

# GILBERT VALLEY NEWS

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## A new and exciting year has begun....

A new year always seems to bring with it the promise of something better, of course nothing will happen without a great deal of effort. One of my favourite writers says that “The grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence. Fences have nothing to do with it; the grass is greener where it is watered.”

We have a privileged place here in our valley. I have heard numerous people say something similar and there must be times when we are stuck in a long stream of traffic in a city sometimes when one can whimsically contemplate the fact that we don't have any traffic lights here. There are many other joys about living here in the Gilbert Valley and one of the great things that possibly sometimes we need to think about are our neighbours. In the recent spell of warm weather we were encouraged to take care of our neighbours, check to see if they are OK and coping in the hot weather.

In this New Year I am challenging myself to be a better neighbour. I am not sure what that means; but somehow feel I need to find out. It is not just about next door but in the next street, and town and, yes even the world. We share a fantastic part of the world, and we need to make sure we all know that they can rely on us to be a good neighbour.

My writer friend continues; “When crossing over fences; carry water with you and tend the grass wherever you might be”

Happy New Year



**Peter Fletcher , Editor**

## Riverton Community Library

The Riverton Community Library Board meets four times a year to discuss the running of the library. The library works in conjunction with the high school to provide learning materials. In recent years a new entrance to the library was constructed for patrons, which has been a great success. The newly implemented One Card System is working well and our patrons have access to books all over the state. We would like more community members to join us for meetings and think about either joining the library board or taking on a role as a community member. Please ring the library on 88472414 for more information



**Alison Behn President. 88472414**

## 30 Years of Service for Riverton Community Library

This year Riverton Community Library celebrates 30 years of service to the community. In this time the library has undergone several changes, all of which have seen the quality and scope of its service to both the school and the community widen enormously. In 2013 the library joined the Public Libraries One Card system. Members can now reserve items from over 140 libraries, and have them delivered within just a few days. Go to the library Homepage at [www.libraries.sa.gov.au/claregilbert](http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au/claregilbert), to see all items available for borrowing. Explore the left hand side of the screen. Here you are just a click away from borrowing and downloading eBooks, reading local and international newspapers, and accessing World Book Encyclopaedia from home 24/7. Ask staff for a demonstration or pick up a “How-to” brochure. While you are in the library register to use the free wi fi with your own iPad or lap top, or use the free Public Computers – and treat yourself to a \$2.00 Coffee from our *Espresso Essentials* machine while you are there.

The Riverton Library has an Outreach program delivering books and DVDs to members unable to visit the library in person. If you or a member of your family would benefit from this service, please contact us. Other programs include a regular kindergarten story time, Premier’s Reading Challenge Coordination, holiday programs for children and a volunteers program.

Situated on the High School grounds, positioned right next to the Bowling Club, your local library is your gateway to the world. Become a member today.



Deb Williams,

Library Manager, Riverton Community Library

Ph 88472414

### Library Opening Hours

Sun / Mon: - Closed

Tues; - 3pm – 6pm

Wed, Thurs, Fri: - 10am – 6pm

Sat: 10am – 1pm



Volunteer Anne Fry receiving a thankyou gift from Deb Williams

## The Wedding Celebration



Rose Strange helps out in ‘Stuff and Nonsense’ in Riverton and on the December 23 last year the folks of Riverton saw a bride and groom walking up and down Torrens Road; our main street. Later that day the couple came into ‘Stuff and Nonsense’ and Rose had the opportunity to chat with them. They had caught the bus to Riverton from Adelaide to celebrate their first wedding anniversary in our town; the bride had lived here for 10 yrs in the 1970s and thought it would be a great way to celebrate their first year.

Their names are George and Helen ‘T’. The ‘T’ stands for Terrific so they told Rose. George is Croatian and Helen is Greek and a lovely couple. They called in the next day on their way to catch the bus back to Adelaide and to say goodbye to Rose who has made two new friends.

### True Love

A newly married young man was on the roof doing repairs with a retired neighbour when his new wife called out “Would you like a cup of tea?” It was of course in the affirmative and he turned to his retired neighbour and said “Ain’t young love grand?”

To which the neighbour replied “Old love ain’t bad either”



**Rose Strange**

## Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council



**YOUR local Council branch office is open  
every Thursday & Friday  
(Located next to the ANZ bank)**

**Ph: 8847 2305**

CLARE & GILBERT VALLEYS COUNCIL

## RSL Flag Presentation

At a recent meeting we discussed the fact that the National and other flags used in Riverton were becoming a bit shabby so we undertook to obtain new flags for the Riverton Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Riverton & Districts High School and the Riverton Primary School.

The schools received their flags following the Riverton Remembrance Day ceremony and the hospital received a new set today during the 'commissioning' of the recreational garden which includes a new shade house funded by the Riverton RSL.

We are indebted to the offices of the member for Frome Geoff Brock and the member for Wakefield Nick Champion for the supply of these flags and Riverton RSL will maintain the appearance of these flags and replace with new as needed.

### Michael Johnson

Project Coordinator

Returned & Services League,

Riverton Sub Branch

88472127



**Pictured** are representatives from the Riverton & District High School, the Riverton Primary School, President of the Riverton RSL Ron Lobegeiger and Michael Johnson RSL Project Coordinator.

**Students from Left:** Lucy Connell, Cory Hood, Danyon Greenslade, Ruth Wright,.

## **New to the area .....**

Louise and I moved from Gumeracha in March 2013 to settle here. We both needed a change in life and something drew us to Riverton. We both love the area and have been amazed at how friendly and welcoming everyone has been.

Since arriving, we have tried to get involved with the community as much as possible. We are both members of the Gilbert Valley Lions Club and a local social club. I transferred my CFS membership to Riverton and also drop into the Men's Shed each week to say hello.

We are currently eagerly awaiting the completion of our new home in the estate which should be ready by the time this goes to print.

Last September we were married in the beautiful Scholz Park and according to the records, we are the first to do so. It is an ideal setting and we are surprised it hasn't previously been used. The museum staff opened the house and the sheds for our guests and for photos; a huge thank you to John Glistak. Thank you also to Damian and staff at the Hotel Central for looking after us at our reception.

Louise and I have four children between us ranging from 17 to 27 and pets including Charley the Blue Heeler, Minnie the Siamese and Sam the Cockatoo who rules the roost.

We both work from home and have recently launched our new business GrainFlame Heating. We are excited about bringing this new concept to SA and talking to people about it. Roll On Winter!!

We are both looking forward to our future here in Riverton and the Gilbert Valley.

**Greg & Louise McLeod**



## ANZAC DAY 2014

The Riverton RSL are pleased to advise that the programme for this year's ANZAC Day ceremony will be reverting to that of a few years ago.



This year's details are as follows:

- March** Form up by Jules Café at 0600 hours with the march commencing at 0615 hours. March to the RSL courtyard and then turn right onto Scholz Park.
- Ceremony** ANZAC remembrance order of service plus dedication of the community flag pole with short speeches from representatives of the Clare & Gilbert Valley's Council and the State Branch of the RSL.
- Breakfast** A free 'Bangers & Mash' breakfast will be generously supplied by the Riverton Hotel commencing at 0700 hours. This will be served at the hotel and is available to everyone present.

Traffic security for the march will be provided by Riverton CFS fire appliances.

The Riverton RSL encourages groups, clubs and individuals to lay a wreath or flowers to help acknowledge, in a visual way, the sacrifices made on our behalf.

It would be appreciated if you could let the Secretary know if a wreath is going to be laid by you or your organisation so that the programme can be written up. If assistance is required regarding wreaths, then again please contact the Secretary, Mike Johnson on 88472127, mobile 0417835148 or email contact dezina01@bigpond.com

**Mike Johnson 8847 2127**

### Gilbert Valley Probus Club



The Gilbert Valley Probus Club meets on the **first Tuesday** of each month (February – December) at **10.00am** in the **Riverton Community Hall supper room** and new members are always welcome.

Probus provides friendship and an opportunity to enjoy an interesting program of guest speakers and trips away. Membership is open to anyone in the community who is retired or semi-retired.

Further information can be obtained from the Membership Officer.

**Russ Harris 8847 2332**



# Media Release

**Nick Champion MP**

Federal Member for Wakefield

Tuesday 07 January 2014

## LAST TIME WAKEFIELD FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE BACK TO SCHOOL HELP

Tony Abbott wants this Schoolkids Bonus to be the last, and has introduced legislation to repeal the payment.

As parents start getting their kids ready for school over the next few weeks, they'll know how helpful the Schoolkids Bonus has been and they'll be asking the PM why he wants to rip it away.

Thanks to Labor's actions, families will receive \$410 for each primary school child and \$820 for each secondary school child.

13,995 families in Wakefield will begin receiving Labor's Schoolkids Bonus payments, to help them meet the cost of getting their kids ready for the new school year.

This will help families pay for things like school uniforms, shoes, books and stationery, as well as other costs like school excursions, music lessons and sports registration fees.

At a time when family budgets can be tight, this is much needed relief for families as they got their kids ready to go back to school.

And it comes on top of the Abbott Government's plans for a GP tax, as well as the Private Health Insurance premium hike announcement made two days before Christmas.

This assistance is targeted at families who need it to help make ends meet.

Every one of these families will be worse off if Tony Abbott gets his way.

Scrapping the Schoolkids Bonus means the average Australian family with two kids will be \$1,230 worse off every year and \$15,000 worse off over the life of their child's education.

**NICK CHAMPION MP**  
**FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WAKEFIELD**



## Riverton Market Newsletter – January 2014

The Riverton monthly market is back for 2014. A big **‘thank you’** to our retiring coordinator, Thelma McGrath and the Marketeers Committee. Thelma has done an amazing job for many years working with many stall holders and putting in an enormous effort to keep the monthly markets operating at a successful level.

A big **‘welcome’** to a new coordinator, Gill Mowle and new committee members who are excited about the 2014 monthly markets , kicking off on **February 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Riverton Community Hall. We aim to keep our market growing by implementing new ideas and plans.

Along with some of the favourite stallholders, such as the BBQ, Tea & Coffee, Fruit & Veg, cakes & biscuits, jewellery, crafts, olive products we have **new stall holders and entertainment.**

All of the stall holders support OUR town by attending OUR market so why not come and support them in return.

OUR market is held in the Community Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month (except Jan) from 8am – 1pm

### **Future Dates are;**

February 15 th  
March 15 th  
April 19 th  
May 17 th



Come along and see what we have to offer and support OUR local market.

**Enquiries to Gill on 0448 297 839**

**WE ARE A  
COMMUNITY**

“You can never go wrong by investing in communities and the human beings within them.”

Pam Moore the Marketing Nut

## New Community Flag Pole for Riverton



An application made by the Riverton RSL to the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council for the installation of a new community flag pole, to be situated in Scholz Park, has been approved.

There are a number of reasons for this flag pole being requested with the main one being in increased popularity of ANZAC Day.

The RSL memorial is a fitting entrance to the RSL building and a space for personal reflection but it is simply unsatisfactory and dangerous for larger gatherings particularly due to the proximity of the Barrier highway. Our idea is that the new community flag pole would be dedicated in a similar fashion to the principal memorial in the RSL courtyard and then it would be able to be a 'proxy' memorial.

This would enable ceremonies to be conducted in the safety of the park area.

Viewing and participation would also be greatly enhanced as we continue to experience a continuing ground swell of the ANZAC commemoration. As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the actual landing, the larger space of the park becomes even more necessary.

The reference to a 'community flag pole' gives the facility a much wider use than simply military remembrances. For example:

- Australia Day
- Bereavement and funeral acknowledgements
- Memorial anniversaries
- Public affirmations of civic or national activities
- State Flag Marshall instructions (as appropriate)

It is hoped that the flag pole will be installed and dedicated at the ANZAC ceremony this year.

## Friends of Gilbert Valley Senior Citizen Homes

**'KEEP THE DATE FREE'**

Sunday 27th July, 2014

Riverton Community Hall.

Lunch with guest speakers Jane and Ian Doyle.

More details to follow in next newsletter.



**Elizabeth Harris 8847 2332**

## 1st Riverton Scout Group



Earlier in the year the Group had a Gliding camp at Armstrong. Each cub and Scout and Joey went up in a plane and soared through the sky back to camp. A truly amazing experience! Other activities through the year included sleepovers at the hall, camp fire cooking, play acting and skits, sing songs, baking cakes, dress up nights learning first aid, craft activities, penny hikes and progressive dinner. So much for you to learn and do.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Riverton Scout Group finished the year with a Group Pirate Camp at Moonta. The weather was fantastic and the children had fun fishing, hiking, swimming, making sandcastles and learning knots. The group has another awesome year ahead planned with a Group Water activities camp planned later in the year.

We are always on the lookout for new members and invite you along to any meeting for a "Come and Try".

Our Meeting times are:

Monday	Joeys	5.00pm – 6.00pm	Age 6 to 8
	Cubs	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Age 8 to 11
Friday	Scouts	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Age 11 to 15

If you require any more information do not hesitate to contact me Elaine Emery: Leader in Charge on 0412328962



**RATTLER RAIL TRAIL**

### Rattler Rail Trail

You may have noticed that work has commenced on the trail.

Two new bridges installed one at Rice's Creek, Auburn and one at Mastermann's Dairy, Undalya.

Three existing bridges have been underpinned. The trail has been graded ready for re-surfacing. Landscaping and signage will commence soon. If you would like to help at any stage or would like to be a "Rattler Friend" please contact

Leon Schwarz 88472064 or Cheryl Koglin 88472472.



## Jingles Shed & Garden

### The Shed

Wow! Another year has started at the Shed and we are looking forward to some exciting things happening. We are adding to the range of things that we make and will take orders for the 'made to fit your sink' cutting boards as well as old world Pastry Boards.

The men have visited a number of other Men's Sheds around the region, including the exciting new Shed at Port Pirie and the very well supported Shed at Willaston. New members have been welcomed and plans to visit other Sheds are in place as well as the occasional day trip for fun.

We meet every Wednesday and Thursday, 10 –2 and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday there is a BBQ at the shed and you are welcome to come and have a snag with us.



**John Burton 0415 814 511**

### The Garden

We are looking to have another good year although the heat was not kind to the Garden but the gardeners have rallied and water as regularly as possible. We have plans to expand the Open days on the First Saturday of each month and will have two Casual Lunches in May and August and our Community Vegetarian Feast on the 25<sup>th</sup> October; as well as other special attractions during the Open Days.

While the weather remains quite warm we are having a great clean up and general tidy. We are developing a positive team with an amazing set of skills and we are always looking for others to be part of this exciting project.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Garden, to have a look at what is happening.



**Peter Fletcher 0415 763 516**

## Workshop at Saddleworth, Oval Grounds, Saddleworth.

Craft held every Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm, join a group of like-minded crafties, bring your own craft or join in with the following craft - spinning (wheels available for hire), knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking, needle felting, embroidery, quilting and painting. Tuition available for most crafts. Tea and Coffee supplied, fee of \$3.00

Contact: Cheryl Koglin 8847 2472 or  
Edna McDonald 88474490

### Next Bus Trip:

Wednesday May14th - Murray River Cruise -  
3 hour cruise - 2 course lunch boat leaving from  
Murray Bridge. Cost \$59 plus Bus. Bus leaves  
from Saddleworth.



**The Riverton Community Management Committee** would like to invite all residents and friends to a Neighbours Day. Of course there will always be new residents to Riverton but it is felt that more of the 'not so new' residents would like the opportunity to meet at Scholz Park on a Sunday morning just to meet and greet other residents of this great town.

The second one will be held on the 23rd of February and **everyone is welcome** to come along and have a sausage and some salad, a coffee/tea or a soft drink and just celebrate being together as a group of residents.

We have called it a 'Neighbours Day' so that some may wish to bring along a neighbour who maybe doesn't get out too often, but who would appreciate being part of this event.

All you need to bring is a chair and a gold coin donation to cover some of the costs. See you there!

*'Neighbours Day'*  
*Riverton*  
*Celebrating our Community*

**Neighbours Day**  
**Scholz Park**  
**23rd February**  
**12 – 2.00**

Community members and organisations will celebrate their successful nominations in this year's Australia Day awards for the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council.

Brian Kemp from Rhynie, and Neil Croughan Saddleworth have been named Australia Day Citizens of the year, while the Bush for Life organisation, HATS Carnival of Music and Riverton High School's successful Centenary celebrations will all receive Australia Day Event of the year awards.

Mr Kemp has worked tirelessly for the Riverton and Rhynie communities for the past 60 years. He has served as a board member of the Gilbert Valley senior citizens homes and Riverton since 1977, an active member of the Riverton CFS and SES and the Rhynie CFS for more than 35 years; Mr Kemp has also served on the Riverton Pony Club committee, Riverton and District High School Parents and Friends, Riverton Hall committee, and president and committee member of the Riverton Golf Club.

Mr Croughan has been Principal of Saddleworth primary school for 22 years, during this time he has been highly involved in the Saddleworth community. His work as a committed and dedicated Principal has seen him become involved with the school and the community in a number of ways. He has helped disadvantaged students and their families and for many years organised the year seven Canberra trip for students in small schools in the district, assisting students to raise funds so that everyone has been able to attend. He has also been a keen member of the Saddleworth Bowling club.

Chosen as community event of the year the Riverton and District High Schools Centenary celebrations were an unqualified success, with 150 past students and staff gathering for the festivities, which included tours, displays and a gala dinner at the school gym.



The 'Kemp' Girls (Lea Hooper, Tania Matz, Trudy Jones and Diane Michael) representing their Father at the ceremony to accept Brian's Award

### STOPPRESS:

It is with great regret that we announce that Brian Kemp passed away on Thursday 30th January, surrounded by his loving family. Gilbert Valley has indeed lost one of its significant identities. GVN expresses condolences to Maurine and the Family

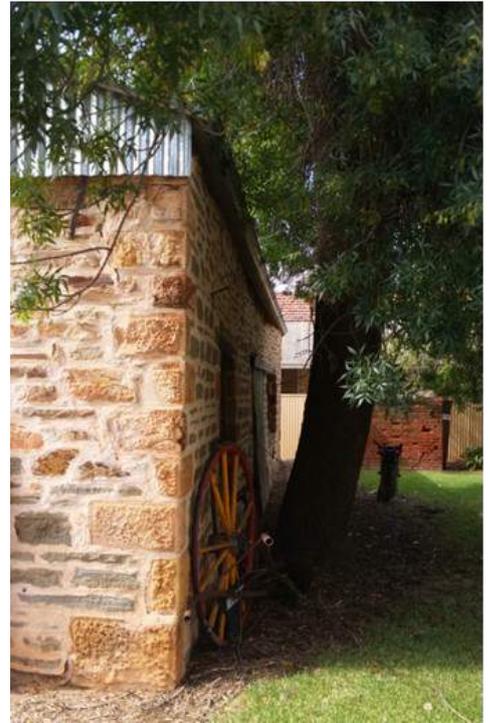


## Scholz Park

The Riverton Community Management Committee has been advised that Roy Blight, CEO at C&GV Council is proposing at the next council meeting, to be held on 29th January 2014, to discuss the orderly development of Scholz Park; the management of trees and priority works to secure deteriorating buildings. The recommendation is that Council endorse the process for assessment of the desirability of removing a number of trees from Scholz Park.

After a recent safety inspection, Council has decided that until further notice all of the Scholz Park buildings will be closed. There will be an Open Day on the **30th March** where the public can have a supervised tour to inspect the current state of the facility. On the 1st April at 7.30 a public meeting will be held at the Riverton Institute Supper Room to discuss the future of Scholz Park.

Please contact the **Clare office on 8842 6400** for more information.



## Northern Autumn Garden Festival

6<sup>th</sup> April - 10:00 – 4:00pm. Clare Showgrounds. Presenters: Milton Vadoulis “Get dirty with Milton” Philip Scarles – demonstrating raised garden beds from recycle material and how to set up your home garden with aquaponics. Merrilyn Kuchel – Mediterranean Gardens Entry \$5.00. Floral Art Demonstration and Exhibition and Plant Stalls.



## February

5th Probus

15th Riverton Market

23rd Neighbours Day. Scholz Park 12 –2.00

## March

5th Probus

1st Jingles Garden Open Day

13th Library AGM

15th Riverton Market

30th Scholz Park Inspection Day

## April

1st Probus

1st Community Meeting about Scholz Park

5th Jingles Garden Open Day

19th Riverton Market

25th ANZAC DAY

## May

6th Probus

3rd Jingles Garden Open Day, (Casual lunch day)

17th Riverton Market



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**Dates for future Gilbert Valley News issues:**

Thank you.  
The Editor

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July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>