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Sophie Thomson Celebrates Hills Harvest Exchange's 10th Birthday!

Sophie Thomson, popular horticulturist, author, television and radio personality, was the special guest at the Hills Harvest Exchange 10th birthday celebrations on September 10th. Sophie is a strong supporter of community gardens and veggie swaps and passionate about encouraging people to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

The Hills Harvest Exchange was launched back in September 2012 by Sophie Thomson, who also returned to join in the 1st birthday celebrations.

"Sophie is our No 1 member and we were delighted that she made time to come along to our 10th birthday while she has been busy at the Royal Show", said Val Hunt, Coordinator of the Hills Environment Centre. "Many of the members who joined in the first couple of years still come every month, and we love new members join-



ing to see what they will bring along to the swap".

The community veggie swap is held on the first Saturday of each month from 10 am to noon at the Hills Environment Centre, in The Summit Community Centre, 4 Crescent Drive, Norton Summit.

"The Hills Harvest Exchange was started by community members, but word spread and members now travel from Wayville, Flagstaff Hill and Stirling to continue the friendships that have sprung up. They are an extremely friendly bunch of people, generous with their pro-

duce and knowledge, so new members feel very welcome right from the start", said Val.

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Andrew Basden at kgsvr.net/andrew makes the following comments on interconnectedness: (it) “is an expression of dependency, a reminder that we are dependent on 'other' - never self-dependent - and this keeps on reminding us of our utter dependence on God... that humanity's role is to bless the rest of creation so that it experiences something of the character of God as we do so. But we are not autonomous sources of blessing (only God is that).

Rather, we also are part of creation and, as such, we are dependent

on the rest of creation. In this sense we find the rest of creation to be necessary for our living and we also derive enjoyment from it... as we bless the rest of creation, we are blessed in turn - and the whole results in blessing and praise to God... and the interconnectedness we find in the cosmos is an echo of the love of God. Love is always relating and referring beyond itself.”

The Holy Bible tells us about God's love for us in many places, including Romans 5:8 - *“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still*

sinner, Christ died for us.” In Matthew 5:43-45 Jesus' words are recorded - *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”*

Max Lucado encourages us by explaining, “God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He

wants you to be just like Jesus.” And Dietrich Bonhoeffer referred to the impact such a monumental change in outlook and behaviour could have when he affirmed: “Your life as a Christian should make non-believers question their disbelief in God.” We all have an impact in the world. We believe we were created by God and find lasting fulfillment and joy in eternal restored relationship with Him. At the cross of Calvary, Jesus, the Lamb of God, made eternal reconciliation with God possible, because we all matter to Him.



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Kersbrook Public Hall

Forced into sleep mode during COVID, the **Kersbrook Public Hall Inc** has come to life and is back with the beginning of new programs that we would like to share with you.

Our newly formed **KERSBROOK HISTORY HUB** now meets each Friday morning from 9 am. Our researchers are currently assisting World War 1 Veterans Researcher, Chris Collins BA, Dip.Ed. to research and collect information and photos about our Kersbrook diggers. Anyone with

information that you wish to share please contact us on Kersbrookhall@gmail.com or drop by on a Friday morning.

Ultimately a book funded by the Kersbrook Football Club will be published and available at a very reasonable price.

A fortnightly **Book Reading** for 2 to 3 Year olds will be conducted at 9.30am starting Friday 30th September 2022. Our storyteller is experienced and covered by the appropriate legal requirements. Parents can stay and listen too or pop into the next

room - where adding to the appeal of our Hall you will find - **GG's Place!** "The Place to Meet People" and try home cooked delights as well as hot Tea and Coffee, and to browse the local arts crafts and produce.

A **Justice of the peace** is currently available on Friday mornings. Should you need JP services please feel free to come along.

A reminder that the Hall is fully equipped with everything you would need to cater for your **Family or Business Functions**. A full kitchen with cutlery,

glassware, crockery, seating and tables, etc are available. A data screen projector is also available for your use. For bookings and costs call Joan on 0408818446.

Ready to try **Yoga**? The Hall hosts a yoga group on Tuesday evenings 7-8.15 pm weekly. Open to everyone interested in some calming time

whilst improving your fitness please come along. No appointment required.

Our **Saturday BBQ's** will start up again in Spring to raise funds for the upkeep of our beautiful 107 year old asset. If you can help with cooking sausages on the day, please contact Joan on 0408818446.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Communities across Australia are reeling from the compounding effects of fires, floods, cyclones and the global pandemic, and there can be no doubt that more challenges will emerge. Australian Red Cross is urging people to act now to prepare for the inevitable disasters ahead.

Red Cross has long known the value of communities and individuals taking time to plan and prepare for potential

disasters. That value has now been underscored by a Curtin University report into the effectiveness of our emergency preparedness programs for people who lived through the devastating 2021 Wooroloo Bushfire in the Perth Hills.

This month marks our annual campaign to encourage people to prepare ahead for disasters, because preparedness has been found to improve how people experience disasters and how they re-

cover from them.

Excellent resources on the Red Cross website www.redcross.org.au/ prepare include steps to create your own emergency plan, download the Red Cross Get Prepared App, prepare a survival kit, emergency contacts list, and keepsake list, and understand ways to help manage stress.

With disaster season almost upon us, I urge people to start thinking now about how they will manage.

Sincerely,
Jai O'Toole

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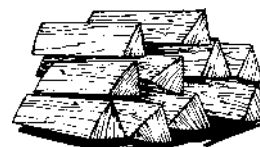


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