



GENERATIONAL: Ken Cobbleddick and his granddaughter Ella on the family vegetable farm in Uralda. Picture: MATT TURNER

Farmer backs call for world listing

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KEN Cobbleddick's family have been farming vegetables in Piccadilly Valley for six generations.

But they are a dying breed. In the 1970s the area was home to more than 40 producers, but the Cobbleddicks are among the last left.

To protect the industry and the region, Mr Cobbleddick is backing a push for World Heritage status for agricultural lands in South Australia's Mount Lofty Ranges.

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

could lure more tourists and enable producers to charge higher prices for produce from the protected area.

However, there are concerns about the impact of international protection on planning and development.

Mr Cobbleddick, whose children also work on the farm which produces cabbage, leek, cauliflower and lettuce, said World Heritage status could give the area the "boost" it needs.

"If we can't get something going we won't last long," he said.

"We need all the help we can get.

"Our prices for the last 20 months have been terrible.

"We want to stay here and keep doing what we know best."

The group behind the bid, which includes local councils, academics and producers, will have to lobby the Federal Government to pursue World Heritage listing with UNESCO.

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

Mums feel pressure

"SUPER MUMS" who are pre-occupied with being the perfect parent may be more likely to suffer from depression, researchers say.

Mothers who feel pressured to calm their crying babies or misbehaving offspring in public could be putting themselves under undue stress, leaving them more susceptible to mental health problems.

The University of Michigan study asked 113 women to complete a questionnaire on depression and how competent

they felt as a mother. It revealed that some mothers are too concerned about whether other people think they are a good enough mother.

This can lead to them feeling unable to ask for help.

"Kids are supposed to be perfect and well behaved, and if that's not the case it negatively reflects on you as a parent through public perception," said research fellow Dr Elzabeth Thomason. "If the baby is misbehaving, it doesn't make you a bad mother."

'Not quite a scream'

A WOMAN'S cry rang out in the Baden-Clays' suburban Brisbane street the night Allison Baden-Clay vanished, a court has heard.

Neighbours told the murder trial of Gerard Baden-Clay they heard a yell or screams coming from the direction of the couple's house on the night of April 19, 2012.

Baden-Clay, a former real estate agent, reported his 43-year-old wife missing from their Brookfield home in Brisbane's west the next morning.

He is on trial in the Brisbane Supreme Court charged with her murder and has pleaded not guilty.

"I can't describe it as a scream, it was more of a startled, cut-short exclamation," said Kim Tzevkoff, who lived across the road from the couple.

Meanwhile, Gerard Baden-Clay's father told the trial that although he was very close to his son, Gerard and Allison had been a "private" couple. The trial continues.

Slugged \$750 for carpark tax bill ... and it hasn't even been passed as law

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ONE of the city's biggest private parking operators has passed on the cost of the proposed carpark tax before it has been introduced into law.

Wilson Parking, which operates 22 carparks across the CBD, has sent invoices to permanent customers, informing them of the additional \$750 annual charge.

It is the first real city-related impact from the \$26-million-a-year Transport Development Levy despite legislation not having been introduced to Parliament.

Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis told *The Advertiser* last night that Revenue SA had not informed operators to start charging from July 1.

"The decision is solely that of the carpark operators," he said.

It remains unclear how any money would be returned to customers if the tax is not introduced.

Adelaide City Council, which operates seven U-Parks, is the only CBD operator to publicly state it will not raise prices until any law is passed.

It comes days after a row erupted over the tax when Mr Koutsantonis announced the levy would be a Budget measure.

"The tax has provoked heated responses from the Liberal Party, Family First, independent MP John Darley, business

leaders and Adelaide City Council. Yesterday groups including the Property Council, Business SA, Rundle Mall Management Authority, Real Estate Institute of South Australia, Urban Development Institute of Australia and the Local Government Association announced a "collective" opposition to the tax.

It was to be introduced next month but legislation appears doomed as it faces defeat in the Upper House.

The Opposition has also threatened to block the Budget if the measure is introduced.

"It's a bit like the Hollywood movies where the bad guy has all these red dots on him from snipers," said one source.

"He's (Mr Koutsantonis) got to back down."

Revenue SA has announced that the tax will be collected retrospectively, regardless of when it is introduced.

In a letter to permanent customers, Wilson's state general manager, Adam Lanson, told customers the charge was being introduced reluctantly.

"We've very much regret having to advise you of this tax and the increased financial burden that results from you coming to the city," he wrote.

"We urge you to contact the Treasurer ... to voice any grievance." — with TIM WILLIAMS

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Breastfeed support

McLAREN Vale wineries will be encouraged to provide private areas for breastfeeding mothers after a woman had to express milk in public during the Sea and Vines Festival.

McLaren Vale Grape Wine & Tourism Association will introduce a program to reinforce that breastfeeding mothers are welcome to the region.

It will encourage its 135 cellar-door and tourism businesses to display "breastfeeding friendly" window stickers and undertake staff training.

It comes after Rikki Forrest said she was denied access to a private area to use a breast pump at Middlebrook Winery at the weekend festival. She said a staff member laughed at her and she had to express behind an old water tank.

Association chief Marc Allgrove said: "We will encourage all our members to have a suitable, private space at all times."

Middlebrook owner Joseph Cugno said his winery, which had apologised for the incident, would join the scheme.