



TOURISM

introducing Jan Siemelink-Allen of Barrister's Block by Bill Nehmy

BN: Welcome Jan, please can we have a snapshot of your early years, where you were born, went to school, your early plans and aspirations?

JSA: I was born in Adelaide, raised in the Adelaide Hills, went to school at Mt Torrens Primary and Birdwood high school

As I was brought up on a farm, my aspirations were always to be a farmer, especially as a girl in those times this was a challenge!

BN:The recent fires have been challenging however I understand you have received strong community support and regeneration is positive.

JSA: We have lost 100% of the vineyard and yes it is very challenging and very devastating, however the community and patron support has been very encouraging and certainly supported me to believe in the future. Together with the love from my family,

BN:If you have visiting friends or relatives and you want to give them a memorable Adelaide Hills day, what do you recommend?

JSA: I always suggest a drive up through Mt Lofty and Stirling and Aldgate through to Hahndorf and Woodside and return.

There is so much beauty and natural stunning landscape and always a chance of seeing a koala.

BN:What do you think is the most significant tourism opportunity waiting to be realised in the Adelaide Hills?

JSA: There is so much more to be achieved in the Adelaide Hills, the most untapped area is specialist retreat accommodation.

BN:Please share any other key interests/activities that might surprise us!

JSA: I am a passionate horse lover (used to be a serious rider) and love great food wine and travelling. I was a bit of a tomboy and love good cars and machinery!

BN:What advice would you give a young person in respect to finding the right career and to have an enriching life?

JSA: Always follow your passion and stick with what you know and be the best at it you can. Believe in yourself and be brave and give things a go. Be committed and consistent, nothing is ever as easy as it seems! Have courage!!



Jan with her two sons James and Lachlan on the property.

Thanks Jan for giving us the opportunity to get to know you and Barristers Block better. Thank you for your

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