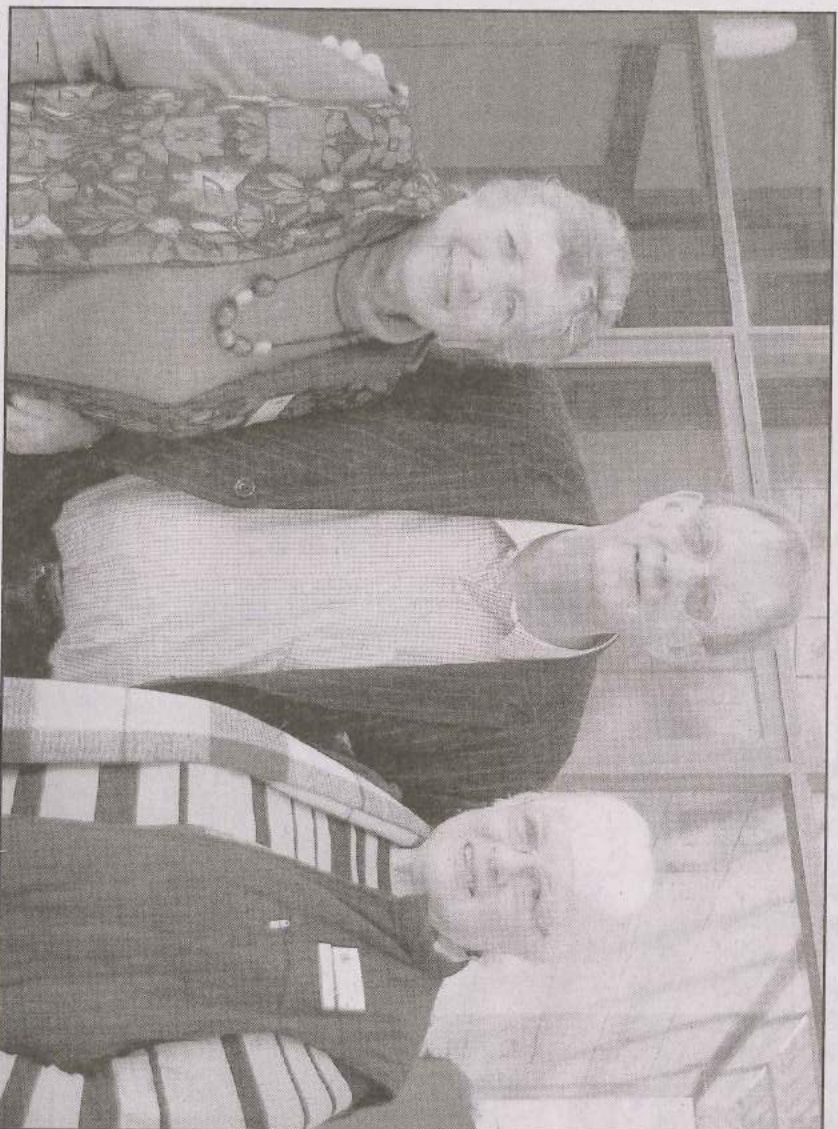


Peter Goers brings nostalgia to Strathalbyn Ladies Probuss August meeting



Peter Goers at last months Strathalbyn Ladies Probuss Club meeting.

It was with pleasure our President Maggie Minchin welcomed 54 members and visitors to our August meeting.

After general business had been dealt with, members' profile for this month was given by Yvonne Dawson.

Born at Woodside, she used to ride a horse to primary school and completed her secondary education in Adelaide.

On leaving school she became a dental nurse and married a local farmer. Life on the farm is always busy but she enjoyed being a great help to her partner.

She has now retired and has more time to play the oboe.

After morning tea it was with great pleasure that Maggie introduced our guest

were of their work. Then there were the delectable balls with delicious suppers.

Most of the Probuss ladies were in fits of laughter. A couple of old fashioned gags finished a very enjoyable and entertaining morning.

The next general meeting will be held on Monday September 12 at 9.45am in the Strathalbyn Lutheran Hall.

Our guest speaker will be Friss and Paul Roberts, who are members of the Queen Adelaide Society.

They will be talking about the life and times of Queen Adelaide, after whom our city of Adelaide was named.

Members and guests are very welcome at our meetings.

Milang performance

That's the Spirits

Last week the Upper Primary students (Year 3-6) at Eastern Fleurieu Milang Campus performed the original play 'That's the Spirits' at the Milang Institute.

The play was about two families who have some ghostly creatures to deal with in a very humorous way, including visits from two bumbling police officers, superman, wonder

woman, ghostbusters and a travelling gypsy.

For the past term the students have been busy working through the script written for them by Howard Proctor, a

volunteer Drama teacher at the campus.

"It has been an amazing process watching the students, some of whom have never been on stage before improve every week until the final production" Head of Campus, Susannah Cook said.

She believes that involving students in

theatre is an excellent way of building their self-confidence as well as their oral language and literacy skills.

All of the students performed without scripts to a packed hall with community members, parents and other students as the audience.



Milang Upper Primary students, Charlette, Brooklyn, Madison, Romany, Natasha, Eve, Zali, Tom and Dylan performing 'That's the Spirits.'

NRWC to Empower more Women in Primary Industry Production

The National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC) has launched its 2016 E-Leaders Grow, Innovate and Sustain Program inviting women of all ages living in rural, regional or remote (RRR) areas, who are passionate about sustainable primary industry production, to apply.

This NRWC program is supported by funding from the Australian Government and provides yet another amazing opportunity for rural, regional and remote women to grow their personal and professional leadership.

Since 2012, over two hundred rural, regional and remote women have participated in various NRWC E-Leaders initiatives.

President Dr Patricia Hamilton says, "The NRWC has great pleasure in providing opportuni-

ties such as this for RRR women. Throughout these programs, we watch their professional development skyrocket. The benefits go beyond the initial leadership program.

Women have ongoing access to free NRWC training and development as well as networking opportunities.

The acclaimed learning model for NRWC E-Leaders programs offers interactive workshops style sessions, in a virtual classroom, breaking through the geographical barriers that commonly see profes-

sional development from these women put in the 100 hard basket. "We bring the classroom to them and provide access to industry leaders from all over Australia," says Patricia. "Alongside industry's leading presenters, Julia Telford (QLD), Phil Tickle (NSW), Cathie Denehy (WA), Dr Simon Divecha (SA) and Liz Todd (QLD), participants will learn about sustainability and best practice natural resource management.

"The women will nominate a project to work on during the program and by the end they will have the skills to develop a sustainability management plan." Dr Hamilton says, "It is wonderful that so many of these women continue on an on-going journey as part of the NRWC. E-Leaders Alumnae—they

share their amazing journeys with us in such a productive and positive way."

Past E-Leader participant, Ana from King Island tells us, "This program is an exciting opportunity for women in primary industry production and I encourage everyone to apply."

"The virtual classroom setting for e-learning is amazing. It's just like being in a classroom and yet some of us are 3000km apart. I am on track to meet my goals to the benefit of my community. The E-Leaders were and are, a great inspiration," says Ana.

Information on the E-Leaders Grow, Innovate and Sustain program can be found on the National Rural Women's Coalition website

New Zealand Fur Seals continue to cause havoc

Adrian Pederick, Member for Hammond is still strongly advocating for the State Labor Government and Minister Hunter to take serious action against the New Zealand Fur Seals which are wreaking havoc in the Lakes and Coorong.

"I reiterated the serious crisis which are facing the Lakes and Coorong during Estimates and again on 04th August in the State Parliament that isn't an issue that will just go away through being ignored," said Mr Pederick.

"The New Zealand Fur Seals are not meant to be in the Coorong and Lakes, this is clear through the destruction which is being caused as a direct result of their presence. Fishermen's livelihoods are being decimated by these seals and Ngarrindjeri totems and native bird life in the area are experiencing their full force with their necks, beaks and stomachs being torn apart. "However, on the contrary of the evidence found of dead pelicans and other native bird life, Minister Hunter, during estimates did not hesitate to say there has been no evidence that the pelicans haven't been killed from anything other than feral animals such as dogs, cats, etc.

"In fact, during estimates the Minister said not one bird has been killed by the New Zealand Fur Seals.

"From the Minister down a Sergeant Schultz approach (see nothing, hear nothing)

ing) is taken and they ignore the real issue facing the Coorong and Lakes, the New Zealand Fur Seals. "The seriousness of this issue is increasing each day the Weatherill Labor Government and Minister Hunter don't take real action. "We have fishermen and their families struggling and Ngarrindjeri totems and native bird life dying terrible ways, all of which is preventable. "I urge people to sign my petition which calls on the State Government and Minister Hunter to immediately identify and implement an overabundant native species management plan and to include a sustainable harvest of the New Zealand Fur Seals.

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