

Gilbert Valley

NEWS



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This is a great tool that is updated regularly with news, coming events, pictures, history, businesses', weather, CFS news / alerts etc.etc. Items of interest or coming events can be sent to

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The **GVNEWS** is now accessible on this Website.

Riverton Community Management Committee

We take this opportunity to wish you joy, laughter, peace and a safe and happy Christmas. This is a time for family and friends to get together and appreciate each other as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Take time to care for each other and strengthen relationships. Invite someone on their own to share a meal and friendship.

The Riverton Community Management Committee will be decorating the town with festive Christmas stuff on SUNDAY 4th December, beginning at 8am. If you have spare time and would like to assist us with this huge task, please contact Gary Davis or meet at Scholz Park. We will attempt to do both the Christmas and TDU decorations on the same day.

Riverton Christmas Carnival 2011 – 2011

The Christmas Carnival is alive and well. There are some new faces on the Committee and they are working hard to make this an evening to remember.

Come one, come all to the **Riverton Town Oval on Friday 23rd December from 5.30pm – 8pm** for an evening of food, fun and frolic. There will be games and fun, for young and old, and, of course ... SANTA.

Enter the colouring competition, and the Wearable Art competition whose theme will be 'Wings' Have fun on the Jumping Castle, the 3-D Simulator Capsule, the Ball Crawl. Have your face painted and try a Henna Tattoo. Join in the games and dancing, all to the music provided by DJ Tony Clarke. Food and drink will be available at reasonable prices.

The Christmas Carnival Committee will also be looking at local private residential homes for the BEST LIGHTING DISPLAY. They will be cruising around on the evening of 19th December to judge the best, so if you wake up on the morning of the 20th and find a bottle of something on your doorstep, you're the winner!

The Riverton Tour Down Under Sub-Committee under the auspice of the Riverton Community Management Committee present

Gasoline Ali



**Riverton Town Hall
Sunday, January 15th 2012
1pm - 4pm.**

**as part of the Clare & Gilbert Valley STDU celebrations.
(read more about it under the TDU program information)**

Police Contact

**When calling for Police assistance, we have been advised by SAPOL to phone
13 13 444**

This number will contact the closest vehicle to be dispatched to the area when reporting incidents. These calls are then logged through the communication dispatch area.

Santos Best Dressed Town Competition

Once again we are ready to host the **Jayco Sprint** through Riverton and see what this town can produce.

For those of you who are unaware, during the 2010 TDU, this town put on a '**Wheelie Fun Fair**' few hours and consequently won the **CGVC 'Community Event of the Year'** award presented at the **2011 Australia Day award** ceremonies.

The Santos TDU team were hugely impressed by the entire Clare And Gilbert Valley region and the effort that was put in by the local communities to present this event to a worldwide audience. For those of you who

watched the Tour de France this year, you will have noticed footage of this area being shown throughout the race.

Channel Nine has secured the rights to televising this event for the next three years. Channel Nine personality ANDREW VOSS will host the broadcast coverage in 2012.

Santos Best Dressed Town Competition

is open to all towns, suburbs, businesses and households along the race route from stages 1 to 5 inclusive. Efforts of nominees do not go unnoticed by the teams and visitors to South Australia who love the support and atmosphere created.

We encourage you to be a part of this spectacular event and competition and showcase your creative flare with incorporating environmental initiative, appearance and innovation. Riverton has been entered into this competition and we, the RCMC are asking for interest in assisting us to place lots of coloured bikes that need to be attached to poles and the top of buildings in the street as we did in 2010

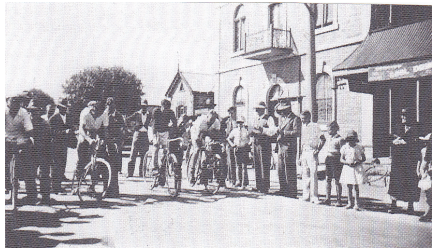
Any ideas or displays that you would like to discuss. Contact Julie on 88472791 or 0408842465

**Riverton History and Information Centre.
21 Torrens Road.**

As we move closer to our ' Tour Down Under' once again I have been seeking out what early record we have of cycling in Riverton.

At the History Centre we have records of Riverton having a cycling club as early as 1925. There are photos of competition involving Riverton at Point Pass.

No helmets, no lycra and definitely not the Bikes of today. The Cycling club ran sprints, then as we do today, however their times were slightly different. The fastest time for half mile sprint (800 metres) was 1 minute 5 seconds, the fastest mile (1600 metres) was 2 minutes 19 seconds.



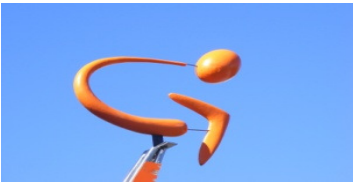
The History and Information Centre has sourced 4 computers that will enable them, in conjunction with students from the R&DHS to transfer all records into a comprehensive database for public use and ease of record keeping and information about this town and surrounding areas and its families.

This work will begin in the New Year and be a valuable resource for this community.

The following Booklets and Brochures are available at :
Riverton History and Information Centre and Jules Internet Cafe.

Stepping Through Time \$5.00
Short Tour and History of Riverton
\$1.00 a copy.
Riverton Town Tour
(self driven tour)
\$1.00 a copy.

Proceeds from the sale of these booklets and brochures will go to the History Centre.



PROGRAM FOR TDU in RIVERTON

January 14th – 17th 2012

Saturday 14th

- **History and Information Centre 88472705** Open 1 – 3pm.
Booked Tours available.
Experience the History of this town in its buildings and places of interest.
- **Scholz Park Museum. 88472128**
Open 1 -3pm. Rich history in this State Heritage – listed buildings. Tour the cottage and the outer buildings.
- **Riverton Alpacas Service 88472017** Take a tour of this farm and learn about this

beautiful animal, see knitted garments produced off the back of this amazing creature.

- **Macaw Creek Olives 88472398**
Open 9 – 5pm. Gold winner of the 'Australian Olive Association' award for their Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Growing of the olives, cold pressing, storage and sales direct from this family owned and operated business.

Sunday 15th

- **History and Information Centre** will be open 1 – 3pm
- **Scholz Park Museum – Open 1 – 4pm** Blacksmith and Wheelwright will be demonstrating their talents.
- **'GASOLINE ALI'** will be playing at the Riverton Town Hall between 1 – 4pm. This contemporary band plays all the classic hits from all eras, catering for all ages. Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$25 per family (2 adults 2 children). Tea, coffee, and finger food included in the cost and supplied by the 'Friends of the Gilbert Valley'. Join us for a great afternoon to relax, dance and enjoy the atmosphere. Part proceeds to the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home / Riverton Hospital.
Tickets available from 5/12/11 at the following places
 - Jules INTERNET CAFÉ
 - Clare & Riverton Council Offices

- **Riverton Newsagency**
- **Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home**
- **Bike rides** with Rattler Trail members, up to Nobby Hill and winding around to the Macaw Creek Olive Farm and Winery. 1 hour journey. Contact **Cheryl** on **88472472**
- **Hannaford's Light Gallery** will be open between **1 – 4pm**
- **Alpaca's** to be visited between **1 - 4.30pm**.
- **Macaw Creek Olives 88472398**
Open **9 – 5pm**.
- **Macaw Creek Wines** Open **11 – 4pm**

Monday 16th

- **Art and Craft Display in Scholz Park** between **11am - 2pm**.
Local talent to exhibit their wares and demonstrate the process. Paintings, wood carving, Wearable Art, spinning etc.
- **Macaw Creek Olives 88472398**
Open **9 – 5pm**.
- **History and Information Centre** will be open **1 – 3pm**
- **Scholz Park Museum** between **1-3pm**
- **Macaw Creek Wines** Open **11 - 4pm**

Tuesday 17th

- **Hannaford's Light Gallery** will be open between **1 – 4pm**
- **Macaw Creek Wines** Open **11 – 4pm**
- **Macaw Creek Olives 88472398**
Open **9 – 5pm**.

- **History and Information Centre** will be open **10 – 12.30** and **1 – 3pm**
- **Scholz Park Museum –** Open **10am – 2pm** Watch the **Blacksmiths and Wheelwrights at work**.
- **Art and Craft Display in Scholz Park** between **11am - 2pm**.

❖ **Wheelie Fun Fair in Scholz Park between 11am – 2pm.**
'Bold as Brass' Market stalls, music, food, drink, displays.
Join us for a fun day for all ages as we display all that this town offers.

Closure of Elliot Street and part of Frederick Street with 2 disabled parking spaces and 2 for the blacksmiths.
(25km. speed limit between Hotel Central and the crossroads between 10.30 and 2.30pm. .

- ❖ **JAYCO SPRINT LEG** passes through RIVERTON at approximately **1.34pm**, the crossing line being near the Hotel CENTRAL

Riverton Recreation Park

Riverton Recreation Park has been managed by volunteers for approximately 30 years. This committee were the original managers of the Riverton Swimming Pool, Recreation Building, the Oval and the Caravan Park.

This committee worked in conjunction with the Riverton Council and in recent times the Clare & Gilbert Valley Council. The aim of the committee is to provide good facilities for sporting clubs, families using the BBQ area



and playground and to provide a caravan park with beautiful surroundings.

The caravan park with all the beautiful trees that provide shade always attracts comments from the users of the park.

In recent times there have been many additions and upgrades. Most people will remember the old playground with that magnificent slippery dip, change in the rules and regulations saw the playground removed. It was a very sad day when that slippery dip was removed.

The committee worked hard to secure new playground equipment and finally CGVC came to the party with the required funds. A working bee

was held to install the new equipment. Over 30 volunteers helped in one way or another, lending equipment or just giving their time.

The BBQ was cleaned up and painted, grass planted and now we have a lovely area for families to use.



The caravan park has grown considerably. There are 5 cabins and numerous powered and unpowered sites. Just recently we purchased a new disabled cabin which is very popular. The amenities block is already 10 years old but patrons always remark on its 'as new' condition, which is a credit to the park managers.

The CGVC have replaced the septic system which also provided a dumping station for caravans. This was needed because the old system was not coping with the growth of the caravan park.

We have new Caravan Park managers, they are **John and Carol Maddern**. They come from

Loxton so welcome them when you see them in the street.

In 2010 the CGVC informed the committee that a subsurface irrigation system was going to be installed using treated water from the effluent ponds. This seems to be trend of most councils. There have been some hiccups along the way and things are still not perfect but looking at the oval it looks fabulous.

The oval is used by the **football, cricket, and hockey clubs**. The high school use it for physical education, sports day and knock out sport.

The Primary School use the oval on occasions for sports day. The annual Christmas Carnival Committee use all the facilities at the oval.

The Riverton Swimming Pool was managed by the committee but in recent times the CGVC have taken over the management of the pool. Management of the pool takes a lot of expertise and time something the committee didn't have.

The committee is always after new people with new ideas to become a member. It is one of those committees that doesn't need to fundraise, it is more about having the occasional working bee to keep the area neat and tidy.



Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Recreation building at 8.00 pm. For more information please ring Gary Fuss on 0417899030 or Dianne Schwarz on 0438872064

Gilbert's Patch

We are more than happy to welcome new members, so if you are interested in joining our group, pop in for a chat or contact

Thelma, 0885285236 or 0409676770.

We are open

Monday – Friday 10am – 4.30pm

Saturday from 9 am – 12 noon

Lions Club of Gilbert Valley

The club has elected **John Lloyd** of Tarlee as the new in-coming President.

We urgently **need to recruit new members**, particularly from Riverton so that the whole of Gilbert Valley is represented.

Community minded individuals, aged 18 years and over are asked to contact our

Membership Chairman, Marion Lloyd on **85282555**, for more information and details on how to be involved.

Scholz Park Museum

Look out for members of the **South Australian Blacksmiths Association** who usually visit our Blacksmith Shop on the **last Sunday of each month.**

See two of the three forges being used during their visits (depending on the number of members attending).

**John Glistak, President,
Scholz Park Museum**



RATTLER TRAIL

What's happening: unfortunately the track hasn't been fixed, the committee is still trying to source funding for this. We have sent reports and photographs of the damage to various ministers and Bike SA, hopefully we will have some good news soon. Please be very careful if walking or cycling on the track especially from Riverton to Rhynie. We picked up from Trees for Life last week 20 boxes of soil and 1000 seeds for next years' planting along the track. We are

also seeking a grant for seats placed along the track. If you are interested in assisting with this project, either growing or planting please let me know on **88472472 Cheryl Koglin Rattler Rail Trail.**

Jingles Community Shed & Garden

Member's at Jingle's shed still have plenty to keep us busy, with a number of items to make and restore, we have been give an old motor bike to restore.. Our members had a working bee at the Gilbert Valley homes one morning to tidy up some out of control vegetation.

The garden is going ahead in leaps and bounds. Some more beds have been made and Leo has veggies every where thanks to the help of the River ton Primary kids. We would also like to thank Matthew Greenslade for donating manure to the garden.

With the Tour Down Under coming to town again in January next year the blokes at the shed will be helping with the traffic marshalling again so watch out for us with our lolly pop signs.

The *boys* at the shed are helping the *girls* at the shed with the production of their 'wings'.



A reminder to everyone that you are **welcome to come** around to the shed or the garden, we are **open Wednesday & Thursday, 10 am till 2pm each week.**

You don't need any special skills to come along, just a new face to chat with would be nice. We will close for a couple of weeks over Christmas, but would love to see you next year.

Robert Driver

Mid North Indoor Bowling Association

The season is completed for 2011, there are 2 teams of 8 players from the towns of Auburn, Saddleworth and Riverton who play each other over 16 weeks plus 2 weeks of finals.

This year the **Auburn Club** was the most successful with winning the Team Finals and Runner-up trophies.

The **Singles Champion** was **Bob Parkinson – Auburn Red**

The **Runner - Up** winner was **Dennis Barter – Riverton Blue**

The **Pairs Champions** were **Mike and Barb Smith Auburn Black**

The **Pairs Runners – Up** were **Eric and Muriel Mount Auburn Red**

Congratulations to all the teams and players.

During the Club season all the players enjoyed a “Cosmopolitan Evening” in June where teams are made up from all the clubs. They play a mixed tournament in the Riverton High School Gymnasium.

Everyone enjoyed this annual Social event, the night ending with tea, coffee and supper and small cash prizes for the Winners and Runners – Up, funded by the sponsors each year.

The **2012 season** will commence with clubs having practice games in April and matches **beginning in early May.** Come and join us, it's a great reason to be out on a Wednesday evening in the winter months. Matches **commence at 7.30pm** and **conclude around 10pm.**

New players will be appreciated by all clubs and any person wishing to enjoy the game of bowling a bias bowl down a carpet on a 1800cm mat can contact any of the clubs involved.

Auburn – Barb Smith 88492242
Riverton – John Glistak 88472128
Saddleworth – Peter Richardson 88474002

We would like to thank the Sponsors for their assistance this 2011 year

Saddleworth Meats
Jules INTERNET CAFÉ
Spoilt Rotten Clothing Boutique
Riverton Diner

Gilbert Valley Probus Club

We are almost at the end of another year in which we have had a number of interesting speakers and some great trips, thanks to our tour organiser, Kevin Behn.

Our Christmas trip for this year is a visit to Old Government House in the Belair National Park, followed by lunch at the Belair Country Club. We hope that whilst it should be very interesting, it will not be quite as dramatic as the last Christmas trip to Mannum when because of the flash flooding, it took us 5 hours to get home.

We have been saddened this year by the deaths of several of our long-time members but have also welcomed a number of new members to the Probus Club. If you would like to join a group which offers friendship, local interest and some adventurous touring, please contact **Membership Officer, Russ Harris on 8847.2332.**

The Riverton & District High School Breakfast Club

It's hard to believe that we have now been providing breakfast at the High School one morning a

week for 4½ years. We have been able to achieve this thanks to the generous support of the local community and Grant funding this year from Wakefield Spoke and Viterra.

At this stage we have sufficient funds to continue for at least the first 6 months of next year and will continue to seek grant funding as applicable. Donations of long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, sugar, SR flour, tinned fruit and the like would still be very much appreciated.



We have a small band of volunteers who give of their time each Thursday morning at 8.00am and would welcome others to join us.

**Elizabeth Harris, Breakfast Club
Co-ordinator 8847.2332**

Friends of the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens' Home

At a recent meeting of the Friends of the Home, **Care Manager, Lesley Smith** was presented with a cheque for **\$5,255.00** being the proceeds of fundraising events in 2011, which have included a cake stall and raffle at the March and October Tarlee Markets and the Song,

Soup, Sandwiches and Slices musical afternoon in July.

As a result of our fundraising efforts, the Home has now purchased the final three electric beds needed, to provide one in each of the resident's rooms.

Fundraisers in 2012 will include afternoon tea at the Tour Down Under concert, a cake stall at the Tarlee Markets, a musical

The MRRT is central to the Government's plan to strengthen and broaden the nation's economy and spread the benefits of the boom to more Australians. The profits they earn from selling

afternoon with the **Police Dixieland Band** in August and a 'Grocery grab' raffle, commencing in July to be drawn in October.

The Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens' Home is an important part of our local community providing facilities for the elderly to remain in their own environs. If you would like to become a Friend of the Home and assist with our fundraising efforts, you would be most welcome. Please ring **Elizabeth Harris** for more information.



(Photo presenting a cheque for \$5,255 to Lesley Smith is (left) Treasurer Deirdre Burman and (right) President Elizabeth Harris)



NICK CHAMPION Federal Minister for Wakefield

Nick Champion MP says "more Australians will benefit from the mining boom thanks to the Governments Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT)".

The MRRT will spread the benefits of the mining boom to all Australians and boost super savings by \$500 billion by 2035. Many mining companies are based offshore and the profits they earn from selling Australian resources do not stay in Australian and end up offshore. Legislation is being finalised for introduction to parliament after more than a year of public debate and extensive consultations with industry and other stakeholders.

The MRRT will lock in the benefits of the mining boom for all Australians and help tackle the

challenges posed by our patchwork economy, where different sectors are growing at different speeds and many small businesses are doing it tough. The revenue from the MRRT will:

1. Secure a boost to the superannuation of 8.4 million workers, increasing their pool of retirement savings by \$500 billion by 2035, according to the Federal Treasury;
2. Deliver a special new tax benefit for 2.7 million small businesses and a cut in company tax;
3. Fund vital infrastructure to help address capacity constraints, particularly in the nation's fast-growing mining regions.

The mining industry is a key part of Australia's strong economy and continues to power ahead in full knowledge of the MRRT. Earnings from energy and mineral exports set a new record of \$175 billion in 2010-11, increasing 27 per cent from a year earlier. The MRRT is central to the Government's plan to strengthen and broaden the nation's economy and spread the benefits of the boom to more Australians.

"I would like to take this Opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for a safe and happy holiday season", says Nick Champion

Riverton Lawn Tennis Club



Finally after many, many years of grant applications & Easter Tournaments the new Synthetic Tennis Courts have been laid. We would like to thank all involved as it took a huge effort by committee, members & sponsors to get this job completed.

A **huge thanks** must go to **Grant Griffiths** who managed the project once we got to the works side of the program. A **special thanks** also goes out to **DJ & HJ Griffiths** for donating some time & bob cat hire, **Andrew & Jackie Bruce** for machinery use, **Parkinson Wool** for use of their truck & **Vin Callery Transport** who generously transported the courts & stored them for about 8 months. To all who helped with ripping up the old courts, laying & levelling the new base, & giving up a day to help the contractor spread sand over the new courts.

We will be holding an **Opening Night & Hit of Tennis on Saturday 10th December at 6.00pm at the courts; \$10.00 for adults, \$5 for**

children. Please advise Jane 88472-646 or Shan 88472-736
for Catering purposes if you intend to come along.

A heartfelt **Thank you** to **Shannon, Kristin & Leanne** for feeding the troops when they got hungry – I know the workers appreciated it.

This project has highlighted to me what a fantastic community we belong to, & that many people are prepared to dig in & help when needed. The Tennis Club has once again been restored to the fantastic facility that it once was, & we are very proud of it. Just a reminder that the Tennis Club is Privately owned & as such is not open to the public for a hit unless green fees or a social membership is paid. Bike riding on the grass courts is also not permitted.

Cheers, **Jane Parkinson**
PRESIDENT

Coming Events

Riverton Markets 9am – 1pm **Saturday 17th December**

This will incorporate a Christmas theme with Santa in attendance

Tuesday 17th January 2012
at Scholz Park as part of the Santos Tour Down Under celebration

Saturday 18th February 2012

Scholz Park Museum

Open between 1 - 3pm
Sunday afternoons on
December 11th & 18th

January

14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 22nd & 29th

Carols by Candlelight

Woolshed Flat Church

Balaklava Road, Rhyndyke

Sunday 11th December 2011

Pooled Tea in the Carpark from
6.30pm.

Carols in the Church from 8pm.

Father Christmas, guest artists.

BYO drinks, candles and chairs.

All welcome.

Anglican Church

Christmas Service

24th December 2011 7pm

Four Down Under 2012
Tuesday, January 17th

See program for events of interest locally, some you may not have been aware of, and participate in this great time of highlighting our Town. Also, check out the Clare & Gilbert Valley website and the links to Santos TDU information as well as local happenings.

Don't forget the 'Gasoline Ali' concert on 15/1/2012, 1 – 4pm and the Wheelie Fun Fair on 17/1/2012, 11am – 2pm



Gilbert Valley

Interchurch Council

Invites the community
to celebrate the birth of Jesus
9 Lessons & Carols Service

Riverton Uniting Church

4th December

7pm

The Kapunda Choir will be
Performing

Shared supper to follow
All Welcome

***Congratulations are extended
to those students who have
completed Year 12 and are
looking for work or beginning
TafeSA or University.***

***We wish you well in your
chosen paths.***

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day

Sunday 25th December 2011

Boxing Day

Monday 26th December 2100
(Holiday Monday & Tuesday)

New Years Day

Sunday 1st January 2012
(Holiday 2nd. January 2011)

Australia Day

Thursday 26th January 2012
Breakfast and Celebrations at
the Riverton Rec Ground
beginning at 8am.

**CLOSING DATE
for next edition of GVNews
20th FEBRUARYR 2011**



**Clare & Gilbert Valley
Church Services
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day**

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Riverton 7pm Christmas Eve
Belvidere 7pm Christmas Eve
Auburn 9am Christmas Day
Clare 9am Christmas Day

BAPTIST CHURCH

Saddleworth 9am Christmas Day

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sevenhill 6pm Christmas Eve
Marrabel 6pm Christmas Eve
Clare Midnight Christmas Eve
Clare 9am Christmas Day
Saddleworth 9am Christmas Day

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saddleworth 7pm Christmas Eve
Carlruhe 8am Christmas Day
Saddleworth 9am Christmas Day
Riverton 9am Christmas Day

UNITING CHURCH

Auburn 8.30am Christmas Day

**For further information please
contact 88472332**