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Where are Gumeracha's stoble poles? Oliver Pfueller (Civil Projects Coordinator), Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom, Hugh French, Libby Barber, Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Yvonne Ransome, and Mike Magin (PLEC). Photo by StoriesWellTold courtesy of the Adelaide Hills Council.

The stobie poles that have lined Gumeracha's main street for decades were recently removed along Albert Street from the Soldiers Memorial Hospital to Randell Terrace in the first step in the Gumeracha streetscape upgrade.

With underground power cables now operational, Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom says the community driven upgrade of the Gumeracha main street, that emerged from extensive consultation in the local area, is helping to transform the economic sustainability of local businesses and the visual appeal of the whole town.







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We would all agree that our environment is in a bad state. Some experts suggest that we only have 60 harvests left until the soil is depleted to the point of no return. Others foresee natural disasters increasing; fires, floods, hurricanes, hail.

There is a documentary called "Kiss the Ground" that shows if we care for our soil, farming ecologically, then the soil itself will deal with the massive carbon dioxide load we have in our atmosphere. Plants breathe in carbon dioxide, sending the carbon down in the soil to feed the bacteria that make plants grow. The trees then breathe out oxygen. It makes sense. It is so perfect how God has designed it all to work for our health and to sustain life. In order to 'save our planet', we all need to work together. Change takes one person at a time, but we all need to decide to change.

The Bible supports this need for change.

Psalm 55:19 says, "God, who is enthroned forever, will hear them and afflict them – those who never change their ways and have no fear of God."

We are afflicted by the choices we have made – both individually and collectively. 'Men (and women) who never change their ways and have no fear of God' are in a dangerous place. God is calling us to a better way. Caring for the world around us is a better way.

But God is calling us to so much more than fixing the environment. God is also calling us to restoration with Him. We broke the relationship way back when we rebelled against Him. But He has provided a way to restore things with Him.

Jesus is the way. Jesus came to show us that He loves us beyond our wildest dreams, enough to die for us. Yet death could not hold Him. He rose from the dead and lives even today. His death and resurrection have bridged the vast chasm between you and God. He has accomplished something much, much harder to do than 'heal the earth'.

He has healed our relationship with God. All you must do is change your ways and seek Him. Take His offer of love and restoration and be restored to who you are designed to be in the first place: His precious child that matters to Him more than this whole world.



Uber good – point to point passenger transport services to expand to the Adelaide Hills

Metropolitan-based taxis, chauffeur and rideshare vehicles will soon be able to operate in the Adelaide Hills, in an expansion that will boost tourism and improve transport options for Hills communities.

Under reforms to point-to-point passenger transport services, the Marshall Liberal Government will expand the metropolitan boundary of the greater Adelaide region for these services to include the Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker Council regions.

This means metropolitan-based taxis, chauffeur and rideshare vehicles, like Uber, will be able to operate in these regions from December.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Corey Wingard, said the changes would boost transport options and tourism in the Adelaide Hills.

"Communities in the Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker council regions have been calling for more rideshare or taxi options, and we have listened," Minister Wingard said.

"The current metropolitan boundary for point-to-point services has remained largely unchanged since it was set almost 30 years ago, resulting in a lack of services, particularly during peak times like tourism events.

"These changes will mean that metropolitanbased point-to-point operators will be able to choose to provide services to outer-urban and regional customers within this expanded boundary if they wish.

"The changes will come into effect before the end of the year, meaning that more services will be operating in the Adelaide Hills in time for the busy Christmas and holiday season."

General Manager of Uber Australia and New Zealand, Dom Taylor, welcomed the announcement.

"We're excited that we'll soon be able to bring tourists and locals alike in the Adelaide Hills the option to choose the convenience, safety and reliability of rideshare," Mr Taylor said.

"Importantly, we believe this will provide local businesses with a boost with more transport options available to tourists ahead of what we hope will be a busy summer tourism season." Milly Howell from the Inglewood Inn said the changes will create greater opportunities for the business to grow.

"We are so excited to have rideshares back in the Adelaide Hills and that our voices have been heard," Ms Howell said.

"It opens up more opportunities for our business to promote amazing South Australian offerings like gins, wines and beer all while knowing that our customers will be comfortable and safe on their adventures."

The metropolitan Adelaide boundary defines the area where metropolitan passenger transport services and country services can operate.

The geographical boundary currently limits the availability of pointto-point services in areas including the Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker. Currently, an entire trip cannot be outside of a vehicle's accredited service area.

Minister Wingard said the changes would address the current lack of service availability during tourism events, including in wine regions, and for locals in low travel density areas.

"Expanding the boundary will benefit wine lovers and tourists wanting to safely access some of our beautiful Adelaide Hills regions, while local users will benefit from increased transport convenience and competition."

When the changes come into effect, countrybased point-to-point service providers will be able to continue to operate in the Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker council areas.

Member for Newland, Richard Harvey, said this announcement is great news for the region.

"Local businesses in areas like Inglewood and

Paracombe will benefit and so will residents of the north east who will now have easy access to the wonderful offerings in the nearby Adelaide Hills."

Member for Kavel, Dan Cregan, also welcomed the announcement.

"Permitting ride sharing services to operate in the Hills will ensure locals have access to the same ride-sharing options as city residents," Mr Cregan said.

Member for Heysen Josh Teague said it was great news for local residents who have been calling for the expansion.

"This will offer greater transport opportunities not just for those who live around the area but also those wanting to visit our great pocket of Adelaide," Mr Teague said.

The State Government will work with the point-to-point industry, including country operators, to transition to the new arrangements.



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"We have a wonderful community project that has been many years in the making and involved an award-winning community engagement process.

Gumeracha Main Street Project Community Working Group members Hugh French and Libby Barber excitedly watched the first stobie pole come out of the ground on Friday morning.

"This process began many years ago when a range of goals were proposed to improve the economics and aesthetics of the township – the ultimate of which was the removal of the stobie poles. And here we are today watching them come down," Libby says.

"Community spirit and pride in the town has been really high since the transformation of the main street began and the removal of the stobie poles is a major milestone in this ongoing beautification project," Hugh says.

"All of these changes, as



Stobie pole removal on Albert Street, late June. Photo by StoriesWellTold courtesy of the Adelaide Hills Council.

streetscape upgrades including footpaths and kerbs, trees and street furniture by February 2022.

For more information on the Gumeracha Main Street Upgrade__project, visit the Adelaide Hills Council website (www.ahc. sa.gov.au).



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well as future public art

installations and traffic

calming projects are going

to make Gumeracha an

even more appealing place

to live and visit," Mayor

stages of the upgrade

which include new storm

water management infra-

structure due to be com-

pleted by August 2021 and

Watch out for the next

Wisdom says.

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NEW FIREFIGHTING TRUCKS Rolled out to MFS

The long-awaited arrival of new heavy urban pump rescue appliances has strengthened the capability of the Metropolitan Fire Service. with the first allocation of 12 state-ofthe-art assets wheeled out for duty today, increasing protection for South Australians.

The first appliance operational passed tests with flying colours and has been delivered to MFS firefighters stationed at Mount Barker. Three additional pumpers will soon become operational at O'Halloran Hill, Seaford and Salisbury MFS stations following comprehensive testing.

Emergency Services Minister Vincent Tarzia visited Mount Barker MFS today with MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer Peter Mason and Member for Kavel, Dan Cregan, to inspect the newest addition to the fleet.

"State-of-the-art trucks give our firefighters the best possible chance to save lives and property during dangerous emergencies," Minister Tarzia said.

"The Marshall Government is committed to ensuring our MFS firefighters have the best equipment and technology available to do their job. We want them to continue saving lives but also to be safe themselves.

"These new trucks beef up the firefighting capability importantly, and, form part of our million \$97.5 response to the Keelty Review to create a more bushfire resilient South Australia." Heavy urban

pump rescue trucks provide structural firefighting support and carry heavy equipment for road crash rescues, extrications and rope line rescues.

MFS Chief Officer Michael Morgan said the new appliances will be stationed in strategic locations.

"The appliances, which are fitted with up-to-date technology and brand new equipment, will ensure the MFS is well equipped to provide the South Australian community with exceptional multihazard emergency response," Mr Morgan said.

The Marshall Government has committed more than \$68 million in additional funding to the MFS since 2018, including almost \$15m for the new trucks, which are being delivered by Fraser Fire & Rescue.

A total of 24 new appliances – 14 on order and four recently delivered – will boost MFS capability when operational. Deliveries will be made in pairs and are expected to occur in coming months.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused delivery delays for emergency service agencies across the world and, unfortunately, South Australia was not exempt.

Minister Tarzia Media Contact: Ben Harvy 0466 526 366

"Despite the COVID-19 chaos, the first truck is now in operation and three more are undergoing quality testing. Fraser Fire & Rescue has made assurances the remaining assets will be delivered as quickly as possible," Minister Tarzia said.

Mr Cregan said he was very pleased that not only has the Marshall Government delivered on its election commitment to establish a retained MFS station at Mount Barker, it's also ensuring that local firefighters have stateof-the-art appliances to keep the community safe.

"This new appliance will ensure that my community has the best possible protection and that our local MFS firefighters are as safe as they can be," Mr Cregan said.



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Letter to the Editor Winter Reds Festival

Dear Editor,

I write to bring your attention to the shortage of low cost accommodation in Mt. Pleasant.

As members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, my husband and I volunteer our time to help people who struggle to make ends meet. Most families, who call on us for assistance, have suffered from illness or disability.

At the moment we are helping 3 families who have been evicted from their rental premises, because their landlords have decided to sell their properties while the market is high.

Whilst we are delighted that the Barossa Council has been able to gain funding to dramatically upgrade the caravan park at Mount Pleasant, this means that approx. 15 families who lived there have had to move out and when they return the charges will be much higher. We have been told that only 5 sites were available at the alternative caravan park at Eden Valley, so we have lost these families from our district.

We were also shocked to hear that the Tallunga Village units, which have housed so many valuable members of our community, are not being relet when people vacate, as the building has gone past its use-by date with dampness seeping up the walls.

In our rush to improve our township, we must not lose sight of the members of our community who need low cost accommodation. Our forebears saw fit to make accommodation available for them and now it is our turn to ensure that we give them our care and concern.

Sincerely, Leonie Holmes

(July 23rd - 25th)

Grape vines and wine production are integral to the Adelaide Hills region and have been so for more than 180 years, continually displaying a clear commitment to world-class standards.

There are over 60 wineries in the area, which might be as expected in one of Australia's best cool climate wine regions.

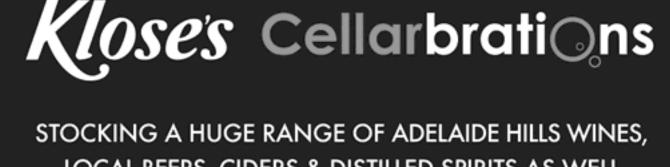
The Winter Reds festival kicks off on Friday 23 July and runs right through the weekend, providing the chance to visit some of those 60 wineries, sit by an open fire, enjoy exquisite food and tour through the Hills.

There are so many events to choose from, please visit the website for a complete list of venues, maps and booking information: winterreds.com.au.



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The cauliflowers in our garden beds are huge and there's nothing quite like using something fresh from your backyard!

This recipe I am about to share with you is quick, easy, tasty and a family favourite, perfect for a winters evening!

Creamy Cauliflower Soup serves approx 10.

Ingredients:

whole cauliflower, cut into small florets
 small potatoes, peeled and diced
 large onions, diced
 cloves of garlic, crushed
 Chicken stock 1.5 litres

Cream



In a large saucepan, sauté onion and garlic in olive oil.

Add potatoes, stock and cauliflower. Cover with lid and simmer until cauliflower is tender.

Cool and either blend in a food processor or use a stick blender to blend until smooth.

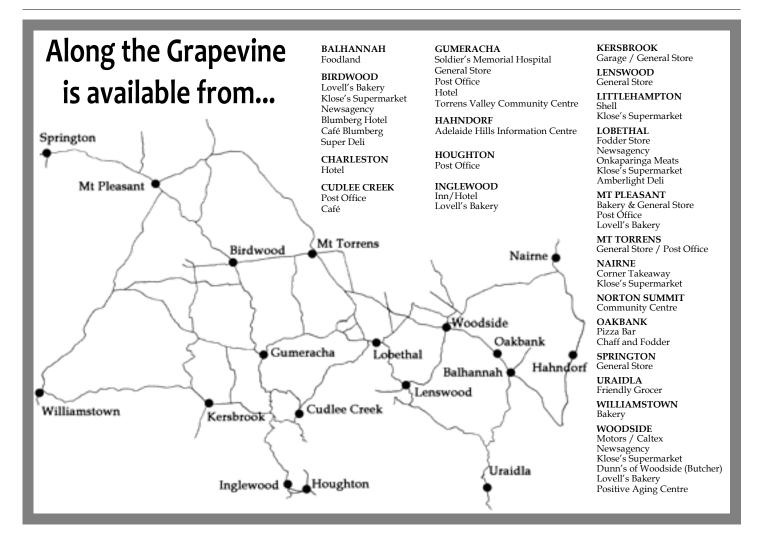
Heat and stir through approx 300ml cream. Season to taste.

Serve with a delightful dollop of sour cream and a sprinkle of crispy bacon, chopped chives and a chunk of fresh, buttered bread!

*I use stock powder instead of salt to season my soup.

******If soup is too thick, you can thin down with cream or chicken stock.

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