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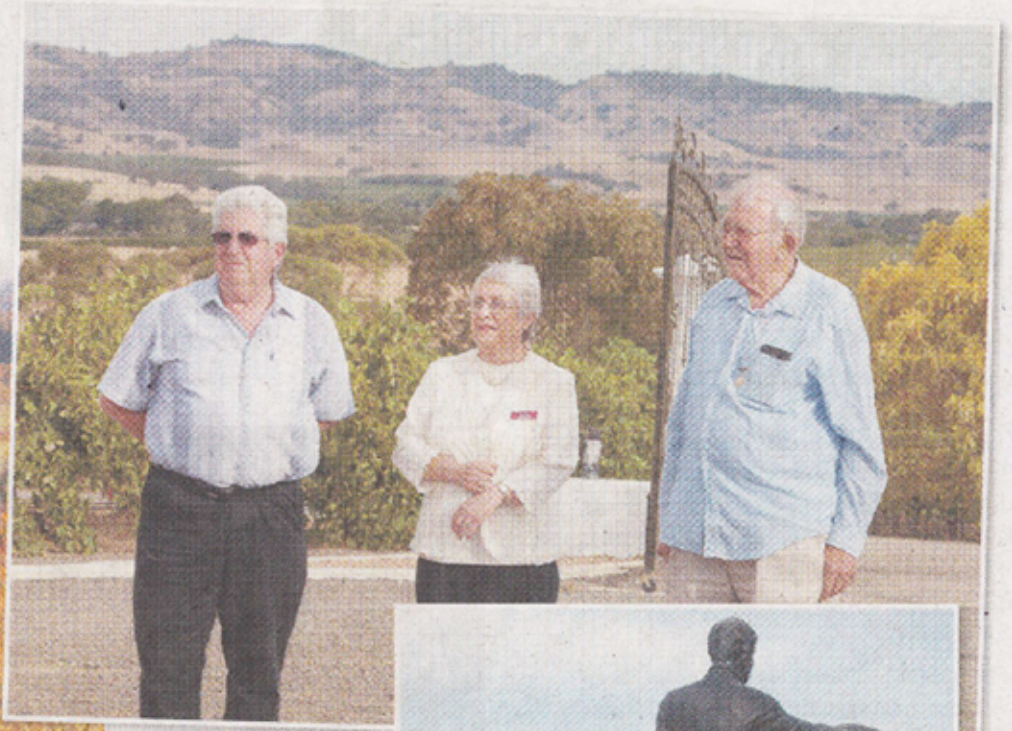
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ABOVE: Lyndoch & District Historical Society president Ivan Randall, secretary Anne Hausler and vice-president Quentin Nuske speak at the unveiling of the Barossa William Light monument (above, left) on Saturday night.



RIGHT: Lyndoch's newest landmark, the Barossa William Light monument, was unveiled by Quentin Nuske in front of a large crowd on Saturday night.

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## Light's view of the Barossa

*MORE than 10 years of planning culminated in the unveiling of the Barossa William Light monument over the weekend, commemorating the birthplace of the iconic region.*

A large group of people gathered at the Lyndoch Manor estate, situated on Yaldara Drive, on Saturday night to witness the occasion, with Lyndoch & District Historical Society secretary Anne Hausler labelling the event a great success.

"We were quite happy with it, there were quite a few people there," Mrs Hausler said.

"We're quite pleased that we've been able to help newcomers to the district learn the history of the area, and we feel that it's a great feature to have in Lyndoch."

The statue, which was unveiled 110 years after that of the 'Light's Vision' commemorative monument on Montefiore Hill in Adelaide, is a life-sized, bronze



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replica of William Light on horseback, and was commissioned with the help of the Auchli family.

It is mounted on a large marble pedestal weighing an impressive seven tones, and took the artist more than a year to create the artwork and cast the bronze.

The arm of William Light points towards the Barossa Range in recognition of the moment he bestowed the Spanish-derived title 'Barrosa', taken from the name of a famous Spanish battleground, on the region.

Mrs Hausler said she hoped that, in time, the monument will become an international drawcard to the area, enticing more people to visit and learn about the history of Lyndoch and the Barossa Valley.

"It's been probably 10 years from the beginning to what it's finished up today," Mrs Hausler said.

"The last six months we've been busy working out how we can do it, and also providing a lot of historical photographs that have been put on a board up there, as well, for visitors to look at.

"People will come from all over to see it and they'll learn a little more about the town's history.

"It's a remarkable achievement."