

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 Julie – julesmatt@bigpond.com
The **GVNEWS** is now accessible on this Website.

RIVERTON COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Achievements from previous year to date 1/1/11 – 3/12

- **Working Bees**
Replacement of Christmas lights on Torrens Road..
New and old Christmas decorations made and displayed.

- **Formation and establishment of Riverton Community Volunteer Group.** Jobs identified by Ross Kemp (Committee member) who will head this area.. Much discussion around smaller maintenance / gardening projects needing to be attended to within the Riverton town area and outskirts for the beautification of the streetscape. Have been working with Council to bring this to fruition as soon as possible.
- **Town Garage Sale** – New event proved highly popular with both locals and those from outlying towns.

Sub Committees

- **Santos TDU** –Once again, a very successful event for our town, holding the Sprint Leg of this event. Great attendances even though the weather sucked. This is a valuable tool for networking and bringing communities together. Concert

in the Community Hall was well accepted by both young and old and will look at repeating this once or twice a year.

- **Markets** – Still popular, increased variety of stalls and local product.
- **Christmas Carnival** – Decided to continue with after appealing to the community to step up or closure was inevitable. New enthusiastic committee invigorating the event has been formed.
- **GVNews & www.riverton.sa.au** continues to be a success. GVNews is now attached to the website. 800 copies of magazine printed. Emailed to various clubs in the State and interstate who ask for edition to be send.
- **Lobbying for Police Presence** – successful and obtained a police officer living in the town behind station. He has now applied for a transfer but after contacting Senior Sergeant. First Class Martin Bazeley, Yorke Operation at Kadina, have been assured of a replacement officer so the town will have a police presence. Activity of those on the street between 10pm – 5am has improved..
- Looked at ways to **promote Riverton and generating of souvenirs.** - Currently nothing exciting available, present postcards unattractive and 30 years old, need to update and look at what we can do on a small scale.

- **Revamp of History / Genealogy Centre information.**

One person working tirelessly to transfer printed copies onto computer databases so that information is not lost. Riverton History brochures updated and information current.

This Current Year

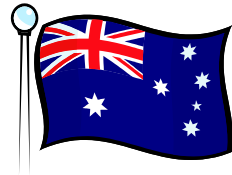
- **Strategic Plan** for the town – successful, great turnout.
- **Entrance feature** – Work has begun on the type, costing and development of a stone wall which will be constructed at the northern entrance of Riverton.
- **Meet and Greet BBQ** – first of a twice yearly local event to meet those new to the area, answer questions and highlight areas of involvement available to those who are unaware of what there is to offer. The first one was held on Sunday, 25.3.12 at Scholz Park between 11-30 and 1pm. Management Committee to foot cost of supplies. Advertised in GVNews, website and flyers.
- **History / Genealogy Centre** - Have sourced 4 computers to assist with data transfer, spoken with Glenys Munro, R&DHS principal, who is eager to incorporate this activity into school curriculum for students studying IT and have this be included into SACE scores as extra external activities.
- **Volunteer Group** – Thanks to a combined working party

including the C&GVC and the RCMC, this area is now up and running. Ross Kemp will take responsibility for this group and we envisage a good working relationship between all parties to assist with the beautification of our town. We will not be taking on the Council's work but dove – tailing areas we can take care of as a community.

- **Souvenirs** – Have commenced looking into sources of available material, eg : key rings, cups, pens as low cost articles to be available for commercial sale in key areas of the town (Caravan Park, History Centre, Council office, Jules CAFÉ, Newsagency, Scholz Park.) Have a Flip Book of pictures of Riverton currently available which can be sourced from the Caravan Park, Jules CAFÉ and the Newsagency, at the cost of \$15.
- **Scholz Park** – Through faithful and tireless work over the last few years by John Glistak and a dedicated few volunteers, this asset continues to slowly being restored and additional information concerning the Scholz family is now displayed throughout the cottage. The new display panels, banners and a purpose built display case are now within the building. This wonderful family history is available for the public to view.
- **Christmas Town Decorations** – RCMC looking to replace what

is in use currently and are currently checking sources and suppliers.

- **Rhynie Drain** – Will be in talks with Council and landowners re the clearing of the creek of debris to enable free flowing water to run through this area. Looking to avoid a repeat of the congestion that occurred during the 2010 flooding.
- **Duck pond** – Will be looking to Council for clarification of future developments of this area and maintenance of waterways. (Work has begun 4/12)



RSL NEWS

Thanks to the Riverton community, Anzac Day was quite successful, despite the unfortunate changes we, as members, have had to make.

We received great support from the town and would like to acknowledge our appreciation to those who attended the service and joined us later in the hall. Our members were very happy to see some new faces as well as those who regularly give their support.

On that same note, would the lady who donated the postcards at our last meeting please contact the secretary so that the members can show their appreciation. These items will be a wonderful addition to our collection of memorabilia.

Please remember that new members are urgently needed to be able to continue this club and also to return to the traditional manner of running events. Younger members would be a boon to the club, but we realize work and families take priority over meetings.

However, the club will continue to function while we still have membership, so if new members are waiting to take over, please don't hesitate to join.

You will be more than welcome. I would also like to encourage those who are interested in Bingo to come along to our social afternoons. We have a lot of fun.

**RSL meeting 1st Friday in month
2.00pm. Bingo 2nd and 4th Friday in
month 1.30pm
Kay Lobegeiger - Secretary
8847 2608**

SCHOLZ PARK

Scholz Park Museum is a Museum complex consisting of a Cottage, Wheelwright Shop and a Blacksmith Shop situated within an

idyllic park setting in the heart of Riverton. It celebrates the life and work of the Scholz family from the late 1860s until its closure almost one hundred years later.

There is more to Scholz Park Museum than the four walls of each building; there is a treasure within each building that will amaze visitors, young and old alike.

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)

**This facility will be open
13/5, 27/5, 10/6, 24/6, 8/7, 15/7,
22/7 and the 29/7.**

Volunteers to man the Museum are needed, this is such an interesting place to visit.

**John Glistak, President,
Scholz Park Museum
Phone 88472128**



Police Contact



When calling for Police assistance, we have been advised by SAPOL to phone **13 13 44**

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.

RIVERTON RECREATION PARK

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**

Riverton Volunteer Maintenance Group



Under the Auspice of the Riverton Community Management Committee and In co-operation with the Clare & Gilbert Valley Council. **Contact ROSS KEMP 0417842655**

Want to meet behind a bush? Need somewhere to go or hide? Retired, and she's tired of you hanging around? Need some time out? And feel like you're doing something constructive? Want to carry a weapon? Sick of just cruising the street? Meet new people and see what's happening?

Many towns have working groups who specifically spend time assisting their community on behalf of their local council.

Rather than expecting miracles from councils who quite often are hampered by having to cover large areas of their community with limited resources, this idea would prove advantageous to any town. Pride is always taken when we take on an adventure that we feel could benefit everyone. Spend an hour or two on a Monday and see the difference it makes!

If you see yourself wanting to assist in this RCMC initiative to benefit our community and work together with others for a couple of hours a week or a fortnight,

HOT / COLD BBQ CHICKENS

jules CAFE with internet
35 Torrens Road,
Riverton. S.A. 5412
(08) 88472791

With lots of enquiries over the last few weeks and months, we now are offering BBQ chickens as a great meal to take home and enjoy when time is important to you.

With winter already upon us we decided the time was right to invest in a Chicken Rotisserie to provide an easy, nutritional meal to pick up on the way home and enjoy with your family. These size 14 Greenslade chickens will be available, by order on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday.** You will need to **order prior to 12 noon** on the day, or before for **pickup between 2 - 4pm.**

We will also offer BBQ chicken meals in the Café on those days as well as T/A Hot Pack with roast potatoes, peas, carrots and gravy.



MID NORTH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

The Mid North Indoor Bowls Association was formed when teams from Auburn, Saddleworth and Riverton decided to form a new association. The ideals of this group was to form 2 teams of 8 players from the towns of Auburn, Saddleworth and Riverton to play 3 rounds of 5 matches each season together with interclub singles and pairs championships.

The competition is played on a carpet/mat measuring 9.144 meters long and 1.828 meters wide using bias bowls and consisting of 21 ends. Matches are played in the Auburn RSL clubrooms, and Saddleworth and Riverton are played in their respective lawn bowling clubrooms on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm until around 10pm.

The teams representing each town consist of a mixture of men and woman and the matches are played on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm from the months of May through to September with strict controls of No smoking or alcohol is allowed in any of the venues.

The women have a separate competition as well and they play in the daytime with a slightly different format with these games played of a Thursday.



Barb Smith - Auburn 88492242.
Peter Richardson - Saddleworth
8847400
John Glistak - Riverton 88472128.

Carers link **Lower North**

Trophies are presented to the winning team of the competition with singles and pairs championships played each year.

One special event each year is the joining together of all players to have a **“Cosmopolitan event”** at the end of the first round. This event is a mix up of all players' men and woman from all the clubs and is a good fun evening played at the Riverton School Gymnasium all thanks to our sponsors.

Saddleworth Meat, Ramsey Bros Pty Ltd, Jules Internet Café, Lower North Coaches (Riverton) and The Handy Place (Riverton).

An invitation is extended to anyone to come along to the **Cosmopolitan evening on the 13th of June 2012 at 7.30pm.** Names can be given to any of the secretary's of any of the Clubs before 9th June 2012. We would like to see some new potential players on this evening.

Any new members are most welcome to join Contact persons for each club are

Caring for a loved one who is frail or who has dementia or a disability can be a full-time occupation, leaving little space for developing your own life.

Carers Link can assist carers by providing support services, including:

Counselling, Support, Information and Advocacy
Carer Support Group
Carer Retreats
Respite Care

For more information
phone **88421118** or check our
website www.cncs.org.au

Carers Link Lower North Offices
26 George Street
BALAKLAVA SA 5461
1 Blanche Street
CLARE SA 5453



The value of life
lays not in the
length of days,
but in the use we
make of them,
and many may live long
yet live very little.



A First for RIVERTON !!! **BODYCORE FITNESS**

Rivertons' first fully equipped gym with weights, cardio, resistance and hydraulic equipment. Gym, personal training, group and senior exercise.

Commencing Monday 21st May between 6.30am – 11am and 4 - 7pm with General gym access.

Janet Hall 0428 859 596

For details, days and hours

\$\$\$\$ COULD BE YOURS **An Invitation To All** **Constituted Bodies**

The Riverton community Fund was established from profits derived from the successful "models" weekend held over several years.

The fund now invites groups to complete the "Application for Small Grants" form (available at the History Centre, 21 Torrens Road Riverton) and return same to The Secretary Mr Alan Hartwell BEFORE June 30th, 2012. All applications received by this date will be considered.

Grants up to, but not exceeding \$1,000.00 can be applied for however several smaller grants, but not less than \$250.00 will be considered.

Applications for this grant will only be considered from:

- * Properly constituted organisations and those open to public membership
- * Groups registered as an Incorporated Body
- * Community organisations based within the Riverton District
- * Not for profit organisations

If your group has any queries, please contact

Alan Hartwell on 0409 671 008
Riverton Community Fund Inc.

GILBERT VALLEY LIONS ASSIST **SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOMES.**

With assistance from the **Australian Lions Foundation, the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley**, raised sufficient funds to have veranda blinds fitted at the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Homes at Riverton.

On receiving the cheque for **\$6,180.00**, the CEO of the Homes, Graham Ackland, said that the blinds not only provided shelter from the elements, but also provided security for staff when needing to visit the rooms, particularly at night time.



Lions John Taylor and Frank Gorey with Secretary, Lion Helen Karger as she presented the cheque to Homes CEO Graham Ackland and Clinical Nurse Manager, Lesley Smith.



View of the new blinds at the Gilbert Valley SC Homes, Riverton, with Bailey, the Homes dog

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale.



RIVERTON CARAVAN PARK

Hello from John and Carol Madden of the Caravan Park
88472419

It was very busy over Easter at the Caravan Park with the Adelaide people coming for the Tennis Tournament. It was like "tent city", then the next week was followed by a Caravan Club so our Park was looking full for a couple of weeks, then still had a steady stream of bookings after that.

People are staying and walking the Heyson Trail and riding the "Rattlers Trail" and rides around Riverton. More people are coming with bikes attached to their caravans.

We are doing a survey on the Caravan Park to help with advertising etc and have had nice comments on the Park and Riverton. Following are a few:-

'Loved the convenience to be able to walk to a lovely little town, with the history of the old buildings'.

'Beautiful clean grassy areas with pleasant outlook and great tourist advice from friendly Managers.'

'Cleanest and nicest Toilet Block we have come across. Very friendly, clean and comfortable with convenient walk to main street-'

'Loved the grassy sites, and to be able to have a fire is a treat'.

This is great for the town so hopefully they will "spread the word". Have told a couple of groups about Bingo so hope they haven't taken all the money from the locals – they have come back smiling though.
Keep well and happy.



We would like to acknowledge the life and death of

Denis Frederick O'Connell
17/1/1922 – 14/5/2012

An early entrepreneur with a passion for life, his work, his family and this town.

Lovingly held in the hearts of his wife Margaret and children Sue, Frankie, Mark and Jonathon, extended family; and his many, many friends.



VOLUNTEERING

Do you enjoy pottering in the garden? Playing cards? Spending time with older people? Do you have a talent to entertain? Do you have some spare time?

If any of the above apply to you, **Riverton Hospital & Health Service** would welcome you. The only requirement is a current Criminal History Clearance, which can be arranged by the hospital. For further enquiries, please contact

Noelene Klante,
Acting Executive Officer/Director
of Nursing on
88 472 300 or email
Noelene.Klante@health.sa.gov.au.

Coming Events

Riverton Markets 9am – 1pm
Saturday 16th June
Saturday 21st July
Saturday 18th August

Public Holidays
Queens' Birthday
11th June



NICK CHAMPION
Federal Minister for
Wakefield
May 2012 - Budget 2012

Gilbert Valley to Share in the
Benefits of the Boom

The 2012-13 Budget will deliver much-needed cost of living relief to many of the Gilbert Valley households.

“This Budget is all about making sure all Australians share in the benefits of the mining boom and our strong economy, not just the fortunate few.

“I know many people in our community feel like this is somebody else’s mining boom

“That’s why the budget will spread the benefits of the mining boom to help everyday Australians with cost of living pressures” said Nick Champion.

Delivering a new cash payment to families with kids in schools. Parents will receive \$410 for each child in primary school and \$820 for each child in high school as part of the new Schoolkids Bonus.

Increasing family payments by up to \$600 for local families. Flowing from July next year, this extra support will be made to families currently receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A payments.

Providing extra money to help pay the bills to local young people, single parents and the unemployed currently receiving allowances. Singles will receive a \$210 lump sum payment while couples will receive \$350. “We’re also returning the budget to surplus, on time, as promised.

“Returning to surplus gives the Reserve Bank maximum flexibility to cut interest rates further, just like they did last week”.

Nick Champion said Interest rates were now lower than at any time under the previous Government, and a family on a \$300,000 mortgage is now paying around \$3000 a year less in repayments.

“The Gillard Government is also finding room to deliver reforms which make for a stronger community and a fairer society.

“Big reforms like the National Disability Insurance Scheme, a big new investment in dental health and Aged care reform” said Nick Champion.

Authorized by Nick Champion,
89/600 Main North Road,
Smithfield, SA,



As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play, on the computer, until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 &70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful.. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But, broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have

my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it.

**CLOSIND DATE
for next edition of GVNews
24th August 2012**



A load of hay being transported in Riverton c1890