KINGSTON’S 1842 MONUMENT TO COLONEL LIGHT

Adelaide’s First Monument and Colonial Wonder

Exhibition Dates:
Monday 29 April to Friday 31 May
Monday to Friday only
9.00am to 4.30pm
Free admission
No bookings required

Artlab Australia
70 Kintore Avenue, Adelaide

Talk with Justin Gare:
Justin will speak about the background of the monument and its construction on Friday 24 May at 5.30pm in the Artlab foyer. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

Bookings essential and places are limited so please telephone Artlab 8207 7520 or email artlab@sa.gov.au by RSVP date 20 May 2019.

After Colonel Light’s death in October 1839, a large public subscription raised money for a monument to his memory. Somewhat ironically, Kingston volunteered his services to design and supervise its construction in 1842. The result was a 45 foot high Gothic edifice which towered over Adelaide. Unfortunately the poor quality stone crumbled away and it was eventually demolished nearly sixty years later.

Long forgotten, the monument has now been resurrected, digitally at first, by special effects artist Liam Gare and then built from wood in a 1/10 scale architectural model.

The model will be on display along with other artworks and early photographs at Artlab Australia during the month of May, a South Australia’s History Festival event.