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By Kendrea Rhodes -The 31st of October is Halloween, and one might expect ghouls, ghosts and goblins, or at least bat flower, ghost plant, or deadly nightshade. But in Lobethal on the 31st you will see such an array of open gardens without a spectre in sight.

The Lobethal Gardening Festival is an all-day event celebrating private, public and community gardens, rich with native, exotic, edible and ornamental plants. You can expect walking talks, bushfire recovery gardens, and natural imperfection from the eternal work-in-progress of gardening.

The Festival is a ticketed event with guest speakers, Ivy Campbell, Evette Sunset, and Sophie Thompson. Peramangk elder Ivy Campbell will share her



Georgia Pope and Andrew Byrne sit beside a pleasant surprise on the hillside of their open garden: the (purple) Dampiera dysantha, a wildflower popping up throughout the area since the fires. Photo by Matt Kelly. Festival tickets via trybooking.

knowledge and thoughts of healing the land at the Festival's opening at 10am in Lobethal Bushland Park. Sophie Thompson will close the Festival with a talk entitled "Lessons Learned in the Garden in 2020" at 3.30pm in the Lobethal Centennial Hall.

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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.

Those of us who are followers of Jesus have received instructions that includes telling others about our Saviour so that they too can come to faith. So, this column is an opportunity for us to proclaim our faith in lesus and. at times, explain why we believe in Him. We are not coerced into faith, but exercise our own free will, but we all need to hear the good news of Jesus before we can decide whether to believe what He said and in what He accomplished through His death and resurrection.

In his book, 'The Mosaic of Christian Belief', Olsen cites Augustine that everything created is essentially good because God created it but that "the only evil thing is an evil will" as when the good gift of free will is misused by humans.

He states that "the Christian consensus about the human condition, is that our actual day-to-day lives are from birth onwards thoroughly pervaded by sin as tendency toward pride (self-idolatry), selfishness, disobedience to God... We are born depraved or deprived, but that is not our real humanity. It is our diseased humanity. It is not our true nature even if it has become our second nature. But it is there at the beginning of our lives... inevitably leading us toward becoming rebels against God in need of personal forgiveness and reconciliation with God."

And we, as followers of

Jesus Christ, have exercised our own good gift of free will to examine the evidence for ourselves. We believe in who Jesus claimed to be and the work of reconciliation that He made possible. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21(GWT) states:

17 Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence.

18 God has done all this. He has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships.

19 In other words, God was using Christ to restore his relationship with humanity. He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others.

20 Therefore, we are Christ's representatives, and through us God is calling you. We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God.

21 God had Christ, who was sinless, take our sin so that we might receive God's approval through him.

You too can be reconciled to God through faith in Jesus Christ. In a world of uncertainties and change, whatever the situation, all have been offered the gift of forgiveness and reconciliation through faith in Jesus. God has given us the gift of free will, and He offers us new life and blessings because we all matter very much to Him.



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CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

Two OPEN GARDENS in Gumeracha Ashgrove Iris Garden & Kenton Park Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st October 2021

Open Gardens SA is delighted to be opening two beautiful gardens in Gumeracha on the weekend of Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st October 2021, 10am to 4.30pm.

Ashgrove Iris Garden. 53-55 Albert Street (close to the Gumeracha oval) will be open to the public, with this year being the 22nd year of continuous opening. Ashgrove Iris Garden is a beautiful, well-maintained garden, enjoyed by thousands of visitors over the years, while also raising funds for a range of charities. The garden owner was named ABC Gardening Australia Gardener of the Year in 2013.

The garden is well established and includes six very large 80-plus year-old ash trees. There are around 200 roses, mostly David Austin varieties, and mass planting of over 900 varieties of named bearded iris providing a lovely show of colour each spring. The iris area has recently undergone 'renovations' and now includes plantings of climbing and shrub roses, hardy perennials and a selection of autumn flowering bulbs to provide year-round colour and interest. This

year, two thirds of the iris have also been dug, divided, and replanted to rejuvenate the plants.

Focal points in the garden are used to great effect: a long lawn stretches to an elontiny gated urn; a 'Summer House' nestles among the trees and shrubs: David Austin roses encircle a classic water feature. A concrete rainwater tank has been boldly painted with a colourful Art Nouveau inspired mural of the four seasons in the garden. The woodland inspired section of the garden is delightfully cool and shady on a hot day. Espaliered fruit trees line the western fence, and chickens and ducks are used to control garden pests such as snails and grubs.

Extra activities: Iris plants for sale. Artist painting and art for sale; display of blacksmithbuilt garden furniture and art, by Farmweld. Unfortunately, Devonshire Teas will not be available in the garden this year - for morning and afternoon teas please support our local cafes.

<u>Please Note:</u> The garden has two large open ponds and some steps.

Kenton Park, 437 Torrens Valley Road, Gumeracha (close to the Toy Factory), opens for the first time with Open Gardens SA and this is a rare opportunity to see this idyllic property. Hidden away behind a hedge and a thicket of tall trees. Kenton Park is a beautifully maintained country property with a charming historic house and a very pretty flower-filled garden. William Randell, who was the founding father of Gumeracha, built the interesting old barns in 1840 and his house the following year. He farmed the land which remained in the Randell family until 2000. The outbuildings are unique with remarkable stonework and architectural features - the house cow is still milked in a stall in the barn each day.

High laurel hedges line the long drive to a gravelled forecourt and the National Trust Heritage-listed house in its tranquil park-like setting. Through the magnificent old oaks, robinias, carobs, sheoaks, Bunya pines, lindens and Irish strawberry trees that are a feature of the property, there are views over paddocks stocked with alpacas, sheep and young lambs, to the River Torrens and adjacent vineyards.

Behind the house, wide stone steps lead from the lawn up a slope through terraced garden beds, some lined with hedges and others edged with soft mounds of seaside daisies. The many roses are the scene stealers, but they are well supported by pretty perennials including iris, daylilies, penstemons and a cluster of lovely pink peonies. Flowering cape chestnut and hawthorn trees add to the show.

Extra activities: Walk and talk with the owners 11am and 2pm both days; tea, coffee and biscuits; display of vintage cars and trucks; plant sales by The Plant People.

<u>Please note</u>: There is a river and pond, and 2 wild beehives on the property as well as steps and gravel paths, so it is not suitable for wheelchairs.



OPEN GARDENS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The entry fee to each garden is \$8.00 per person for adults (Open Gardens SA Members \$6.00); children under 18 are admitted free, limited concessions available. The gardens will open under Covid guidelines. Masks are not required outdoors, but visitors may wish to bring one. Visitors are encouraged to bring cash as EFTPOS facilities are not always available.

Full details of Open Gardens SA Spring program are available on their website: www. opengardensa.org.au

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Lobethal Gardening Festival

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Evette Sunset is a landscape designer. responsible for the design of the Lobethal Pocket Forest at the Lobethal Woollen Mill on Mill Road. The Cudlee Creek Fire severely impacted the area behind the Mill in December 2019 and, in under two years, with community collaboration. vision and effort, it has become an important educational tool for fire safe practices, as well as an area of beauty. The plants within Evette's designs are less fire prone and aimed at slowing the progress of fire. Ioin Evette for her talk at 1.30pm at the Pocket Forest.

Lobethal Community Association member, Georgia Pope, is passionate about her garden and the whole township. Georgia and Andrew have lived in Lobethal for six years and have achieved their dream garden due, Georgia says, to the uniqueness of Lobethal.

"I have met so many interesting, knowledgeable, caring, and open-minded people in this town. And there's something special about this land, such a sense of wellbeing comes from having our hands in the earth," Georgia said.

Georgia and Andrew's garden is one of two bushfire affected gardens opening for the Festival. Georgia said that it's surprising what has come back after the fires, and right now, there are such pops of colour, visitors will enjoy walking up the hill identifying native wildflowers.

Seven private gardens will be open for the day including a food forest backyard, a calming gumtree retreat, a children's wonderland across five acres, another on two acres with little worlds including a Japanese garden and a cubby house replete with miniature veggie patch. Georgia stresses that these are "private gardens. They are not perfect, not manicured to magazine standard, these are working gardens full of passion, joy and experience."

Both Primary Schools in Lobethal will open their own gardens: one a German Hufendorf Garten full of traditional German vegetables and chickens; the other with a nature play area, ornamental plants, vegetables and chickens too. The schools (including Woodside Primary School) are running a STEAM challenge competition to identify a problem for a gardener and design the solution.

Gardening is not age defined; it appeals across the board. As well as the primary schools, local family gardens and community gardens, residents at the Valley of Praise Retirement Village in Lobethal will open the shared veggie and herb patches within the Village, and their own private gardens.



Lynton Vonow, Kristina Vonow and Georgia Pope, doing some last-minute gardening in preparation for the Festival. Photo by Peter Stanley. Festival tickets via trybooking.

Bushland Park will also host several interesting stalls: Australian Plant Society, Australian bush tucker plants and seedlings, Butterfly Conservation, responsible gardening from Landscape SA, Lilium and Bulb Society, Frogwatch, Adelaide Hills Council, CFS and the Bee Society.

The Lobethal Community Association, in conjunction with the wider community, welcome all visitors to the inaugural Lobethal Gardening Festival. This is a community fundraising event with proceeds going to future initiatives such as Main Street beautification and showcasing town history. The Festival opens from 10am until 4.30pm on Sunday 31st of October. Tickets are \$12 each, \$10 concession, and children under 12 free. Book your ticket on trybooking: www. trybooking.com/events/ landing/804011 or purchase them from the Lobethal Fodder Store. Refreshments are available through numerous local businesses open on the day.

For more information, please visit the Lobethal Community Association's Facebook page. The Association is grateful to the Adelaide Hills Council for their support of this event and to Councillors Malcolm Herrmann, Linda Green and Chris Grant for their generous donations.



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REVIVING KAURNA LANGUAGE story teller and w captivate th



The **Hills** Environment Centre has invited Jack Buckskin to talk about the Kaurna language, which has almost been lost to current generations.

Language is a vital part of any culture and Jack is on a mission to renew the Kaurna language.

He is committed

educating to the community and sharing Kaurna and now language teaches it to hundreds o f indigenous and nonindigenous students of all ages.

"We are really excited to have Jack talk at the Hills Environment Centre, as he is a master story teller and will captivate the audience with his stories – and hopefully encourage more people to study this language", said Val Hunt HEC coordinator.

An Introduction to Kaurna Language with Jack Buckskin, be held will on Tuesday, November 9th starting at 7.30 at Hills the Environment Centre, Crescent Drive, 4 Norton Summit.

Bookings are essential so email – events@hecinc.org. au if you wish to attend.

The cost is \$10, payable on the night.



You are invited to join the **Gumeracha**, **Forreston & Kenton Valley Neighbourhood Watch** for their next meeting on **Monday**, **1st November** at **7.30 pm** in the Police Station, Albert Street, Gumeracha.

The **CFS** will visit, to talk about the upcoming summer season and bushfire preparation.

We would love to see you there!

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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU MEET A SNAKE

Spring is here and it is also the time when snakes are on the move seeking food. Before you venture outside, do you know what to do if you meet a snake?

Geoff Coombe from Living With Wildlife and Rudv from Snake Adelaide Catchers will present a Snake Awareness Workshop o n Saturday, November 13th from 1 - 3 pm. The workshop will provide practical information that you can apply at home. It will include an introduction to snakes and snake behaviour. tips on how to identify

snake hazards around the home and how to reduce them, advice on how to act when meeting a snake, plus the correct first-aid treatment for snake bites.

This workshop is vital for hills dwellers, people who work in the hills, gardeners and bushwalkers.

Geoff will show you simple but effective ways of reducing snake habitat around your home and improve your awareness of snake behaviour. This information could save you and your family from snake bites or frights!

The session includes live, local snakes under controlled and safe conditions and will be held at the Torrens Valley Community Centre, Albert Street, Gumeracha. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (payable at the door) and includes a light afternoon tea. It is not suitable for children under 12 years due to the length of the presentation. The workshop is supported b y t h e Hills Environment Centre.

Registration is essential, so please email events@hecinc. org.au to book your seats.



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Join community conversations about suicide prevention

Join us for a conversation about community-driven suicide prevention and the establishment of a Suicide Prevention Network in the Adelaide Hills Council area. Proudly supported by the Adelaide Hills Council and the Government of South Australia.

The upcoming community conversations are the first step towards creating a Suicide Prevention Network (SPN) in the Adelaide Hills Council area.

The free conversations (and the new SPN) will be open to any community members with an interest in communitydriven suicide prevention. Some people may be interested in joining who have been bereaved by suicide or have had an experience of suicide attempt themselves. The SPN will be born out of a shared desire to ensure no-one experiences what they have experienced. SPN members will be supported to take simple actions that tackle stigma associated with mental illness and suicide, raise awareness and start compassionate conversations that enable people to reach out to others in difficult times.

Lobethal Community Conversation - Tuesday, 2 November 2021, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Lobethal Recreation Ground, 15 Onkaparinga Street, Lobethal.

Mount Lofty Community Conversation - Thursday, 4 November 2021, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Mount Lofty District Community & Sports Club, 1 Heathfield Road, Heathfield.

A free light supper will follow the conversations, which will also include a Q&A session with advocates from Wellbeing SA.

In supporting the establishment of a SPN, we pause to remember and acknowledge the pain and anguish experienced by members of the Adelaide Hills community who have taken their lives, and the pain and anguish for loved ones left behind.

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP:

Lifeline on 13 11 14

Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800

MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978

Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467

Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636 or its COVID-19 support service 1800 512 348

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Join local author Jo Newman for the official launch of her children's picture book 'What's Your Purpose Little Boots?' Sunday 31st Oct 2021, 11.30am, Big Rocking Horse & Toy Factory, Gumeracha. Enquiries: 0407601667

One Tree Hill Country Market - One Tree Hill Institute, Blacktop Road, One Tree Hill. Saturday, November 6th. 8.30am-12.30pm. Craft, Produce, Preserves, Plants. Enquiries 0457 107 817. Annual Lobethal Uniting Church Garage Sale - Main Street, Lobethal. Saturday, November 6th at 9am. Come and browse plants, various household items, brica-brac etc. And why not enjoy the Sausage Sizzle!



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