



MILLTHORPE
HERITAGE WITH STYLE

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ADA'S WEDDING BELLS

Blayney Rotary Club's wedding dress foray with over 50 dresses paraded to raise money for mobile mammogram test machines in Bangladesh produced many interesting wedding stories from the past.

None as unique as the story when Clifford Abbott proposed to our infamous artist Ada Clark.



In true Ada style, her soon to be husband had barely finished his proposal – without even a yes - when Ada steamed ahead after sighting her desired dress in English Vogue from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge.

Ada sent her measurements and it arrived in time for the couple's nuptials.

Speaking at the event, Ada described the dress as the only three-quarter length in the parade and was made of beautiful duchess satin and organdie with a little coronet of satin in the veil.

"Marnie Mason wore the dress in true Marnie style and it fitted her perfectly," said Clark.

"It could not have cost much as in those days I had little money and on our honeymoon in Paris all we could afford was Ageria wine at 15 cents a bottle.

"People commented that my artistic touch had transferred with paint on the dress when really these marks were from Champagne at our Wedding in New Zealand."

SPRING HILL ARTIST'S RECOVERY SHINES

Surrealist and impressionist artist, Jowellyn Neville, from Spring Hill is exhibiting her work at May Raechelle Art Gallery in Millthorpe from Thursday 1 March to Sunday 29 April. Neville creates artworks in a range of different media including ink, pencil, graphite, pastel and watercolour.

Each piece is made up of intricate and repetitive patterns, giving her style a meditative quality.

Jowellyn says she took up the art form, with no previous training, as a form of therapy in 2014.

"In 2015 I was injured in a horse accident leaving me with significant brain trauma," said Neville.

"It took almost 12 months to recover my hand control enough to be able to continue drawing."

Although the symptoms of her trauma are ongoing her personal strength keeps her working and her patience and determination can be seen in the art she produces.

"Art has grown into a significant and integral part of my life," Neville says.

May Raechelle Art Gallery is running a Meet the Artist event on Saturday 10 March from 11am to 1pm.

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