

# Heartlines showcased at gallery

Exhibition highlights artists' creations through South Australian Living Artists Festival

The Millicent Gallery is showing "Heartlines" from Friday, August 4 onwards as part of the 2023 South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival.

It is an exhibition which once again brings together three renowned artists from across the Limestone Coast: Kirsten Johnston, Ann Carpenter and Andrea Bartetzko.

"Art is of the heart," Millicent Gallery manager Janice Nitschke said.

"In "Heartlines" they examine through drawing and painting what it means to them.

"The connection of art to our innermost being is explored.

"This is an exhibition experience, of gratitude and of self."

There will be a gala opening at 6pm on Friday and "Heartlines" remains on show through to September 19.

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**GUEST OF HONOUR:** Premier Peter Malinauskas was the guest speaker at the Limestone Coast Support Homeless People Luncheon much to the delight of the crowd which amassed almost 500 people.



# Homeless support

Limestone Coast charity luncheon raises more than \$125,000 for community members in need

Story by **Brandi Miller** and **Shaun Richards**

One of the Limestone Coast's largest charity fundraisers returned for the first time in four years last week, attracting big name guest speakers and raising more than \$125,000 for charity.

The Limestone Coast Support Homeless People Luncheon was held at The Barn Palais on Friday after a COVID-induced hiatus, raising money for ac.care to help those in need.

Premier Peter Malinauskas, ac.care chief executive officer Shane Maddocks, marketing and communications manager Jason Wallace and homelessness and community services manager Trish Spark were guest speakers on the day, highlighting the significance of the event.

Almost 500 people attended the luncheon, which included a raffle, an auction conducted by Andrew Whan, a lucky-key draw and a powerful Welcome to Country delivered by Tim Brennan.

A last-minute auction item for dinner at Parliament House with Peter Malinauskas for 10 people was the highest bid of the day fetching \$7000.

Premier Malinauskas delivered a well-received speech highlighting the solutions he



**IMPORTANT INPUT:** ac.care chief executive officer Shane Maddocks spoke about the role of ac.care and the community in helping those who are vulnerable at the Limestone Coast Support Homeless People Luncheon last Friday. **Pics: Brandi Miller**

hopes to implement to help the state's homeless population.

Premier Malinauskas began his speech by thanking Member for Mount Gambier Troy Bell for drawing his attention to the event, as well as praising The Barn as an extraordinary live music venue in South Australia.

The Premier drew attention to the Australia's Human Development Index, which is a statistical composite index of life expectancy, education and per capita income indicators, used to rank countries into four tiers of human development.

The index is put together by the United Nations which then ranks over 190 countries using the scores.

Australia currently ranks fifth in the world which Premier Malinauskas described as "pretty remarkable".

"Australia needs to transform from a lucky country to a smarter, more complex country that has an economy of the future, which is not disconnected from what the region can achieve as it has highly productive sustainable agriculture," he said.

"This community matters to the future of our state, as you are productive and you are sustainable, and there will be a lot more growth and opportunity that comes with that in the South East in the future, you have a sense of community to ensure that growth is provided with everyone and does not leave anyone behind."

Mr Maddocks spoke on the role of ac.care and the community in helping those who are vulnerable.

"Your coming together and supporting this cause is incredible," Mr Maddocks told the room.

"Everybody here is here to support a better future for our community and we are grateful for the support of every single one of you because together we can make a difference.

"We certainly know at ac.care every day the value and support that we get from our community means that we can achieve great things when we work together.

"We are making changes in the lives of people everyday and the work that we do is critical, it does make a difference.

"We can change the lives of people who are vulnerable when we do work together, and we can continue to build on our achievements in partnership with the community.

"Your contributions do make a difference to these people that walk through our doors."