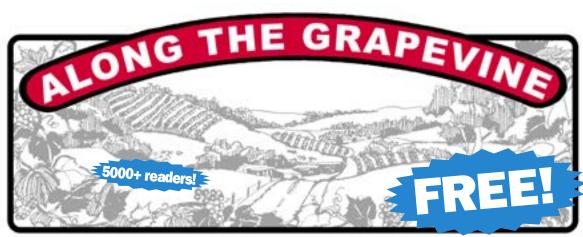




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Lobethal Bushland Fire Recov Park

Sixteen months on from the Cudlee Creek bushfire, and Lobethal Bushland Park is recovering wonderfully. A visit to the park will show you 'Ecological Succession' in action. The previously scorched earth is hardly visible in most areas beneath an abundance of vegetation which has germinated and resprouted on cue.

Almost all of the former plant assemblages in the park appear to be naturally regenerating, including the weeds, sadly. Fortunately, the Park has a dedicated Friends Group who work closely with the Adelaide Hills Council and Bushcare contractors to minimise the adverse effects of weeds on native biodiversity.

The Park is home to a number of rare and threatened plant species. Some have made a surprise return since the fire after not having been seen for many years, whereas others have not re-emerged at all. Thanks to some exciting collaborations with the South Australian Seed Conservation Centre, several threatened plants have been grown in readiness for re-introduction to the Park in the hope of securing their populations into the future.

On your next visit to Lobethal Bushland Park you will see that repair work has commenced on numerous walking trails. Towards the end of this year an exciting playspace re-build and upgrade will be well underway.

If you would like to join the Friends of Lobethal Bushland Park at a working bee, up-coming dates are 9.00am on the 5th and 8th June, and 3rd and 6th July. Please email lobethalbushland@gmail.com for more information.

Story and photograph by Billy-Jo Brewer (President, Friends of Lobethal Bushland Park).

Friends of Lobethal Bushland Park, embraced by the cave-like remains of an ancient, burnt out Stringybark (Eucalyptus obliqua). This 100+ year old tree was one of the lucky few that escaped logging during the Park's early history. Prior to the Cudlee Creek fire there were several huge tree trunk remains of old giants that were felled for timber for making wharves and the like, but they were lost in the fire. Now there are very few remains of the giants that once grew in the park.



ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES REPAIRED

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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.

FATHER BROWN is one of those TV shows that we watch to pass an hour in the evening as we relax. Sadly, the character of Mrs. McCarthy in the show reinforces the view that many people have of church people. She is vindictive, judgmental, a back biter and a gossip. Her behaviour is the opposite of the way a Christian should behave. Of course, at the end of the show she is all sweet and forgiving, most of the time butter would not melt in her mouth.

Perhaps you feel that I am making a fuss over nothing, it is after all just a TV show. I am simply using Father Brown as an illustration. Can I implore any Christians reading this to take note of their own behaviour, remembering that we are to be witnesses to the love of Jesus to everyone that we meet.

John 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Jesus tells us how to know if we love Him. Do we keep His commandments, do we do what He tells us to do?

Mrs. McCarthy fails the test, but she does give us a great example of how not to behave.

I came across a couple of stories which may help us to put God's love into practice.

"God is love." A certain farmer had an unusual weathervane on his barn. Inscribed on the arrow were these words: "God is love." A passerby turned in at the gate and asked the farmer, "What do you mean by that? Do you think God's love is changeable; that it veers about as that arrow turns in the winds?" "Oh, no," replied the farmer, "I mean that whichever way the wind blows, God is still love."

Love Your Enemies An Armenian nurse had been held captive along with her brother by the Turks. Her brother was slain by a Turkish soldier before her eyes. Somehow she escaped and later became a nurse in a military hospital.

One day she was stunned to find that the same man who had killed her brother had been captured and brought wounded to the hospital where she worked. Something within her cried out "Vengeance." But a stronger voice called for her to love. She nursed the man back to health.

Finally, the recuperating soldier asked her, "Why didn't you let me die?" Her answer was, "I am a follower of Him who said, 'Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you' " (Luke 6:27). Impressed with her answer, the young soldier replied, "I never heard such words before. Tell me more. I want this kind of religion."

If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Jesus wants His people to reflect Him to those around us. Why, because they matter to Him.



Farmers' markets buzzing to celebrate World Bee Day 2021

Mt Pleasant Farmers' Market is encouraging shoppers to wear yellow on Saturday May 22 to show their support for bees – Australia's hard working pollinators.

"Three quarters of our food diversity is pollinated to some degree by bees" said Genevieve Hebart Farmers' Market Manager. "Put simply, we wouldn't have farmers' markets without bees, so it is important to acknowledge and protect them".

About one in every three mouthfuls of food we eat is pollinated by bees. Pollinator dependent crops affect 35% of global agricultural land and support the production of 87 of the world's leading food crops.

"As keystone pollinators, bees are essential to our lives," says Fiona Chambers, CEO of Wheen Bee Foundation, a registered Australian charity dedicated to bees. "They play a crucial role for our food security and diversity, and they underpin biodiversity and ecosystem health".

The European honey bee is the most widespread managed pollinator in the world. The vast majority of pollinator species however are wild, including more than 20,000 species of bee. Australia is a



Photograph courtesy of Kerryn Fry.

biodiversity hotspot and home to more than 10% of global native bee diversity.

'Australia's farmers' markets are proud to support World Bee Day 2021 and help grow awareness of the vital role bees play in our food system. AFMA salutes all the farmers' markets that have pledged to celebrate World Bee Day, yet another way the vibrant farmers' market network can support healthy food systems and healthy communities, "said Jane Adams, Acting Chairperson of the Australian Farmers' Markets Association, the national advocacy organisation for farmers' markets.

Mt Pleasant Farmers' Market invites all shoppers and stallholders to wear yellow at their World Bee Market Day. There will be children & adult bee information sessions and will discuss life in the hive and the benefits of both bees and their honey. Free bee flight path trail for the children, a roving bee performer, demonstrations on how to make bees wax wraps. Also, an opportunity to talk to a variety of beekeepers, touch & feel a non-populated hive, see a smoking suit, see a live real working hive, purchase bee attracting plants, and of course stock up with honey! And do the bee waggle dance!

WE NEED BEES' markets are being held across Australia as part of World Bee Day 2021 celebrations. The aim is to raise awareness of these powerful pollinators, the unique roles they play in protecting our planet, and what each of us can do to protect them in return.

Mt Pleasant Farmers' Market WE NEED BEES Market Day will be held on 22 May 2021, from 8am at Mount Pleasant Showgrounds..

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MARKET ACTIVITY SIGNS What to watch out for

You've probably noticed that over the last 12 months Australia has experienced a buying frenzy; sale prices have gone beyond expectations, multiple buyers are competing for properties, opens have queues of people and many buyers have missed out time and time again.

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Native plant giveaway for Cudlee Creek fire-affected properties

Landholders on properties affected by the Cudlee Creek fires can now register to pick up free native plants at a Plant Giveaway Day, coordinated and supported by the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.

Native seedlings in packs of trees, shrubs and groundcover species will be provided to landholders at this year's event on Sat June 19 at Woodside, following from the first plant giveaway at the same time last year.

"This is a great example of the local community coming together in partnership to work with landholders to re-





store and repair their local landscape," said Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board chair David Greenhough.

Almost 18,000 plants have been grown by local groups and businesses, including Jurlique International, Future Generation Natives. Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group, Kersbrook Landcare Nurserv and Woodside Primary School students. Trees For Life has made available a range of suitable native species for fire-affected landholders to plant with this winter's rains.

Eligible landholders will also receive free tree guards and stakes for plants, courtesy of Arborgreen.

"Last year's plant giveaway was highly successful and booked

out quickly," David said. Hills "The and Fleurieu Landscape Board's Linking Communities to Recovery team are supporting this community response by helping to connect growers with landholders who want native plants to help restore parts of their property," he said.

All landholders affected by the Cudlee Creek fire are eligible, but MUST register through Eventbrite (search 'Cudlee Creek' or go to this link https://www.eventbrite. com.au/e/cudlee-creekbushfire-recoverynative-plant-giveawaytickets-155583176469? aff=MR

The Plant Giveaway Day, to be held at the Woodside Council Depot from 9am - 4pm, will also feature information stalls and displays from organisations involved in the Cudlee Creek fire recovery efforts, with support opportunities for land management activities.

Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board Landscape Officers are available for free property visits to advise on land management issues such as pasture regeneration, watercourse management, soil rehabilitation, revegetation, weed management and habitat restoration. https://www.landscape. sa.gov.au/hf/home

This event is part of the Local Economic Recovery Program, a partnership with the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions. It is jointly funded by the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.



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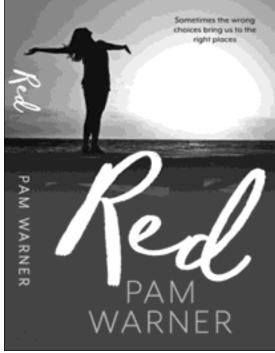
An Australian romantic fiction Written by local Kersbrook author PAM WARNER

No-one's life is perfectly mapped out and this is true for Katriana Sophia Eliza O'Shea. Follow her journey from losing love to finding herself. Nothing is as it seems as she discovers on her self-healing adventure from Adelaide, into the outback and finally the famous Harbour City. Living there, she found out that if she obeyed all the rules, there was a big chance she would miss all the fun.

In the pursuit of finding an indulgent lifestyle, she sadly learns that being together doesn't mean forever. But sometimes the wrong choices bring us to the right places.

My story is that I am a long-time resident of Kersbrook. I have always enjoyed reading and have written short poems for friends and family.

Some time ago I had thought about writing the great Australian novel, but it was put aside to make a move to Darwin for a while, and follow a career in real estate.



Then, thirty years later and with time on my hands once again, I was ready to rehash r the storyline, rewrite h conversations and r

Lions Update

After a year of no Bunnings' BBQs, members of the Lions Club of Torrens Valley donned their aprons and cooked up a storm last Sunday at Bunnings Modbury. It was great to get back out there raising funds for our community!

Club members

once again assisted The Medieval Fair at Gumeracha by manning the gates on both days with a total of over 100 hours.

A collection of 200 pairs of glasses for 'Recycle for Sight' were shipped off last week. Containers have been left at local pharmachange the title. The pleasure of writing can drive you insane. My brain buzzes with a thousand ideas. It took a while. However, slipping back into the lives of the characters was exciting. They had so much to tell, and being a mismatch of people I have known over the years makes them real to me.

The novel was published and printed in Australia. Finally my first ever book was available for sale, ready for Christmas 2020. It is called Red.

It's a romantic modern day fiction and follows the journey of one girl to find herself. She wasn't really lost, well, not all

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the time, but she wanted more, as we all do. This story is initially set in Adelaide. Where else would I start?

After a few misadventures in the outback, nothing is as it seems. We learn that being together doesn't mean forever. However, sometimes the wrong choices bring us to the right places. If you like reading a story with an Austratheme, about lian happy and sad, friends and lovers, then you will love this.

400 pages with a total of 88,500 words - A good solid read!

in businesses in your local area as the Club's 5c & 10c drive continues.

Wood raffle tickets are still for sale and will be drawn at the Gumeracha 5th Sunday Market this month. Just think of how much work winning a load of firewood will save you!

Contact Peter on 0429 664 297 to purchase tickets.



Century-old steam train given a new lease on life at highly-anticipated Railway Heritage Festival

Veteran steam locomotive Rx224 will return to the rails on Sunday 23rd May 2021 after a 30-year restoration by dedicated employees and volunteers at Steam-Ranger Heritage Railway's Mt Barker Depot. The locomotive was built by Walkers Limited in Maryborough, Queensland, and entered service with the South Australian Railways in April 1915. It served

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the state of South Australia until the mid-1960's when the engine came under the care of the South Australian division of the Australian Railway Historical Society (now trading as SteamRanger Heritage Railway), and was used as a tour locomotive until 1990, when a major mechanical failure saw the locomotive placed into storage pending a complete rebuild.



Freshly restored locomotive Rx224 undergoing trials at Goolwa.

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Since 1990, many thousands of hours of labour have been poured into the locomotive to return it to active service, both from Mount Barker, and on the famous Cockle Train between Goolwa and Victor Harbor. The engine will be formally recommissioned as the key attraction at the 2021 Mount Barker Railway Heritage Festival (SteamRanger's contribution to South Australia's History Month), in front of gathered volunteers and invited guests at Steam-Ranger's Mt Barker Railway Station at 10am on Sunday 23rd May. The engine will

then haul a special train for invited guests and the general public to nearby Bugle Ranges, in company with sister steam locomotive Rx207 'Dean Harvey' (Built in 1916 by North-British Locomotive Company in Glasgow, Scotland), departing Mt Barker Railway Station at 10.45am.

The locomotive will then lead further departures on the day, departing Mt Barker Railway Station at 11.55am, 1pm and 2.10pm. Tickets will be available for sale on the day from Mt Barker Station, with fares as follows: Adults \$14.00, Children \$7.00, Seniors \$12.50 and Family tickets for \$32.00.

Other attractions on the day will include motorised gangers trolley rides to Littlehampton, barbeque, miniature live steam displays, children's activities, souvenirs, sheep shearing displays and SteamRanger's depot open for inspection (\$5 per person entry fee applies to Depot entry). Due to Covid-19 restrictions, visitors to Mt Barker Railway Station and Depot will be capped at 1000 people at any time, and covidcleaning will be regularly undertaken for the safety and comfort of all visitors.

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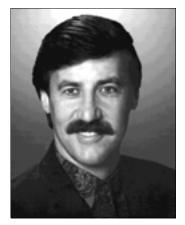
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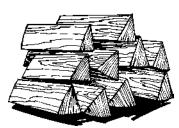


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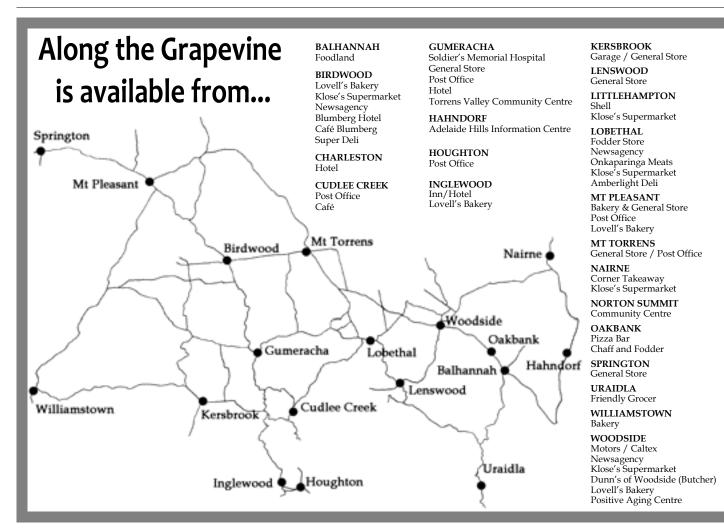
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