

Newsletter March 2022

The Friends of Urrbrae House

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President's Report

Welcome to an exciting year of events at Urrbrae House. The popular Concert Series, presented by Friends of Urrbrae House and Vivente Music, starts on Monday 4th April. Tickets are available now at Try Booking. The 'Dates for your Diary' on the next page detail the busy calendar of events and varied opportunities to enjoy this beautiful house and grounds.

Bill Wallace and Margaret Neate have put together a wonderful presentation on the Life and Career of Clara Serena, Sunday afternoon May 29th, we will forward your invitation in the coming months.

Thank you very much for renewing your Membership and I look forward to seeing you at one, or all, of the upcoming events.

Lynette Mackay

President, Friends of Urrbrae House Committee



Lyn Mackay was recognised as the University of Adelaide's Volunteer of Year for 2021.



This award recognises the exceptional achievement by an individual through their volunteer activity over a period of five or more years.

For 25 years Lyn has been a tour guide, assisted with community events, served on the Friends of Urrbrae House Committee (as a past Treasurer and current President) and been an integral part of the Urrbrae House Schools Program especially in her role as Matilda Waite.

This award is a most deserved recognition of all that Lyn has contributed to Urrbrae House and the University. We are sure that the Friends membership will join us in sending our heart-felt congratulations to Lyn on her award.

*Sandra Morrison (Newsletter Editor) and
Lynette Zeitz (Manager, Urrbrae House Historic Precinct)*

Dates for your Diary

Friends of Urrbrae House and Vivente Music Concert Series

Monday evenings

4th April – Presented by FOUH. Beethoven at Heiligenstadt,

Minas Berberyan – violin, Damien Mansfield – piano. Tickets on sale now at Try Booking

15th May: Presented by Vivente Music

20th June: Presented by FOUH

25th July: Presented by Vivente Music

26th September: Presented by FOUH

14th November: Presented by Vivente Music

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 9th May 2022

5.30 for 6.00pm meeting

There will be a short Annual General Meeting

followed by a presentation from our Guest Speaker, Yvonne Routledge,
the first Manager of Urrbrae House on the establishment and early years of Friends of Urrbrae House

Because of COVID-Safe room capacity limits, bookings will be required to attend the AGM.

A flier will be sent to Friends' members closer to the event with booking details.

The life and career of Clara Serena

Sunday 29th May 2022

Afternoon event with the time to be advised

A special free event for members of The Friends of Urrbrae House,
you will be invited to book your attendance at this presentation celebrating the
South Australian operatic contralto singer, Clara Serena (1890-1972)

Her career supported by, and close friend of, the Waite family.

A flier will be sent to Friends' members closer to this event with more details.

*If you have not had a chance to renew your membership for 2022, please find the
membership renewal details on the last page of this newsletter.*

SA History Festival Events: 1-31 May 2022

Urrbrae House will once again be taking part in the SA History Festival. The catalogue of events will
be published by the History Trust of South Australia in April and bookings for events (via Eventbrite)
will open from the 9th April 2022. This year's Festival theme is "Reimagine."

3rd, 11th and 22nd May: *Historic Waite Campus (including Urrbrae House) tours*

14th May: *"Step back in time"* children's event in conjunction with the Children's
University and University of Adelaide Archives

15th May: *"Our Scottish Heritage"* with the Scottish Associations of South Australia

12th, 22nd, 26th May: *"Transformations: Stories retold through harp and song"* with
harpist and soprano Emma Horwood

While not formally part of the Festival program, a Chamber Music recital will also be held on 21st
May.

CROSS ROAD and FULLARTON ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE Night Works Notification Possible impact on Urrbrae House car-parking

Please note that current roadworks near the entrance to Walter Young Avenue (the driveway to Urrbrae House) from Fullarton Road may impact on your ease of access to the Urrbrae House carpark for the upcoming concert on 4th April.

Alternative nearby car-parking may be found in the University carpark by Gate 3 off Waite Road or on-street parking is available on Claremont Avenue (pedestrian entrance to enter the Urrbrae House gardens via the Andrewartha Gate, following the path through the Rose Arbour).

Manager's Musings

Organisational Sustainability Program (OSP): restructuring, staff losses and new Faculties at the University of Adelaide

This month we will be saying goodbye to a number of long-serving staff from the Waite campus including Stuart Matthews, Karen Chance, Joern Nevermann and Lisa Dansie who are leaving the University, and David Hart and Yatong Cao who are moving to new roles. It has been a privilege to work with such wonderful colleagues over many years and the Urrbrae House team wishes them all the best for their future endeavours.

As of 28 March 2022, the University will have two new restructured faculties:

- Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Economics (ABLE)
- Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Technology (SET)

The Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences remains unchanged.

Urrbrae House "Giving Tree"

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Urrbrae House Christmas "Giving Tree". We collected 86kg of non-perishable food items that were delivered to Foodbank in December for their 2021 Christmas Food Drive.

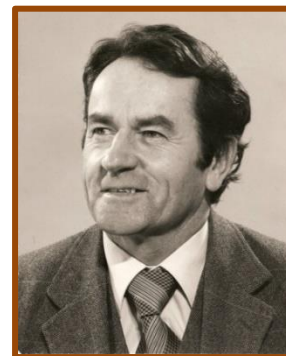
Friends' End of Year concert on 11 December 2021

The intimate piano and cello recital featuring the works of Bach, Beethoven, and Schumann performed by Sally McLoughlin on cello and James Huon George on piano was such a beautiful way to end 2021 at Urrbrae House. Hearing that the program offered by these talented young musicians was the culmination of Sally's Master's studies at the Elder Conservatorium made the event even more memorable for those attending.

Vale Emeritus Professor James (Jim) Quirk

It is with sadness that we have learnt of the passing on 12 February 2022 of Emeritus Professor James (Jim) Quirk, AO, BScAgr (Syd), PhD, DSc (Lond), Hon DAgSc (Louvain), FAIAS, FRACI, FANZAAS, FTS, FAA.

Professor Quirk was Director of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute at the University of Adelaide from 1974 to 1989. A renowned soil scientist, Jim Quirk was a Reader in Soil Science at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute from 1956-1962. He then became the Foundation Professor of Soil Science and Head of the Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition at the University of Western Australia from 1963 to 1974.



Jim Quirk returned to the Waite Agricultural Research Institute in 1974 when he was appointed as Director, a position he held until his retirement in 1989. He was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor in 1990.

Jim Quirk helped shape soil science in Australia with a substantial number of very significant scientific papers. His expertise was recognised internationally; for example in 1975 he was a member of the United Nations two-man team which examined the effect of the Aswan Dam on soil fertility and water management in the Nile Valley. His many awards included the Prescott, AIAS, Farrer Memorial and Mueller Medals. In 1983 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for services to agriculture and agricultural research.

Adelaide Fringe events

Urrbrae House was once again the venue for Basketry SA's biennial exhibition of contemporary basketry and fibre sculptures as part of the Adelaide Fringe from 19 February to 1 March. Part proceeds from the "Made while Nobody was Looking" exhibition went to the Friends of the Waite Arboretum (FWA). Basketry SA has strong connections with the FWA and some of the basketry material used in the artworks was actually grown in the Arboretum.



The ballroom was the venue for another Fringe event, the "4 Greatest Classical B's - Bach & Beethoven & Brahms & Bartok" concert by the Adelaide Virtuosi Trio. Violinists Marta Sutora and Matej Sutora, who are part of the Trio, have been members of eminent Slovak, Czech, and Austrian orchestras with whom they have performed across the world. The third performer in the ensemble is pianist Adam Rybovic who was born in Australia, and graduated in music composition and piano from the University of Adelaide.

New website

After many months of hard work by Sally, Urrbrae House has a new, updated website which uses the University's most current platform. The new website is easier to read on mobile devices and we hope the information on our webpages is more streamline now. A few key links that may be of interest:

- Urrbrae House Historic Precinct homepage: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/waite-historic/urrbrae-house-precinct>
- What's On (Calendar of events): <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/waite-historic/whats-on>
- Friends of Urrbrae House: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/waite-historic/get-involved/friends/friends-of-urrbrae-house>

International Women's Day

I was delighted to be able to speak about the legacy of Matilda Waite and her daughters at the Women of Waite Network's celebration of International Women's Day held at Urrbrae House on 8 March 2022. Other guest speakers included Emeritus Professor Eileen Scott and Professor Kerry Wilkinson from the School of Agriculture, Food and Wine.

Lynette Zeitz
Manager, Urrbrae House Historic Precinct
8 March 2022



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Reference - 'your Surname and Initials, membership subs'

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