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## **Mount Torrens Christmas Market**



We're excited to hold our 4th market for 2022! Lots of positive feedback has encouraged us to invite more than 20 stallholders to Heritage Reserve and The Coach House in the main street of Mt Torrens and offer you a chance to find unique Christmas gifts.

Many regulars will be back with a great variety of products on sale including intricately made cards and Interior décor, Mosaics and gemstone trees, candles, diffusers, skin products and photography prints. New stalls will feature woven baskets, paintings, wooden toys, birdhouses and cheeseboards, Tupperware, Suncraft shades, and cactus plants.

Graham will be out the front of the Reserve with his wonderful plants and inside the Coach House you will find water colours, jams and other conserves, Lions' cakes and raffle, and second-hand books.

Joel will add to the atmosphere with live music, Brooke has her delicious baked goods, and Gumeracha Community Association will have their popular fresh apple juice. Of course, our enticing BBQ will be running all day and Courtney will supply coffees from her van!

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It causes us to see things from a different perspective and prevents the difficult times from overpowering or overwhelming us. I believe that God always wants us to be in forward motion... We are never to retreat; we are to stand still and see what He will do, but this is not retreating; it is waiting expectantly. As we wait on Him in this way, there is nothing we cannot do. Waiting teaches us to trust Him – even in the direst conditions."

In Isaiah 40:10 we read: "See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him."

The writer to the Hebrews in 9:28 affirms: "So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are

eagerly waiting for him." And Jesus' words are recorded for us in John 6:39-40 (ESV): "And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

To explain one aspect of waiting for the Lord, Alexander Maclaren (1826-1910) stated: "The apostolic church thought more about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ than

about death and heaven. The early Christians were looking, not for a cleft in the ground called a grave but for a cleavage in the sky called Glory. They were watching not for the undertaker but for the upper taker."

Psalm 25:5 states: "Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long." We believe that those who come in faith and trust to Jesus are wonderfully blessed, and that Jesus keeps His promises, and that we all matter to Him.



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### **Littlehampton OSHC Centre at Littlehampton Primary School OFFICIALLY OPENED** The Littlehampton

OSHC Centre at Littlehampton Primary School was recently officially opened by Dan Cregan MP, Member for Kavel.

"The Littlehampton School Community should be very proud of the new OSHC. The project was funded through the retained earnings of the OSHC and expertly managed by the School Governing Council. The new OSCH includes outstanding new learning spaces, new bathrooms, a new kitchen and refurbished rooms facing Baker Street", said Mr Cregan.

For further information, please contact the Chair of the Governing Council Ms Leanne Hague on 0400 126

Pictured left to right at the official opening of the New Littlehampton OSHC Centre at Littlehampton Primary School are Suyin McDonald, Leanne Hague, Kathryn Schultz and Dan Cregan



## **Mount Torrens Christmas Market**

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As usual, we will have a raffle. This time the 1<sup>st</sup> prize is 3 nights (option of a 4<sup>th</sup>) staying at Coffin Bay Hotel-Motel and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a family Christmas Hamper. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5 and, as well as purchasing them on the day, you will find our dedicated volunteers selling tickets outside Klose's supermarkets in Birdwood (November, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>), Lobethal (18<sup>th</sup>,

19th, 25th and 26th) and Woodside (25th).

The markets have been an invaluable source of income for the Mt Torrens History Centre, allowing the purchase of special archiving stationery, a laptop and printer (with the necessary paper and inks), filing and display cabinets, office chairs, heaters and a fan. As well, it has enabled members to enrol in courses to acquire skills needed to digitally archive the photos and records held on behalf of the community. This has all contributed to very successful exhibitions, including the recent Centenary of Gumeracha Primary School.

Everyone is welcome, so come along on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 3pm, and enjoy the day with locals and visitors!

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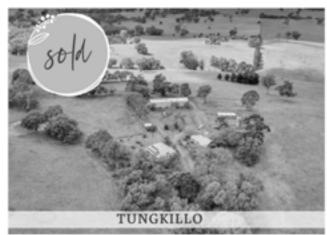
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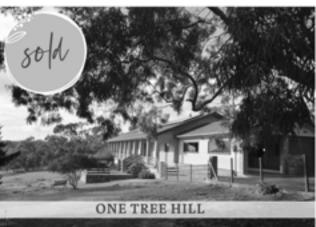
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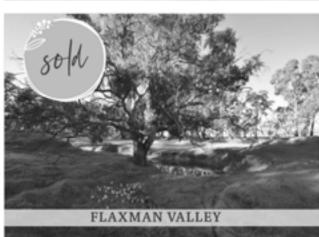
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### Special event to look at what lies beneath!

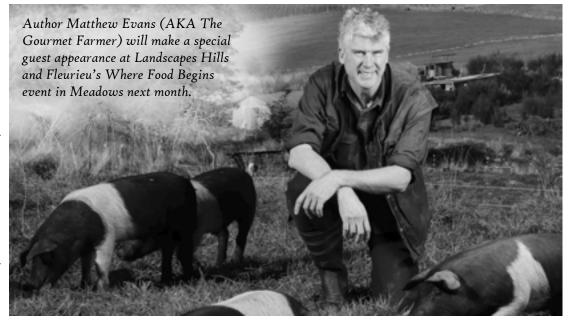
You may not think about it all the time, but do you ever consider that there is a whole ecosystem beneath your feet, and its health and vitality is directly correlated to our own?

That's right, it's soil! The biology and management of soil is one of the key elements to food production and overall land management - it deserves to be celebrated!

On Sunday 4 December, Landscapes Hills Fleurieu, along with a host of local organisations, is presenting a World Soil Day event to embrace the theme of Where Food Begins.'

It will be at the Meadows Memorial Hall from 10am to 4pm and all are welcome to come and learn more about soils in an interactive and family-friendly environment.

Landscapes Hills and



Fleurieu Sustainable Agriculture Project Officer John Butler said the event is designed to educate, inspire and connect people.

"Our event is tailored to everyone from commercial farmers to backyard gardeners. Soil is central to food production and general land management, so there is something to learn for everyone when we dig a little deeper. There are things you can do to improve soil health, no matter the size of your

property. By looking after our soil and learning a few simple principles, we can get the most out of it and maximise our efforts.

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## After 25 years of bringing you

community news and upcoming events from across the Adelaide Hills, Along the Grapevine will be finishing up at the end of 2022.

Keep an eye out for our last edition in December where we will be publishing a spread with some 'interesting' photos of some VERY old pieces of paper and a brief history of our little rag.

> We have 2 editions left, coming out on December 3rd and December 17th.

If anybody would like to advertise or contribute anything, as always, you would be most welcome to do so!

> Thanks © Samuel Burford (owner/editor)

# Carols around the Christmas Tree

Sunday, December 18th at 7pm



A Toyful Christmas

Kersbrook Church of Christ Hall

Carols, Candlelight, followed by a cuppa and fruit mince pies - some Christmas Joy!

### **New Mobile Library** on the move

The Adelaide Hills Council has launched its new Mobile Library as it retires the original mobile library after 20 years of

"The mobile library is an important service for our community, providing access to library materials for borrowers across the Adelaide Hills Council area. It complements our physical branches in Woodside, Gumeracha and Stirling by bringing the library to smaller townships and community hubs," says Jess Charlton, Manager Libraries and Customer Service.

"Customers will still be able to come on board the van and browse the collection. Now the library inside the van is solar powered and the van itself has wheelchair access."

The new Iveco Daily van will house approximately 1000 items - including fiction, nonfiction, children's books, magazines and DVDs, with the curated collection being updated regularly depending on upcoming stops.

Customers are able to reserve items from across the State Library network and pick them up from their nearest mobile library public stop. Staff will also be available to assist borrowers with digital resources including eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines.

The refreshed timetable will operate on a four week cycle. with public stops at key community hubs and townships.

New stops include the Uraidla main street, Balhannah oval and playground and a return to the Mount Torrens main street and Mylor main street.

In addition to public stops, the Mobile Library will be visiting schools, kindergartens, early-learning centre, aged care facilities and retirement villages.

The latest 2022 schedule is available online with the 2023 schedule to be released this December.

## LIONS News

The Torrens Valley Lions Club is sad to hear that "Along the Grapevine" will not be published as of the new year, there is so much local news in each edition. It will be missed.

The floods here and interstate have been devastating to many communities and Lions are always there to give assistance when needed. If you would like to donate, knowing that 100% of your donation goes back into the community, please visit Australian Lions Foundation website or contact one of our club members.

Our Club continues to be busy and very active in our community. Members will be selling Christmas cakes and raffle tickets at Birdwood Foodland on Saturday 19th and 26th, and Sunday 27th of November, Good Pantry

Gumeracha on Saturday 26th November, Bunnings Modbury on Sunday 4th and Thursday 8th and Friday 16th December (where the raffle will also be drawn), and Gumeracha indoor market on Sunday 11th Decem-

Recycle for Sight collection continues, so dig out those old single vision specs and donate to this very worthwhile cause.

Our support for the community pantry is stepping up with donations of Christmas fare for hampers for those in need this coming season.

To contact the club for information on our activities or to purchase Christmas cakes and/or raffle tickets please contact President Phil on 0419 830 754. Secretary Peter on 0429 664 297 or Lion Dave on 0417 821 107.

Asset Management Plan Community Wastewater Management Systems

Council has developed a draft Asset Management Plan that sets out how we will manage our community wastewater management systems over the next ten years.

Do you live in Birdwood, Charleston, Kersbrook, Mt Torrens, Stirling (Golf Link Road area), Verdun or Woodside? Do you have any thoughts, queries or feedback for us?

For further information or to submit feedback, visit engage.ahc.sa.gov.au or

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## Special event to look at what lies beneath!

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"We are excited to have acclaimed author Matthew Evans, also known as The Gourmet Farmer, coming along to do a talk and book signing, and we will also have interactive kids' activities, expos, information sessions from soil experts and more. It's all about making the connections between what is happening beneath the surface, and how that influences what happens above it!

"Even if soils aren't especially your thing, I'm sure we can get you excited about its importance, because we all love great food, right? Healthy soils are the key to healthy food. With climate change and other environmental challenges presenting real threats to food security, there has never been a better time to think about soils and sustainable land management

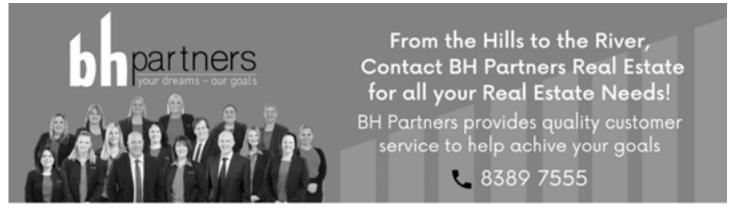
"Local food and wine by Fork on the Road' will be available on the day, so register now, and come along, have a nice lunch, and immerse yourselves in the fascinating world of soils," said John.

Registrations are free at www.wsd.eventbrite.com.au

The Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu team are on-hand and available to provide advice and information about improving soil health on any scale, and connecting people with groups and networks that can help you learn more about sustainable land management.

This project is jointly funded through the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, the SA Drought Hub, Soil Science Australia SA Branch and the Mount Barker District Council.





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### Free Green Organics Drop Off Days

Due to the recent weather events and to assist our community with their clean up, Adelaide Hills Council has scheduled additional green organic drop off days between 9am to 4pm. Proof of residency required

A full list of what is and isn't accepted as part of this service is available online at ahc.sa.gov.au Saturday 26 November Sunday 27 November Wednesday 7 December Saturday 10 December Sunday 11 December

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Gumeracha Council Depot 5 John Fisher Ave



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to acknowledge all of the people who took part in the Adelaide Hills Relay For Life on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 November at Johnston Memorial Oval, Balhannah.

The special, 19-hour event saw over 200 people of all ages coming together and participating to celebrate, remember and make strides against cancer. I'd especially like to recognise the Adelaide Hills Relay For Life organising committee and volunteers, who worked tirelessly in the lead up to and during the weekend to pull the event together.

Through the dedication of the committee and the ongoing support of the local community, this year's event raised more than \$75,000, with donations still coming in.

All the money raised through the 2022 Adelaide Hills Relay For Life will enable Cancer Council SA to fund vital research, prevention, advocacy and support services that change lives.

The Adelaide Hills community's ongoing support of Relay For Life has ensured that we can continue to be there to support every South Australian impacted by cancer. On behalf of Cancer Council SA, thank you to everyone involved for their time, commitment and passion.

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Kerry Rowlands Chief Executive Cancer Council SA

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# \$1.3 million fund to restore native woodlands in the Hills and Fleurieu

A new \$1.3 million grant fund is now available for revegetation projects to restore native woodland habitats across Adelaide's Hills and Fleurieu region.

The Native Vegetation Council is running the grant program and is encouraging NGOs, organisations and land holders to develop large impact projects.

Manager Native Vegetation with the Department for Environment and Water Sarah Reachill explained that the native woodlands that once covered the Mount Lofty Ranges landscape have been reduced to a tenth of their former extent.

"Woodlands in the Hill and Fleurieu region are important in providing habitat for the state's unique flora and fauna and this dramatic loss of woodlands has had devastating implications for the many native birds that depend on it for survival," Sarah said.

"We know that many birds disappear when more than 70 per cent of the woodland is destroyed. Bird diversity can rapidly decline if 90 per cent of the habitat is destroyed.

"This funding program is about off-setting that loss in native vegetation and start rebuilding that much needed habitat for native birds and other native species.

"A monitoring program in the region has observed a decrease in small-bodied woodland birds such as the diamond firetail, superb fairy wren and spotted pardalote.

"Meanwhile, there's been an increase in large, native birds that don't rely on woodland habitat such as the little corella, Australian magpie and little raven.

"This native vegetation funding complements the State Government's efforts to tackle biodiversity loss and threatened species recovery."

Sarah explained the grants are available for projects the run over multiple years and are valued between \$100,000 and the full \$1.3 million, meaning the funding maybe awarded to one or more applicants.

The grant is for large scale restoration across sites at least 10 hectares in size.

For more information visit:

https://www.environment.sa. gov.au/get-involved/ grantsand-funding/nativevegetation-incentivesprograms/significantenvironmental-benefitgrants

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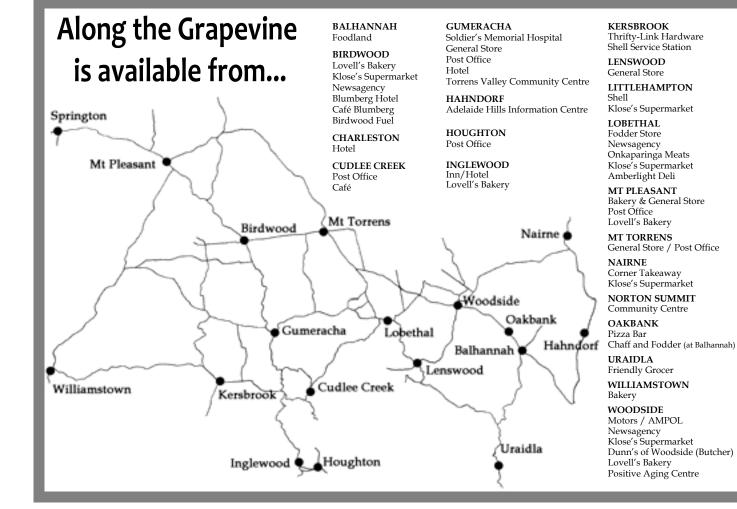
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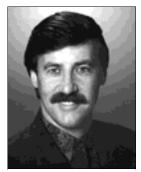


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