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Light shines on our new landmark

Lyndoch

THE Lyndoch and District Historical Society unveiled the Barossa William Light Monument at Lyndoch Manor in Lyndoch on the weekend, with more than 100 invited guests on hand.

"The statue, erected at the birthplace of the Barossa, is a new landmark for the region," Lyndoch and District Historical Society secretary Anne Hausler said.

"It is a life-sized bronze statue of William Light on horseback.

"The statue is on a large imposing marble pedestal and took the artist more than a year to create the art work and to cast the bronze."

It's been 110 years since the unveiling of the Light's Vision commemoration monument on Montefiore Hill in Adelaide on November 27, 1906.

"The weight of the Barossa monument bronze is more than one tonne and exceeds the size of the William Light Monument on Montefiore Hill in Adelaide," Mrs Hausler said.

"The weight of the marble pedestal is 7t. The arm of William Light is pointing towards the Barossa Range and commemorates the

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moment when William Light bestowed on the entire range the name of Barossa in Spain.

"Hence, the Barossa William Light Monument in Lyndoch is the largest monument in South Australia commemorating the outstanding achievements of William Light."

Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner, with live entertainment from the Barking Ants.

At 6.30pm the evening reached its peak.

The inauguration ceremony began with a touching speech from Lyndoch and District Historical Society president Ivan Randall.

Then, Mr Randall together with vice president Quentin Nuske and Mrs Hausler, unveiled the statue by cutting the red ribbon.

The Lyndoch and District

Historical Society has been deeply honoured on the occasion of the unveiling.

"This is a significant event for our community, for Lyndoch and the entire Barossa," Mr Randall said.

"The Barossa William Light Monument will be a new landmark in the area."

Mrs Hausler said the statue was a tribute to the work of the Lyndoch and District Historical Society for the past decades.

"We are very proud that our work has been recognised with the erection of this monument," she said.

The monument was commissioned with the support of the Auchli family and erected on private property at Lyndoch Manor estate in Lyndoch, situated on Yaldara Drive.

Tours of the statue are available for groups of 10 or more by prior appointment.

Subject to authorities approval, it is planned that the adjoining park around the monument with a large-scale white marble gazebo can be hired for functions and events, such as weddings or concerts, on an occasional basis.

For more details, contact 0452 260 023 or 0451 077 380.



HISTORIC: The Barossa William Light monument at Lyndoch, commemorating the birthplace of the Barossa.