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Feeding Time at MONARTO By Kendrea Rhod

Did you know that Monarto Safari Park can fit all the major zoos in Australia within its 1500 hectares? And that once redevelopments are complete, Monarto Safari Park will be the largest safari park outside of Africa? Did you know that giraffes, black rhinos, chimpanzees, lemurs, elands, axis deer, blackbucks, bongo antelopes, barbary sheep and Mongolian horses, e a t love to the "browse" (foliage on branches) of certain bushes and trees considered invasive to South Australia?

It's the need for those "browse" materials that Mr Cris Katona, Browse Coordinator at Monarto Safari Park, is keen for the community to hear about. With growing numbers of animals at the park, feed is an ever-pressing issue. Many browse materials useful for animals at Monarto are not native to South Australia and for a number of years now, the Adelaide Hills Council have donated pruned foliage from roadsides and reserves to the Park. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6.**

Cris Katona at the Giraffe Safari experience platform, Monarto Safari Park. Giraffes are partial to acacia/wattle, banana palm, carob, fig, liquidambar and tree lucerne. If you have a trailer or ute load of these precious delights, Monarto would like to hear from you. Photo courtesy Monarto Safari Park.

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

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Whose birthday are you looking forward to this month? Together with most Australians I am sure it is Jesus Christ's birthday on the 25th of December.

What is it about this particular baby who was born over 2,000 years ago that his birth is still celebrated today by many millions of people around the world?

Until the age of about thirty he lived in relative obscurity in a small village in Israel. For the last three years of his life he travelled around performing many miracles and claiming to be the Messiah prophesied to come in the Jewish Scriptures. His teachings have formed the framework for the laws that have governed the way our civilized society has functioned

ever since.

What do you think of Jesus? A minority believe he really was God's Son. Most people today, if they think about Him at all, consider him to have been a good man. C.S. Lewis said Jesus Christ was either a liar, or a lunatic, on the level of someone who thinks he is a poached egg, or He was who He said He was, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world.

Could a liar or a lunatic have come up with the teachings which have stood the test of time for two thousand vears?

In secular Australia, children often miss out on the opportunity to hear about the God who cares for them and, as Christians, we believe they are the poorer for it.

It may be that some people consider Christianity a form of indoctrination. However, child or adult, every one of us is continually influenced, indoctrinated, by what we see and experience. Facebook, TV, Twitter are just examples. Growing children are learning all the time and without good instructions and guidelines how can they be expected to navigate life's trials, temptations, and problems?

The gospel message is one of hope and deliverance. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6 NIV).

Let's not prevent the from hearing the children message of salvation that

Jesus has made possible. He died a sacrificial death at Calvary and rose again. One day He has promised He will return. We believe His message and we believe the good news of salvation is freely available to all who come to Him in faith and repentance.

Let the children hear the message and those who are past childhood it is not too late for you to hear the message too. Jesus loves you and died for you and offers you eternal life with Him. As Christians, we believe it is far too good an offer to refuse and we joyously accept, in faith, the gift He offers.

We believe that Jesus has demonstrated His love for us and that, whether young or old or in-between, we all matter very much to God!

Mill Square Music Including the launch of Flocking Together

Saturday 11 December, 6:00pm - 9:30pm Mill Square, Lobethal

Pack a picnic, or enjoy the on-site community BBQ, and join this free family event featuring Anya Anastasia, Nancy Bates and Ukulele Death Squad.

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Big Rocking Horse turns 40



By Kendrea Rhodes -Gumeracha's Big Rocking Horse was first opened in December 1981 by the Deputy Premier of South Australia, Roger Goldsworthy. То celebrate the fortieth anniversary of that opening, visitors are invited to join the festivities over the weekend of 11-12th December, with entry fees waived and 40th anniversary climb certificates to be awarded.

For the past twelve years, Frans and Lyn Gous have owned and operated the complex at the Big Rocking Horse and have really come to love it. Frans enjoys the priceless expressions on children's faces when they see the Big Rocking Horse, The Toy Factory and the Wildlife Park. He said, "It's such a happy place."

Lyn manages the café and loves seeing all ages enjoying the facilities, including families, schools, retirement groups, clubs and tourists. Visitors are also welcome to bring along a picnic to enjoy in the outdoor garden area.

The Big Rocking Horse weighs 25 tonnes, is 17 metres long, and 18.3 metres tall. It has three viewing platforms, one at the base, one on the saddle and one on the top of the horse's head. What a great way to see a little of the surrounding district and get a commemorative certificate!

The Toy Factory has been operating for fortyeight years on the site and is the original inspiration for the iconic Big Rocking Horse. In 1973, the original owner, Wal Wilkinson, wanted to attract passing trade to The Toy Factory, so he built a giraffe first, and then successively larger rocking horses until, in the 1980s, when the Big Rocking Horse was created.

The Toy Factory builds quality wooden toys, furniture, puzzles and games. There are so many that a visit (online or in person) might be better for a complete understanding of the vast range of creations. For example, there are children's rocking horses, building blocks, ride-on and push-along toys, cars, trucks, doll's houses, jigsaw puzzles and mind-bending puzzles. They are all made in Gumeracha using renewable resources, and many of their creations are sold as

a s s e m b l e d a n d lacquered, or in raw kit form for the creative builders of the family. What a great fun Christmas activity.

The Wildlife Park covers 7 acres. You can meet Keith the Emu. Biscuit and other naughty thieving goats, Snowy and Curly the Alpacas, Jasper, Po and the other grey kangaroos, wallabies, sheep, corellas, budgies, guinea fowl, ducks, turkeys and peacocks (you can't miss them). There are bags of animal food to purchase and of course, the animals love it, but beware of the goats they have no manners!

F o r m o r e information, please call 8389 1085, visit the website thetoyfactory. com.au, or in person at 452 Torrens Valley Road, Gumeracha. The Toy Factory complex is open seven days a week (except Christmas Day) from 9am to 5pm.

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Our entire team wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2022.

Christmas Office Hours

Whilst our offices will be closed from 12pm on 24th December and reopening on Tuesday 4th January, our team will be available throughout the festive season on 0488 972 888 should you wish to book an inspection, appraisal or appointment to discuss your real estate needs.

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Celebrating 10 years and the changing of the guard at Mt Pleasant Farmers Market

After a decade at the helm, inaugural Mt Pleasant Farmers Market Manager. Genevieve Hebart, has announced her retirement. Genevieve has been and continues to be a driving force within the passionate team that brought the market to fruition in 2012. She has worked tirelessly in the role as Market Manager from inception right through to the present day.

Genevieve said, "The last 10 years as Manager of the Mt Pleasant Farmers Market have been an extraordinary experience where I have been able to use my previous experience in management to assemble a team of individuals, both paid and voluntary, to develop what has become an integral event in the Mt Pleasant calendar and is a state and nationally recognised authentic Farmers Market."

"I acknowledge the

inspiration and initial



Chelsea Honner (left) and Genevieve Hebart.

work of the Volunteers of the Mt Pleasant Natural Resource Centre under the guidance of Faye McGoldrick, whose enthusiasm was the original impetus for the project."

"With the support and skills in particular of Terese Stephens, the Market has grown, to what it is today, a wonderful venue for small local business to sell their goods, and a significant networking environment for families and friends. I look forward to the future development of the Market over the next 10 years as a local customer."

Genevieve will finish up very appropriately on the 10th birthday of the market in early February 2022.

The market man-

agement board have recently employed Barossa Valley local, Chelsea Honner to comanage alongside market veteran Terese Stephens. Chelsea comes from an event and styling background with a passion for all things local.

Chelsea said, "The value and commitment of current manager, Genevieve, to the market is overwhelming but I am very excited to take on the challenge and have lots of ideas to help enhance the already successful market."

"One thing that stands out to me about the market is the amazing sense of community. Everybody has been so welcoming, and I can't get over the generosity of the stall holders, members, and the volunteers. It's such a wonderful market!"

A full calendar of events is planned for the 10th birthday celebrations. One of the markets favourite son's, celebrity chef Simon Bryant, will be returning to the market to celebrate. Simon will be cooking up a storm with market produce, with his usual flair and style. Simon said, "I am humbled that the Market Board has considered me to be part of the celebrations".

gala А dinner event will also be held in Mt Pleasant to announce and present market stalwarts and life members with awards. Event organiser, Terese Stephens, said. "The event will host and reunite the many stall holders. volunteers, members and staff that have been involved with the community notforprofit group over the past ten years."

The market is open every Saturday at the Mt Pleasant Show ground from 8am to 12 noon. For any enquiries, please phone Terese on 0418 301 121 or info@mtpleasantfarme rsmarket.com.au



Feeding Time at MONARTO

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The general public can also donate tree cuttings to feed Monarto's hungry animals, but the foliage must be on the "Appropriate Browse Material" list on the Adelaide Hills Council website: www.ahc.sa.gov.au/ environment/monarto-safaripark.

A few SA invasive species common in the Hills and sought after as browse feeds at Monarto include acacia/ wattle, ash, bamboo, banana palm, cape honeysuckle, carob, cottonwood, fig, hackberry, elm, golden raintree, grapevine, hibiscus, honey locust, kaffir plum, lilly pilly, liquidambar, mirror bush, mulberry, nasturtium, oak, non-fruiting olive, pear, poplar, sheaoak, tree lucerne and willow.

Monarto Safari Park offers free professional tree pruning services on selected species, they can also arrange collection, or you can deliver it yourself in a ute or trailer. Mr Katona said that members of the public donating suitable browse feed will receive a photograph of the animals eating their donations. If you think you can help, the first thing to do is contact Cris Katona on 0413 024 724, or email CKatona@zoossa.com.au.

Monarto is just a 20minute drive down the freeway from Nairne and is a perfect place to plan school holiday adventures. Activities for school age children begin on December 11th with many fun events such as testing your sprinting speed against Monarto's cheetah.

Monarto's website is also a lot of fun. For example, if you click on the "Animals" dropdown menu and filter them by region, diet, habitat, type, and conservation status (endangered, extinct in wild) vou can find out so much about the fifty or more species of Monarto's exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles. An example is the importance of Monarto's Tasmanian devils that are considered an "insurance population" against the fatal cancers diminishing the native population. The Park's Tasmanian devil breeding and habitat programs are so effective that Monarto's devils have been successfully released at the cancer-free sanctuary of Maria Island since 2013.

Upcoming events at Monarto include International Cheetah Day (Dec 4th), guided bushwalks (Dec 7th), and in 2022, you can have breakfast with the hyena, lions or even take your tent to sleep out in Autumn. All visitors require tickets, please visit Monarto's website for more information: www. monartosafari.com.au.



Black rhino at Monarto Safari Park eating browse foliage donated by the public.



As the year end draws closer, members of the Torrens Valley Lions Club are busy selling the delicious Christmas cakes and puddings and \$2 raffle tickets. Members will be selling cakes and raffle tickets at Kersbrook General Store on Saturday 4th, Mt Torrens Market on 5th. Kloses Foodland Birdwood 11th and 19th. Bunnings Modbury Market 9th (6-8pm) and on Sat 18th.

The Club's coin drive continues with donation boxes in businesses within the local townships.

Our support to the local community pantry continues, with a donation of goodies for Christmas hampers for those in need

Lions News or those finding times difficult at present.

Some of the local projects the Club has supported in the past are Mt Pleasant Men's Shed. Birdwood Netball court resurfacing, Cudlee Creek Community Hall, Kerbrook Hall. and local schools in addition to Australia Day Celebrations and free breakfast at Gumeracha and ANZAC Day free Breakfast.

For information on Torrens Vallev Lions Club activities or membership, contact President Bruce on 0400 972 126 or Secretary Phil on 0419 830 754.







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BREATSCREEN SA POP-UP CLINIC AT MOUNT BARKER

BreastScreen SA will introduce a pop-up clinic in Mount Barker to provide women in the area with access to life-saving breast cancer screening closer to home.

BreastScreen SA Program Director, Niamh Wade, said a new mammography unit is being temporarily installed at the Summit Health Centre to meet the growing demand for screening in the region.

"We are delighted to see that women living in the Adelaide Hills region have been prioritising their health by booking in for a free screening mammogram at near record numbers," Ms Wade said.

"It is important that women over 40 years, especially those aged 50 to 74, have a breast screen every two years to check for subtle breast tissue changes, so we've partnered with Summit Health to create a dedicated popup clinic for the women of Mount Barker and surrounds.

"This pop-up clinic will be available over the next seven months to ensure women in the area have timely access to our service, closer to home, while we continue to assess the increased delivery of services in the region." The mobile screening unit visits Mount Barker every two years and screens around 4,000 women over a six-month period. Its latest visit concluded in February 2021.

Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network Chief Executive Officer, Rebecca Graham, said the opening of a new pop-up clinic in the Adelaide Hills is welcome news for the region.

"We are delighted to have a dedicated breast screening pop-up clinic located in Mount Barker," Ms Graham said.

"We know that regular breast screening can have a significant impact on positive patient outcomes and we hope that women living in the region will take up the opportunity to be screened at this new, convenient location."

The pop-up clinic will be available at the Summit Health Centre from Friday 5 November 2021 until Friday 17 June 2022.

Women living in the area are encouraged to call BreastScreen SA on 13 20 50 to make a free appointment.

For more information, including a full list of locations for the mobile screening units, go to www. breastscreensa.sa.gov.au



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