



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga; St Peter's, Normanville; St Joseph's, Willunga
(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

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- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Rd, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St Judes St, WILLUNGA

PARISH MASSES

Weekdays

- Aldinga - Tue 9.15am.
- Willunga - Wed, Thu, Fri at 9.00am.
- Normanville - Fri 12.00noon (until further notice)

Weekends

- Aldinga - Saturday 5.30pm
- Willunga - Sunday 8.30am (1st, 3rd, 5th), 10.30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
- Normanville Sunday 12.00noon

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'

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PARISH MASSES

(Saturday 11th, Sunday 12th July)

Masses this weekend will be held at:

- Mary of Galilee - Saturday 5.30pm
- St Joseph's - Sunday 8.30am
- St Peter's - Sunday 12.00noon

With the introduction of Level 3 restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we are permitted up to 45 people (excluding Staff) at Galilee, up to 30 people at St Peter's and up to 75 at St Joseph's.

There is no need to book for Galilee or St Joseph's. BOOKINGS are STILL REQUIRED for St Peter's - please phone Dolek Thiele after 2.00pm (0419 844 693).

We are still required to:

- Sign-on on entering the Church
- Continue using hand sanitiser
- Continue regularly wiping surfaces and cleaning our Churches
- Encourage those who are or unwell to stay home
- Avoid physical greetings: hugs, kisses and handshakes.

The Archdiocese recommends that those who are at higher risk from Covid-19 should be encouraged to stay home, but also reassures everyone that the obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity has still not been re-invoked at this stage.

COMMUNION AT HOME

We are now able once more to take Communion to parishioners at home - if they are happy to have a visit. If you know of anyone in the Parish who is not able to attend Mass at present, but who would like Communion at home, contact Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552).

NATIONAL APPEAL FOR SEAFARERS

The Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) ministry concerns itself totally

with the welfare and pastoral care of seafarers who crew these ships and is dependent on donations both financial and in kind. This annual appeal encourages the Catholic community to acknowledge seafarers as the essential workers they are and to respond by giving back something to them in gratitude for all the sacrifices they endure to make our lives more comfortable. To donate, please visit: www.aos-australia.org

THANK YOU

to Tom Harris for sharing his amazing story with us this weekend - see Tom's story on page 3 and 4.

If anyone else would like to share a little of their life with others, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Sr Margaret Ann (0488 287 552) or Gael Maloney (0447 421 948).

Alternatively, if you don't feel confident to write something yourself and would like someone else to be your scribe, let us know. An interview can easily be arranged.

All our Bulletins are archived in our Parish Archives. These articles will provide a unique snapshot for future historians of our people and their lives at a very difficult time.

LIVE STREAMING AND TV BROADCASTING

of Sunday Mass in the Cathedral Cathedral Mass times have returned to normal with a maximum of up to 240 people allowed. Bookings are required for weekend Masses. The Archdiocese will continue to live stream Sunday Mass at 11.00am. This Mass can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

VIDEO RESOURCES FROM THE CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Videos from COYYA's live streaming and recorded events including the Pentecost and Mental Health Vigils, Threshold @Home music series, COYYA History Lessons and Archbishop O'Regan's welcome video from young people

can be viewed on the COYYA website and used as a resource for discussion, prayer and entertainment. Visit www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/videos

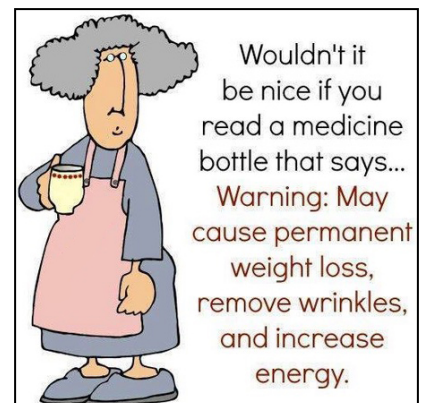
SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR THRESHOLD: EARTH Planning and Advisory Committee

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults in the Archdiocese of Adelaide is seeking members for a planning and advisory committee for Threshold: Earth - 2020 Season of Creation Youth Vigil (Saturday September 19).

Threshold: Earth is a gathering for young people to celebrate the Season of Creation, explore Catholic teaching connected to care for the environment, and challenge our local church and society toward greater action for the protection of the planet. For more information and to apply online, visit <http://www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/calendar/2020/9/19/threshold-earth>

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and applications forms are available on our website www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html Closing date July 31 2020.



MY STORY
(with Tom Harris)



As with much of my life, chance brought me to McLaren Vale in the early 90s. I was

returning to Melbourne after a trip with a former Canadian colleague along the Great Ocean Road to South Australian tourist sites (the Barossa, paddle-steamer on the Murray, air tour to Kangaroo Island) and the Ghan to Central Australia when my present home was listed in "The Advertiser". The agent drove me down to see the property, which I bought two years later.

I was brought up in Waracknabeal, Victoria on a cereal and sheep farm. My parents had South Australian roots. My father's father came from Kapunda. My mother's mother, who came from Willunga, had been one of the last sixteen students at St Joseph's Catholic School (now our Hall) when it closed in 1882.

My primary education began at a small one-teacher state school near our farmhouse (where the teacher boarded!) and then at the Mercy Sisters school in town. It was a big brick barn-like building divided into three spaces by heavy curtains, in each of which were students in three different year levels. I then went to St Joseph's CBC, Geelong for one year, to a Melbourne coaching college for high school and then to

Melbourne University for an Arts degree.

I shared accommodation at Newman College with a Thai Law student, who became a lifelong friend. Most residents there were Law and Medicine students. I struggled with French and took two years to get through the First Year subject, but enjoyed Economic Geography and Political Science. I met people from increasingly diverse cultural backgrounds, attended live theatre, ballet and music performances and made friends with many foreign students.

I was able to attend both the Opening and Closing ceremonies of the Melbourne Olympics (after queuing all night) and the infamous water polo match between Hungary and Russia. An American watching earlier swimming events wasn't interested and gave his ticket away when he left early!

Summer jobs were mind-dumbing office jobs at a Melbourne Federal Tax Department and an insurance company - sorting files and computer punch cards. Lunch every day was with the same people in the same chair at the same table.

After graduating, I went to Canberra and started in the Public Service in the Trade Department assembling files for Import Licencing decisions - basically "who could get scarce US dollars for their businesses". I also applied for a Research Assistantship at the Australian National University. When that came through, I began an academic career, firstly in Public

Administration studies. I completed a Bachelor of Commerce part-time at the same time, at Canberra University College - then still part of Melbourne University. Many famous Australians were there and many Fulbright scholars from the USA. I moved from a dormitory-style guesthouse to University House, which at that time, was perhaps the best accommodation in Canberra, even if the Residents' Committee complained about "which icecream was served with the plum pudding on Sunday night". I spent a year at this post.

I then moved to Armidale with a Research Assistantship in Agricultural Economics as the branch of Sydney University there became the separate University of New England. Three years later I became their first Master of Agricultural Economics graduate, with a study of soldier settlement in Australia.

I then won an International House fellowship at the University of Chicago (for further studies in economics over the next four years) and then accepted a short-term Research appointment at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg to study wheat marketing co-operatives in Western Canada. That was renewed once and at its termination I was able to get a Lecturership at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay (on the western end of Lake Superior, Ontario, Canada), which was another case of a new university coming into being. It had been a college of the University of

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Toronto up to a few years previously when I had taught first-year Economics at a Summer School there. As I had a six-months "gap" before that job started I decided "to see the world".

I flew to London, joined an "Overland" bus tour to Nepal through countries that at that time were relatively peaceful, even if a few border crossings had their stresses (Greece-Turkey and Pakistan-India). I then plane-hopped through SE Asia visiting friends in Rangoon, Bangkok and Singapore along the way back to Australia.

I spent the next twenty years in Thunder Bay teaching various economics courses, some of which were extensions or development of standard offerings. I gradually was promoted, got tenure, took my turn as Chairperson, spent time on formal boring administration as well as teaching and research.

I travelled back to Australia occasionally for family gatherings and around the world to conferences from time-to-time, sometimes to new places or to visit friends.

For a long time in Thunder Bay my travel agent had only two internationally-travelling clients - me and another academic, who only went 'home' to his country of origin. I tried to vary or extend my trips as much as possible. I spent a six-month sabbatical in Perth. I volunteered to exchange with a Professor from Cape Coast University, Ghana for one year. It was a mixed experience for each of us and our home Departments, but I managed to see some of that country and two neighbouring ones.



As a variation on standard holiday commercial tours, I joined a "railfan" group and privately organised train tours in such areas as North-West USA and The Lakes District and Yorkshire in England. I took advantage of Eurail and British Rail and Japan Rail passes at various times.

I have travelled on most of Australia's major trains but not north of Alice Springs nor some of Queensland's outback lines. My total travel has meant being around the world multiple times, seeing something of many of the world's great cities, but also visiting some very lonely or distant places like Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria (on a Dick Lang air-tour to the Kimberley a few years back), Easter Island (twice), Bhutan (the eight of us on the tour were the only foreigners in the country for several days) and Djibouti, Sudan, Saudi Arabia (just to their airports to change planes). At Jeddah in the airport waiting room, I got talking to a Somali who had been refused entry to visit his sister who was working as a nurse. A guard said I was taking "too long over my lunch" and I had to "return to the departure lounge immediately".

In Canada I was involved in community activities such as credit unions, "half-way houses" as alternatives to prisons, indigenous business development efforts, computer groups and most notably and satisfyingly, the development of a housing co-operative. It started very modestly. Ten people put in \$10 each and signed a promissory note for \$100 each, plus we had small grants/loans from the local Council, the local Catholic bishop and from another religious group. It became today's 215 Unit Community success story with a mix of units - Bachelor, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom, 4 bedroom and Accessible units. I was the secretary of that organisation almost from its beginning, was an early resident and when I retired, was made a "life member".

Before returning to Australia I spent several weeks in an old Chicago friend's Wall Street business and visited other American friends before returning to my elderly

mother's home in Melbourne, where I was involved with her care for several years.

I returned to Canada several years back now and found many friends now in different places (seeking less extreme weather), but I was able to visit many of them. I cruised back around the Northern Pacific on the (now notorious) "Diamond Princess" to Bangkok and then took connecting flights home.

Today as we stay at home more, I am thankful that I have lived in times when opportunities were opening up and I was, in retrospect, in the right spot at the right time.

However, it was also the case that it often meant stepping into the almost completely unknown with few resources, reliable contacts or easy or fast means of communication.

BUT SOME FELL ON RICH SOIL

The elderly woman down the street from us spends as much time as she can in her garden - and it shows. She can get plants to grow that none of her neighbours can. "I spend a lot of time preparing the soil," she says. She is constantly adding garden waste and kitchen scraps to her compost bin, stirring it up, keeping it moist, making sure there's the right mixture of "browns" and "greens" layered over one another. A few times a year she harvests the dark, rich soil at the bottom of her compost heap and spreads it around her garden where the existing soil is hard, full of clay, or rocky.

Her grandchildren come to stay with her on the weekends from time to time, and she puts them to work in the garden. They seem to enjoy it. She lets them pick flowers and place them before the small statue of Mary in the backyard. While they work, she tells them stories about Saint Francis, whose statue stands across the way from Mary. At noon she sets up lunch on the patio. They all bow their heads and say a quick prayer before they devour their carefully prepared meal. On Sundays she dresses them up and brings them with her to early Mass and then home to a big breakfast.

This is something new for them because I don't believe their parents attend church too frequently and religious practice is usually an afterthought for them. But it matters to Grandma. After all, she knows how crucial it is to prepare the soil.
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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 UPDATE NEWSLETTER**

Please find the latest Children's Ministry Update Newsletter prepared by the Family and Parish-Based Catechesis Office at the following link <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/schools/catholic-education-sa/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/newsletters>.

**RESOURCES FOR
 FAMILIES AND LEADERS OF
 LITURGY OF THE WORD
 WITH CHILDREN**

Prepared by the Family and Parish-Based Catechesis Office <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services>. These Gospel Reflection and Prayer Resources can be used at home by families with children to reflect on the Gospel and pray together as a family each week.

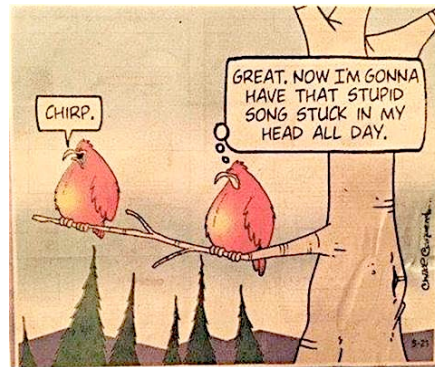


**BLESSED EYES,
 BLESSED EARS**

"That's why I tell stories: to create readiness, to the nudge the people towards receptive insight". (Jesus)

My Dad's hearing is starting to fail. My vision has reached the point where I need two kinds of lenses in my glasses. Our senses have a built-in obsolescence that we ignore till they balk and we find out there's no warranty.

Seeing and hearing are gifts not to be taken for granted but understanding with the heart is greater still. Jesus never blames a blind man for blindness, nor a deaf person for not responding. But he does have a lot to say about people who walk wide-eyed into episodes of sin. Jesus is blunt with religious people who refuse to change their hearts. They (we!) enjoy the advantage of having God's word sown like seed in our soil, and yet nothing is cultivated, and nothing grows. No plot of ground is responsible for its barrenness if the seed never arrives there. But woe to the ground that is planted and yields dust! Far better to stop going to church and stop calling ourselves Christian, than to adopt the name and go on, deaf and blind to Jesus.
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**PLEASE KEEP THESE
 PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sick: Val Gater, Abbey McIver, Veronica Shortland, Muriel Smith, Jeff Gray, Judy Hore, Vence Sulda, Kate Hall, Tilly Kirtland

Recently deceased: Paul Redden

Special prayers for: Mary Boylan and her family in Ireland.

DATES

- Jul 20 School Term 3 begins
- Aug 15 Assumption of Virgin Mary
- Sep 6 Fathers' Day
- Sep 26 School holidays begin
- Oct 5 Labour Day holiday
- Oct 12 School Term 4 begins
- Nov 1 All Saints' Day
- Nov 2 All Souls' Day
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 12 School holidays begin
- Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec 25 Christmas Day

COLLECTIONS

Direct payments

If you would like to organise your Church donations via bank transfer, please contact Bob Daly (0416 156 213) for details.

If you have envelopes at home, please leave a message on the Parish Office phone to organise collection, or arrange to drop them into the Office on Friday mornings between 9.30am and 11.00am.

- *During labour the pain is so great that a woman can almost imagine what a man feels like when he has a cold.*
- *I got called 'pretty' today! Well actually the full statement was, 'you're pretty annoying', but I only focus on positive things.*

ROSTERS

ALDINGA
 Commentator
 Readers

Saturday 11 July
 Michelle Cormack
 Bob Daly
 Rod Boucher

Saturday 18 July
 Christina Tiedge
 Chris McWilliams
 Bob Daly

NORMANVILLE
 To be advised

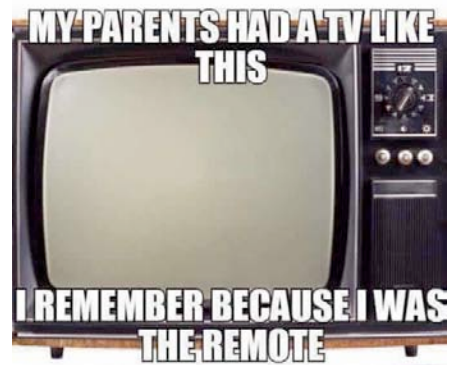
Sunday, 12 July
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Sunday, 19 July
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WILLUNGA
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 Reader
 Church Cleaning
 Church Linen

Sunday, 12 July
 Marie Andrews
 Sue Thompson
 Michael Hynes
 Marie Cester

Sunday, 19 July
 Wayne Best
 Marie Andrews
 Rebecca Pace
 Anna Rogers



COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions apply from Monday June 29)

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

EXPLORING THE WORD

This parable would have had a great appeal to the rural population living on the fertile land around the Sea of Galilee. There, the gentle undulating hills are green and verdant. This is a sharp contrast to the desert

wilderness of the southern part of the province of Judea around Jerusalem.

Jesus explains the meaning of the parable of the sower. The different soils represent different human responses to hearing the word of God. The message is that, despite some failures, the sower's work ultimately succeeds. Not everyone is open to receiving the word and acting on it but there is encouragement for those who allow the word to take root and bear fruit.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A parable is a simple human story with a profound meaning.
- Parables were a familiar way of teaching in the time of Jesus and some images had set meanings. For example, a vineyard, sons or servants represented Israel, while a master, king or father represented God.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Gennesaret and as Lake Tiberius. Jesus' base for his preaching ministry in the region was at the town of Capernaum on the northern shores of the lake. Peter had a house in this town.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (13 - 19 July)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 15:** St Bonaventure (Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 17:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Is 38:2-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 (Micah 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21)
- **Sunday 19:** 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).