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# Green Door Books

By Kendrea Rhodes - Behind a green door, up a laneway off the Main Street of Lobethal, is a charming little world of unusual books, fulfilling that nostalgia for the welcoming bookshops of old. Feeling a little like the magical alleyways of the movies, the green door is an invitation for would-be time travellers to delve into a world where time slows, and reading, rummaging, and relaxing are highly encouraged. Such a relief in our fast paced, digital download age.

There are new and secondhand books for sale, as well as bartering options, but owner, Jason McKell is not a hovering shopkeeper. He wants people to wander and ponder, touch the

books, sit in the armchairs, read, and be immersed in the music emanating from the 60s radiogram in the back. You'll also find a rummage box to pick a book and name your price, an exchange system, and a freebie box out the front to grab a book while you're waiting for the bus (or wandering by).

Jason said, "I want a nice place for people to feel comfortable ... a place where people can read, listen to music, slow down and chill out."

The range of books available to see, read, and/or purchase is truly eclectic, we can't even list 1% of them, but there's such a mix of genres that all ages and tastes are covered.



Jason McKell at Green Door Books in Lobethal. Behind the green door is an eclectic mix of classic, unusual, rare and recent titles. Find Jason on Instagram @gdbookslobethal or Facebook @GDBooksLobethal for a list of the shop's latest additions.

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Then in verses 17-18 Paul encourages his readers with these words: *“Our suffering is light and temporary and is producing for us an eternal glory that is greater than anything we can imagine.”*

*We don't look for things that can be seen but for things that can't be seen. Things that can be seen are only temporary. But things that can't be seen last forever.”*

St Paul was able to endure extreme persecution and difficulties. He was able to demonstrate his God-given ability to overcome his circumstances to joyfully proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and the gift of eternal life that Jesus' death and resurrection makes possible.

Stating that the cross of Jesus is a symbol of hope, Alister McGrath explains: *“God entered into our suffering and dying world to bring it newness of life. Those outside Christianity need to learn - need to be told about - its relevance and power for the tragic situation of humanity. It is a sign of a glory that is concealed. It confronts the worst that the world can offer and points to - and makes possible - a better way. It stands as a symbol of hope that transfigures, in a world that is too often tinged with sadness and tears... A symbol of a God who is with us in this dark world and beyond? Yes! In short, the cross stands for a hope that is for real, in a world that is for real. But that world will pass*

away, while that hope will remain for eternity.”

The relevance and power of the cross of Jesus is as necessary and vital in the world in which we live today as it always has been. Don't let the opportunity to learn about its relevance and power pass you by, but take hold of the gift of eternal life that is being offered. St Paul met the risen Jesus on the way to Damascus and his life totally changed in direction, purpose, and thankfulness.

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"Don't talk to Joan. She'll give you a job!"

It's a joke shared by several Kersbrook residents when talking about Ms Joan Playford OAM JP who was presented a Queen's Birthday Order of Australia Medal at Government House recently (Wednesday, 3 November 2021).

The OAM acknowledges Joan's ongoing efforts and service to the Kersbrook community, as President of the Kersbrook Public Hall Association, foundation member, past president, now Treasurer of the Kersbrook Residents Association and foundation member and Area Coordinator of Kersbrook Neighbourhood Watch.

"I am honoured and grateful for this honour," Joan says, "and I will continue to do as much as I can to contribute to this community."

Kersbrook covers 77 square kilometres with a population (2016 Census) of just over 1000 people, working mainly in trades, agriculture, horticulture and forestry. Horse riding, trail bike riding and bush walking are popular recreational



Joan Playford, with husband Barry.

pursuits in the rolling hills encircling the town.

A former multi-certificated Nursing Sister, Joan and electrical engineering husband, Barry, moved to Kersbrook in 1985 and lived in a caravan while building their

home.

Her prowess and passion for equestrian pursuits led her to horse trail riding. The Kersbrook Trail Joan literally blazed while leading a group of student helpers remains one of the best in the

country. She has led or ridden in trail rides through the Flinders Ranges at least 20 times. She is a life member of the Adelaide Trail Horse Riders Club, only recently dismounting permanently, after turning 80.

But it's Joan's efforts to give Kersbrook a presence and voice that have drawn this prestigious award.

The Kersbrook Community Hall is a community-owned significant 105 year-old building, which Joan describes as "deserving a lot of love". In 1985, she and Barry joined the hall committee and 20 years' later Joan became its President. Two rooms were added, one for storage and another, used by the Kersbrook Soldiers Memorial Park as an Op Shop.

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# Campaign to re-open the Gumeracha Hospital Emergency Department



Dan Cregan MP, Member for Kavel, has launched a campaign to re-open the Gumeracha Hospital Emergency Department.

"The Hospital ED was closed at the start of the COVID pandemic. Local doctors have been providing extraordinary service to the Hospital but we need to provide better resourcing and support so they can continue to do so."

"Unfortunately Gumeracha is outside the Modified Monash funding model even though it provides support to a largely regional patient group."

"I'm calling on the State Government to urgently consider what further financial and other support can be provided to ensure the ED can re-open and that local doctors can continue to be part of the ED."

"Many communities in the North of my electorate and surrounding districts depend on the hospital for care. Not having a fully operational ED also places additional strain on local ambulance crews who need to divert patients to Mount Barker or city hospitals."

In 2019, Dr Chris Moy, President of the Australian Medical Association (SA) said: "I

am of the firm belief that [Gumeracha Hospital] is unduly impacted as an example of the arbitrary nature of classification under the Modified Monash Model... I cannot believe that the introduction of this model was intended to undermine what a "pub test" would determine is a genuine country practice".

For many years the Gumeracha Emergency Department was supported by a local practice with an agreement to provide doctors to work in the Hospital

and Emergency Department. Teaching and mentoring was provided to countless GP Registrars and medical students. There is now a severe shortage of doctors available to work in the rural area classification covered by Gumeracha.

The campaign will take the form of a community based petition and advocacy from local residents, medical professionals, pharmacists and Mr Cregan. The AMA have previously called for a review of the funding available to the hospital.

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Green Door Books is an avid supporter of

everything local including books from Lobethal poet, Belinda Broughton, a paranormal history of Adelaide by historian Allen Tiller (signed copies), and signed books by local author Andrew Johnson, who donates all profits to Beyond Blue. You can also support amazing local businesses like The Punky Brewster coffee beans (ethically sourced, roasted by Alex) and Cabra Leather, handmade leather goods and tanning services (Mitch

Dykshoorn). Find them both on Instagram for more information.

Jason's interesting life includes many aspects of art and music and living. He is a musician and songwriter and was a professional airbrush artist for years. Before Green Door Books, he took a step back from the fast pace of modernity and lived in a van for two years. His "vanlife" enabled him to slow down, study and immerse himself in music; and it was during this time that a love for books, music and the

Adelaide Hills flourished into future visions.

"Some places just call you back," Jason said.

Future plans for Green Door Books include club and group gatherings through books and music. These visions will eventuate when a covid manageable life is normalised in South Australia.

The twelve-month anniversary for Green Door Books is coming up soon and what story about a secret behind a green door could resist a Shakin' Stevens reference: *there's a*

*radiogram and they play it hot behind the green door* - watch out for celebrations at Green Door Books in December.

The bookshop is at 38 B Main Street, Lobethal (laneway beside the red real estate office) and opens from Wednesday to Friday 10-4pm, Saturday 11-4pm, and Sunday 11-3pm. Connect with Green Door Books on Instagram @gdbbookslobethal, or Facebook @GDBooksLobethal, or on 0426 208 884. Any why not make a day of it? There are plenty of lunch opportunities on the Main Street, and heaps of parking and newly refurbished toilet blocks behind the shop.

## Community Forum Gumeracha

Community Forums are facilitated by Council and an opportunity to share your point of view and hear what other members of your community have to say about important local topics.

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The Mt Torrens market in September was a huge success and great fun! Thank you every one for attending and to the wonderful stallholders. The Mt Torrens and District Community Association will be holding another market on Sunday, December 5th from 10am to 3pm, to again raise funds for our History Centre. As before, this event will raise funds for future exhibitions and events as well as provide specialized archive storage materials needed to preserve the photos, records and objects recording the settled history of Mt Torrens.

The History Centre is located in the 1864 Coach House in the main street of the town, adjacent to the reserve where the sculpture of the Key stands.

There will be a BBQ, a coffee van with hot donuts, live music, Face Painting and a variety of stalls. Look out for local crafts and products including vintage pieces, photog-

raphy, fabric bags, and mosaic pieces. As well, there will be candles, scrunchies, knitted socks, cards and jewelry on offer. What else? Plants and produce, sun catchers, flower arrangements, Nature products, and crystals.

And of course food! Cake stall, baked goods, cookies - even fresh eggs will be available.

And a secondhand bookstall is in the Coach House. Phew! Plenty to choose from!

Our Raffle this time will be a Christmas hamper - all goods as local as possible - donated by the ever generous MTDCA committee members and friends. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Please join us on Sunday, December 5th, 10am to 3pm, in the Coach House and on the adjacent reserve (Heritage Reserve). A great way to start the Christmas season!

For more information, please phone Rose Ralph on 0432 477 616.

# Local Councillor and FIFA Referee to run in Hammond

Experienced local councillor and former Referee and FIFA Assistant Referee, Airlie Keen, will stand as an Independent candidate in Hammond at the March State Election. Ms Keen returned to live in the Murraylands in 2010 and has served on the Rural City of Murray Bridge council since 2014.

"Hammond is an ultra-safe seat that has always been overlooked by the Government. I'm standing to bring real competition to the seat. We need a better and more affordable bus service to Adelaide, the duplication of the Swanport Bridge and a fully-funded 24 hour doctor service in Strathalbyn with links to a new Hospital for the Hills. We also need significant funds for a housing renewal program in Murray Bridge and investment to make Sturt Reserve a real destination."

"Independents have a record of success in securing more funding for their communities".

"You only have to



look at the neighbouring Federal seat of Mayo, which has seen \$250 million committed from the State and Federal Governments for traffic improvements in and around Hahndorf, to demonstrate that Independents can leverage significantly more funding into their electorates."

"In their different ways Dan Cregan and Rebekha Sharkie have each raised the bar through sheer hard work and close connection and engagement with their communities. The people of Hammond deserve that same level of representation."

"High cost and infrequent public transport services have long been an issue in

Murray Bridge and Strathalbyn and I'll be campaigning to bring these towns into the Metro Ticket fare catchment. As well, there is real community demand for ride-share services."

Ms Keen was a long-term Electorate Officer to past Premier John Olsen AO and Mark Goldsworthy. She also had a long career as a FIFA Assistant Referee, umpiring World Cup games including the 3rd place match between the USA and Canada at the 2003 Women's World Cup (WWC) in the USA, the 2004 Athens Olympic Games Semi-Final between Germany and USA and the opening game of the 2007 WWC in China (between Germany and Argentina). Since retiring from global FIFA umpiring, Airlie has lived in Callington, within the electorate of Hammond.

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A public toilet block was added (by the Adelaide Hills Council), cement paths were laid and the whole area around the Hall landscaped.

Under her stewardship and organisational skills, the Hall car park was enlarged and resurfaced, a kitchen installed along with a 100-piece setting, a new floor was laid in the Hall, its interiors and exteriors painted, the building rewired and its 100-year-old roof replaced.

A children's playground was established at the rear of the hall and a public BBQ donated by Torrens Valley Lions Club was built. A gazebo was erected over the BBQ, part funded by the Council and with timber donated by SA Quality Home Improvements - the owner together with local Mr David Peters volunteered to

build it. Air conditioning was added to the Hall Kitchen Supper Room and Op Shop and a quilting machine purchased for community use. Post the Sampson Flat fires in 2015, a mosaic-tiled Resilience Bench was built inside the playground. A community library swap box was subsequently installed near the bench.

On alternate Saturdays, Joan and other members of the small hall committee raise funds by sizzling sausages at a roadside shelter near the Hall.

"We desperately need more friends to help with that," Joan says. "We need funds to replace the wooden eaves that the birds are chewing."

Joan would also love to see more members of the community involved in the Kersbrook Residents

Association. She and Barry founded it with others in 2010. The Association aims to represent the residents of Kersbrook with input to the Adelaide Hills Council and State and Federal Government decisions which represent Kersbrook. Results have included better maintenance and improvements to town infrastructure and major road safety works.

Following in the steps of her 1788 First Fleet four times great grandfather and clerk to Australia's first Governor, King, Joan was appointed a Justice of the Peace in SA in 1977. Subsequently, she trained to become a Justice of the Quorum, serving 10 years sitting on cases of summary jurisdiction in the Traffic Court at Elizabeth. No surprise that she was also a foundation member of the Para District Justice Association and with

Adelaide Hills Councillor Mr Malcolm Herrmann foundation member of the Royal Association Hills Group. She and Mr Herrmann continue to supply JP services weekly at Woodside and Gumeracha.

"My parents were married during the depression and my father was what would now be called an essential worker," Joan says. "To gain promotion meant having to shift home every few years. Their philosophical teachings were of the virtue of community: neighbours are to be nurtured and valued and when leaving one community for another, leave more than you take away."

"As a child, I attended many Red Cross and CWA meetings with my mother and volunteering became a way of life," Joan says.

"Love is joy. And there's a lot of joy seeing ideas and work come to fruition."

Government House broadcasted the investitures of Joan and other OAM recipients at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFV1oYrHLSQRT8HNXccL6zw>

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Tickets are \$2 each, available from Club members. The Club will be selling tickets out the front of Kloses Foodland, Birdwood, on Saturdays, outside Kersbrook General Store on 4th December, Mt Torrens Market on 5th December, and at Bunnings Modbury on Saturday 20th November, 9th December at Bunnings "Market Day" and on 18th December (unless sold out prior).



Christmas Cakes and puddings are also available from club members and at raffle sale points. These delicious cakes will keep way past Christmas, so you can enjoy them throughout the year, not only at Christmas time.

The guest speaker at the November dinner meeting was David Kuchenmeister (pictured above) from SAPOL Collision Reconstruction. A lot of work using physics, maths and investigations go into working out what went

wrong and why an accident happened. Thank you David for a very informative presentation!

The Torrens Valley Club covers the towns and areas of Birdwood, Mt Torrens, Gumeracha, Kersbrook, Cudlee Creek, Inglewood, and Mt Pleasant (they do have a member who comes from Williamstown!). If you would like more information on Lions and what they do in the community, please contact Dave on 0417 821 107 or Phil on 0419 830 754.

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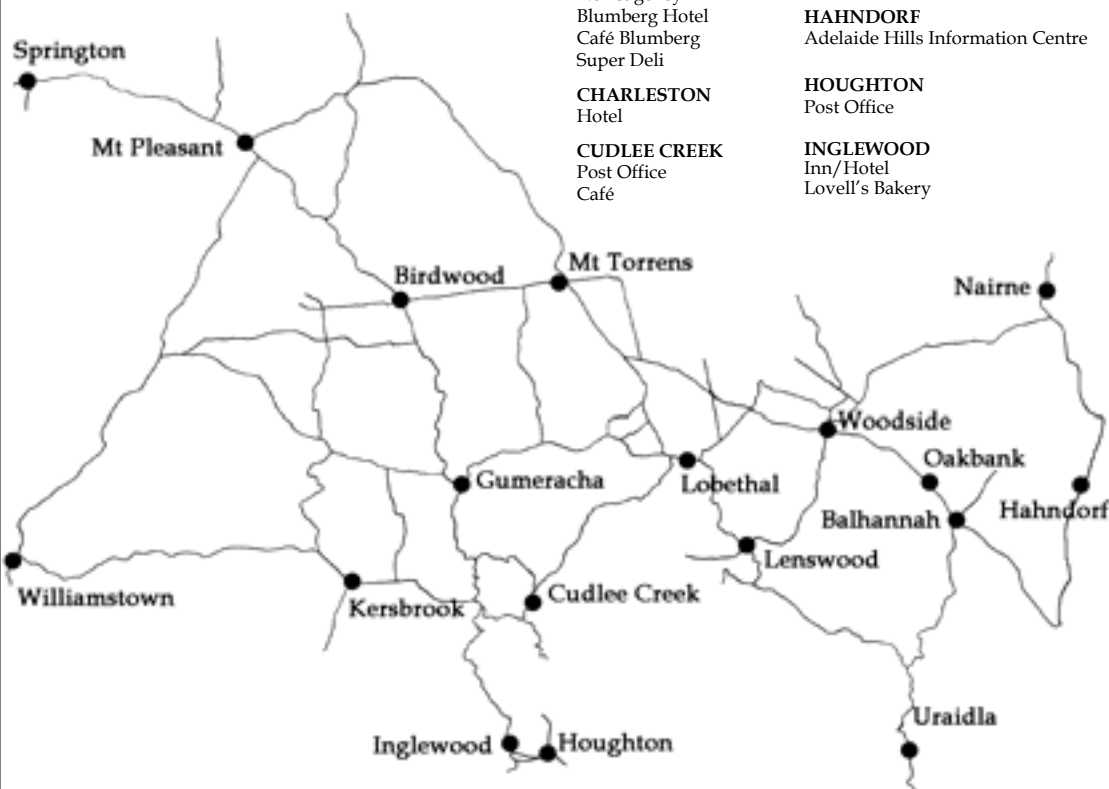
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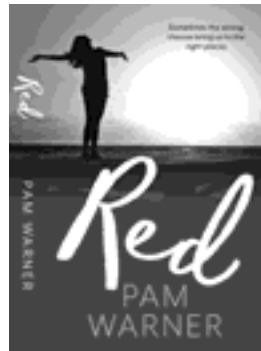
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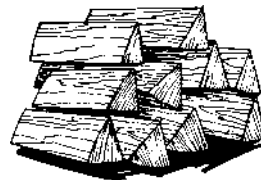
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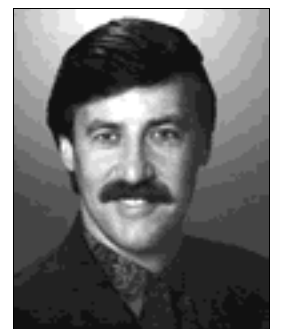
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