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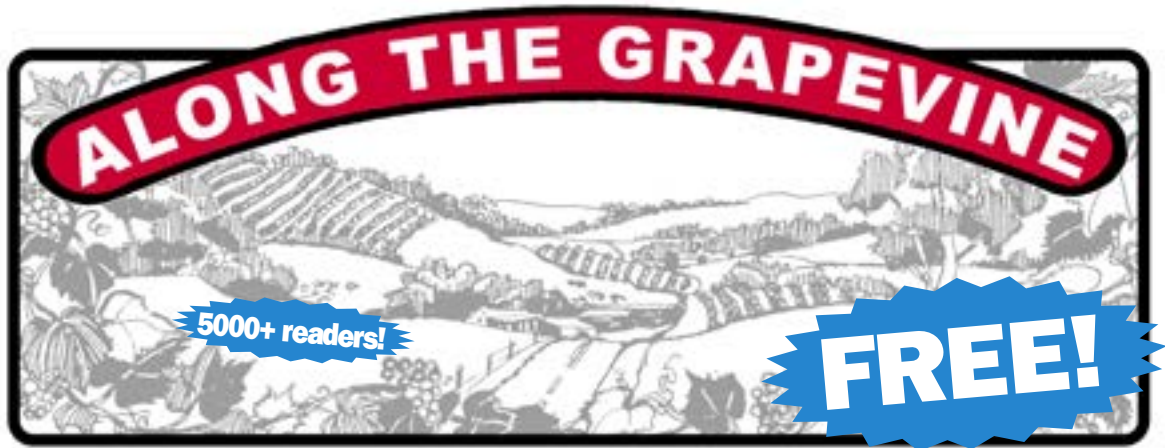
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REFLECTIONS of HOME

By **Kendrea Rhodes** -

The natural environment is important to Adelaide Hills communities; it shapes what we do, what we eat, where we go, who we meet, and often why. After the Cudlee Creek bushfires in 2019, the collective grief of the communities within the fire scar affected each and every aspect that makes the Adelaide Hills special. Amongst the heartache however, there are activities and initiatives generating positivity and providing opportunities to reflect on what makes the Adelaide Hills a wonderful place to call home

Lynne Griffiths, Adelaide Hills Council Cultural Development Officer said, "Following the Cudlee Creek bushfire, members of the



community expressed an interest in creating a public artwork that recognised people's loss of property through the fires – an artwork

that also reflects on their relationship with the Adelaide Hills as home."

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Reflections of Home will be installed at Lobethal Bushland Park. Community members are invited to contribute up until 15 July. For information, please call Lynne Griffiths on 8408 0552 or Miranda Hampton on 8408 0572.



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Sadly, I doubt that this person is alone in turning others away from Jesus Christ instead of attracting them toward Him. In the TV show Father Brown, Mrs. McCarthy is a prime example of someone who turns others away from the Saviour by her behaviour. She is a gossip, a busybody,

vindictive, judgmental, and so negative, and a member of the local church.

Writing to Christians Peter tells us that we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people. That is how God sees us, we have our part to do, that we may proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9.

Perhaps the most important way that we can do this is simply by being the Christians we say we are, by walking our talk. To quote from an earlier editorial. Brennan Manning asserts: “Christianity moves in a cli-

mate completely penetrated by love, and we are called to a life of discipleship compatible with it...”

In Galatians 5:22 we are given a glimpse of the life that will attract others to Jesus, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

No-one likes to feel they are being judged or criticized; however, the Bible tells us that there will be a day of judgement. Jesus' words are recorded in Matthew 12:36: “But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.”

Where there is life there is hope.

We have a merciful God who is always willing to forgive us, even for turning others away from Christ, if we will ask His forgiveness and make a heartfelt decision to allow Him to change us into the people that He wants us to be.

Perhaps then we may hear our Lord Jesus say to us, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’ Matthew 25:23.

Jesus showed us how much we all matter to God.

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Join us for live music from Joel Schroeder, face painting from Tennille, and a raffle for a trailer load of firewood.

There is a great variety of stalls this time, too. You will find mosaics, candles, native plants and Kokebana. There are photographic prints, bath and body



products, children's clothes and woollen crafted garments. Other stalls are selling cookies, jams, macrame, fabric craft and scrunchies. Different types of jewellery, and therapeutic massage products are also being offered.

And there's our large number of second-hand books!

When it's time for a break, you can enjoy soup, tea/coffee & cake from the kitchen, as well as pasties, quiche and hot donuts from Brooke. And don't forget the BBQ!

Again, the

market is a fundraiser for the Mt Torrens History Centre. There are many wonderful old photos (for example, this one of the unfortunate Bakery Van - no one has ever admitted to knowing who was driving!) and fascinating early records of life in the late 1800's and early 20th century that are

being sorted and digitally catalogued by our small band of volunteers.

Please join us at the market on Sunday, June 26th, 10-3, in the Soldiers Memorial Hall on the main street of Mt Torrens.

For more information, contact: roseeposee60@yahoo.com.au

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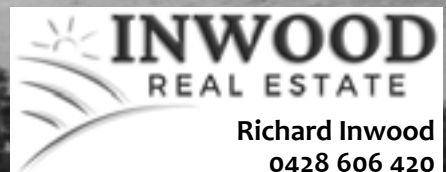
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A project called "Reflections of Home" has been developed from community consultation with the aim of providing a space where memories, emotions, regeneration, and recovery can be acknowledged.

Hills artist, Jerome Lyons, has created a steel sculpture with a silhouette centrepiece of a black cockatoo depicting the return of the birds to the Hills. Under the centre of the sculpture is a sunken cylinder containing artefacts from the community. It will be sealed, never to be reopened, thus remaining in perpetuity

as an integral feature of the artwork. The ethereal quality in the stratified centrepieces of Reflections of Home (both above ground in silhouette and the vessel embedded below) represents the return of life to the area, positive living and aspirations for the future. The project will be installed at Lobethal Bushland Park, a site heavily impacted by the bushfires and close to the hearts of locals.

Public involvement is an essential element of the sculpture and as such, community members are invited to contribute. Suitable items will be small, but

they will also embody individual responses to the impact of the fires. They might be reflections, letters or poetry; natural objects and reminders of home, such as stone, wood, feathers, leaves; or other special pieces like fabric, small artworks, yarn, and photographs. An envelope is provided for these items.

Lynne Griffiths said, "The end result will be an artwork that recognises the impact of the bushfires but also looks to the future as a hopeful, resilient and connected community"

What Do You Need To Do?

It's simple really. If

you would like to participate, please contact Lynne Griffiths on 8408 0552 or Miranda Hampton on 8408 0572 for information and guidance. Your involvement can be as private and confidential as you wish and workshops will be available if participants would like to develop their contribution to Reflections of Home.

Essentially though, the basic steps are as follows. First, choose an artefact that represents your relationship with an Adelaide Hills community or location that was impacted by the Cudlee Creek bushfire. If you would like to join a workshop,

please contact Lynne or Miranda on the numbers listed previously.

Second, place your artefact into the envelope provided and seal it. Your envelope will not be opened at any stage. Deposit your envelope into one of the staffed collection boxes at either Fabrik Arts + Heritage, Old Woollen Mill, 1 Adelaide Road, Lobethal; or the Woodside Library, 26 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Woodside.

If your contribution does not fit into the box, you may also give it to a member of staff. The collection boxes will be removed after the 15th of July.

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The Lobethal Harmony Club, together with the Mt Barker Rotary Club and the Onkaparinga Lions Club, are offering six Scholarships for Gifted Musicians who are under 20 years of age by the 31st December 2022.

The Scholarships are named after people who contributed to the Lobethal community and surrounding districts over numer-

ous years. The Vocal Scholarship is named after Clara Serena who had lived in Lobethal and performed in numerous countries throughout the world. The Instrumental Scholarship is named the Pfeiffer Family Memorial Scholarship after the Pfeiffer family who shared their music ability throughout communities wherever they performed.

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Susan was followed by Dr Chris West, Hills & Fleurieu Landscape SA Board member, who acknowledged the value of the work that volunteers contribute to the health of the environment.

Six people were



recognized for their amazing voluntary work, having been nominated by someone in their community.

The Quiet Green

Achiever winners for 2022 were:

Danny Rohrlach - President of Sturt Upper Reaches Landcare for 9 years. Initiating

the Olibel Project to develop a Bandicoot Superhighway to protect the extinction of local populations.

Adam & Lucy

Pictured left to right are: (back row) Andrew Davidson, Danny Rohrlach, Adam Francis, Dr Chris West, Hon Dr Susan Close, David Greenhough, Branko Soda and Phil Smyth; (front row) Erin Abell, Lucy Francis and baby.

Frances - Koala Rescue Inc founding members, also Treasurer and Secretary, caring for sick or injured koalas.

Branko Soda - Revegetating a section of 3rd Creek with native species for over 23 years, also volunteer with The Gums and Campbelltown Landcare.

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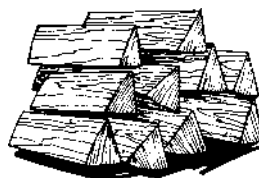
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