

Media Statement



Tuesday, 21 December 2021

Cudlee Creek Bushfire commemorative walk

On the evening of Sunday 19 December around 40 community members walked a seven kilometre return route from the Fox Creek Bike Park car park, across the hills, to a lone gum tree on the horizon in commemoration of the Cudlee Creek bushfire that started near there on 20 December 2019.

Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom said the walk was the initiative of Forestry SA, who had the tree lit from underneath from 8:30 pm.

“The tree has come to symbolise a beacon of hope and resilience, as it withstood the ravages of the fire to stand tall despite the destruction all around it,” said Mayor Wisdom.

“A number of people told me that despite the awfulness of the fire, the community had made many connections and was all the stronger for coming through it together.”

The photo provided shows Mayor of Adelaide Hills Council, Jan-Claire Wisdom, Lynton Vonow of Lobethal, CEO Kevin Wisdom-Hill and Service Manager Bruce Stocks of Summit Health with other members of the local and wider community who came to reflect on the impact of the bushfire and the road to recovery.

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