to help roll out the mats, and 4 simple scoreboards to head up each mat and team.



### A LIVELY CLUB LIFE

As Gladys recalls, "we had a very good club - there was never any unpleasantness between the men and women". They built up a membership of over 50 who got up to all sorts of fun things like putting on shows, revues, running a choir, trips to interesting venues. One of their members enjoyed singing accompanied by her pianist boyfriend. Non-bowlers set up card tables for various card games, and afternoon tea was a chatty break.

Gladys organised several "Knobbly Knees" competitions - all the men had to roll up their trousers and form a chorus line behind a sheet with only their knees showing. Voting was anonymous!

(Ed: a local CFS volunteer won that once - perhaps a forerunner of our CFS calendars full of handsome Firies?).



### "WE MADE IT SUCH A HAPPY PLACE"

The Seniors enjoyed celebrating every major and minor social occasion from Pancake Day to Christmas. Then there was Soup Day - everyone brought along a tin of soup to pour into one big pot. Along with lots of buttered bread, every 'potluck' soup always turned out beautifully.



Ladies competed in Best Ladies Hat competition at Melbourne Cup pub lunches. For over 30 year, local pianist Trevor Bateman treated them to 'golden oldies' for a couple of hours while they bowled. In the last 10 years, the men tended to sit together at the afternoon tea forming an Old Boys Club.



This included local legends, the late Lance Walter and Fred Riley, OTH's personal WWII Spitfire Pilot, who loved to cheer on the bowling. In 2017, they persuaded Playford's Mayor, Glenn Docherty, to cut their 30th anniversary cake and show off his undercover bowling skills. However, despite steady advertising efforts, membership started its slow and inevitable downhill slide due to age.

### AND THEN ALONG CAME COVID

As has happened to many clubs, Covid took a dramatic toll on attendance - people became very scared of venturing out. Numbers dropped from over 20 members in 2017 to 6 and the sad decision was taken to close the indoor bowling in 2023.

Their constitution stipulated that on disbanding the Club, the equipment had to be given away, not sold. Eventually the Gawler Bowling Club happily took over everything after members had kept some memorabilia. They all still miss the bowling and their pretend rivalries.

Yet after nearly 40 years, friendship ties have stayed strong, and numbers have built up again thanks to friends and family members joining their 9 pub lunches a year to socialise and catch up on all the goss. Our Gladys is well into her 2nd century and lives happily close by. She is pretty fit, spritely and loves getting around to her clubs and friends. "I've done a lot of things!" she said with a definite twinkle and a grin - her proven tip for a long life is "moderation in all things".  
Ed: All the Club's records will eventually be lodged with the State Library by request.

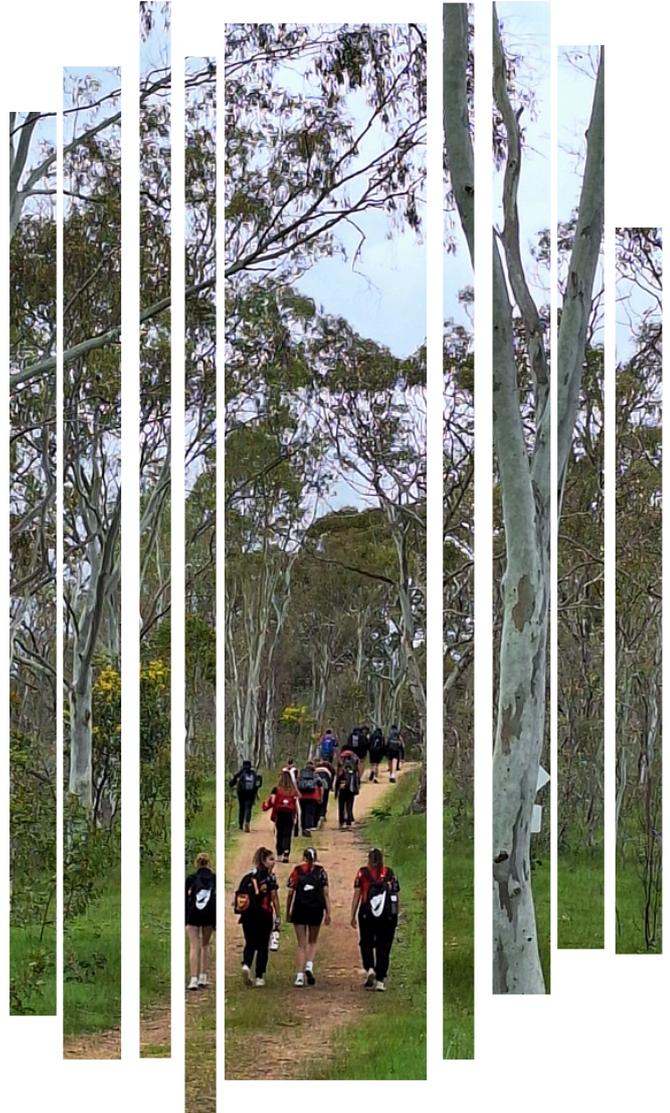
# Friends of *Para Wirra*

Michele Knight, co-editor  
FOPW newsletter  
with thanks to Steve Taylor and Anne Stone for photos and suggestions

After a busy year of bushcare, the Friends of Para Wirra enjoyed a Christmas barbeque at historic Bowden's Cottage near the northern end of Para Wirra Conservation Park.

During 2025, we hosted visits from the One Tree Hill scouts, One Tree Hill Primary School and Trinity College. We held wildflower walks, reciprocal visits and bushcare sessions with the Friends of Anstey Hill, Roachdale Reserve (near Kersbrook) and the Semaphore Largs Dunes Group. We won several grants, which funded contractors to help us tackle boneseed, watsonia, olives and garden escapee weeds in some of the more inaccessible parts of Para Wirra.

2026 looks like being another busy year in the park, with lots of bushcare and some track maintenance activities planned. Our next regular bushcare sessions are scheduled for Thursday 5 February and Saturday 21 February, 9am-12 noon.



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joining our friendly group.

Check out our Friends of Para  
Wirra Facebook page for some  
great photos of the group at  
work.



Keep a look out for these colourful gems on show at Devils Nose carpark through January: *Lobelia gibbosa* "False orchid" [photo by Darren Williams].

# SEEN ANY SILVERLEAF NIGHTSHADE?

Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*), also known as Tomato Weed:



- is summer active, reproducing by seed and vegetatively by root fragments.
- can be toxic to stock and competes with crops and pastures.
- forms large, clonal infestations that are not easily controlled due to its deep and connected root systems.
- contaminated soil and livestock are the common culprits of spreading the weed onto clean properties.
- Control with herbicide is most effective
- Early slashing can help prevent seed set and help to synchronise growth stages of subsequent shoot emergence and reduce number of herbicide treatments for that season.

**Early detection is important as once established silverleaf nightshade is very difficult to manage, so regularly check your land and promptly control before seed set.**

## Rascally Rabbits



Wild European rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) are a serious pest across much of Australia with local populations spiking over the last few years. 1 pair of rabbits can become 184 rabbits in just 18 months in good conditions.

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- gardens, lawns and vegetable crops
- revegetation, native vegetation and habitat, and
- undermine sheds, tanks and other infrastructure.

They cause soil erosion, with warrens posing a safety risk, and cost agriculture millions in production losses a year.

Control is more effective when combining methods such as:

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- warren destruction and fumigation
- exclusion fencing, cage trapping
- shooting, ferreting

**Coordinated community action is critical so talk to your neighbours and plan together—cooperation is key to success!**

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<https://pestsmart.org.au/toolkits/european-rabbits/>

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