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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 either

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Riverton Community Management Committee 2011 – 2012

The AGM was held on Tuesday 2nd August 2011 with the Board being elected and Officers selected.

Gary Davis - Chairperson
Julie Matthews - Vic Chairperson
Jackie Bruce - Secretary
Ruth Stevens - Treasurer

The Committee members for
2011 - 2012 consist of
*Chris Caller, James Butler,
James & Kirsty Chapman,*
Newly elected and welcomed to the
board are
*Robert Driver, Roz Rowett and Ross
Kemp.*

Attention All Residents RCMC Strategic Plan Meeting Tuesday 4th October 2011 7.30pm in the RSL Rooms

Here is your opportunity to put forward ideas for improvement and new projects for the community. The Committee is looking for public input and invite you to attend this open meeting. Projects of all shapes and sizes will be considered.

If you are unable to attend with your ideas, please contact either
Gary Davis - 88472232
Jackie Bruce - 88472437
We look forward to seeing you.

*Age is not important unless you're a
cheese.*

Riverton & District High School BREAKFAST CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our request for donations of goods and money to keep us going through the winter months.

We were fortunate to receive grants from Viterra and Wakefield Spoke which will help us to continue for the rest of this year. Out of 135 applicants received by Viterra in SA & WA, only 35 grants were given and the members of the Mothers Union who run the Breakfast Club were fortunate to receive one of these.

MU Australia is a worldwide organization of the Anglican Church and although our branch has a very small (and somewhat elderly) membership, throughout the past four years, we have managed to supply breakfast once a week with the help of several volunteers and school support staff.

If you feel that volunteering to assist at the Breakfast Club would be a worthwhile venture, please contact

**Elizabeth Harris
88472332**

Dust if you must but there's not much time ... with wine to drink, rivers to swim, mountains to climb, music to hear, books to read, friends to cherish and life to live.

You would have to drink 100 cups of coffee in four hours to get a lethal dose of caffeine.

News from PROBUS

The Gilbert Valley Probus Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Riverton Community / Town Hall and new members are always welcome. In September, instead of the usual meeting, we will be travelling to Adelaide to visit the Old Adelaide Goal, taking a trip on the Popeye and finishing with lunch at the Sky City Casino.

We usually manage three trips away each year including December for our Christmas meeting.

If you would like to come along to our next meeting on 4th October, 'to try us out', please contact **President - Len Russ - 88472083 or Russ Harris 88472332**

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he couldn't find a parking spot.

*Looking up to heaven he said,
"Lord take pity on me,
if you find me a parking place
I will go to Mass every Sunday
for the rest of my life and give up me
Irish Whiskey"*

*Miraculously, a parking space
appeared.*

*Paddy looked up again and said,
"Never mind, I found one."*

**News from
The Friends of The Gilbert
Valley Senior Citizens
Home.
Soup, Sandwich, Slice
& Song Day.**

140 people gathered at the Riverton Community / Town Hall on Tuesday 26th July, to enjoy a delicious lunch and musical afternoon, together with a raffle and spot prizes, in aid of the GVSCH.

The Committee of the Friends of the Gilbert Homes worked hard to set up the beautifully decorated venue for the luncheon and to prepare a delicious variety of soups, sandwiches and slices. After lunch we were entertained by the *Modbury Singers*, who provided the afternoon's entertainment.



It was lovely to have a group of residents from the Home come along to join us, also present were residents from Mill Court in Balaklava.

On behalf of the Committee, I take this opportunity to thank everyone

for supported this great day and our current project of supplying electric beds to every resident in the Home. By the end of this year, we will have sufficient funds to achieve our goal. Our next fundraiser will be a Cake Stall at the Tarlee Market in

October and any donation of goods would be most welcome.

If you would like to become a 'Friend of the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home, please contact Elizabeth Harris - 88472332 or

Again, THANK YOU,
Elizabeth Harris

It's not what you gather but what you spread that tells the kind of life you have lived.

Riverton History and Information Centre. 21 Torrens Road.



We have had challenges set before us here at the History Centre over the last few months. In conjunction with the Riverton Community Management Committee, we are working hard to establish an innovative idea for Riverton to capture the attention of the visitors / tourist and local community by preparing to form booked Historical Walking Tours

'Stepping Through Time' our local history information booklet has become more up to date, larger and contains far more information. This reprint contains we believe a collection of what

our visitors and locals are looking to find. At the beginning of October

we are commencing our history walks of the town. There will be a variety available, short walks along the main street, a much larger walk of the town and walks that can be available on organization of groups. At the moment we have brochures available if you wish to do the walks.

**We will be holding a meeting on
Tuesday 13th September
7pm in the History Centre**
for those interested in becoming guides as well as learning some interesting history.
All welcome to attend.

Extensive work has gone into the History Centre obtaining four new computers. These we are hoping to set to work with the help of High School Students. We will be trying to collate our files to computer in anticipation of the History Centre's future years, while giving students an appreciation of the sources available.

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.

Any individuals who are interested in assisting in any areas are asked to contact Barbara Stevens 88472705 or Julie Matthews 88472791 to register your interest and /or ideas.



The Rattler received a grant from the NRYM Board to revegetate the Rattler Rail Trail around the Rhynie Station. This area is a 4 hectare block and 1.8km from Washington Road to the next road. The area has previously been used for stock grazing and now the lease has finished. The Grant was enough to purchase \$1000 plants and tree guards and a further 1000 plants were donated by the Mistletoe Action Group. Simpson's Rices Creek Native Nursery also donated 2 boxes of trees for the project.

Over 1500 trees, shrubs, grasses and ground covers, native to the area needed to be planted. The committee would like to thank the above people for their generosity for the vegetation.

On Arbour day 31st July a group of 10 people set about and planted approx. 800 trees, bushes and

shrubs. The tree planting commenced at Washington Road, Rhynie and proceeded to the Rhynie Railway Station.



The committee would like to thank all helpers who attended on the day and especially **Brian Kemp** who “ripped” the track which made planting easier plus Brian watered the trees on Tuesday..

The weather was kind to us and we planted over half of the trees, further tree planting will be required.

As the track is 19kms from Riverton to Auburn, we hope to have a shaded cycle/walking track for all riders. Further opportunities for tree planting will happen if you missed out this time. A lovely morning tea was provided.

Cheryl Koglin
Secretary - Rattler Trail Committee

Riverton Markets

Every third Saturday of the month between 9-1pm at the Riverton Town Hall.

Visitors and stall holders are always welcome. For enquiries, phone **Thelma on 08 85285236 or 0409676770.**



Riverton Tour Down Under Sub – Committee

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 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.

A **Sub-committee** has been formed with those interested in promoting this town and area to the world. There is much excitement and lots of ideas flowing as to what Riverton can do to maximize our exposure and take advantage of the free publicity to highlight our town and the surrounding areas.

Next Meeting

**Monday, 5th September 2011
7.30pm**

There will be meetings scheduled at **jules CAFÉ** over the next few months to formulate and coordinate events. Julie Matthews will be busy coordinating between the C&GVC, working party, the TDU official team coordinators and the local Riverton community groups, clubs and businesses who will be working tirelessly over the next few months.

This is a huge undertaking by many who see this as an opportunity to promote this region and if you would to be a part of this, please contact **Julie** on **88472791** or **0408842465** for details on the plan for Riverton and how you can be involved.

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

*Dust if you must
but wouldn't it be better
to paint a picture, write a letter,
bake a cake and lick the spoon
or plant a seed,
or ponder the difference
between want and need ?*

Lions Club of Gilbert Valley

The club has elected **John Lloyd** of Tarlee as the new in-coming President. John, with his wife Marian, have been very involved and committed in the Apex organisation for many years and have now joined the local club, together with **Geoff Price**, also from Tarlee.

President John says that the Club hopes to raise monies to support the Tom Goodfellow Memorial Assistance Fund.

The club raised funds last year for the Goodfellow family to assist them looking after Tom who was born with congenital heart disease.

Sadly Tom died while waiting for a heart transplant. Consequently a fund has been set up to assist others born with similar conditions. John says the club also plans to raise monies to assist the GVSCH update their equipment.

In order to do this, 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.

Farewell and Best Wishes to Mike & Sue Forshaw.

We say goodbye to Mike & Sue, former owners of the IGA, Torrens Road for 17 years, who have closed up shop and moved interstate to spend quality time with their children and grandchildren.

They feel the time this right to make this move, and although saddened to be leaving this community, their lives will be enriched watching their grandchildren grow and develop.

Are You A Talented Artist, able To Graffiti not Tag?

On Sunday morning, the 14th August, I looked out the CAFÉ door and noticed a portrait of a young man wearing glasses, adhered to the side of the IGA. While I do not condone graffitiing, without consent of the owners, on other people's property, particularly tagging, I was impressed by the obvious talent that went into the painting / drawing / graphic .transfer

If the person responsible for this artwork would like to contact me,

Anonymously, with either a phone

call or visit, I would be more than happy to discuss some possible outlets and good uses, for your talent.

Many smaller townships across the country have made use of artistic work, to highlight around their town, its heritage; and this can be very effective. As we also have the TDU coming up in January 2012, we could find your talent useful.

Thanks, Julie - 88472791

Community Profile

Norm (Choc) Davis

Born in Riverton in 1927, I was the youngest of 4 children, Bert, Claire and Ruth. Ours was a musical family and the others learnt to play various instruments in Adelaide while I was far more enthusiastic about sport than practicing music!

I was educated at the Riverton Primary and High Schools and was a member of the Air Training Corp between 1944 -1945, The War ended before I turned 18, by seeing as I always wanted to fly, I joined the aero Club in 1948 and flew Tiger Moth planes out of Parafield until the cost became prohibitive.



I worked in the family farming and chaff-cutting business. My grandfather Harry first cut chaff at

Whitney Farm, where my son, Gary, now lives. Harry also built the Chaff Mill by the railway line in Frederick Place in 1895 - closing in 1989.

I was a member of the Emergency Fire Service from 1945 and remember loading 44 gallon drums of water on the back of Council trucks with a pump, knapsack and beaters. The EFS then acquired an old Army 4 wheel drive vehicle which was stored across from the Chaff Mill, so when the siren rang, I was usually first there, therefore often the driver.

I was married to Joan in 1952, who as Sister Carter, had moved to the Riverton Hospital after completing her training at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Married for 47 years before her death in 1999, her legacy has been four great kids (Gary, Pam, Jan and Kay), who were her pride and joy and who have been a great support to me, not only as family but as best friends.

I have been involved with the Parents and Friends Committee's at both the Primary and High schools, the Rec Ground Committee for approx 30 years, member of the Riverton Tennis Committee.

Football has been my interest for many years and I have enjoyed playing, coaching and different involvement at several clubs. President of RFC for 7 years and Captain for 6, now a Life Member.

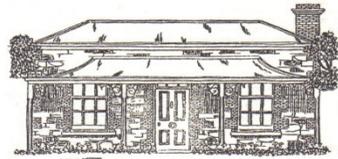
(Editors note : Crows supporter? I'm pretty sure that's what he said.)

Recently retired as a Justice of the Peace after 30 years and enjoying life. Never travelled overseas unless a trip to Granite Island courts. My favourite holiday destination is Christies Beach.

(More to read ! Choc's early life plus a few other members of the community, are available to read in Jules CAFE . A file with interesting facets of their lives will be on record, with their permission.

Articles can be submitted via email; looking for things like; what meals were enjoyed, early dating, how they got to school, games played, what early jobs were like, amusing happenings, etc)

Scholz Park Museum



If you have an interest in the history of the town, if you would like to make yourself available roughly once in 6-8 weeks to show visitors around the complex, or if you would like to work on some of the tasks around the Museum, please come forward. **Opening dates for the Museum are between 1 - 3pm Sunday afternoons on September 4th, 18th and 25th**

October 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th
November 13th, 20th and 27th
December 11th and 18th

Finally, 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**



August 2011

NICK CHAMPION MP SUPPORTS REFORM OF DISABILITY SECTOR

Federal Member for Wakefield Nick Champion MP welcomed the Gillard Labor Government's announcement that they will start work immediately with states and territories on measures that will build the foundations for a National Disability Insurance Scheme, following the release of the Productivity Commission's final report into the matter.

The Government asked the Productivity Commission to examine reform of disability

support services because we believe that the system we have today is not delivering the kind of care and support Australians expect for people with disability.

The main recommendations of the Productivity Commission are: A National Disability Insurance Scheme should be created to provide all Australians with insurance for the costs of support if they or a family member acquire a disability. The scheme will provide individually tailored care and support to around 410 000 people with significant disabilities. A National Injury Insurance Scheme should be created to provide no fault insurance for anyone who suffers a catastrophic injury.

The Australian Government supports the Productivity Commission's vision for a system that provides individuals with the support they need over the course of their lifetime, and wants reform of disability services that is financially sustainable.

The Productivity Commission outlines the creation of these schemes would ensure that every Australian can have confidence that they will receive the care and support they need if they acquire or are born with a disability.

These reforms will be delivered in a way that is consistent with the Government's fiscal strategy. For a copy of the Productivity Commission report visit

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support/report>

Go Green @ Your Local Library



Convert To Email Or SMS Notices and help the library service reduce its carbon footprint. Talk to staff to add your mobile number and/or email address to your library card record for fast efficient notification of reserved items. Also receive email or SMS reminders when your library material is due to be returned.

If you have given permission and provided the necessary details, notifications will be sent to you by email or SMS. These messages are instant. While communication about reserved items and overdue stuff comes to you from Clare, your local library at Riverton is the place of first contact if you have a problem to sort. Please ring us. Most problems can be sorted on the spot. Occasionally items end up back on the shelf without being returned through the system. A quick phone call lets us check the shelves and sort the problem quickly.

Riverton Community Library
88472414\

Open - Tuesdays 1.30pm - 5.00pm

Fridays 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Deb Williams Riverton Community
Library Manager

What's she up to now? Samantha Callery

(Samantha featured in issue 1 about her adventures after leaving school)

The last time you heard from me I had just finished my adventures on the luxurious cruise liner 'Queen Victoria'. She was a beautiful ship, and it was a great way to travel the world but since then another fantastic opportunity came up for me which I couldn't turn down!

I still remember back in high school doing a tourism project on the Maldives. I fell in love with this country and knew that one day I would have to go there. Whilst I was on the cruise ship I had posted an application for fitness positions in the Maldives, but did not hear anything for months. A month after returning home I received a phone call from Conraei Maldives. From here, the rest is history and I have been working at Conrad Maldives Rangali Island for the last 10 months as the Wellness and fitness Coordinator, and I love it. I think I have found my dream job.



The Island is more beautiful in real life than in the pictures, it really is as close as you can get to paradise.

After my working hours I can go swimming or snorkelling, go to the bar and have a nice fresh juice, lay in a hammock and read a book, play beach volley ball or badminton or tennis with friends and just laze around on the beach and relax.

As relaxing as the lifestyle sounds, we do work very hard here and to a very high standard, as Conrad is the Luxury brand of Hilton Worldwide.

The people that stay at our resort are well known sports people, business people and sometimes the odd celebrity or two. I have personal trained some well know icons and it

has given me some very good opportunities and contacts for later.

My personal and work skills have developed a lot since working here.

I have a lot of responsibility as I have staff under me that I am also accountable for and all daily operations, maintenance, ordering, training etc is coordinated by myself.

I am now studying through Hilton University, which is designed around different modules and courses of Business Management. As well as studying with Hilton University, I am also studying online more fitness courses to help my knowledge and skills grow, as this is still just the beginning of my career. I will be in the Maldives until about mid 2012, after that the best opportunity that comes my way I will take.

I do have plans and an idea of what I will do next, I will keep dreaming and working towards this one too until I make it happen.

To All The Kids Who Survived The 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's And 70's!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and /or drank while they were pregnant.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes. Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright coloured lead-base paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, Locks on doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps not helmets on our heads.

As infants and children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes. Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon.

We drank Kool-Aid made with white sugar and, we weren't overweight.

WHY?

Because we were always outside playing...that's why! We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. and we were O.K. We would spend hours building

COMING EVENTS

our go-carts out of scraps and then ride them down the hill only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Play-stations, Nintendo's and X-boxes. There were no video games, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVD's, no surround-sound or CD's, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet and no chat rooms.

WE HAD FRIENDS

And we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever. We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and, although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them. Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team.

*Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.
Imagine that!!*

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. they actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best Risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever.

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it.

*If YOU are one of them
CONGRATULATIONS!*

Riverton Markets 9am – 1pm
Saturday 17th September
Saturday 15th October
Saturday 19th November

Scholz Park Museum
Open between 1 - 3pm
Sunday afternoons on
September 4th, 18th, and 25th
October 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th
November 13th, 20th, and 27th

Riverton Community Library
Library Board Meeting
1st September at 7.00pm.
and will be held at the
Hamley Bridge Library

**Riverton
History and Information Centre**
Meeting on
Tuesday 13th September,
7pm in the Centre
for those interested in becoming
guides. Supper provided.

Tour Down Under 2012
Next meeting
5th September at 7.30 pm
Meetings will be held on a regular
basis at Jules INTERNET CAFÉ
If you have an interest in planning,
supporting and being involved,
contact Julie 88472791 for details
of meeting dates.

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