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# Farmers Market veteran to hang up her boots after almost 11 years!

Veteran Mt Pleasant Farmers Market Co-Manager, Terese Stephens (pictured right with Veggie Man!) is finishing up at the farmers market, so much loved by locals, after almost eleven years. Terese was employed prior to the market's official opening way back in 2011.

The Mt Pleasant Farmers Market Chairman Ashley Dent said, "As a feature of the market since its inception, Terese has played a pivotal role in its success and development. Stall holders, volunteers and the many board members she has served, will all look back on these many years with great fondness and gratitude for her loyalty and dedication."

Terese said, "I feel very privileged to have been part of

the market journey over the last eleven years.

My absolute belief in supporting South Australian producers through the farmers market has made my role at the market more of a passion project than just a job. I have also had the pleasure to have met the most incredibly giving volunteers and found a community spirit that never seems to fade - it only seems to get stronger in adversity. I have experienced the generosity of stall holders during bushfires and a pandemic and have been spellbound by the community spirit of giving, with almost \$140,000 being raised to date through the community gate fundraising initiative."

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“We cannot prove the existence of God, but there are many reasons why belief in God is reasonable. The first is that nothing science has discovered explains the existence of the universe. Yet the universe has a beauty and an order that suggests a rational mind lies behind it all. Just as the existence of a computer demonstrates that there is someone who invented it, so the world in all its beautiful complexity points to the existence of a Creator, God... Science can explain many things, but it can never

answer the deep human questions about the meaning of life that most of us want to ask.” This statement, along with others, explaining sound reasons for belief in God and in Jesus Christ can be found at [www.portsmouth.anglican.org](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org).

Some people may think that belief in God and in Jesus Christ is a crutch and a belief system that enables those who have such faith to achieve purpose, joy and contentment in a world that is often otherwise filled with difficulties and trauma.

But the theologian John Stott has the following answer for them: “Jesus Christ is indeed a crutch for the lame, to help us walk upright, just as he is also medicine for the spiritually sick, bread for the

hungry and water for the thirsty. We do not deny this; it is perfectly true. But then all human beings are lame, sick, hungry and thirsty.

The only difference between us is not that some are needy, while others are not. It is rather that some know and acknowledge their need, while others either don't through ignorance or won't through pride.” John Stott further asserts: “We know that to find God and to accept Jesus Christ would be a very inconvenient experience. It would involve the rethinking of our whole outlook on life and the readjustment of our whole manner of life. And it is a combination of intellectual and moral cowardice which makes us hesitate.

We do not find because

we do not seek. We do not seek because we do not want to find, and we know that the way to be certain of not finding is not to seek ... Christ's promise is plain: *“Seek and you will find.”* The promise is found in Matthew's gospel, chapter 7:7-8: *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”*

We believe that faith in God and in Jesus Christ as Redeemer and Lord is not based on blind faith but on reasoned faith that stands up to scrutiny, but look yourself, because we believe we all matter to God.

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We all know how hard the Arts industry was hit during Covid. Community theatre was in the same boat, facing ever-changing audience restrictions or cancelling shows, and, quite frankly, trying to keep afloat, as the bills kept rolling in. But as the old adage goes, "the show must go on" and TOTT faced these

challenges determined to continue bringing theatre excellence to the community.

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# Mapping the past for future generations to travel

Founded in 1976, the Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society members were beginning the journey of chronicling the history of the local area just as the under-construction South Eastern Freeway was weaving its way through Crafrers.

The Society has grown to be a vibrant History Centre with a regular program of events, a monthly display in the Coventry Library in Stirling and an ever-growing collection of stories about local organisations and people to explore.

President of the Society, Migration and Demographic Historian Dr Ann Herraman, says while the focus is the history of Mount Lofty, Crafrers, Stirling, Aldgate, Bridgewater, and Mylor, the Society takes a broad approach and works collaboratively with neighbouring historical societies when topics and research interests overlap.

"The Historical Society was established because many people in the district feared large segments of local heritage were being lost so local historians, concerned residents and the then Stirling District Council came together to begin gathering important artifacts and stories," Dr Herraman says.

"Decades later our mission is the same, but we are determined to be visible and connect with younger people and not be a bunch of funny old ladies sitting out the back sorting bus tickets."

Dr Herraman says the Society is privileged to be able to occupy the current space in the Coventry Library where there are secure archives and a shared research space that is visible to the public through windows.

"The aims of the Society are to uncover, publish and preserve the history of the Mount Lofty Districts and so we work really hard to store and display all kinds of textual publications, images and objects so the community can continue to explore and enjoy special moments in time," she says.

"In the 1970's there was a major shift to 'history from the bottom up' which gave significant impetus to the growth of local historical societies and museums like ours.

"We were fortunate that the Government of South Australia took up the cause and established the History Trust of SA which, along with the ongoing insight and support of the Adelaide Hills Council, has provided our Society enormous support."

Since its inception the Society has developed ongoing relationships with local organisations, engaging with local groups, enabling them to take advantage of the History Centre and be able to tell their stories.

"Increasingly we are engaging with local groups - in Stirling alone there are twenty or so groups with great stories to tell like the Stirling

sub-branch of the RSL that has been going for 100 years," Dr Herraman says.

"Every April we do an ANZAC display in the Coventry Library and this year our guest, Rotarian Steve Larkins OAM, spoke about the Virtual War Memorial and Flinders University PhD candidate, Sandra Kearney, shared her research about the Red Cross in South Australia.

"We also regularly partner with local schools to have their students research people who are on their honour roles and create displays for us.

"Another honour role on display had been salvaged from a rubbish tip and kept in a shed for a while before being quietly brought up and given to us - it's one of our treasured items."

The Mt Lofty Historical Society is working hard to stay relevant and meaningful by showing everyone who visits how they themselves are making history all the time every day of their lives.

The Society's History Centre is open to the public for two hours a day, six days a week and there is always someone on hand to share a yarn or two.

"New members of the Society are welcome and there are a range of volunteering opportunities, or you can just use the facilities to follow your own research project," Dr Herraman says.

"We also have Facebook to share our stories and engage with as many people as possible so residents in nursing homes or school groups

who can't always come into the History Centre can still be part of our dynamic community.

"To get involved just wander past and say hello or come to one of our monthly Friday evening events which cover such diverse topics there will surely be something for everyone to discover and enjoy."

The Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society holds a significant collection of papers, documents, photographs and special collections which are available for largescale research projects and skilled volunteers are always available to assist family his-

torians, new residents seeking local information and if special assistance is required Primary Researcher Chris Chardon can help.

The History Centre and Archive in the Coventry Library at Stirling is open between 2pm and 4pm on all days that the library is open. For more information about the regular program of events, monthly displays and the ever growing collection of artefacts visit the website but if you are unable to visit you can get in contact at [mldhs@mtloftyhistoricalsociety.org.au](mailto:mldhs@mtloftyhistoricalsociety.org.au) or connect via Facebook or phone 0419 816 490.



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The tickets are nearly ready to be printed for the Club's raffle, with great prizes to be won. Keep a watch out for Club members selling tickets.

Our Coin drive continues, which helps the Club help our local community.

We are always ready to welcome new members.

If you would like to know more about the Lions Club of



Torrens Valley and what we do, please contact President Phil on 0419 830 754 or Peter on 0429 664 297.

We currently have members from Gumeracha, Birdwood, Kersbrook, Inglewood, Woodside & Williamstown.

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"I wish the market all the best for the future and look forward to watching the next chapter unfolding."

The market management is excited to announce that some favourite past and popular stall holders Udder Delights and Baylies Epicurean Delights are returning. With the addition of new stall holders Bello Di Mamma from Angaston with authentic traditional ready-made Italian dishes, and Lowan Park Produce from Bordertown with their homegrown pastured raised chickens, plus the regular favourites market gardeners Dogan Farm, Tangier Kitchen's Moroccan & Lebanese cuisine

and orchardists DJ Citrus, the diverse choice of local fresh foods just keeps on expanding.

As we head into winter the market will be featuring Winter Warmer workshops, a collective and informative hands-on workshop, including school holiday fun with "Paint your own Masterpiece" for the children. Check website [www.mtpleasantfarmersmarket.com](http://www.mtpleasantfarmersmarket.com) for more details.

The Mt Pleasant Farmers Market is open every Saturday 8am to 12 noon at the Mt Pleasant Showground.

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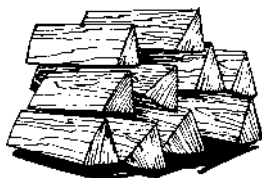
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