

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2017

RIVERTON FITNESS CENTRE

The Riverton Fitness Centre is in the final stages of completion. The Centre will be fully operational by mid-spring 2018, with the current proposed bookings occurring in early September.

An **Information session** outlining the Qualified Provider Application process will take place on **MONDAY 27th AUGUST** in the Riverton & District High School Gym Foyer at **5:30pm**. The Community Fitness Centre will be hired to Independent Providers with the appropriate Fitness Qualifications, Insurances, First Aid Qualifications and Community Ethos. Hire Rates will vary to accommodate Profit & Non-Profit organisations. We would like to encourage all qualified persons to attend this meeting to receive the required service agreement and Induction package. The hiring process will also be covered at this meeting.

Contact Person: Diane Allen



Community Information: Once Providers have submitted the required Service Package and Induction process, information will be circulated via Community Noticeboards and Social Media Sites regarding contact details of registered Fitness Leaders. Direct contact with these people will then be possible to join classes.

There will be a **Community Celebration** in **late October**. The date will be published on the Riverton & District High School Facebook page as well as Community Noticeboards and Social Media Sites.



KNOW YA LOCALS! 'Tubby' Taylor

Riverton

Newsagency

What is your favourite piece of clothing?

Port Power Jacket

Are you usually early or late?

Early

Is there a TV show you refuse to watch? *Reality Rubbish*

What is your favourite smell?

Helen's Cooking





We are very excited to reveal this project to all of the communities who supported the Fund My Neighbourhood voting process, including our local communities within the 30km zone - Auburn, Hamley Bridge, Manoora, Riverton, Saddleworth, Tarlee and surrounds.



Riverton Country Markets.

This little band of hard working, volunteers work tirelessly every month for the Community. The committee was previously Chaired and Managed by Karen Slape for the last 5 years, along with her husband Bruce and volunteers.

Karen became involved with the Riverton Country Markets because she wanted to provide a platform for "stay at home mums", retirees, or anyone who wanted a place to either show, promote or sell their wares, and a

place where the locals could meet and catch up socially in a relaxed and happy party atmosphere and just have something to do and somewhere to go on a Saturday morning once a month, if not involved in sports.

One of the real joys about being a volunteer on this committee, is not only catching up with everyone each month, but the joy of giving, giving back financially to the many other community groups or community based projects. We have even had shop owners thank us for having the markets because their sales go through the rooves when there is a market on.

Our little band of volunteers who are left since Karen retired (3 in total), will try and continue to bring to our little town the same quality market, and welcome any person, either living in the town or outside the town, to be a part of this team. Male or Female, we're not gender selective !!!

So whether you would like to have a stall or join the 3 of us on the committee, you can contact either by email: rivertonmarket@gmail.com or phone Mel on 0409 264 952.

Thank you Karen and Bruce, from the committee and the many other Riverton people who have contacted us wanting to pass on their love and thanks, for the last 5 years of volunteering 7 days per week towards the monthly markets. All the best with your future ventures and see you at the next meeting !!!!!

MEALS ON WHEELS REWARDS VOLUNTEERS



Meals on Wheels Volunteers from Auburn, Saddleworth and Riverton were invited to a luncheon on Monday 30th July 2018, at the Riverton Community Hall Supper Room to celebrate volunteering for another year.

Catering for the luncheon was provided by the Scholz Park Museum Committee, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Each

person present received an engraved key ring from Meals on Wheels, commemorating the delivery of 50 million meals in this state.

Following the lunch, Awards were presented by Linda McDonald, Branch Support Officer from Central Office.

Those receiving service awards this year were :

1 Year - Ray Allen

5 Years - Mark & Judith Lawrence, Roger Schmerl, Charles Van Dyjk

10 Years - Richard & Rae Harvie, Peter Kelly, Ron & Cheryl Koglin, Claire Leslie, Barry Slattery, Pam Volkert

15 Years - Ian & Vivien Bullock, Jan Douglas, Margaret Hollister, Don Lambert, Roy Noack, Edit Sara

20 Years - Pat Ablett, Melanie McDermid, Meg Smyth

25 Years - Meredith Callery

35 Years - Trish Schmerl

The Annual General Meeting was also held, with Officers being elected for another year, those being :

President	-	Jill Behn
Vice President	-	Trish Schmerl
Secretary	-	Carolyn Evans
Treasurer	-	Carolyn Evans

Volunteer Coordinator
Glenys Furniss

Vice Volunteer Coord. (Sad)
Pat Ablett

Vice Volunteer Coord. (Aub)
Trish Schmerl

Client Services Coordinator
Jean Burns

Vice Client Serv. Coord. (Sad)
Jill Behn

Vice Client Serv. Coord. (Aub)
Trish Schmerl

Committee -Gaynor Bottcher, Pat Slattery,
Muriel Mount

The Branch would welcome any volunteers wishing to be part of the Committee, and also anyone wishing to become a volunteer. I can be contacted

on (08) 88472069.

Carolyn Evans, Secretary/Treasurer,
Gilbert Valley Branch of Meals on Wheels.



The Riverton Hotel, John, Annie and their customers...we thank you....

We are very fortunate indeed to have individuals and local businesses in our community, who like to give back to the Community in varying forms. Over the last eight years, one of these businesses, The Riverton Hotel, through their meat tray draw has managed to donate around \$25,000 to many worthwhile local groups. While they don't make a big show of it, I think our community needs to know how much they, and indeed their customers help in such worthwhile projects. Their projects are too many to list in total, but it would be remiss of me to not mention at least a few of them:

Riverton Kindergarten - play equipment and refurbishment of play room

Riverton Scouts - Tents, Urn and lawnmower

Riverton Primary School - Badges for centenary

Riverton Hospital - wheel chair

Gilbert Valley Nursing Home - bed

Riverton Street committee - Christmas Lights and scissor lift hire

Riverton SAAS - Part payment of resus dummy, 'Annie' and part payment of Defibrillator

Riverton Primary & High Schools - Small donations for long lunches for cancer

Scholz Park - Irrigation supplies

Riverton RSL - cupboard, Anzac breakfasts 2 years

RCMC - Donation for new Christmas Lights to be installed this year

New Play Area for Kindy

Riverton Kindergarten and Rural Care has received a burst of community spirit and generosity that has resulted in an incredible, magical nature play area being constructed.



Pictured are some members of the huge crowd that attended the working bee and worked tirelessly for the centre, not to mention the other supporters (not photographed) who contributed on the day, prior to the working bee and also behind the scenes, to make this project a huge success. A special shout out to Tori and Ryan Somerville with their team of dedicated families on the outdoor committee who have been a driving force in coordinating this project.



Phase 1 was completed on Sunday, the 8th July, and has proven to be a popular and beneficial learning space that the children are exploring enthusiastically. The children's active engagement and learning

has been incredible to witness. Phase 2 will include a fun Family and Community Day, where we will plant many indigenous plants and develop a new edible, sustainable, indigenous garden for our community to enjoy. We are busy raising funds for this project and have received support from the local community and businesses, for which we are so grateful.



Our major fundraising event is a Long Lunch to be held at O'Leary Walker on Sunday, 26th August. Tickets are available for this fantastic event from www.eventbrite.com.au.

I'll end this brief article with a quote***"It takes a village to raise a child"***, and what a supportive, wonderful village our children have in the Riverton Community. Thankyou



Julie McInnis-Clarke, Riverton Kindergarten.

Riverton Primary School Positive Review Outcome

I was delighted and very proud of my staff team, when at the end of term 2, I received the report of our school review. I would like to share with you some of the positive comments from the review report.

'The principal and staff are clear about the role data plays in monitoring and

tracking school and student improvement over time. The school accesses and uses valid and reliable datasets, particularly in literacy and numeracy.’ P5.

*‘The principal, governing council chairperson and staff commented that the improvement journey would continue. One of the students aptly commented: **“It used to be about getting a ‘C’, but now it’s about pushing higher.”**’ P6*

‘Classroom spaces were flexible, offering a variety of options for students to work in different ways.’ P7

‘Staff described the workload as significant, and understand that it is a natural part of working in a vibrant learning community.’ P10

‘The review panel verified evidence that the school has worked determinedly to implement the External School Review directions from 2015. The panel also verified that the principal has built a solid internal capacity among staff to effectively implement the work with a rigour and coherency that will impact positively on student learning over time.’

Our next school review will be in 2019 or 2020.

Cheryl Glenie Principal

From the editors: Well done, Riverton Primary School. It’s great to see such positive progress.

Public Education Award Nomination

Congratulations to Riverton Primary School’s School Services Officer (SSO), **Lesley Allen**, who has been recognised and nominated for the 2018 Public Education Awards.

Lesley is a very experienced SSO who works closely with the class teacher, providing high quality intervention to meet individual student learning needs.



Lesley has a professional attitude to her work at all times. She takes an active role in the decision making of the school. Lesley is acknowledged by both teaching and support staff for her knowledge, skills and expertise as a class support person. She is highly thought of and respected by all members of the school community - staff, students, parents and families.

Japanese Students at RDHS

On Tuesday, 31st July, six students from Meidai High School in Tokyo arrived to spend two weeks living in our beautiful rural community and attending Riverton & District High School.



Ms Glenys Munro worked with a number of the teaching staff on this program, combining excursions to local venues and the city, with intensive English lessons delivered at the school. Students also participated in some lessons with R&DHS classes, experiencing cooking, Art, Tech Studies and other subjects.

An assembly was held on Wednesday morning, 1st August, to welcome the students and their teacher to our school. Mayor Aughey, from the Clare and Gilbert Valley District Council, gave the official welcome and then raised the Australian and Japanese flags at the front of the school in recognition of the special visitors.



The supporting students did an amazing job of establishing friendships, inducting the new students and engaging them in English conversations. Thank you to their parents for providing the homestay placement and welcoming the new students into their families and homes.



LAWN BOWLS STARTS SOON



The bowls season starts in October. Riverton Bowling Club will have 4 teams (8 players per team) playing on Thursdays in a Mid-North competition, 3 teams (12 players per team) playing on Saturday in the Woorroora Competition and 1 team (12 players) playing on Wednesday nights in the Mid-North Night Owls competition.

All competitions are open gender.

New bowlers are most welcome and assistance and guidance will be given to help people develop skills and confidence. The Club has recently purchased 3 bowling arms and this device helps people bowl from a standing position and greatly reduces the need for a lot of bending. The bowling arms can be borrowed if people need assistance to participate.

Bowls practice is held on Tuesdays, commencing on 25th September at 5.00pm, and goes for 1 hour. Everyone is welcome to attend and practice is an excellent opportunity for people new to the game to try out. Practice will revert to a 6.00pm start when daylight saving commences. The bar is also open.



For more information contact Leon Schwarz, President 0476913612 or Ann Harrip Secretary 88472322.

Volunteering in Kenya

Having recently returned from volunteering at Mission in Action Baby Orphanage & School in Nakuru, Kenya, I have had time to reflect on my experience. Visiting for four hours last September as part of a safari tour of East Africa was, not surprisingly, very different from staying for four weeks.

I was aware that Mission in Action (MIA) received no money from the government but I did not realise that donations have been decreasing and that balancing the budget is a constant struggle.



Thanks to the generosity of many, and my fundraising events, I was able to take \$A9800 to buy goods while I was there as well as take a large suitcase packed with clothes and craft activities. Both the money and goods were appreciated with gratitude and I had lots of fun completing the craft activities with the children.

The children eat a basic Kenyan diet consisting mainly of maize & beans. They have less fruit and vegetables than in the past and treats are rare. Food was desperately needed, so I was able to pay for the monthly 'no frills' shopping as well as 20x90kg bags of maize and 20x90kg bags of beans.

Being a retired teacher, supporting the school was a priority for me. The teachers made a list of essentials. This included teacher guides and student text books for the new curriculum, general stationery, sports equipment, 51 student desks and 9 mattresses (which could be used both for the preschool children's afternoon nap and gymnastics). I discovered that teachers were sharing a blackboard duster between classes and each class was allocated one piece of chalk at a time.



While I spent lots of time in classrooms, I did less teaching than I had hoped. Teachers follow a strict curriculum very closely. The methodology was 'chalk and talk' with lots of repetition by the students. Good marks in exams were very important.



I also spent lots of time with the thirteen babies/toddlers. With five babies being rescued in two months after being abandoned, including three while I was there, baby clothes, formula, bottles and nappies were urgently needed. To this project I was able to make a significant donation. I sponsor Latisha (pictured).

Community Projects supported included "One Tribe Mamas' Project which aims at upskilling women by teaching them sewing, parenting and nutrition skills. While I was at MIA, we were able to reunite two babies with their mothers who will live at One Tribe Mamas. I was also able to provide food baskets for the very poor and elderly in the nearby village.

As a treat for the children, I bought a box of apples, boxes of biscuits and ice-creams. The children ate the whole apple, including the core, and many had never tasted ice-cream.



It was an amazing yet humbling experience. Lots ask, "Will you go back?" At this stage, I'm saying, "No. I know I want to but"

Kaye McInerney



SCHOLZ PARK MUSEUM

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHOLZ PARK MUSEUM RAFFLE, see below, will now be drawn at 2 pm on **SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER 2018**, instead of 15th September 2018, as previously advertised.

Tickets are still available at The Emporium Bakehouse, Library, Stuff n Nonsense and the History Centre

The Raffle Draw will now coincide with Scholz Park Museum's Open Day, "A DAY OF CELEBRATION" which will be held on SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER 2018.

"A DAY OF CELEBRATION" will feature blacksmiths working the forges, BBQ luncheon, a celebration of the completion of Stage 2 of the Scholz Park Museum Restoration Project, the Official Opening of the Wooroora Freemasons Lodge Exhibition which will be housed in Scholz Cottage, and a host of other activities. [Full details will be available soon]

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER 2018 IN YOUR DIARIES. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT SCHOLZ PARK MUSEUM THAT DAY.

Meanwhile,.

SCHOLZ PARK MUSEUM RAFFLE

1 st Prize	\$500 CASH
2 nd Prize	ValleyTech Gift Pack (\$400)
3 rd Prize	Riverton Newsagency (\$100 of magazines)
4 th Prize	Riverton IGA Voucher (\$50 of goods)
5 th Prize	Riverton IGA Voucher (\$50 of goods)
6 th Prize	Sassy Lass Voucher (\$50 of goods)
7 th Prize	Decisions Takeaway (\$44 two family pizzas)
8 th Prize	Central Hotel (\$40 dinner voucher)
9 th Prize	Rob the Shoe Man (\$40 goods & services)
10 th Prize	Studio 31 Voucher (\$30 goods & services)
11 th Prize	Vintage Shop (\$30 goods)
12 th Prize	Russell Hobbs Kettle (Donated)
13 th Prize	2 x 2L of Seasol (Donated)
14 th Prize	Emporium Bakehouse Voucher (\$25 goods)
15 th Prize	Stuff 'n' Nonsense Voucher (\$25 goods)
16 th Prize	Riverton Chemist (2 x Rooster ornaments)
17 th Prize	Landmark Riverton (Wine + Gift Pack)
18 th Prize	Riverton Post Office (Gift Pack)
19 th Prize	Jewellery Box & Frame (Donated)
20 th Prize	Riverton Hotel (2 x bottles wine)
21 st Prize	Riverton Deli (Box chocolates)
22 nd Prize	ANZ Riverton (2 x money boxes)

TICKETS \$2 EACH

DRAWN AT THE MARKET ON THE 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018
Our thanks to all the above contributors

GREAT TRACKS CLEANUP CREW



This amazing volunteer group have been helping to clean up the outback tracks of South Australia for 12 years now, and the Outback Highway, Marree, Birdsville, Cordillo, Oodnadatta and Strzelecki Tracks are all the better for their hard work.

28 people, some having travelled from Victoria, braved the cold, harsh conditions this year, with crews leaving from Quorn on Friday the 6th of July. The first crew picked up tyres and larger rubbish from the roadsides whilst 2 crews, with children also on board, attended to the rubbish in the numerous parking bays and camping areas.

This year, each vehicle covered an average of 1,693 kms, with a total of 16,930 kms all up. A total of 2,699 volunteer hours were completed by members, who collected a total of 44 tonnes of rubbish, including 433 whole tyres, several wool bales full of refundable bottles and cans as well as dozens of wheat bags full.

A few out of the ordinary pieces picked up this year were a car steering wheel, a Motorhome rollout awning, a caravan rollout awning, a car bonnet, a galvanized rainwater tank, a toilet seat and several unopened cans of beer.

Since the group started up this amazing yearly Trek, they have collected an absolutely staggering 673 tonnes of rubbish, including 2,265 tyres and 36,885 bottles and cans. This is just rubbish thrown down at campsites, bores and roadsides.

Any enquiries for general information and regarding volunteering in this group, please visit their web page, admin.greattracks.com.au

The environment of Outback South Australia thanks Riverton residents Stewart and Carmel Paxton.

ARE YOU QUALIFIED IN PERSONAL TRAINING OR GROUP FITNESS?

Come to an information session to find out how you can access the new

Riverton Fitness Centre

AUGUST 27TH, 2018
5:30PM
RIVERTON & DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GYM FOYER
PLEASE RSVP TO DIANE ALLEN BY WEDNESDAY 22/8
diane.allen336@schools.sa.edu.au

The Riverton School Community Library presents

ART THERAPY FOR EVERYONE

This is a **FREE** event funded by the Government of South Australia.

Sunday September 2 2018
2pm to 4pm
Riverton School Community Library
Frederick Place Riverton

Join Tara Kate for an inspired workshop to unleash your creative potential! Unwind, destress, have fun and learn new skills in a relaxed, friendly environment. All materials supplied.

Registration is essential as numbers are limited.

GET SEWING

Tuesday September 4 2018
1.30pm to 4.30pm
Riverton School Community Library
Frederick Place Riverton

Expert sewing instructor and prize-winning author **Liz Heywood** will show you how to recycle and repurpose old clothing. No previous sewing skills required. All materials and machines provided. If you would like guidance with a sewing project you have already started, Liz can help with that too. Just bring along everything you need.

Cost: \$35 per participant.
Light refreshments included.
Registration is essential as numbers are limited.

For more information and to REGISTER call the Library on 88472414.

**Riverton Community
Management Committee,**

Chairperson - Gaynor Bottcher

Vice Chairperson - John Glistak

Secretary - Cassy Griffiths

Treasurer - Ruth Stevens

Public Officer - Jackie Bruce

Committee Members - Vicki

Nurse, Kaye McInerney,

Ann Alder, Temika Hier, Gary

Davis, Rob Furniss

Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at RSL House on Torrens Road.

All community members are welcome to attend these meetings as an observer. For more information please contact a committee member.

RCMC would like to acknowledge and thank James Chapman from ValleyTech for his ongoing help and support with the publication of ***The Local Rag***.

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.*

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