



TOURISM

by Bill Nehmy

This month I am pleased to introduce Milly Howell from the Inglewood Inn.

BN: Welcome Milly, please can we start with your early years, where you were born, went to school, your early plans and aspirations?

MH: It's a pleasure as always, Bill! I grew up in North Adelaide, attending Wilderness School. Growing up we owned the Wellington Hotel, where I lived for the first seven years. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, but I swore from a young age I would never touch hospitality.

I showed a lot of interest in computers and design and by the time I matriculated I was on a path to becoming a web designer, which then branched into a more general graphic design specialisation in uni.

My parents have always joked that I didn't know there was anything beyond the ABC building on North East road prior to us buying the Inglewood Inn in 2008.

BN: Please elaborate on your journey from graphic design to 'events maestro' at the Inglewood Inn. I must say what a huge transformation from the pub I would call in to after playing cricket for Mannum against Paracombe many years ago. I think my taste for beer as a young lad might have been swayed if your gin bar was operating then!

MH: While studying graphic design in uni I was very fortunate to get a large amount of freelance work, much of this work was for the hospitality industry. This led to me getting a role with 5/4 Entertainment who did club/gig nights, music festivals and touring bands.

Being a small business, I was helping out in all aspects rather than just solely design, so found myself DJing, promoting, looking after artists etc. I left to there to go on to working for a graphic design agency, which I thought was the be all and end all of my career, however I soon realised doing only design work 9-5 wasn't for me and I was losing my passion for it.

My parents were in need of someone to help them get their weddings off the ground after they had purchased the Inglewood Inn. I had no experience with weddings but after working in events I figured that I'd once looked after Lana Del Rey - how bad could a bride be? My plan was to stay for one month to get things up and running while I looked for a job back in the design industry ... after one week I knew I was never going to leave.

My ethos for our functions is to be a celebration not an ordeal. Now I get to really play with this by throwing our own events like last years Spring Gin Fling which saw the entire hotel being taken over for the day with different distillers and next month's Winter Gin Launch Party - a gin collaboration I've done with Applewood Distillery.

Having my design background allows me to organise every aspect of these events in house, from the marketing and advertising, to the structure of how its going to run, right down to how everything is going to look and feel. It's the best feeling seeing all the different aspects of work I do come together to create a fun day!

BN: If you have visiting friends or relatives and you want to give them a memorable Adelaide Hills day, what do you recommend? Certainly a compelling range of tourism experiences in the Northern Adelaide Hills form a strong cluster.

MH: Oh, how I have fallen in love with the North Eastern side of the Adelaide Hills!



Milly Howell from the Inglewood Inn

Every time I have a spare moment of time I'm taking someone on a drive through the area! Obviously I would start them off with a trip to the Inglewood to show them what we have built over the past 11 years (taking a 30 seater venue with no views to a 200 seater with the best views!) and show them my pride and joy - the 1857 Distillery Bar which has over 50+ South Australian made spirits, heavily focusing on gins!

From there we'd take the 10 minute drive to Gorge Wildlife Park so I can cuddle a koala and play with the kangaroos - I'm an avid animal lover and have been banned from buying any more farm animals for the pub! My favourite lunch spot is Lobethal Bierhaus and probably the best kept secret in the Hills! If you haven't tried their Buffalo wings accompanied by a beer paddle you are missing out!

We then loop back through Gumeracha to get home, stopping at Applewood Distillery for a gin tasting or sneaky espresso martini!

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

MH: I now live in Tea Tree Gully and find it quite surprising how many living in the North East don't know that just a 5 minute drive "up the hill" takes you to the start of an amazing tourism region!

There is so much to do literally sitting at the doorsteps of the North East. When people think "Adelaide Hills" they think of Stirling, Hahndorf, etc but when we have amazing businesses like Paracombe Perry, Kersbrook Hill Wines, Templewood Riding School and Birdwood Motor Museum all a short drive away - why would you want to go somewhere else? If only we had some signage!

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

MH: If you're not happy, don't be afraid to try something new. We spend majority of our lives working and if you don't love what you do then what is the point? I'm lucky enough to say that I don't have a job, I have a lifestyle.

Thanks Milly for letting us get to know you better and a better understanding of your business. Congratulations on your proactive approach to instigate recent 'tourism round table' in your area which will support further collaboration and partnership.

WHAT'S ON

> Adelaide Model Railway Show. Sat June 8 - Mon June 10, Sat & Sun, 9.30am-5pm & Mon, 9.30am - 4pm. Greyhound Park, 55 Cardigan St, Angle Park. Enq: 0418 899 784

> Bunkered presented by Top of the Torrens Theatre Group. Sat May 25, 7.30pm - Sun June 2, 2pm. Mt Pleasant Soldiers Memorial Hall, 61 Melrose St, Mt Pleasant. Enq: 8389 6950

> Steamranger Family Fun Day. Sun May 26, 10am-4pm. Mount Barker Railway Station, Dutton Rd, Mt Barker. Enq: 1300 655 991

> Adelaide Hills Spinners and Weavers Guild Open Day. Sat May 25, 10am-4pm. Littlehampton Memorial Hall, 75 Princes Hwy, Littlehampton. Enq: 0400 898 933

> Save Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary Fundraiser. Sat June 8, 4pm-10pm. Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary, 47 Stock Rd, Mylor. Enq: 8423 600

> Whispering Walls: If the Walls Had Ears. Sat May 25 - Sun May 26, 5.30am-7.30am. 81A Main St, Nairne. Enq: 0429 673 327

> Brickhead Master Competitions. Sat May 25, from 12pm. Mt Barker Toyworld, 6 Dutton Rd, Mt Barker. Enq: 8391 2411

> Meet the Writer: Mark Worthing. Sun May 26, from 2pm. Sunset Rock Uniting Church, 40 Spencer St, Stirling. Enq: 0428 450 100

> James Blundell - The Original Cowboy show. Fri May 24, 6pm-8.30pm. Murray Bridge Community Hall, 1 Murray Cods Reserve, Murray Bridge. Enq: 0417 085 787

> Arj Barker - comedy show. Fri May 24, 8pm-10pm. Murray Bridge Town Hall, 13-17 Bridge St, Murray Bridge. Enq: 8539 1430

> Tom Jones tribute show. Sat May 25, 8pm-10.30pm. Murray Bridge Town Hall, 13-17 Bridge St, Murray Bridge. Enq: 8539 1430

> Biggest Morning Tea. Fri May 24, 2pm-4pm. All Seasons Wholefoods Organic Cafe, Shop 4/43 Wellington Rd, Mt Barker. Enq: 0407 726 394

> Biggest Morning Tea. Sat May 25, 10am-12pm. Mt Barker Bowling Club, Mann St, Mt Barker. Enq: 0403 977 859

> Sir Edward Charles Stirling: Centenary of A Stirling Son, Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society Talk. Fri May 24, 7pm-10pm. Coventry Library, 63 Mount Barker Rd, Stirling. Enq: 0419 816 490

> First Fridays. Fri June 5, 4pm-7pm. Barker Hotel, 32 Gawler St, Mt Barker. Enq: 8391 1003

> Darren Constable. Fri May 24, 8pm. Arkaba Lounge Bar, Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Rd, Fullarton. Enq: 8338 1100

> Popcorn 80's Experience. Sat May 25, 10pm. Sportys Bar & Arena, Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Rd, Fullarton. Enq: 8338 1100

> Groove Brothers & Soul Sister. Sat May 25, 9pm. Pretoria Hotel, 50 Randell St, Mannum. Enq: 8569 1109

> Sophie Miller. Sun May 26, 12.30pm. Pretoria Hotel, 50 Randell St, Mannum. Enq: 8569 1109

> Timmis & Adams. Sun May 26, 1pm-4pm. Bridgewater Inn, 387 Mount Barker Rd, Bridgewater. Enq: 8339 1151

> Art Group. Fri June 5, 10am-12.30pm. Duck Flat Community Garden, Mt Barker. Enq: 0434 985 894

> Stirling Market. Sun May 26, 10am-4pm. Druid Ave, Stirling. Enq: 0488 770 116

> Hahndorf Market. Sat May 25, 8.30am-1pm. St Michael's Car Park, Hahndorf. Enq: 0439 001 962

> Macclesfield Village Market. Every Sun, 9.30am - 3pm. Institute Hall, Main St, Macclesfield. Enq: 8388 9414

> Mt Pleasant Farmers Market. Every Sat, 8am - 12pm. Melrose St, 'Talunga Park' Showground, Mt Pleasant. Enq: 0418 301 121

> Lions Shed. Every Fri, 8.30am-12pm & Sat, 8.30am-12.30pm. Recreation Ground, Woodside. Enq: 0455 139 083

> Adelaide Hills Farmers Market. Every Sat, 8.30am-12.30pm. 23 Mann St, Mt Barker. Enq: 0435 036 945

LOBETHAL CINEMA

Avengers Endgame (M) Fri/Sat May 31/June 1, 7pm

Phone: 0413 809 013 | www.lobethalcinema.com.au

To list your event here call Sheree on 8339 0000



BOBB will be at

Volunteer Movie Day at Wallis Cinemas 10am-4pm on Friday May 24

Biggest Morning Tea at Mt Barker Bowling Club 10am-midday on Saturday May 25

Lego Competition at Mt Barker Toy World 1.00-4.00pm on Saturday May 25

Steamranger Open Day at Mt Barker Railway 10am-4pm on Sunday May 26/26

To book BOBB for your next event call 8391 3885

Hahndorf Market

Sat MAY 25, 8.30am - 1pm. St Michael's Car Park
Friendly atmosphere, high quality craft stalls, plants, SA dried fruit, jams/pickles, bakery, fresh Coorong mullet, best German Kartoffelpuffer!
Enquiries Ph: Julie: 0439 001 962

Calendar of Events



- May** May Business Month
www.maybusinessmonth2019.com.au
- 25 May** Spinners and Weavers Open Day, Littlehampton
- 26 May** Steam Ranger Open Day, Mount Barker
- 30 May** Reconciliation Week Breakfast, Laratinga Wetlands
- 2 Jun** Flaxley in Concert, Flaxley
- 22 Jun** Nairne Family Film Night

For more information on these events:

www.adelaidehills.org.au

If you would like to promote your event contact **Chloe Head, Tourism & Events Support Officer** 8391 7238 or email chead@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

Help promote activities and events in our district. Check out our new Community Noticeboard mountbarker.sa.gov.au/noticeboard

Event Support Program Now Open

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Local Government Centre
Mount Barker Homemaker Centre
6 Dutton Road, Mount Barker
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