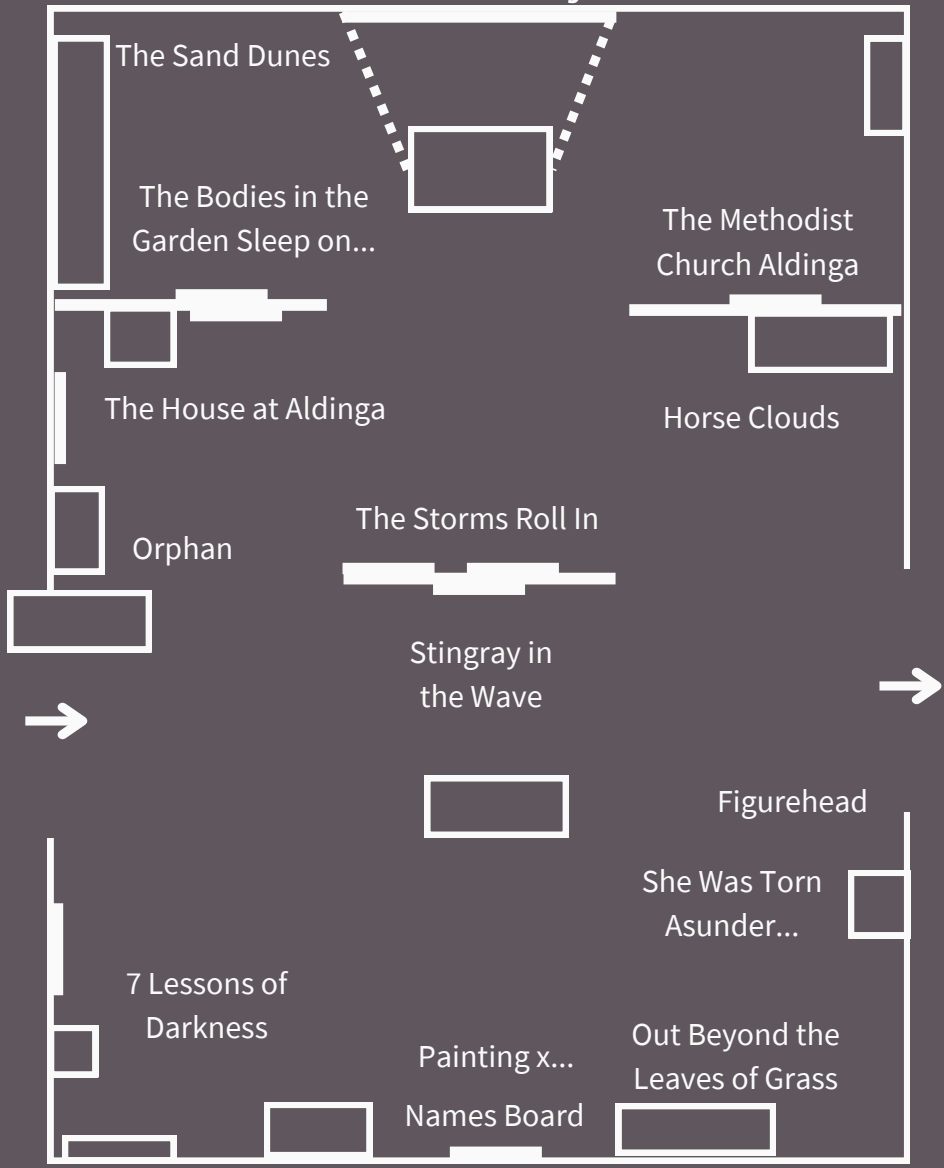


Exhibition Layout



DARK THINGS IN DARK PLACES Teacher's Guide



Dark things in Dark Places: the Wreck of the Star of Greece

13 July - 09 December 2022

The Star of Greece, wrecked off the coast of Port Willunga on 13 July 1888 is one of South Australia's most infamous shipwrecks. This exhibition showcases oil paintings created by artist Christobel Kelly and relics from the wreck held by The History Trust of South Australia's Maritime Museum.

About the Artist

Christobel spent her childhood in Aldinga, living in the old Temperance Hotel. She recalls that stories of the the tragedy 'seeped into the landscape, and haunted the buildings, pine trees and sand dunes, so that the areas of Port Willunga and Aldinga remain ghosted and whispering places'. The paintings are her emotional response to, and imaginings of, that event.



Christobel Kelly

About the Star of Greece

Loaded with over 16,000 bags of wheat destined for Great Britain, the Star of Greece was wrecked off a reef 200 metres from Port Willunga on Friday 13 July 1888. There was no rescue equipment available on shore and by the time Port Adelaide received the message for help, the captain and many of the crew clinging to the rigging had drowned. The disaster took place so close to shore that many locals stood helpless on the beach, unable to reach the men as the tragedy unfolded. Of the crew of 28 men, 17 lost their lives. Survivors were taken to the Port Willunga Seaview Hotel for treatment and shelter.



Discover

Explore the exhibition, learn about the Star of Greece and the artworks that it inspired.



Reflect

Prompt your students to think differently about the exhibition

- What are the connections between art and history?
- Should art accurately represent life? Why/why not?
- Many artists have been inspired by the Star of Greece. What is it about the story that is so fascinating to artists?
- Artists interpret the same story differently. What is the value of these different interpretations?



Respond

The History Trust of South Australia cares for many fantastical and interesting objects. Each object has it's own story.

We challenge you to look at the Star of Greece figurehead, learn about it and then tell it's story using art.

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