

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY DECEMBER 2017

Fund My Neighbourhood Success

At the beginning of August, Premier Jay Weatherill launched the State Government, \$40 million "Fund My Neighbourhood" program. Individuals, schools and community groups were given the opportunity to nominate and vote for projects aimed at improving the liveability of their local community.

There were four Riverton based projects submitted and a number from towns further afield, including Saddleworth, Marrabel and Tarlee.

The Riverton projects submitted:

Riverton Memorial Pool (upgrade of bathroom amenities and rejig the appearance, seating and sound system).

Riverton Kindergarten Indigenous Garden (creating a sustainable, Indigenous garden for our children and community).

Riverton & District Fitness Centre (upgrading the gym to allow for a fitness facility to service the wider community).

Riverton Community Library Garden (upgrading existing screening and garden along the southern face of the library building).

Online voting took place from October to November and was open to all South Australian residents over 18 years. Voters were required to vote for between 3 – 5 projects within their

chosen community. On Saturday 25th November notice was received that both the Riverton Memorial Pool and Riverton District Fitness Centre projects had been successful in their funding bids.

Of the \$480,000 funding distributed to the Mid North, the Riverton Memorial Pool will receive \$80,000 in funding. A further \$120,000 is going to the Riverton District Fitness Centre which aims to develop a fitness centre at the gymnasium based at the High School. The next step for both projects is to begin working with stakeholders, community groups and local businesses to start planning and schedule construction.



Congratulations to Dianne Allen and Temika Hier for submitting the successful projects. For one township to receive just over 40% of the Mid North district's allocated funding is a huge achievement. Thanks are extended to the residents who participated in the online voting, and particularly the wider pool and high school communities. Both projects aim to service the wider community from Hamley Bridge, Tarlee, Rhynie, Auburn, Marrabel, Manoora and in between, and it is great to know there are many in the community supporting us.

We look forward to bringing you further information and updates regarding the Pool and Fitness Centre projects over the coming months.



Holiday Swim Programs

Royal Surf Lifesaving Association is **urgently** seeking instructors and assistants for the upcoming **Holiday Swim and Survive** program at Riverton Outdoor Pool this summer. If interested, check RSLA website for necessary qualifications and apply asap. <http://www.royallifesavingsa.com.au/employment/>.

Posters for holiday programs planned, depending on numbers enrolled, are included.

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End to 2017 School Year Looming

The end of the school year is hurtling towards us and this means our young people are busily finishing their studies and getting ready to transition to the next stage of their schooling.

We wish all of our young people the best of luck over the last weeks of the year. Good luck to the Year 12 Class of 2017 who are eagerly awaiting their final results.

Congratulations to those who are transitioning to the next stage of their schooling and well done to those finishing the school chapter of their lives.

Riverton Area Quilters

The Riverton Area Quilters (RAQ) meet on the second Saturday of each month at the Riverton Institute in the Supper Room from 1.00 until 5.00 pm. Cost is \$4.00 per person to cover hire of the room and tea, coffee & biscuits are provided.

Several times a year we invite teaching quilters or quilt designers for a weekend workshop in Riverton or organize trips to quilt exhibitions in the Mid North or Adelaide to indulge our passion for fabrics and quilts.



If you have ever thought you may like to try quilting you now know where to find us. RAQ are quilters from complete beginners to experts and although we are not teachers as such we are more than willing to offer assistance and encouragement to get you started on this addictive pastime

Riverton Christmas Carnival

A small but enthusiastic Riverton Christmas Carnival Committee has

been busy preparing for the annual town party to be held at Riverton Oval on Friday, December 22, from 5.30 -8.30 pm.

This year's event will include some new activities as well as some favourites from previous years, something suitable for the whole family.

Tony Clarke is having a break as MC after many years of entertaining both young and old with his music. RCC sincerely thanks Tony for his commitment over a long period of time but welcomes Matthew Greenslade as new MC. Matthew's sense of humour is bound to keep us entertained throughout the night.

The Valley Choir will perform at 6pm and of course, as usual, the winner of the raffle for the 'BIG' Christmas Stocking will be drawn on the night.

The Petting Zoo, a new attraction last year, will again be present (weather permitting) and is sure to be popular, especially with the younger children. The well liked Bouncy Castle, mini golf and face painting return while a new attraction in 2017 will be the Dunking Machine where students will be invited to 'dunk a teacher'. Teachers from Riverton and Saddleworth Primary Schools as well as Riverton & District High School have volunteered to be dunked, so this is a great opportunity for students to have some fun with their favourite teacher. The Bungee Run, which is suitable for children over 10 years of age is another new fun yet challenging activity.

Cassy Griffiths will again be

organising games for young and old, something not to be missed, either as a spectator or participant.

Various community groups and sporting clubs, by selling a range of food and drinks, will benefit from fund raising. The addition of yiros to the traditional BBQ is sure to be popular. For those with a sweeter



tooth, strawberries and icecream, donuts and cake will be available. Tea, coffee, both alcoholic and soft drinks, and iceblocks will also be sold on the night.

Market stalls will be of interest to both adults and children. A display of 'interesting' cars/motor bikes is sure to catch the attention of the boys while displays of jewellery and demonstrations using Doterra oils may particularly interest the ladies. The very talented Alex Roberts will give an insight into the use and benefits of using oils and how they can benefit us in our day to day life. Of course the highlight for the younger members of the community will be a visit from Father Christmas, all the way from the North Pole with his Christmas bag full of surprises for the children.

The official committee of Gayle McInerney, Tayla Prizibilla and Kaye McInerney have been assisted by many other members of the community and wish to extend their thanks to all who have helped in any way and will continue to 'lend a hand'. This combined effort shows that community spirit is alive and well in Riverton. Planning for 2018 is already in hand.

We hope to see you, your family and friends at the Carnival. Entry and entertainment is free, so come along and celebrate the festive season.



Rattler Trail – Endangered Plant Species

Many people ride, walk or jog along the Rattler Trail from the Riverton Oval (by scoreboard) to Auburn. The 20km section follows the former railway line and meanders through the scenic farming countryside mostly away from the roads.

There are 2 signs near the trail edge stating "No Chemical Spraying" at approximately 2km from Riverton

near the Swamp Oaks. Why are the signs there? An endangered plant species, Spalding Blown Grass can be found 10-20 metres from the trail near the reeds and a Threatened Plant Action Group headed by Erica Rees is managing the site.



Spalding Blown Grass is a short lived tufted perennial grass, growing erect to 30–45 cm tall, with leaf blades that are bright green to blue–green colour with rolled in edges. It flowers in spring to autumn when conditions are favourable with a much branched flower head.

Spalding blown Grass is a native species to the Northern Lofty Ranges Region of SA but only 3 very small populations of the species are known to exist. The Riverton site was first recorded in 1931 but searches for the species in the 1990's failed to relocate the species and it was assumed that it had become extinct. However in 2005 the species was discovered along a disused railway reserve now known as the Rattler Trail.

The other sites where the species has been recorded are at Tarlee on a railway reserve north of the town and on the Upper Broughton River near Spalding. Monitoring of the species in 2011 recorded 100 plants at the Riverton site, 60 plants at the

Tarlee site and 80 plants at the Spalding site.

The habitat for Spalding Blown Grass is low lying swampy areas with clay-loam soil types near watercourses and is often found amongst stands of reeds. It is threatened by invasion of perennial and annual broadleaf and grass weeds and is highly susceptible to grazing by livestock. Disturbance of the site by members of the public is also a concern.

Erica and the Threatened Plant Action Group have been managing the site by translocating seedlings raised from seed collections and controlling weeds by hand slashing and careful use of herbicides. The small number of plants and the lack of competitiveness is a major concern.

Approval to spray weed species along the trail edge at this site in a controlled manner has been obtained. Acknowledgement "Recovery Plan for Spalding Blown Grass 2012" by M A Robertson and A Clarke

Leon Schwarz



Rattler Trail – Community Meeting

A meeting for all Community Members interested in the Rattler Trail will be held on

**Monday 5th February 2018
At RSL House at 7.30pm**

Purpose of Meeting

- Re-form a Rattler Trail Committee
- Trail maintenance
- Proposed developments to the Trail
- Any other business

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WHAT'S NEW —The Riverton Entrance Walls

Well—after many, many years of scrimping and saving and planning, we are finally seeing some action with the Entrance Wall. The Southern Entrance steel plate was erected on Saturday 25th November and the Northern one was placed on Saturday 9th December. There is still much more to do, but at least the first stage of the plan has been actioned.

The placement of the Southern steel plate has generated a lot of conversation. Some of the have highlighted the fact that because of the significant time lapse between the community consultation some years ago and the commencement of work, that more information is needed. To get you up to speed and enhance your knowledge of the project, points of interest are below.



We first started this project about six years ago. As the Riverton Management Committee has no funding of its own, we rely on yearly grants from Council to provide us with funds for use for the town. Along the way, we have been allocating a small amount of funding from this grant to enable the establishment of the wall. After about four years, we were able to start the initial phase of the project. The very first process was where to

place these walls. Sound simple doesn't it! This unfortunately, did not prove to be the case at all! Firstly, we required permission from our local Council, but most importantly, the Department of Transport and Infrastructure had to give the go-ahead prior to any engineering reports or any purchase of



components. For the placement of the Southern Wall, the RCMC at that time, all attended a meeting with the DPTI representative and we trawled the length of the Barrier Highway from within the 100km zone, through to the 50km zone. Every possible position that we proposed was rejected either because it was too close to a corner, obscured vision, required the removal of trees, or was too close the road (in the 100km zone, the **start** of the structure had to be 9 metres from the white line; in the 80km zone, 5.5 metres and in the 50km zone 4.5 metres). These restrictions are enforced as the wall is not “friable”, meaning it is solid and will not give way if hit by a vehicle. We initially approached some landowners to see if they would be willing to have the structure on their property but,

for very valid reasons, they decided that it was not possible. Consequently, the structure has now been placed on the right hand side of the Barrier Highway as this proved to be (as per DPTI regulations and the group of people trying to place the wall) the only place left that we could use. Ideally, we would have liked it on the left hand side, but as you can see, all avenues had been exhausted trying to make this happen.

During the time we were trying to find placement points, we were able to put away some additional funding, and it was proposed to erect the Northern Wall at the same time. Once again we went through the same process to find a position and the same hurdles presented themselves, and for this reason, it has been placed on the left hand side of the Barrier Highway opposite the Cemetery. We wish to thank Gary Davis for providing a small piece of land to enable us to comply with the 9 metre rule as mentioned above.

To give residents a broad idea of what the proposed structure will look like when completed, a photo of a very rough mock-up has been provided. Behind the rusted steel is a reflective metal sheet which will enable the “wheat” and the name “Riverton” to reflect slightly at night time. We investigated the possibility of placing solar lighting, but this proved to be far beyond what we would be able to fund.

With Xmas approaching and everything now shutting down for the holiday period, progress will be

slow, and may not recommence until into the New Year, but we have had to be patient throughout this whole process to enable accumulation of funding, placement, planning and structural processes to be completed and this will be just another waiting period. They say patience is a virtue - I believe that we will have learnt this attribute extremely well throughout this process!!

Keep you eyes peeled in the New Year as this venture progresses!!

Throughout this process there are many, many people to thank for their most generous help and support. Without them, these walls would not have seen the light of day. On completion, we will list all those who have contributed in any way to the project.

RIVERTON XMAS DECORATIONS

We have been extremely lucky this year to see the completion of the new Nativity Scene which has been in the pipeline throughout the year. James Butler has been working on this and the fruits of his labour are now proudly exhibited in front of the Uniting Church Hall on Torrens Road. The attention to details and beautiful colours are outstanding and well worth stopping to have a look. James is one of Riverton’s quiet achievers—he has had a number of exhibits of his work throughout 2017 and we are very proud of what he has achieved. James intends to add to the scene with the inclusion of a shepherd for 2018 and perhaps a stable roof to

surround the scene. James was also responsible for a number of the decorations on businesses and fences and has offered to give them a "spruce up" during 2018 ready for placement again at Xmas time. We thank James most sincerely for all the work he has done to give our town that little bit of extra Xmas spirit!

But - to put people's minds at rest - we do have another Nativity Scene which was painted by Alfie Hannaford. This has been proudly displayed in front of the cottage at Scholz Park for many years, but is in very urgent need of repair. In 2018, we will repair the wooden frames and Alfie will attend to any of the figurines which may need to have a "touch-up". For Xmas 2018, Alfie's scene will return to its proud position in front of the cottage. Also, as the updating of the footpath in front of Scholz Park required the removal of the front edge of the lawn and the current sprinkler system, the reinstatement of both will be completed next year enabling the Nativity Scene to return to its pride of place once again.



Gilbert Valley Lions Club **Dec 2017**

We started our year without clubrooms following the major fire at the Foodworks in Saddleworth. Our clubrooms were damaged beyond repair and were subsequently demolished by the Council.

However, Peter & Rosie Richardson of Saddleworth offered us their old lunchroom building which, after some work, we have turned into a comfortable and permanent place for our meetings and for storage. We are very grateful to them both for their ongoing support.

Our major fundraising activities for the year include cooking donuts at the local football, Kapunda Rodeo, Marrabel Bull Ride, Burra Picnic races, Saddleworth, Tarlee & Riverton markets. We also provide Australia Day breakfast for Saddleworth, provide traffic marshalling, hold the big book sale at Tarlee, participate in the Biggest BBQ and sell Lions Mints and Christmas cakes & puddings. As a result of this hard work put in by our small club, we wrote a total of 35 disbursement cheques totalling \$67,592.00 to various local and Lions causes. Definitely something to be very proud of.

We installed a shipping container to make the storage of our books easier and installed shelves with help of the Riverton Community Fund.

As well as our monthly Dinner Meetings which we hold in various locations, we also had a combined Dinner Meeting with the Clare Valley Lions Club in October.

Wheelchair Access Vehicle.

After 21 months in the planning, we officially launched our wheelchair access vehicle on June 7th which coincided with the Centenary of Lions International. Around 50 people attended the launch on the front lawns of the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizen Homes including members of the Lions, Gilbert Valley Senior Citizen Homes Chairman Ian Rowett, CEO Graham Ackland and members of staff. Also present was The Honourable Geoff Brock, members of the R.C.M.C and interested members of the community. The fabulous ladies of the Gilbert Valley CWA gave up their time to help with afternoon tea. Funding was provided by the Gilbert Valley Lions, The Gilbert Valley Senior Citizen Homes and the SA Government. The Hon. Geoff Brock, Minister for Rural Development and member for Frome worked hard behind the scenes to provide the funding that finally brought the project to fruition. Additional funding was also provided by the R.C.M.C (Chris Turner Bequest) and Maureen Kemp who after hearing of the project set about organising an Open Garden. Funds raised from the 2 day event in September 2016 were donated to the project.

Tarlee Stribling-Blangy Tronville Project

Our club is very proud to be involved in helping a group of Tarlee Primary School students to attend a function

in France in April 2018 at which a local Primary School will be renamed in memory of a soldier from the Tarlee District...Arthur Clifford Stribling.

Arthur died in battle on ANZAC Day at the location of the French Primary School. This will be an important and significant link between our small community and the WW1 battlefields of Europe.

Million Dollar Run

In support of the Million Dollar Run by Andrew Biszczak from Victor Harbour to Brisbane to help raise a \$1m for the Butterfly Children, we held a dinner in May at the Saddleworth Bowling Club. We enjoyed a live cross by computer link to Andrew in Melbourne and a talk from John Hutchins about his disease. Around 70 people attended including guests from the Kapunda Lions from which we raised \$2062.00 for the cause and presented John with a small donation for him to spend on something personal.

We are part way through building our new catering trailer. The old trailer has served us well but it is becoming expensive to maintain and difficult to tow and clean.

None of these activities and events happens on their own. They come together because someone in the club makes it happen. What may appear on the surface as small often requires a lot of work in the background. No club can operate without the input of its members and my job is made so much easier because every member, without exception, of this club along with

their partners and friends contribute greatly to our success.

We are continually looking to add to our group and anyone interested in serving their community need look no further than their local Lions Club. Thank you.

Greg McLeod

President

Gilbert Valley Lions Club

Riverton RSL News

The Riverton RSL Sub Branch has been quite busy again this year with very well attended Commemorative Services for each of ANZAC Day, Vietnam Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. It's wonderful to have such a positive result to these events in our community, noting that the Remembrance Day service attracted over 100 community members, the biggest attendance in many years. This year, as has become the practice for ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, members placed poppies on 67 known graves of servicemen.

Bingo, of course continues to offer good fun and companionship to locals twice a month.



As our membership continues to grow, in October, the Sub Branch was lucky enough to receive a grant from the Department of Veteran Affairs to coincide with Veterans Health week, the theme being Physical Activity. The funds from the grant were used to encourage members to attend a 'day on the carpet' at the Riverton Bowling Club. As it actually bucketed down with rain all day, the time was spent literally on the carpet in the clubrooms. None the less a great time was had by all who attended, and the decision was made to have a day each month for those wanting to continue the experience.

I'm sure that all members would like me to pass on our sincere thanks to Roger and Mike for all their hard work.

Riverton Bowling Club – New Bowlers Welcome

New bowlers are always welcome at Riverton Bowling Club and assistance and guidance will be given to people new to the game to help develop skills and confidence. The club has applied for a grant to purchase bowling arms which help people bowl from a standing position and greatly reduces the need for a lot of bending. The club has recently held 2 "Come and Try" afternoons focusing on the use of bowling arms. The sessions were well attended by people new to bowls as well as "retired" bowlers who felt they could return to bowls by using a bowling arm. Cath O'Toole is getting some helpful pointers from Peter March.



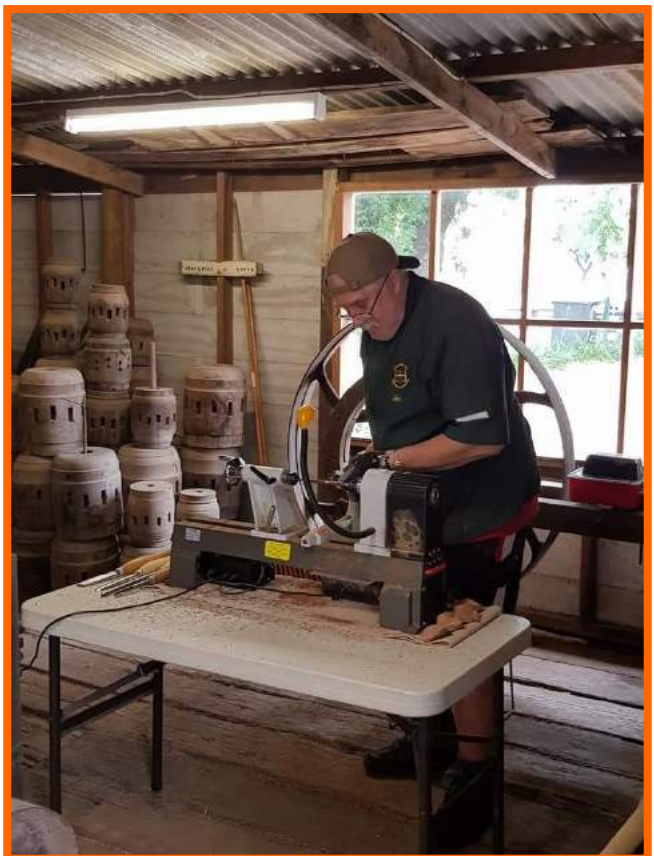
SCHOLZ PARK COMMUNITY BBQ & CRAFT FAIR 26th November 2017

Mother Nature played havoc with the recent Community BBQ & Craft Fair as cool conditions greeted visitors to Scholz Park. The forecast of 24 degrees for the day was nowhere to be seen. On site were several art & craft stall holders, a wood turner and blacksmiths together with a Community BBQ, put on by the Community Management Committee, and tea & coffee facilities manned by Scholz Park volunteers.

Riverton Bowling Club has a long and proud history and currently enters 3 teams in a Saturday Pennants competition, 4 teams in a Thursday pennants competition and 1 team in Wednesday *Night Owls* social competition. All competitions are open gender.

The club has an artificial green and this allows bowls to continue in winter when social bowls are played regularly. The club offers a number of social events such as regular Saturday night teas in summer, a mini tournament for businesses and a "Pubbies Day" which are available to all members of the community.

For more information contact Leon Schwarz President 0476913612 and Cath Greenslade Secretary 0418356192



As many of you will know as of July 1st this year YMCA moved into the Mid North region becoming the management organisation of The Valleys Lifestyle Centre in Clare. This was the YMCA's first involvement in the mid north region. With great excitement the opportunity has now presented itself to be part of the Gilbert Valley region through the Riverton Outdoor Pool. (Riverton War Memorial Pool)

It's such an exciting adventure for the YMCA to be part of a community outdoor pool that is well loved and utilised by its locals. From the moment you walk through the gates, the feeling of being in a safe, fun and enjoyable environment encultures your senses. It's a beautiful little spot for families and lap swimmers alike.

What does this mean for the people of Riverton?

The first thing people may notice is the entrance price has reduced for the 2017/2018 Summer. The cost for this season will be:

Adult Swim-	\$5.50	Adult Season Pass-	\$160.00
Concession/Child Swim-	\$4.40	Concession Child Season Pass-	\$128.00
Family Swim-	\$17.60	Family Season Pass-	\$250.00

Customers may also notice an increase in opening hours. The pool will now be open the following hours:

Monday-Friday Lap Swimming 6am-9am

Monday - Friday 3:30pm-7:30pm (provided the weather is 25 degrees or over)

Saturday-Sunday / Public Holidays 2:00pm-5:30pm (provided the weather is 25 degrees or over)

School Holidays 2:00pm-7:00pm (provided the weather is 25 degrees or over)

With the warmer weather quickly approaching you will also see a couple of events this season with the Pool hosting an Australia Day themed Pool Party as well as an end of season party.

The YMCA hope to continue to grow and support what is an amazing community pool. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

Who Shrunk The Xmas Trees?

In the coming weeks you will notice some smaller Xmas trees being positioned along the main street.

This initiative has been funded via a community asset grant, which the Riverton Christmas Carnival Committee was successful in receiving in 2016 for a two-year period.

The trees chosen for 2017 are living juvenile 'Cupressocyparis leylandii' i.e. Leighton's Green, with the aim to nurture and grow these trees over the next 2-3years, enabling the project and tradition to continue.

Students from the Riverton Kindergarten and Riverton Primary School will decorate the trees with the theme 'sustainability' in mind, during their last week of term. This initiative will provide a platform to educate students on facets of sustainability and the opportunity for the school community to engage local residents and businesses to

assist in the watering of the Xmas Trees during the festive season.

Once positioned and decorated, the Xmas Trees will be aesthetically pleasing for both locals and visitors, with the underlying intention of encouraging travellers to stop and browse/shop our local businesses, creating a positive and memorable experience for all.

The trees will be removed from the main street at the end of December and cared for elsewhere until next year...

Wishing you all a safe and fun festive season and hope to see you on **Friday 22nd December, 5.30pm-8.30pm** at the **Riverton Oval** for the annual **Riverton Christmas Carnival**.





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If you have some spare time, the group
meet every Monday morning at 9:00am
at RSL House on Torrens Road.
(the group do not meet on Public Holiday Mondays)

No tools are required, just bring your
own gardening gloves for trimming and
tidying along the Main street and other
public areas.

Usually it's all wound up by 10:30am
just in time for a coffee and a chat.

Contact Ross Kemp for more information
- 0417842655.

The Local Rag

The plan is to produce *The Local Rag*
every other month, providing there is
enough content to compile an issue.

If you have something you would like
included contact details are below.

We are hoping to include news from
our Kindergarten, Primary School and
High School as well as information
and news from our many sporting
clubs.

Any other community group or club is
welcome to submit an article to be
included at any time.

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On behalf of Riverton Community
Management Committee.