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# NO LOVE LOST IN VIRAL WARFARE!



All you need is Love! Top of the Torrens Theatre group have not been immune from the reactions to the Covid-19 virus, but their next performance 'LOVE! LOVE? LOVE...' will still go on show in No-

vember this year instead of the mid-year time-slot. Some of our cast and many of our audience fit into the vulnerable health bracket and therefore we don't wish any additional health risks to them.

We also would hate for you to miss out on this wonderful show, so this is the best solution.

The many enthusiastic young cast members are very disappointed not to be per-

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we cannot see. There are other things in life that can potentially harm us, but we do not need to despair because Jesus is able to help and keep us in times of trouble.

"Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me." So wrote Henry Francis

Lyte in the first verse of his well-known and well-loved hymn 'Abide with Me'. As Christians, we believe that Jesus does abide with us through every difficult circumstance and trouble that we face. We believe that God is in control and that, for those who are willing to believe and want to understand, He has told us in advance what will happen and it is recorded for us in the Bible.

We want to share the message of the free gift of salvation offered to all people who come to acknowledge their need and helplessness apart from God. The gift of eternal life that Jesus has made possible for us is available to all

who come to Him because Jesus is the only true 'help of the helpless' and He does not change even when everything around us does. He is able to forgive and welcome those who recognize their need for forgiveness and come to Him in faith.

Psalms 91:14-16 (NRSV) gives assurance of God's care and protection:

*"Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation."*

Jesus' admonition to be careful is recorded in Matthew 7:13-14 (NRSV): *"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it."* But Jesus' encouragement to diligently seek is also recorded: *"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you"* (Mat 7:7). Sometimes troubled times can lead to new discoveries. The Bible is still available for all who desire to find out what it teaches, and evidence of fulfilled prophecy abounds. We believe that, although God will not force us to come to Him, we all matter very much to Him.

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We take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best in these most difficult of times and look forward to welcoming you back to the TOTT when this crisis has passed and it is once again safe to do so.

Artist Members please note that there will be limited opportunity to collect work from the Gallery if you wish to do so (please note that this is not a necessity). You will be contacted further in this regard once these arrangements are settled.

Kind regards,

Rosie Trenerry (on behalf of the Top of The Torrens Committee)



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# Post-fire an opportunity for easier woody weed control

Controlling weeds can seem overwhelming, particularly if you have large infestations in tricky areas to access. Added to the sense of difficulty is often a lack of know how.

However, in some areas affected by the Cudlee Creek fire, much of the weed biomass has been burnt away. This means that if done soon, control can be done more quickly with less effort and cost than usual. An added benefit is less herbicide spray needs to be used.

Controlling woody weeds post fire will give your pasture and your native vegetation the best possible chance to recover, eliminating competition and opening up the space to allow in moisture and light.

Many woody weeds re-

sprout after fire, and these young growing shoots are an ideal target for control, if timing is done correctly. The freshly growing canes of blackberry, for example, are ready to spray when they reach about 70cm in length. This amount of growth allows enough herbicide to be translocated to the roots to kill the whole plant (spraying shorter shoot lengths will probably not provide adequate control).

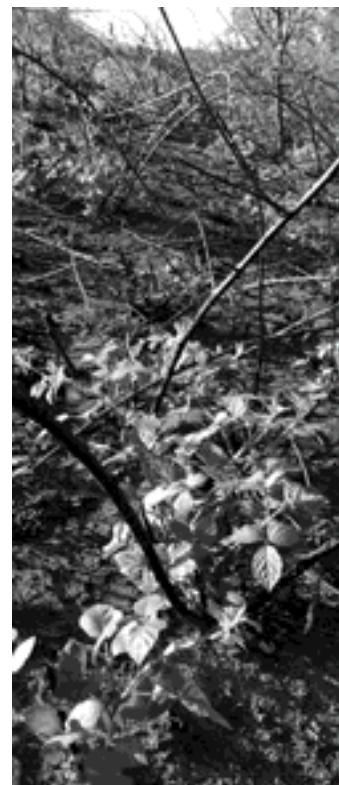
Any woody weed control is most effective if continued for at least 3-5 years. This will ensure that your efforts continue to pay off. This is also a great time to talk to your neighbours around working together and supporting each other to control woody weeds.

Other woody weeds found in the Adelaide Hills which

can be tackled now include African boxthorn, Broom (English and Cape), Gorse, Hawthorn, Olive and Willow. These weeds are serious pests, outcompeting native pasture grasses and vegetation, colonising creek lines, and degrading natural habitat.

Detailed information on control methods can be found on the Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges webpage. Search online for Natural Resources **AMLR Land, livestock and pasture care after fire**

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# NO LOVE LOST IN VIRAL WARFARE!

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The songs, skits and costumes in this colourful variety type show are already coming together to create a very funny and entertaining production. When it does go to stage, it will be a great celebration for everyone.

In the meantime, we encourage you all to stay safe, keep a lookout for your vulnerable neighbours, and use the opportunity to do all the things that get squeezed out of your usual calendar - go for a walk, have a cuppa with your neighbour (with a 1.5metre distance, on the veran-

dah!), ride a horse, do a jigsaw, read a book, renovate some furniture, dust off the board games, ring up a lonely friend and talk to each other! Love will prevail!

Advertising for November production dates will begin in August, here in the Grapevine and in all the usual places, but if you wish to be put on an email notification list, email your name to [mysticmeg@adam.com.au](mailto:mysticmeg@adam.com.au) with 'subscribe to TOT' in the subject, and you will be 'in the know' in time to book a front row table at every future one of our popular events!

## Dear readers and advertisers,

It feels like barely a month ago that life was going along smoothly, plans were being made, holidays booked etc.

Then came the outbreak of the COVID 19 virus, which currently dominates the news and our lives.

The speed of which Australia and rest of the world has been affected has been quite frightening. It still feels like some kind of bad dream, or a plot from an action/end of the world movie. This is an event that is effecting every one of us in some way - an event Australia, at least in my lifetime, has not experienced.

With the ever changing rules and restrictions because of this pandemic, and the general state of the economy, we have decided that it is not viable for Along the Grapevine to continue in its current format for at least the next month or two. So after this edition we will be taking a break from printing a paper edition every fortnight.

This decision was made, not only due to the decline in advertising, but mostly due to the decline in community news, which is after all, what we are all about! With the cancellation or rescheduling of basically every community event, it is becoming a real struggle to fill our pages. There were also the issues of less foot traffic with people doing the right thing and staying home, and businesses/outlets that we deliver to being closed.

We realise this will be disappointing to many people, as it is to us. We invite you all to keep sending in your emails and we will endeavour to get your notices and articles published on our facebook page. Please like us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/grapevine.adelaide.hills/](https://www.facebook.com/grapevine.adelaide.hills/))! We are also planning an online only edition at some stage down the track. This will be available for viewing and download on our website ([www.alongthegrapevine.com](http://www.alongthegrapevine.com)). Please subscribe on our website to receive Along the Grapevine via email!

Despite all this I am confident we will emerge on the other side, due to the amazing country Australia is, with leaders who are doing their best to support and protect their citizens. We are truly a blessed country!

**God bless and stay safe.**

**Samuel Burford (editor)**

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# *A Message from the Mayor*

*"The bushfires brought us together. Don't let the virus push us apart."*

The Hills is a caring community and it is important we work together to overcome COVID-19 (Coronavirus) challenges and prioritise the needs of our more vulnerable residents.

As individuals we all have a part to play in slowing the spread of the virus and I thank you for your patience and diligence in putting social distancing measures into effect. For those of you also affected by the Cudlee Creek bushfire, please be assured that we will continue to maintain a focus on our bushfire recovery efforts.

Your Council is implementing a planned response to ensure crucial services to the community can continue, albeit in a limited or changed format, in order to protect the health and wellbeing of our residents and staff.

Following decisions and announcements from the Federal and State Government we have closed our libraries, community and service centres.

Book borrowing services are still available via a 'call and collect' service. Simply phone us on 8408 0420 or email [library@ahc.sa.gov.au](mailto:library@ahc.sa.gov.au) and we will help you select some interesting items.

We are also looking to increase our home delivery service to assist those in need and library chutes are open 24 hours to allow returns.

Other measures aimed at limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community include temporary suspension of some services and cancellation or postponement of events, activities or programs that present a risk to public safety.

Where possible we are exploring options for the delivery of programs, consultations, networking and cultural activities to our community through online forums and platforms, while acknowledging that not everyone has online access. The implications of social distancing are greater for people who are already socially isolated so we are coordinating a program of phone contact for our elderly residents.

The following services have been suspended for the foreseeable future with our staff focusing on alternative ways to serve you.

- All libraries and service centres
- Mobile library service
- Programs delivered at the libraries, community centres and Positive Ageing centre
- Community bus services
- Booking of community rooms in Council facilities

As Australia faces this ongoing challenge, the impact on many of our businesses is likely to be significant. Our businesses are the essence of our region offering greatly valued employment, services and experiences. We encourage all our residents to support them in any way you can, as they find new and innovative ways to continue. For our business owners, we encourage you to keep a watchful eye on the websites for the Australian and South Australian Government that may provide some assistance during these challenging times.

We have reduced the number of staff in our offices to conform to social distancing recommendations as well as ensuring business continuity in the event of staff illness.

The situation in Australia and South Australia is constantly changing so it is important to keep up to date and take heed of all health and travel advice from the Federal Department of Health and SA Health websites. Also visit Council's COVID-19 information page at [engage.ahc.sa.gov.au](http://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au), call 8408 0400, or follow our social media channels for more information.

In closing, I would like to share with you some comments made at a Bushfire Recovery Committee meeting in Woodside. One committee member stated that coming from the Adelaide plains he was greatly moved by the incredible sense of community support he'd witnessed across and outside the fire scar. He had never experienced it to this extent during thirty years living in South Australia and he congratulated our Adelaide Hills communities for developing such a culture, despite the distances between the townships and isolation of some households.

Take great care in this time of change and uncertainty, as individuals, families and community members. Hold fast to the values that bind us and we will come through this crisis together.

Dr Jan-Claire Wisdom  
**Mayor**  
**Adelaide Hills Council**

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side, have updated procedures to manage the risks associated with COVID-19, while also doing everything possible to continue serving valued clients, helping them by prepare Wills, administer Estates, negotiating Property Settlements due to Relationship breakdown.

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## Lions Update

The Torrens Valley Lions Club hope that you are keeping safe and following the necessary protocols to keep you, your family, colleagues and the community safe.

As such, our Club is also following these protocols and will not be attending any Club meetings until further notice. We will however keep in touch with each other using the various electronic means available.

Most of our fundraising has been cut to almost zero, the only fundraising we have on at present is the 5c & 10c drive - donation boxes in various businesses within our local towns. With the community staying home we do not expect to collect much in the coming few months but will hopefully fill up when we are

all out and about again.

Getting bored being at home? few ideas - declutter cupboards and drawers in the kitchen, kids rooms etc, do some gardening/plant some veggies, read a book, do a jigsaw puzzle with the kids, learn something new online, do some light exercise, teach the kids to sew, knit or to cook dinner. All the things we usually "don't have time for"

A BIG Thank You to BlazeAid for their donation of groceries to the Community Pantry. We are sorry to see the BlazeAid camp pack up before their work is completed but hopefully they will come back to finish helping those who lost their fencing during the bushfires earlier in the year.

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# SOUTH AUSTRALIA BUSHFIRE REVIEW

The rapidly changing response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) will mean that Community forums in South Australia's fire-affected communities at Cudlee Creek, Keilira (Kingston), Kingscote, Parndana, Port Lincoln and Yorketown will need to be modified in line with COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.

The Inquiry Team has already processed a significant amount of material forward from the community through the 'Your Say' websites and interviews have commenced with key agencies involved in fighting the fires.

In addition, protocols have been established between the Inquiry head, Mr Mick Keelty AO and the SA Deputy State Coroner and the SA Police who are investigating

the cause of deaths and the ignition of the fires.

The social distancing restrictions and travel restrictions will mean that a different approach will need to be adopted to undertake the Inquiry.

The public meetings will not proceed however the Inquiry Team will contact people through the use of technologies such as video streaming and teleconferencing.

"We have extended the deadline for submissions for agencies because there has been a change to staff numbers in the affected agencies and some people are now working from home. We have also reduced the size of the Inquiry Team and are operating in line with the recommendations of both the State and Commonwealth Governments as the response to COVID-

19 evolves," Mr Keelty said.

"The review team will continue to monitor government and relevant authority recommendations in relation to COVID-19 and follow any necessary instructions," Mr Keelty added.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mr Corey Wingard said: "It is important that the Bushfire Inquiry proceeds in order to prepare us for the upcoming 2020/21 season. The use of technology to conduct the inquiry while keeping people safe is a further test of the resilience of our community to adapt to changing circumstances".

For more information, including the terms of reference for the review, please visit the SAFECOM website: [www.safecom.sa.gov.au](http://www.safecom.sa.gov.au)

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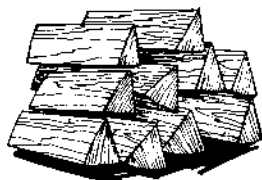
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