

No faith in abuse probe

FORMER Defence Force cadets have spoken of past abuses at the hands of their superiors, and say they have no faith a current taskforce will clear the ranks of perpetrators.

A collection of women told last night's *Four Corners* program they do not believe the current Defence Abuse Response Taskforce, known as DART, will address past wrongs – and they have shunned the investigation.

The women, who are former ADFA cadets, detailed to the ABC sexual harassment, rape and distressing hazing rituals during their defence careers in the 1990s and 2000s. "Jane", who was raped 20 years ago and is still in the Defence Force, said she felt frightened and powerless when she bumped into her attacker.

"It was clear to me that all the DART was going to do was hand out compensation and that's not a resolution as far as I'm concerned," she said.

But Defence Force Chief David Hurley has appealed to "Jane" to come forward.

Lifting tourism to lofty new heights



UPBEAT: James Redbanks outside at Coriole Winery in McLaren Vale yesterday.

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WORLD heritage recognition for South Australia's Mt Lofty Ranges could lure more high-spending tourists and lift the price of produce from the region, a visiting expert says.

Support is growing for a bid to gain World Heritage status for up to 150,000ha of land across the Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Peninsula regions as a "working agricultural landscape".

James Redbanks, a UK based adviser to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), is in Adelaide to speak with the State Government about the economic benefits of securing a World Heritage listing.

He said benefits could include greater international media attention for an area, boosted visitor numbers and spending, the ability of local producers to charge more for their products and increased income and sustainability for businesses and industry in the region.

LISTING A BONUS

Ligurian coast, Italy (1997): The area showcases a traditional way of life. Farmers here can sell produce, such as lemons, for a premium of about 40 per cent because of the UNESCO status.

Vega Archipelago, Norway (2004): These remote islands are home to elder ducks, whose down is used to fill luxury doonas. Local farmers build huts to protect the ducks and harvest

the down. The doonas now sell for more than \$7000 because of the UNESCO status.

Cordilleras, Philippines (1995): Rice terraces here preserve traditional agricultural techniques and show no evidence of having been influenced by colonial cultures. Cordilleras producers are able to sell their rice at a premium because of the UNESCO status.

Mr Redbanks said interest among travellers in World Heritage tourism had "absolutely exploded".

"It has become a major buzz word for lots of affluent, well-educated people around the world to guide them on where they're going to go next year," he said.

However, he warned these benefits would only eventuate if authorities made the necessary investment.

"It is difficult to become a World Heritage site," he said. "You have to go through a very robust and rigorous pro-

cess to get that accolade," he said.

Regions which benefit most from world heritage listings design a brand around the accreditation, to market the region, its produce and experiences as different and special, Mr Redbanks said.

The Alexandra, Yankalilla, Barossa, Adelaide Hills, Mt Barker and Onkaparinga councils support the bid.

Those behind the bid will have to lobby the Federal Government to pursue World Heritage listing with UNESCO.

Picture: TAIT SCHMAAL

National heritage status is needed before it can progress to world status, which could take 10 years to achieve.

Bid project manager Stephanie Johnston said, if successful, the SA bid would be the first time Australian farmland was recognised with world heritage status.

Ms Johnston said a listing would not impose new planning regulations on the area, which would remain under local control.

Tourism Minister Leon Biggell said world recognition could be "an important addition to our food and wine branding".

Mr Redbanks will give a free public lecture on the issue tomorrow night at the University of SA's Bob Hawke Centre, from 6pm. **PAGE 16: EDITORIAL**

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Don't go to blazes, catch up on flues

**STEVE RICE
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HOMEOWNERS should inspect and clean their chimneys and flues as the cold weather starts to set in, the state's leading fire agencies have warned Metropolitan and Country Fire Service crews have tended more than 150 chimney and flue fires in the past two years causing significant property damage and threaten lives.

Firefighters yesterday tended two fires at Murray Bridge East and One Tree Hill. A four-bedroom fibre-cement sheeting house was destroyed at Murray Bridge after a fire broke out at 4pm. Police are investigating.



Greg Howard

the cause. Damage was estimated at \$180,000. No one home at the time of the fire and no one was injured.

About five hours later most 50 MFS and CFS firefighters were called to Rowood Estate at One Tree Hill after a fire broke out in a lounge room.

The blaze was contained in the lounge room and space but caused \$150,000 damage.

A CFS spokeswoman said a combustion heater caused the fire. An occupant who home at the time dalled before escaping unharmless. MFS community safety resilience commander Howard said flue fires particularly dangerous cause they could start in a roof space and be unnoticeable.

"It's a good idea to your flues and chimneys checked by a licensed professional who actually understand to clean chimneys," he said.

"People are a little bit late. The mindset is still autumn weather, which been a bit unseasonable year and people haven't the precautions to check chimneys, flues and fireplaces."

Paper's \$600k food bill

A DECADE-LONG legal battle over a scathing restaurant review has cost publisher Fairfax more than \$600,000 in damages.

Former restaurateurs Aleksandra Gacic, Ljiljana Gacic and Branislav Ciric were awarded \$623,526 in damages and interest – plus costs – over a September 2003 review in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of their King St Wharf establishment, Coco Roco.

Food writer Matthew Evans review left the owners distraught, patronage declined dramatically and the business shut six months after an extravagant opening.

Evans labelled the pork belly to "the porcine equal of a parched Weetbix" and the sorbet "jangles the mouth like a gamelan concert" going on to rate it nine out of 20 and urging potential patrons to stay home.

The long defamation case ended last week when the Supreme Court made orders on interest on damages.

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