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By Kendrea Rhodes -After three years of hard graft and dedication, work on the 126-year-old heritage listed building, now known as the Harrogate Supper Room, is complete. The Harrogate Soldiers Memorial Hall committee (past and present) have worked tirelessly with community members and groups, contractors, MPs, and Councillors, and would like to extend an open invitation to the 'Celebration of the Supper Room Restoration' on Sunday 19 September at 2pm.

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Fundraising was a slow process back in 1865, but with a dedicated community maintaining sight of their goal for 30 years, the building of the Harrogate School began in 1895. The school operated for 48 years, then the community purchased the building and created a community hall. They would be proud to see it today, safeguarded and still serving the community.

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# Harrogate Supper Room Celebration

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Harrogate Soldiers Memorial Hall committee members: (standing) Simon Hogben, Vickie Kemp, Yvette Taylor, Eve Harvey; (sitting) Pam Dashwood and Sam Colbey; (missing) Jenny Burgoyne, Jodie Hogben, Di Gray, Shylie McInnes. Photo courtesy Hall committee.



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The Lifecycle of a Butterfly: Two or three years ago, my wife and I were just leaving the church when into the yard drives a red sportscar.

The couple in the car seemed to be very interested in the church and what we did, so we unlocked the door and invited them in. Over a cup of coffee, we spent the next hour or so quietly listening to them telling us how foolish we were to believe in God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We had heard it all before, in fact, we had used much the same language and arguments in the past when other people had tried to tell US about God.

Eventually they left and we thought that would be the last we would hear of them. From talking to other people, I discovered that this couple were known to do this quite regularly.

Fast forward twelve months or so, and much to my surprise, I met up with the man again in an Automotive shop in Salisbury. He invited me to his place for a chat. This time I knew what to expect, and I wasn't disappointed.

I remember that he was trying to convince me that if an intelligent God had created the human eye, He would have done a better job, however, this argument has been well and truly refuted in several publications since.

Again, I listened quietly for over an hour while he attempted to destroy my faith, constantly telling me how foolish I was to believe such rubbish.

About six weeks ago I received a phone call from him. Again, I listened quietly while he rambled on about how evolution explained all that there is, without the need for a Creator. In all our conversations neither of us had become upset by anything said, I think because we were both sure of our faith, his in the blind chance of evolution, mine in an intelligent creator God. That is, until I asked him to explain the life cycle of a butterfly. He became very upset. Up until then he felt he had all the answers, everything could be accomplished in small steps. From a caterpillar to a butterfly or from a butterfly to a caterpillar is a huge chasm that cannot be crossed in small steps. Sounding very frustrated, he admitted that he had no idea, but "one day we will!!!"

Does any of this really matter? We have a choice, to believe God, who has clearly demonstrated His existence in what He has created, or to put our faith in a system that would have us believe that blind chance is the creator.

God offers to each of us the gift of eternal life through His Son Jesus. If you are not sure if He exists, this simple prayer, prayed sincerely, will help, "God, if you are there, please help me to find you." Remember, you matter to Him.

## LIONS UPDATE

Unfortunately the 5th Sunday market last month was cancelled due to bad weather being forecast.

The good news is that the Torrens Valley Lions Club Happy Paws Dog Show will take place at the October 5th Sunday Market at Gumeracha.

The Club has continued to support the Community Pantry by donating food items.

It looks like Club members may have a busy October coming up - there have been requests from various groups for us to assist by providing BBQ lunches, at some upcoming local events.

Our coin drive continues keep a look out for the Club's donation boxes that are placed in various businesses within our local towns.

Don't forget to purchase your Christmas cakes and puddings early to avoid missing out - contact Dave on 0417 821 107.



CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

## *Moliere's The Hypochondriac* by the Stirling Players



If you ever thought that learning Moliere's plays at school was tedious or boring, then you will need to come and see the current production at the Stirling Community Theatre.

The Stirling Players are putting on Moliere's The Hypochondriac from Friday 10 September until 25 September.

Written in 1673, the play (known then as Le Malade Imaginaire), has stood the test of time and the upcoming production directed by Angela Short and produced by Mo Johnson, has fabulous actors, gorgeous costumes by Woodside's Val Hancock and is combined with a wonderful set by Bob Peet. We are sure that patrons attending will find this production as relevant today as it was in 17th century Paris.

Angela Short and her wonderful ensemble have created a masterpiece of absurd Dave Salter playing Argan, and Josh Coldwell as Mr Purgon.



Ensemble pictured left to right: Tim Williams, Connor Ferguson, Lucy Johnson, Dave Salter, Georgie Stockham, Nicole Rutty, Lindy LeCornu, Simon Barnett and Josh Coldwell.

commedia dell'arte combined with pantomime and a big bag of bonkers.

This will be a great night out and will include a warm welcome at the Stirling Theatre with complimentary sherry and warm fires in a Covidsafe environment laughing permitted!

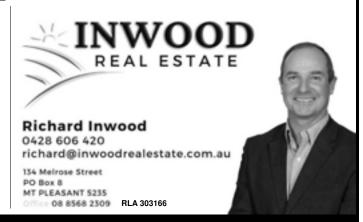
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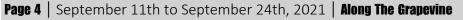
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# Harrogate Supper Room Celebration

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2018. the Hall In committee obtained a federal grant and began the restoration of the Supper Room. They employed a stonemason, Robert Wheatley, for all stonework such as repointing, keystone resetting and fixing major cracks in the interior and exterior walls, some of which were two inches wide. Past and present committee members (including Chris Eustace and Anna Smolski) and friends fixed gutters, installed insulation, painted the interior. renovated the kitchen and updated the décor. With donations from Onkaparinga Lions the group, they were able to purchase an important Supper Room feature, a new kitchen and sink.

Other achievements include the refurbishment of the flagpole, and air conditioning, heating and gutters in the main hall. The Mount Barker District Council upgraded the community's emergency water supply with bushfire grant assistance and are currently in the process of landscaping the area surrounding the hall.

The restoration of this community owned and operated hall is quite an accomplishment, especially when you consider the preservation of heritage, history and the creation of a treasured community resource that will be available for years to come.

Rebekha Sharkie MP, Mount Barker District Councillors, and former and current Harrogate district residents will join the Hall committee for the Supper Room restoration celebrations on Sunday 19 September at 2pm, 13 Mail Road, Harrogate.

If you would like to join them, please email shylie77@live.com.au.

Interior of Harrogate Hall Supper Room vertical crack, before (left) and after. Photo by Pam Dashwood.







Exterior of Harrogate

Hall Supper Room vertical crack, before

(left) and after. Photo by Pam Dashwood.



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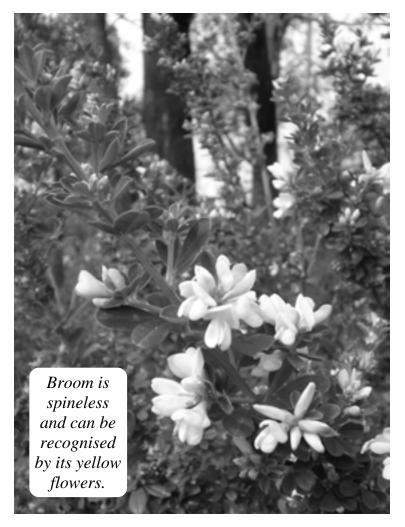
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## UPDATE WILLIAMSTOWN AMATEUR PLAYERS

It is with great sadness that I have to report, there will not be a pantomime this Spring, as was first thought.

Covid 19 restrictions have taken their toll, and for the second time in 40 years, we will have to cancel our show.

But all is not lost, new dates have been set. January 28th / 29th and February 4th /5th 2022

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# Mt Pleasant Spring Fling

Spring was certainly in the air for week one of the 2021 Spring Garden Fling at Mt Pleasant. Garden punters were greeted with a sun kissed morning, and plenty of opportunities to browse amongst the plethora of plant producers and garden related stall holders.

Project Officer, Terese Stephens said, "With many other events in the region being cancelled, anticipation for the covid safe event was at an all time high. Crowd numbers reached expectations with approximately 1000 people taking the opportunity to wander the picturesque Mt Pleasant Showgrounds, to enjoy the Fling and explore the Farmers Market."

"The following three Saturdays will see the return of many of the producers along with some additional growers and garden art. Special guest speakers/demonstrations include, Trevor from Cut above Tools, an expert in the field of pruning and gardening tools, who will give a demonstration of the correct way to prune and how to get the best out of your garden tools."

"Following weeks see local artist Joe Dennis, offering tips and advice whilst painting a vase of flowers in pastels. And week four, florist Terese will demonstrates the art of design with garden flowers."

"With plenty of dining options for breakfast and lunch, loads of Farmers Market stall holders, a face painter for the children, music and easy parking, the Spring Fling is a not to be missed event for the family."

The Spring Fling and Farmers Market open at 8am and will trade until 2pm, at the Mt Pleasant Showgrounds. To comply with COVID-19 regulations, stalls will be spread out over a greater area. This will allow stallholders and customers to



Olive, Maisie and Elsie Pettigrew from Woodside, pictured enjoying their day at the Mt Pleasant Spring Fling!

social distance appropriately. Entry and exit will be from Railway Terrace gate only (pedestrians entry only through main gate). Enquiries to Terese Stephens on 0418 301 121 or check out the website at www.saspringgardenfestival. com.au



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# Council push for more bushfire recovery and resilience funding

Adelaide Hills Council continues to advocate for ongoing community recovery from the impact of recent bushfires and has resolved to pursue funding for two key bushfire recovery and resilience building initiatives.

The Council will ask for \$980,000 to fund a Community Resilience and Readiness Program

(Community Ready) over two years and \$960,000 to upgrade and seal part of Croft Road, Lenswood.

Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom says the Community Ready program will focus on working with communities to build their own resilience and plan their own recoveries for future disasters.

"Enabling communities to lead their own recovery is one of the founding principles of disaster recovery and this extends to resilience building and recovery planning too."

"We've already seen great results from a pilot program run in Gumeracha to identify their community's strengths and vulnerabilities if faced with a disaster. The program ran for 18 months and resulted in creation of the Gumeracha Resilience Group who continue to meet, sharing information and organising events."

"The program allows communities to think about how they will respond and what they will do if faced with a disaster like a bushfire such as how the community will support each other and what existing capabilities and capacity they can draw on. The idea is to complement the planning people do at a household level with planning at a whole of community level."

If funded, the Community Ready program will enable Council to work with other key agencies such as Australian Red Cross to bring established programs for community disaster planning into the district. The Council will also include in its funding request a provision some community for building upgrades.

"As communities put in place their own plans for what they need in the event of a disaster. we expect some will identify a use for local halls and other community facilities. Some of them might need upgrades with things like back-up power generators, cooling and bathroom facilities. We want to be able to support communities to implement their identified

needs."

Funding is also sought for the proposal to upgrade and seal part of Croft Road as Forestry SA upgrades the Fox Creek Bike Park in Cudlee Creek Forest.

"The upgraded bike park will boost the local economy by attracting more visitors and that means more traffic on Croft Road to the head of the trails. We need to upgrade and seal 1.7km of Croft Road between Fox Creek Road and the entry to the Bike Park," said Mayor Wisdom.

"The existing road is unsealed and runs through the middle of orchards and vineyards. With the expected increase in traffic, the maintenance burden on the road will increase, as will the dust nuisance. Some minor widening, drainage improvements and sealing will ensure safe and environmentally sound access to the Bike Park.

"We thank the State and Federal Governments for their commitment to rebuilding and upgrading Fox Creek Bike Park and now hope the Federal Government will back that up by supporting Adelaide Hills Council with the road upgrade needed to keep users of the park safe."



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# Watch Out for Snakes

Warmer spring days sees South Australia's snakes slither out from their winter sleep, signalling the start of snake breeding season. The Department for Environment and Water is advising everyone to be increasingly aware in both regional and urban areas.

With increasing sunshine, snakes have already started to come out of brumation (a hibernation-like state), looking for a meal and to breed.

Department for Environment and Water's Principal Ecologist of Wildlife Management, Dr Karl Hillyard, said there are snakes all over South Australia, including metropolitan Adelaide.

"Eastern brown snakes are found everywhere, but each region has its local specialty," Dr Hillyard said.

"Adelaide Hills has the redbellied black snake, the River Murray and South East has the tiger snake, Eyre and Yorke peninsulas, especially near the coast, are known places for death adders, with Kangaroo Island having copperheads and mulga snakes up north.

"Just because you've never seen a snake on your property doesn't mean they aren't there, so you should always be careful about putting your hands or feet into spots you can't see, like long grass or that pile of junk behind the shed and remember most of our snakes are venomous to some degree."

You can avoid snakes on your property by keeping your yard clear of long grass and removing rubbish so snakes have nowhere to hide.

Dr Hillyard said snakes are generally shy and will not attack unless provoked, so if you spot one it's best to leave them be.

Snakes are protected native animals, and they have an important part to play in the ecosystem, especially in helping to control rats and mice.

Here's what to do if you see



a snake:

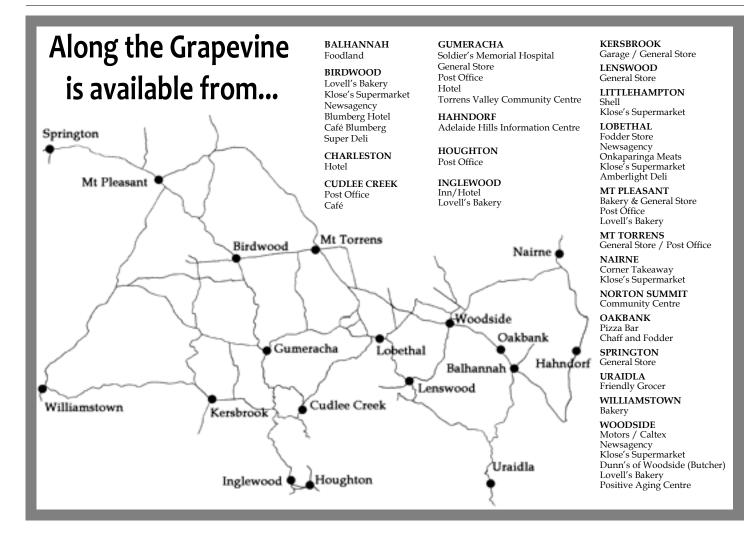
• Keep well away.

• Don't try to catch or kill it yourself. This is when most bites happen.

• If you see a snake inside, watch where it goes, keep children and pets away, then call a licensed snake catcher to remove it.

• If the snake is outside and heading towards bushland or a field, leave it alone. Most snakes are not aggressive and won't chase you. • If a person is bitten, call 000. Wrap a pressure bandage tightly over the area of the bite, then use a second bandage and splints to immobilise the limb. Keep the person calm and still until you can get medical help.

For more information on how to maintain your property to reduce the likelihood of snakes, visit www.environment. sa.gov.au/topics/plants-andanimals/living-with-wildlife/ Snakes



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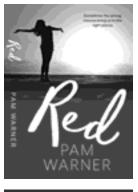
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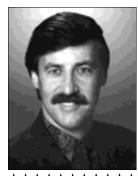
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