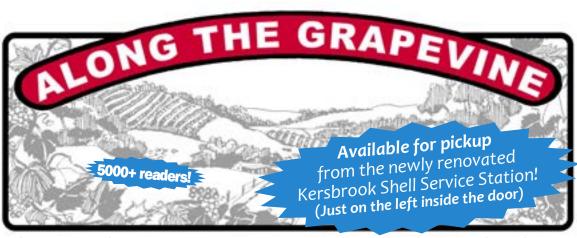


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Rockleigh volunteer awarded national medal for Cudlee Creek fire battle

ROCKLEIGH's Marcus Truman has been recognised for his significant contribution as a Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteer during the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfire season.

Marcus, a Captain with the Rockleigh CFS Brigade, has been awarded the National Emergency Medal for six days of sustained service battling the Cudlee Creek Bushfires, which devastated the Adelaide Hills in December, 2019.

Ignited after a tree fell on high voltage conductors, the Cudlee Creek bushfire quickly became uncontrollable and spread to more than 23,000 hectares, destroying almost 100 homes and causing significant damage to hundreds of other properties.

The fire resulted in the loss of one life and 51

firefighter injuries.

Marcus said battling the fierce Adelaide Hills blaze had been the biggest challenge of his decade-long CFS career

"The initial attack on the fire was the most intense time, having to monitor and answer three radios, one telephone and a crew deck intercom for five crew, as well as watching and reporting fire behaviour," he said.

"Ten years as a volunteer, including the last four as Captain, has been character building and while it (the Cudlee Creek bushfire) was quite an experience, it's certainly one that I hope doesn't repeat itself. But it was a great honour to receive the medal for six days straight of solid effort."

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Rockleigh CFS Brigade Captain Marcus Truman (right), with SACFS Director of Regional Operations, Mark Ryan, at the recent National Emergency Medal presentation.





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"Bret Harte wrote a book entitled The of Roaring Luck Camp. Roaring Camp was supposed to be, according to the story, the meanest, toughest of all mining camps that boasted that there were more murders and thefts than anywhere else. In amongst all the men there was one woman. She died while giving birth to a baby. The men took the baby, and they put her in a box, wrapping her in some old rags.

When they looked at her, they decided that it didn't look right, so they sent one of the men into town to buy a rosewood cradle. When they put the baby in the cradle with the old rags it still didn't look right, so they sent another man into town to buy beautiful silk and lace blankets."

The story continues as the men gradually notice how dirty their surroundings are and how they cooperate to clean the place up. They subsequently realized that babies need a lot of sleep and so they had to stop the arguing and brawling caused by drunkenness. their They also cleaned themselves up and nothing was ever the same again.

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Members of the Lions Club of Torrens Valley met at the Kersbrook Clubrooms to fold Recycle for Sight leaflets in readiness for eveglass collection while other members perforated, cut, collated and stapled raffle tickets for the Club's big 2022 raffle.

Tickets are now for sale at \$2 each from Club members.

Members will be out

and about selling the tickets prior to the December draw date.

The Club continues to support the Community Pantry with staple food items and our Coin Drive continues.

Our next Bunnings Modbury BBQ will be on Saturday, September 3rd - hopefully the rain will hold off as it did for the one attended on Friday, August 19th.

The Club chairman has ordered the delicious Christmas cakes and puddings - we will keep you posted as to when they are available for purchase!

For further information regarding Club activities. Christmas cakes, raffle tickets or membership, please contact President Phil on 0419 830 754 or Secretary Peter on 0429 664 297



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In addition to buying. Marcus' career also has included classing, education and shearing acces-

sory sales, previously spending 11 years as SA Territory Manager with Heiniger, where he still holds the company record for the most TPW wool press sales in a month (35).

Marcus also operated his own private wool buying business for eight years, as well as lending his knowledge to the next generation during a stint as an instructor in TAFE SA's shearing and wool handler program.

Gumeracha Library Refurbishment

Adelaide Hills Council is planning an upgrade to the Gumeracha Library and Service Centre. It is aimed at making the space more welcoming and user-friendly, with a refreshed service counter, shelving and furniture.

The Council are seeking feedback on the draft plans.

The draft plans include:

- a revamped space for children
- a large reading and/or study table that can accommodate multiple uses
- Refreshed reading and sitting areas An updated service desk with accessible options
- New shelving for library items, including large 'book store' style wall shelves

Feedback can be provided in a number of ways until Sunday 4 September:

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