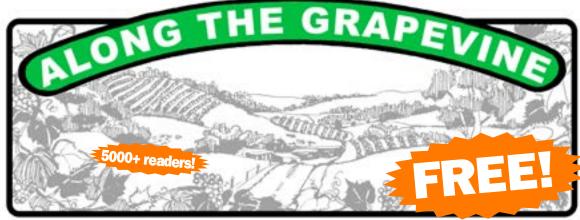




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As the year draws to an end there is a very good chance that 2020 will become an adage for disaster, a symbol representing a cascade of staggering events unfolding worldwide. There's been Covid-19 of course, but also civil rights, human rights, politics, war, climate change, extreme weather, accidents, and natural disasters. Community volunteers from Fabrik Arts + Heritage, gathering on the green at the Lobethal Woollen Mill. Fabrik's Creative Recovery Program offers many community workshops, please visit fabrik.org.au.

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YOU MATTER TO GOD" **Kersbrook Church of Christ**

Contact Pastor David on 0458 589 996 or someone at your local church to find out more of God's love for you.

A GIFT SPURNED: Some years ago I read this story. I think in the Reader's Digest. It was submitted by a mother whose daughter had been living in another state for several years. Every year she would send her daughter a present for her birthday and at Christmas.

Her daughter eventually decided to move and asked her mother to help. While packing

up the spare room she came across all the presents that she had sent to her daughter in the years since she had moved away. Her gifts had not even been opened.

This mother's story has stayed with me for many years. I think that in some sense I could imagine the deep pain she must have felt as she realised that her daughter thought so

little of her gifts that she had not even bothered to open them. Christmas is almost upon us, a time when most of us give and receive gifts from those we love. For many of us it is the time we remember in a special way the greatest gift of all. God's wonderful gift His Son. Iesus of Christ.

In the Gospel of John chapter 3 verse 16 we find this amazing statement.

"For God so loved the world, (you and I) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him will not perish but have everlasting life."

This gift is not given to everyone, it is only given to those who accept it.

An illustration may help. My granddaughter graduated from high school yesterday and tomorrow my wife and I will offer her a gift. If she refuses to take our gift, she misses out. If she takes it but does not open it she also misses out. In effect, she has spurned our gift.

If you are reading this you can be sure that God is offering you the gift of His Son right now, but you must take it from Him. God will not force you. If you are struggling

to believe in God, ask Him to help. I believe He will answer your prayer if you are sincere and truly pray from your heart. Remember: "For God so loved the world, (you and I) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him will not perish but have everlasting life."

The Bible tells us that if we will draw near to God. then He will draw near to us.

The real message of Christmas is that we matter so much to God that He gave His Son to us.

Why not take His gift and open it, let the wonder of Christmas fill your heart with the peace and love that only God can give. You really do matter to Him.

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LIONS UPDATE

CONGRATULA-TIONS to the winners of the Torrens Valley Lions Club 2020 Raffle drawn at the 5th Sunday Market Gumeracha.

1st prize - Ticket number 0253, Laurie Doube; 2nd Prize -Ticket number 0207, Barb Thomas; 3rd Prize - Ticket number 0191, Peta Phillips.

The Club also held the Fun Dog Show (measuring for the longest tail pictured right!) at the market which proved successful after being postponed earlier in the year, then rescheduled only to be cancelled again, then, with short notice, proceeding! A big thank you to Bunnings Modbury, Julie of Hooves, Paws and Claws - St Agnes, and



Caitlin of Caitlin's Pooch Parlour Birdwood for their support and Judging. All proceeds will go to Lions Hearing Dogs at Verdun.

The Lions BBQ also proved popular at the 5th Sunday Market keeping Club members busy.

This weekend the Club will be catering for the Equestrian SA State Championships being held over 2 days at Mt Pleasant.

Secretary Phil Dennis attended the Birdwood High Presentation night on behalf of the Club, and presented the Lions Service Award to Tuyen Nguyen (pictured above) for Service to the School Community. The Lions Service Award honours a student who has put other student's needs before their own within Birdwood High School. Tuyen has shown to be a role model for other students to look up to and emulate her behaviour and deeds. Congratulations Tuyen!

A couple of reminders - keep a lookout for our 5c & 10c donation boxes in various businesses in the towns and if you haven't purchased one of the delicious Lions Christmas cakes or puddings, we do still have some for sale. Please contact one of our members to arrange, Dave 0417 821 107, Pauline 0411 420 223 or Butch 0419 838 043. Cakes are also available from James Orchard fruit & veg stand at Kersbrook.

Looking forward to 2021 - hopefully it will be a better year than 2020! The club's first event will be the Australia Day Breakfast at Federation Park Gumeracha.

The Lions Club of Torrens Valley members and Partners would like to take this opportunity to wish all a Safe and Happy Christmas & New Year.





Nerry Christmas

It's an understatement to say that 2020 has been a roller coaster for so many and on so many levels. Yet ... here we are and here comes 2021.

A core strength of people and humanity is the capacity to adapt and by doing so, survive and hopefully thrive. 2020 has asked us all to adapt. It's no different when you own and manage your own business - adapt, engage, appreciate, innovate and work hard.

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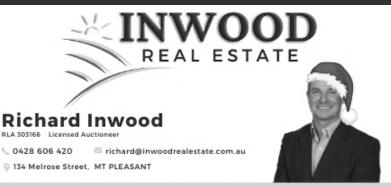
Properties are selling in amazing short time-frames with two properties under offer in less than 48 hours. Furthermore, I sold two properties over \$1 million each and I am proud to note that the majority of my sales have come from word of mouth. "Trust is a Must"!

I remain positive for 2021, and particularly look forward to working with those in our community looking to explore the sale of their home and or property.

As always, I remain available over the Christmas break to discuss any real estate need.

I wish you and your family a positive Christmas, full of family, friends and perhaps a little frivolity.

Richard



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With 2020 coming to a close we would like to say **well done** for getting through what has been a trying year, and **thank you** for the taking time to read our correspondence each month. It has been our pleasure to provide our services to you.

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Whilst our offices will be closed from 12 noon, 24 December until 9am 4 January, our team will continue to manage enquiries received by phone, email and text. If you are thinking of making a move in 2020 and would like more information or if you are interested in one of our listed properties, please give our team a call on 0488 972 888.

In the meantime, we would like to extend our best wishes to you and your family for the Festive Season. Stay safe and stay well.





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There's one event in 2020 that is very close to home in the Adelaide Hills: the twelve-month anniversary of the Cudlee Creek bushfire. For many. 2020 has been marred by the devastating effects of this disaster that are still felt emotionally, mentally, financially, and physically. Many are still living in temporary housing and have the arduous task ahead of organising permanent housing, whether that is buying, building, or rebuilding.

Occasions to gather, laugh, plan, create, and heal have been hindered by Covid-19 restrictions, but Hills people have found opportunities through the generosity of the Adelaide Hills Council and Fabrik Arts + Heritage (Lobethal Woollen Mill). These opportunities have created an escape from 2020 restrictions and are important for wellbeing and recovery within the community.

Fabrik Director, Melinda Rankin, has worked with the community exploring ways that Fabrik can aid and support people in their recovery after the bushfires.

The arts offer more than just a distractionthey provide a way for people to process what has happened,' Melinda said.

'Immersing in a crea-

tive project can work a bit like meditation, creating a space where you are totally focused in the current moment, rather than on anxieties and concerns. Gathering with others is also important, to share experiences and to give and receive support. Covid restrictions interrupted this process and our programs this year aimed to find ways for people to gather safely and supportively.'

In January 2020, people began to gather at Fabrik, and not just because the Bushfire Recovery Centre was there. Creative groups, strangers, and friends spent time together on their craft, weaving, drawing, stitching, knitting, painting, spinning, and writing. This grew out of a need to comfort and support one another, to regain a bit of 'normal' and for personal wellbeing. The first two groups to emerge were art and art journaling.

At the beginning of 2020, local artist and teacher Anne Griffiths restarted her art groups for children and adults. Anne has run local art classes for over a decade in Lobethal, and with Fabrik's support, she was able to start her classes early and free of charge. This enabled creative expression and relaxed discussions that didn't



centre on disaster experiences or loss.

Adelaide Hills counsellor Rosie Rowlands facilitated art journaling shortly after the bushfires. Rosie has been involved with art journaling for many years and said, 'research shows that keeping a journal can unleash a host of physical and psychological benefits including lowering your blood pressure and heart rate, improved sleep, dissipating anger, and easing depression.'

VOLUNTEERS -Fabrik Arts + Heritage has a loyal host of local volunteers who assist with gallery sitting, exhibition installations, hospitality, marketing, marshalling, and creative needs. At the volunteer Christmas party, Melinda Rankin commended the volunteers, explaining how the success of Fabrik, during a bushfire and Covid-restricted year, could not have been achieved without such dedicated volunteers.

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Mt. Pleasant Christmas Twilight Farmers Market

The Mount Pleasant Christmas Twilight Farmers Market has gained the reputation of being one of the most popular twilight farmers markets in South Australia. The market which is held at the Mount Pleasant Showground is now in its eighth year and has grown enormously over that period, with the Twilight Christmas market being the premier event of the markets busy calendar.

"Come and enjoy the friendly and colourful atmosphere of a country farmer's market. This year's Christmas Twilight will be held on Wednesday 23rd December 2020 and will open at 5pm and then go through until 9pm." Market Manager Genevieve said.

"With over 50 fresh food producers on site, many of them undercover, among the delicious dining options, and set in very picturesque surroundings of Mt Pleasant, the market has plenty to offer for a night out with the family, as well as the opportunity to stock up for your Christmas event," said



Terese Stephens.

"All your Christmas fare, from ham, fruit & vegetables, cheese, meat, fish, bread, wine, beer, dairy, chocolates and biscuits, are just some of the large variety of products that will be on offer on the night," Terese said.

"A COVID safe event, with easy parking, entertainment and opportunity to support local and regional producers, makes the Mt Pleasant Christmas Twilight Market an event not to be missed," Terese said.

The Mount Pleasant Farmers Market will be closed over the Christmas period, closed 26th December, and will reopen on Saturday, 2 January 2021 from 8am - 12 noon.

For more information please contact Terese Stephens on 0418 301 121 or email managermpfm @bigpond.com or check out our website www.mpfm.org. au or facebook page @mountpleasantfarmersmar ketau



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Caitlin Golding is a student at Adelaide College of the Arts and has been a volunteer at Fabrik for almost two years. 'As a volunteer, being socially involved in a place like this is regenerative in itself,' Caitlin said.

R E G E N E R A T E EXHIBITION - *Regenerate* opens on 11 December and features work from community workshop groups, local schools (Lobethal, Lenswood, and Woodside), local artists, and outcomes of Creative Recovery workshops held at Fabrik. It is supported by the Bushfire Recovery Program.

'At the one-year anniversary of the Cudlee Creek Bushfire, *Regenerate* shares ways in which our Hills community has responded to this significant event through creative practice,' Fabrik<u>website</u>.

Regenerate will open every day, 11am-4pm, from 11-20 December. Please visit their website for more information: fabrik.org.au/<u>whats-on /</u> <u>#exhibitions</u>

WORKSHOPS - The Busy Kids Christmas Craft workshop is supported by the Bushfire Recovery Program and will run for nine days (12-20 December). Some children are missing their usual Christmas decorations because their shed or home was destroyed during the bushfires, so this workshop provides an opportunity for activity, creativity, and the practical needs of every home decorating for Christmas. Activities are free, but bookings are essential,

so please visit the Fabrik website for more information: fabrik.org.au/ busy-kids-christmas-craft

Fabrik have worked closely with the Cudlee Creek Community Recovery team. Workshops such as Busy Kids Christmas Craft are part of their Creative Recovery Program, which has also included ceramics, mindful photography, and mandala making. Workshops will continue in the new year, so check their website for more information: fabrik.org. au/ creative-recoveryprogram

C R A F T I N G LIBRARY - From 16 December, within the Fabrik buildings at the Mill, you will also find a crafting library for the bushfire affected community. The library is staffed by volunteers in collaboration with Fabrik. Available for lending (either take home or use on site) are items for most crafts, including spinning wheels, books, a loom, sewing machines, and items for quilting (rotary cutter, cutting mat, rulers). The idea is to return the major machinery, books, knitting needles, but keep the consumables which include threads, material, and yarns.

One of the volunteers, Lobethal local Kirsty Emery, said that many people find themselves living in smaller accommodation, without room for craft machinery.

People invested a lot into their hobby before the fires, and when they lost everything, investing again in these major ticket items is a low priority, Kirsty said.

Space is available at the crafting library if people would like to pursue their craft outside of their home.

'Crafting with your hands aids mental health, it's also a part of who you are,' Kirsty said.

This is a great idea for sustainability too if you have items to repair or alter.

The crafting library is open every Wednesday from 16 December, 10am-3pm, and everything is free of charge. Funding was supplied through Miranda Hampton from the Cudlee Creek Community Recovery Program (Dept. Premier and Cabinet).

We are thrilled to collaborate on this project. There is much evidence that engaging with the arts can benefit wellbeing and the crafting library puts this into practice in our community,' Fabrik Public Programs Officer, René Strohmayer said.



Have your say about the future of your local landscape

The Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board is seeking community input into the development of its five year plan to guide the management of the region's landscapes.

As a starting point, five draft priorities have been identified for the region, covering Land, Water, Community, Nature and Climate.

"We're excited to begin this journey to build a plan with ideas and feedback from the community," said board Chair David Greenhough.

"We see these five draft priorities as deeply interconnected. We can't achieve gains in one without addressing the others. And ultimately, the capacity of communities and individuals to take action will be critical to managing and protecting the Hills and Fleurieu landscape.

"We want to work together to create a plan for the region which provides a clear and shared vision, identifies targets, and where to focus our activities," Mr Greenhough said.

Board General Manager Michael Garrod said the board is running targeted stakeholder workshops, key stakeholder meetings, online forums, a schools competition and a community survey over the next 2 months.

"We very much want to hear from the community about their ideas for the plan, and to explore partnerships to achieve the plan. This feedback will help the board decide where to put its efforts over the next five years," Mr Garrod said.

"There are many challenges for our landscapes, including fire, pest plants and animals, overabundant native species and a changing climate.

"The new board is keen to have conversations across the region about the complex issues we face. We want to work together to make sure our region continues to produce world-class food and fibre, remains one of Australia's 15 biodiversity hot spots, and supports our thriving communities."

For more information, to take the survey and to enter the school competition, visit https://landscape. sa.gov.au/hf/about-us/ our-regions-plan/ Have-your-say-on-thefuture-_of-yourlandscape



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Council and AHC staff wish you and your families a very safe and happy holiday period.

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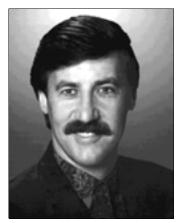
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