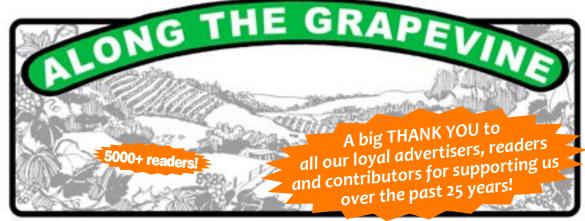
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Harvest Garden Festival 2023 Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 of February, 2023

10.00 AM to 4:30 PM

Open Gardens SA proudly presents the Harvest Garden Festival 2023. A weekend to explore and share the knowledge, resources, community spirit and many benefits of productive gardening. Explore productive gardens in Adelaide and Strathalbyn, from the seaside to the Adelaide Hills and learn the secrets to planting and harvesting your own homegrown, healthy food.

Discover how to enjoy harvesting home-grown food in any garden, big or small. A vegetable patch not only supplies you with nutritious goodness it also enriches your day-to-day life by inspiring you to get outside and connect with nature.

The gardens for this special event have been selected for numerous reasons and each one has different elements and stories that visitors will be able to observe and immerse themselves in. The gardens vary greatly from small to large, old and new, some professionally designed and constructed and also community gardens tended by their passionate members.

Altogether the gardeners have decades of experience in food growing and they will be available to answer questions and give advice. In addition, some of the gardens will have informative talks or demonstrations by speakers with expertise in productive gardening, permaculture, organic gardening, compost making, wicking bed construction, preserving food, attracting beneficial insects etc, and some will have refreshments available.

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YOU MATTER TO GOD" Kersbrook Church of Christ

Contact Pastor David on 0458 589 996 or someone at your local church to find out more of God's love for you.

Way back in 2010 our church agreed to fund a column in our local paper, Along the Grapevine, for six months. I approached Samuel Burford, the owner and editor of the paper, who offered the editorial space for free.

That was almost 12 years ago. Three of us have contributed to the editorials over the vears. Each of us believe that the most important decision anyone can ever make is to place their faith in Jesus Christ. We will all spend eternity somewhere, either with God who loves us or in a place where God is not. It is your choice, choose carefully.

A book well worth reading is 'The Case for Christ' by Lee Strobels. The book is available from Koorong Books in Adelaide.

We have also sought to challenge those who claim to be Christians, reminding them of their responsibility to live out their faith in their everyday lives, remembering that they may be the only Bible that most people will ever read.

We began our editorials by introducing you to a Christian couple, Andrew and Christine and their discussions with their atheist friends Gary and Katy. You can see from this part of one of the first editorials that the only thing that has really changed is that our society is now almost at the point of no return. Think drugs, family violence, pornography, divorce, suicide etc etc.

"**But** how do you even know that God exists? All the scientists and the smart people say it's all a myth".

"That's not actually true Gary, there are many very intelligent people, including scientists who have really thought the whole Christian thing through and have become fully convinced that the God of the Bible is who He says He is, and that He is still about His business of saving those who trust Him.

Our problem is we hardly ever think anything through, we just soak up what we are told, especially if it suits us. To come to grips with God we must think outside the square and we resist doing this, we like it where we are".

"What's not to like, life is pretty good".

"Only on the surface Gary, every social indicator tells us our society is in major trouble, I believe this is because its Christian foundation is being gradually removed and with nothing to replace it, we are beginning to see the effects, our society is starting to crumble".

You asked, "What's

in it for you?"

God wants to give you eternal life as a gift. You can't buy it, you can't work for it, you can't be good enough to deserve it, He won't force you to take it, you need to accept it of your own accord. You matter to God Gary and there is so much more He wants to give you. It's up to you".

Thank you to those who have called over the years to encourage us, this has been greatly appreciated.

We pray that our God will bless you with His Peace.

Please remember that YOU MATTER TO GOD!!!!



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CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

Mount Pleasant Farmers Market Christmas Twilight Market



The halls are decked, the tree is up, and the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market is ready to welcome Santa to the eagerly anticipated Christmas Twilight Market on Thursday, 22nd December from 5-9pm.

Happening in the beautiful town of Mount Pleasant, nestled between the Barossa Valley and the Adelaide Hills, the annual Twilight Market is a much-loved tradition in the region.

With a fabulous line up of beloved Farmers Market stallholders and a selection of Artisan stallholders for some last-minute gift shopping, this festive occasion will include live music, delicious food and beverages, a Christmas themed workshop and a raffle with fantastic prizes.

There's fun for the children too, with face painting and a Christmas trail that they can follow through the market to collect special treats, and of course VIP guest, Santa Claus, will be there.

The Twilight Market is the perfect place to find gifts and hampers featuring wonderful, locally made market products, and to stock up on the freshest produce and scrumptious goodies for your Christmas feast, while you eat, drink and be merry.

So, for a jolly evening of festive fun and Christmas cheer, head to the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market Christmas Twilight Market.

Gates open at 5pm and close at 9pm.

To find out more about this event, and other upcoming events. such as the MAKERS on MELROSE Artisan Market, running once a month from September to May, follow Mount Pleasant Farmers Market on socials at @mountpleasant farmersmarketau or visit website at mtpleasantfarmersmarket.com.au

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Visitors will be able to investigate which soils work best, the different types of irrigation systems that can be used, the multitude of materials that are available to construct raised beds and what vegetables, fruits, nuts and herbs grow best in different situations and areas.

The stories and reasons behind these gardens are both incredible and inspirational. Some of our garden owners have built their plot with the hope of eating healthier foods and living a better life, whereas others have been exposed to or accidently discovered the multitude of benefits. both physically and mentallv that growing and consuming your own, home grown food will bring.

Finally it brings the hardworking, voluntary committee of Open Gardens SA great pleasure in being able to give the garden loving public of South Australia the opportunity to discover these productive gardens that would not be normally accessible.

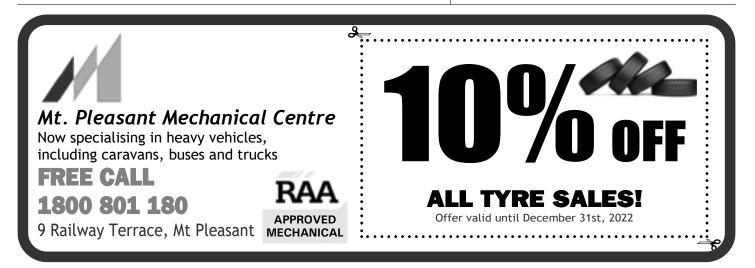
Visit the website to view the gardens at h t t p s: / / h a r v e s t. opengardensa.org.au/

In addition to this, the proceeds of the festival will be donated to OzHarvest who deliver thousands of meals every week to people in need.

Founded by Ronni Kahn AO in 2004 after noticing the huge volume of food going to waste, OzHarvest has quickly grown to become Australia's leading food rescue organisation.

Every \$1 donated to OzHarvest ensures 2 meals can be provided to men, women and children in need.

Buy a \$20 pass to see any four gardens of your choice, or a \$50 pass to visit all the gardens. What a great Christmas gift idea for yourself, or those in your life who love to grow their own!





Festive Season Office Hours

Our offices will be closed from 24th December to 2nd January, reopening on Tuesday 3rd January at 9am.

Our team will be available throughout the festive season should you wish to book an inspection, appraisal or appointment to discuss your real estate needs.

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LIONS NEWS



New members Libby and Mell, with President Phil.

Lions Club of Torrens Valley have been busy collecting and purchasing goods for the Community pantry Christmas hampers.

Cake sales have gone very well this year with members placing in various businesses and having stalls outside the supermarket, Bunnings and each event we attended.

Our members were

asked if we could assist Bunnings with their bbq at the Bunnings Modbury market night, where we also sold cakes and raffle tickets. Raffle sales went well and will be drawn by a Bunnings staff member while we are at our bbq on 16th December, with winners being notified by phone.

Our coin drive continues, with donation boxes being situated in local businesses within the Torrens Valley area.

Approximately 450 pairs of glasses have been sent off for Recycle for Sight and the next collection has begun.

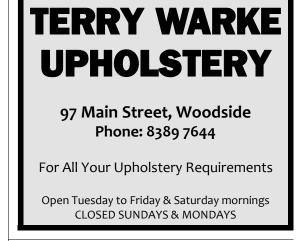
Club members have started arrangements for the Australia Day Breakfast to be held in Federation Park Gumeracha.

The Club's Christ-

mas dinner was held at the Cudlee Creek Tavern and was attended by current and past members. and friends of the Club. For a bit of fun the theme was "most Christmassy dressed". The Club welcomes 2 new members, Libby Barker and Mell Eren-Penno, whose induction took place at the Club's Christmas dinner and officiated by 1st Vice District Governor Peter Korndorfer.

New Year Resolution? GET IN-VOLVED - VOLUN-TEER. Contact Club members to find out more, Phil 0419 830 754 or Dave 0417 821 107

The Club would like to take this opportunity to wish all a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year. In particular, we wish Samuel from Along the Grapevine - all the best and a huge thank you.





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Mount Pleasant Farmers Market Come celebrate the festive season at our Christmas

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Goodbye (at least for now)

Before I start, I'd like to apologise for anything below that may not be 100% accurate. My early memories of Along the Grapevine date back to when I was a teenager, over 20 years ago-you don't expect to have to summon these things back to memory so many years later!

Along the Grapevine was the brainchild of my father Roger. In the late 90's as members of the Lobethal Community Association, we were printing the Lobethal Community Newsletter, which was distributed predominantly to the Lobethal area. These were the days when Lobethal had two supermarkets, a Ford dealership, two places that you could buy fuel, a coffee shop, a hardware store and a clothing / department store!

Dad had the idea that we should go wider than just Lobethal, and distribute to a larger area of the Hills, so Along the Grapevine was created in October 1997. Our first few editions of ATGV were distributed with the Lobethal Community Newsletter, but it wasn't long before the two were combined and distributed across the Northern Adelaide Hills under the Along the Grapevine banner.



One of our first editions in 1997, complete with the Lobethal Community Newsletter insert.

In mid 1998 Along the Grapevine went from a monthly publication to a fortnightly publication, which it has remained as since.

I remember in the early days my dad telling me that I should go and cold sell advertising to businesses – people that I



didn't even know! For a quiet and slightly socially awkward teenager, this was truly horrifying ...

Because I didn't yet have a driver's license, my older brother Joseph, who printed ATGV up until around 2001, would drive me to various towns around the Adelaide Hills and drop me there, with the 'promise' he would return at some later stage to collect me - and this was the time before mobile phones were common!

Despite my initial disquiet, I ended up meeting a lot of lovely people across the Adelaide Hills - Gonnie and Joseph Zeph from Birdwood, Terry Warke from Woodside Upholstery, Sheila Varney from Rose Cottage Antiques in Birdwood, John Rice from Hills Brakes in Birdwood and David Roach (who I bought my first family car from in 2001) from Balhannah, to name just a few. I believe this cold selling really helped get our name out into the community, and this is what turned Along the Grapevine into the success it has been for so long.

I'd like to make mention of the late Ros Dickenson who hand drew our current banner in 2000, with the new banner going public in March 2000. I met Ros and her husband Ian, at their picture framing business in Birdwood on one of my advertising selling trips. She was an excellent artist and a lovely lady.

Over the course of 25 years, Along the Grapevine has been produced at a

few different locations. Initially it was produced in Lobethal at our printing business, S.A.C.T. Print, 21 Main Street. Then for several years in the shed at home in One Tree Hill. The late Michael Willoughby, who started the Heart of the Hills Market, held in the Old Woolen Mills in Lobethal, printed ATGV from the start of 2008 and into 2009, on a machine that he used for promotional material for the market.

Early in 2012 we closed our shop in Lobethal and since then have been producing ATGV from home in the northern suburbs of Adelaide.

A big shout out to Lui Fontanarosa from Smart Print in St Agnes. Lui has been printing ATGV for us since March 2009 until this, our last edition.

During the peak of Covid, when nobody really wanted to spend any money on advertising and most public events were cancelled, it was really tough to fill ATGV each fortnight. In 2020 we had a reduced year, missing out on 7 editions and publishing an online edition. ATGV never really recovered from this.

That being said, Along the Grapevine has never been about making a lot of money. God has truly blessed us in the fact that most years we made a small profit, but over the past 3-4 years with Covid and other factors, it has declined to a point it just isn't financially viable. That being said, it has been my pleasure and privilege to have had the opportunity to serve the Adelaide Hills Community in this small way for the last 25 years!



Our first editions with full colour photos on the front, printed in 2009.

from Along the Grapevine!

I'd like to make a special mention of Kendrea Rhodes. Kendrea has been writing editorial content for us on and off for over 10 years. Kendrea is somebody I consider a friend, someone I respect, who is never afraid to give me her honest opinion on any of my quirky ideas, but always encouraging at the same time!

Along the Grapevine was always a better read when it had one of her stories and photos on the front!

I'd also like to make a special mention of my family, who have always helped me along the way, making ATGV the success it has been. Everybody has always pitched in, true family style, and I couldn't have done it without them. In the early days we printed and put it all together ourselves, every month/two weeks. We would print it in Lobethal or at One Tree Hill, then hand feed thousands of sheets of paper through the temperamental old folding machine and then hand collate each edition. The faster we did this, the more computer gaming time we would get afterwards! In the early days we would have a combination of a few different cars and people who would then hand deliver the publication to shops and outlets, either late Friday night or Saturday morning. This was always a time of great camaraderie, and right to the end I have two of my brothers and my beautiful mum delivering Along the Grapevine with me - I wouldn't have it any other way!

A big thank you to our dedicated advertisers – some who have been advertising for 20 years or more! Without you, we would not have been able to contribute to the community as we have for so long!

Also, to those who have contributed to our editorial content over the years. You have all gone a long way in helping me fill our pages, always sending in your snippets and bits and pieces to advertise events and happenings across the Hills.

And lastly to our loyal readers, THANK YOU. With you picking up ATGV each edition and supporting our advertisers, you've encouraged me to keep going year after year.

And here we are, I can't actually believe it's the end of 2022. I started as a fresh faced 17 year old with basically nothing, I finish a bearded 42 year old, with a beautiful wife, 4 amazing children, and what feels like a lifetime of memories and experiences.

Thanks for reading. Samuel Burford (ed.)



Lovebirds in 2000...



Lovebirds in 2022!



Our 'youngsters' Emelyn (14), Tobias (17), Malachi (19) and Jeremiah (13).

Hi readers,

I'd like to share with you some of my fond memories of when I joined the ATGV family.

Looking back over the years, Along the Grapevine has seen many changes, not only throughout the Adelaide Hills but also in a young man who was able to spend time in a community he loved, with people who mentored him and helped shape the man he is today.

Samuel has spent more than half his life investing time and effort into a paper he helped start when he was a teenager, with his Dad and older brother, printing from the heart of Lobethal.

When we started dating, I would often catch the bus to the city and then up to Lobethal and spend the afternoon and sometimes well into the evening at the 'print shop' as the paper was formatted. Each digital page was made into a physical plate, which would attach to one of the main large rollers in the printing press. Ink was applied to the printing press with a spatula by Joseph, his brother, and the machine did its magic as the paper was taken through the machine, resulting in large piles of printed A3 sheets. Samuel would let them sit to dry for a short while and then he would expertly flick the papers, separating them, before the harsh clacking of the folding machine would turn them into neatly folded A4 pages.

These boxes would then go to the family home with us and we would set the pages in piles to collate them by hand on the 3/4 sized pool table. The completed piles of Along the Grapevines would then be counted into boxes for distribution the next day as they were delivered throughout the Hills.

All the tasks were spread out across the family, with the youngest siblings running around filling up pages that had run out and collecting the completed papers. It was always a tiring night, but we were rewarded with a bakery dinner and the boys would play computer games!

Toni Burford (ed's wife ♥)

Carols around the Christmas Tree Sunday, December 18th at 7pm



Kersbrook Church of Christ Hall

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

Letters to the Editor

The President and Committee of the Woodside Branch of the South Australian Country Women's Association wish to send their very best wishes and thanks to Samuel Burford for all the years they have been associated with Along the Grapevine and for all the support and articles that Samuel has put into this wonderful newspaper on their behalf.

Thank you Samuel, and on behalf of all our local CWA members, may I take this opportunity of wishing you and your family more time together in your retirement from Editor in Chief of ATG! Hi Samuel,

I'm so sorry to read that our little paper is coming to an end after such a long time. It has become a part of who we are throughout the hills and we will definitely miss it.

I just want to give you a very big THANK YOU on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch for finding spots for all of our notices over the years - we really appreciate how much you have supported us.

I would like to wish you and your family well for the future and a wonderful Christmas and my very best wishes for the coming year.

Take care and all the best!

Paula Tose (Gumeracha) Dear Samuel,

The Mt Torrens History Centre would like to thank you sincerely for the great support you have given us over the last few years.

The last publication was wonderful and we appreciate how you have been a great link to the surrounding communities for those who are not 'online.'

All the best for the future!

Regards, Rose Ralph (MTDCA member) Thank you to all those who have expressed their thoughts and wishes as we all try to get our heads around life without Along the Grapevine!

It has been my pleasure and privilege to have had the opportunity to serve the Adelaide Hills Community in this small way for the last 25 years!

I thank God for the way he has blessed ATGV over the years, and made us the success we have been!

Thank you and God bless!

Samuel Burford (Owner/Editor)

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Psalm 127:1



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A Successful Spring Program Despite the Wet Conditions!



Thank you to our garden owners who so generously opened their gardens to the public - it takes a lot of work to prepare a garden, and this is very much appreciated! Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted at the open days - welcoming visitors at the gate, serving refreshments, selling plants etc., And a BIG thank you to all the people who visited an open garden. It's been a very wet Spring and often the weekend weather has been less than ideal and the enthusiasm for visiting gardens is both encouraging and appreciated! Due to the weather, we had a few garden cancellations, and we hope to be able to bring you these gardens in the future.

The Open Gardens SA team is now busy preparing for a fantastic program of open gardens in 2023! Details will be available on the website soon and shared on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Find out more at <u>www.opengardensa.</u> <u>org.au</u>



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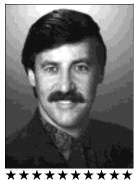




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