

# THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY DECEMBER 2017

## Christmas Carnival

After a very successful Christmas Carnival in 2017, the small committee of volunteers who organise the annual Riverton Christmas Carnival free event are hoping for repeat success in 2018.

***This year's Carnival will be held at the Riverton Oval on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December from 5.30 – 8.30 pm.***

Local sporting clubs will be catering for food and drinks on the night.

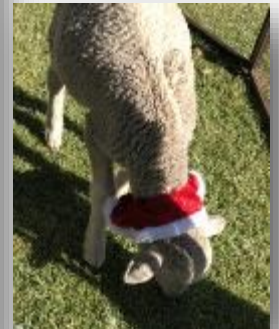
Old favourites for children will include a jumpy castle, the petting zoo and face painting. The Dunking Machine, which was a popular addition last year, will again be an attraction. An assortment of market stalls will be present. A display of quilts by local quilters will be worth a visit. This year, the usual display of interesting vehicles will be bigger than ever.

Patrons of all ages are invited to use their imagination and enter the decorated vehicle competition, another new venture. Children are invited to decorate their bike or scooter, while those who use a mobility aid can come along with their decorated walker, gopher or wheelchair.



Another new initiative will be a 'playgroup' area, where activities will be set up specifically for preschool children. The usual games, for young and old, will be

fun to enjoy, either as a participant or spectator.



Of course, the arrival of Father Christmas/Santa, with goody bags for the children, will again be a highlight. How will the 'man in red' arrive? What will be in the goody bags? Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see lots, young and old, there. Come along for an evening full of fun, festivity, entertainment and music.

**REMEMBER: ENTRY IS FREE!**



**ATTENTION: ALL BIKE AND SCOOTER RIDERS**

**Decorate your bike or scooter and enter.**

**WHAT: Best decorated bike and scooter competition**

**WHERE: Riverton Christmas Carnival, Riverton Oval**

**WHEN: Friday, 21st December, 5.30—8.30 pm**

**JUDGING: 5.30 pm (includes a parade)**

**3 AGE CATEGORIES: Preschool, Primary School, High School**

**BE CREATIVE AND JOIN IN THE CHRISTMAS FUN**

**Don't forget your helmet**





**ATTENTION:  
ALL MOBILITY  
VEHICLE USERS**



**BE CREATIVE AND ENTER**

**WHAT: Best decorated walker, gopher  
or wheelchair competition**

**WHERE: Riverton Christmas Carnival,  
Riverton Oval**

**WHEN: Friday, 21st December,  
5.30—8.30 pm**

**JUDGING: 5.45 pm**

**COME & JOIN IN THE FUN**





## 2018 Council Election

Our sincere congratulations go to all of the newly elected Councillors in the recent State Council Elections, and in particular, Dr Ann Alder, our local representative on the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

It is timely to note that our Council doesn't have individual wards, so while Ann will always have our best interests at heart, she has been elected to keep the best interests at heart of ALL residents and rate payers in the whole of the council area.

Dr Ann Alder, who was born in Adelaide, and spent some of her childhood in New Guinea, later trained as a registered Nurse at the RAH. In her 20's she got the travel bug and spent a year travelling in South Africa and Egypt, lived in a Kibbutz in Israel, and spent many months travelling on trains around Europe.

She came home, saved up to be able to travel back to Europe, and ultimately spent time working in the UK as an RN, after which she returned home, then moved to Melbourne where she had her family.

As part of her employment with Monash and

Victoria Universities, she travelled and worked in China, Malaysia and Thailand, and continued to study Undergraduate and Post Graduate courses and her Doctorate while bringing up 2 children, Edward and Thomas.

As a senior academic, Ann ran programs, taught nursing, midwifery and public health. She later worked at the Nursing and Midwifery Board of SA, and the regulatory Authority for Nursing and Midwifery Education for Australia.

Ann was also the Manager for Beyond Blue SA & NT for 5 years and co-ordinated the National Post Natal Depression Program during that period

After purchasing the now closed Wooroorra Masonic Lodge around 18 months ago, Ann and her Partner Phill, have done some amazing renovation work on the property and moved to Riverton permanently at Easter this year.

It was at this time Ann retired from working life, but 3 days later was offered a position at TAFE, working on new course development, which she accepted, along with becoming a member of the Riverton Community Management Committee.

On the retirement of our long standing Councillor Di Schwarz, Ann, realizing that she had so much to offer the community as a Councillor, with proof of her lateral thinking and good negotiation and planning skills, nominated for a position on Council, and subsequently, with the generous support of the Community, was elected to Council with the highest number of primary votes.



Our community thanks Ann, and looks forward to many years of her representation.



## **Riverton School Community Library**



The Friends of the Riverton School Community Library were delighted recently, to have Sophie Thomson from the ABC's Gardening Australia, enthral 64 enthusiastic gardeners who attended the very informative and fun filled afternoon in the supper room of the Community Hall. A great time was had by all, and sincere thanks go to The Friends for the setting up and delicious afternoon tea.

Meanwhile, our fabulous new computers and printer are up and running. You can now print and photocopy in A4 colour and scan and email your documents. Call in soon and try them out. We have many more activities in the pipeline for next year, and appreciate your continued support.



## **Scholz Park Museum**



A very successful Open Day was held at Scholz Park Museum on Sunday 28 October with in excess of 250 visitors attending during the day to view the various exhibits.

The Open Day was a celebration, not just for the conclusion of Stage 2 of the Museum's Restoration Project, but also for the official Opening of the Woorora Freemason Lodge Display which is housed in Scholz Cottage.

The Official program included short speeches from Allan Aughey, O.A.M., Mayor, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council, and Freemasons SA & NT District Grand Superintendent, Very Worshipful Brother Alan Williams, who opened the Woorora Lodge display.



**After 22 years involvement with Scholz Park Museum, John Glistak has called it a day, announcing his decision to step away at the Museum's AGM held on 5 December 2018.**

## **Fund My Neighbourhood Grant update Riverton Swimming Pool**



The Riverton Memorial Pool is now open for the summer season. Patrons are enjoying a number of upgrades made possible from the Fund My Neighbourhood 2018 Grant.

The refurbishment of the changerooms and the installation of three outdoor table settings (with wheelchair access) have enhanced the environment and added to the comfort of pool patrons.



New signage on the main road advises visitors of the location and opening season of the pool.

Not visible, but very important, has been an upgrade of the safe water treatment system. Money has also been allocated to remove and replace the pool tiles. However, due to the cost of emptying and refilling the pool, this will not be completed until the end of the season.

Even if you are not a swimmer, go and have a look at the renovations as the grant application was successful due to the many community members who voted.

### NBN Tower

The long awaited commissioning of the NBN fixed wireless tower was on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, many community members will be delighted. On the back of the tower going live, a team from Telstra came to Riverton and Saddleworth to help explain, to those interested, how to connect to the NBN.



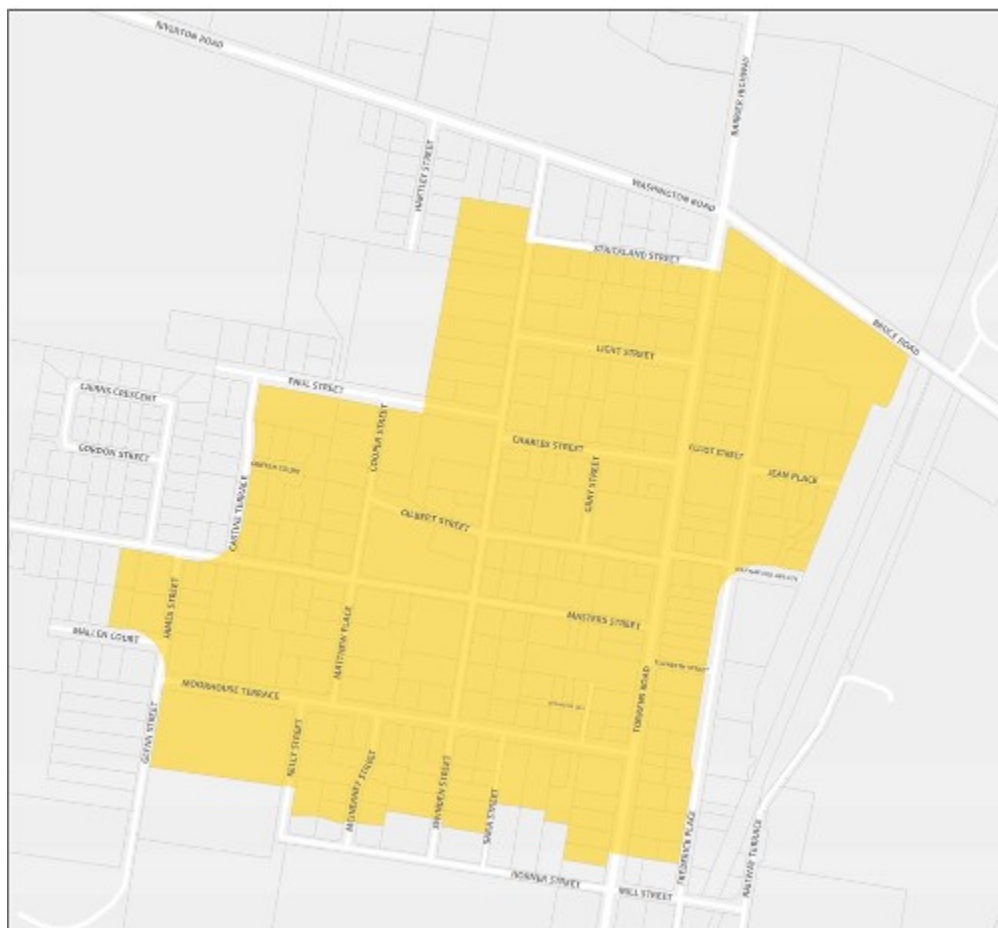
## **BE BUSHFIRE PREPARED**

This Bushfire Safer Place is considered to be relatively safe from fire due to its low levels of fuel. Although the CFS has taken every care and precaution in identifying this area it will be subjected to spark and ember attack in the event of a fire

It is recommended that you identify several Bushfire Safer Places when creating your personal Bushfire Survival Plan. Templates for Bushfire Survival Plans are available from the CFS website [www.cfs.gov.sa.au](http://www.cfs.gov.sa.au)

**PLEASE NOTE, THE FOOTBALL OVAL IS NOT A SAFE AREA IN THE CASE OF BUSHFIRE**

Large emergency fridge magnets were dropped in every letterbox in Riverton after the Pinery fire. There are some magnets available for newcomers to the area, in the History Centre, Wednesday to Friday between 10 and 3. (image on next page)



# BE EMERGENCY READY

Establish & Follow your  
Emergency Plan  
**STAY INFORMED**



ABC Radio **891am**



Bushfire Hotline **1300362361**

SES **132500**



CFS Website **[www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)**



Alert SA phone app



Facebook pages - **SA CFS,**

**Riverton Community** pages

In an Emergency

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY**

MOVE TO RIVERTON'S SHADED SAFER AREA.

HAVE THESE EMERGENCY ITEMS AT HAND : **WATER, RADIO, TORCH, BATTERIES, CANDLES & MATCHES.**

IF TIME PERMITS, CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBOURS.

IN CASE OF FLOOD, **SOURCE SAND BAGS.**

FOR ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES, **STAY INFORMED.**

**FOR ALL LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES**

**DIAL 000**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11 2018 SCHOLZ PARK, RIVERTON

### “100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice”

A gathering of more than 100 adults and children attended the Riverton Sub Branch of the R.S.L. Remembrance Day Service conducted at Scholz Park, Riverton on Sunday November 11 2018.

In addition to this service, the Riverton Community acknowledged Remembrance Day in the several ways.

Firstly, Vicki and Jim Nurse had placed poppies on the graves and commemorative plaques of all ex-service men and women at rest in the Riverton General Cemetery while Mike and Ann Johnson had done likewise in the Navan Catholic Cemetery.

Secondly, a mosaic of a red poppy was completed by the residents of the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home after many hours of dedicated work and had been donated to the Riverton R.S.L. Sub Branch. It will be displayed at each future service.



### Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier

At the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, set above the Pool of Reflection, is the Hall of Memory. It can only be reached by walking past the names of the more than 102,000 men and women who have given their lives in the service of this country. At this point, you will have reached the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier.

Molli Adams and Ben Bothe, students from Riverton Primary School, presented the history of the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier while Chloe Talbot and Rebecca Lockwood, from Riverton & District High School, presented reflections of the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier.





## Rhynie Rap up

Members of the Riverton RSL Sub-Branch were honoured to have so many community members attend the service to commemorate Remembrance Day on November the 11th, this being the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. It was a glorious day, and once again, touching to have the support of our local Scout group. Our sincere thanks to those who attended in remembrance of those Servicemen, Servicewomen, and their families, who sacrificed so much.

### Amazing community Support



**U.G.L.Y** stands for Understanding, Generous, Likeable, You!

The Leukemia Foundation's U.G.L.Y. Bartender of the Year fundraising competition is the biggest fundraiser in the Australian Hospitality Industry, and celebrates a decade of success in 2018. Over the past 9 years, these creative venues and bartenders have raised nearly \$12 million to help blood cancer patients and their families, and the industry is aiming to raise nearly \$2 million in 2018.

The Riverton Hotel came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 185 pubs Statewide in the UGLY Bartender 2018, raising \$10,528.60 What a massive effort from our community. Our sincere thanks Mel for all your hard work, an amazing result.

Mel would like to thank everyone who donated, supported and contributed, and in particular Annie and John for allowing her to do this for such a good cause.

A third mural has been added to the Parking Bay Shelter depicting a train at the old station. This mural has been painted by Marion Bodsworth of Rhynie. The fourth one in the series will, hopefully, be completed early in the new year.

On a sad note, though, the cigarette butt container, supplied by Council, has been ripped off its mountings and has disappeared. It beggars belief that anyone would go to the trouble of removing such an item.

The Hon Geoff Brock will be conducting a "Listening Post" session at Rhynie on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, between 1.00 and 2.00 pm. Look out for the notice in the local papers for the number to call to book a time to talk to him. Geoff is a nice man, easy to talk to with a sincere empathy for rural people and their issues, and is a straight shooter. These sessions are an opportunity to have honest and frank discussions about the issues that directly concern you. He can only act on issues that are brought to his attention and priority will be given to those issues that are common to many residents. Not too many politicians give us this unique opportunity so we should take full advantage of it. Any resident from the district is invited to attend the session.

Council will be holding a Council Meeting in Rhynie on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, at the CFS Meeting Room. Residents from the district are invited to attend. There is opportunity before the meeting to meet the Councillors, and some of the staff, ask questions and express views. There is also opportunity at the beginning of the meeting to formally ask questions of the Council. These questions may or may not be answered at the time, but at least will be recorded into the minutes, requiring a response at some appropriate time. These regional meetings demonstrate that Council aims to be open and transparent. It is also a unique opportunity to see the difficulties and challenges that face our

elected members and paid staff. Look out for notices in the local paper for further details.

Fire danger season is upon us, and we all need to be vigilant. In the past we have had fires deliberately lit, so if you see anything out of the ordinary or suspicious, report it.

A happy and safe festive season to all.

### **Grant Hovey for Rhynie Improvement Scheme**

#### **Other Bits ...**

*Here is an update of some recent Riverton Community Management Committee activities.*

There have been some amazing activities going on in Riverton over the last few weeks.

You will have noticed the Riverton southern and northern walls are complete, and the Committee is commencing the process of building two extra walls – at the eastern and western entrance roads. These walls will be similar to the current walls.

Some fantastic news about the Riverton Memorial Swimming Pool. There have been some great improvements - the change rooms have been re-tiled and painted. There are new change cubicles. Concreting of paths and sites for tables and benches has been done by a group of willing volunteers. Some pool floats and noodles will be available. There's also a new Pool sign being painted and will soon be erected. A number of qualified life-savers have again indicated their willingness to work at the Pool. It looks like it will be a great season, so please come along and enjoy this really important community asset.

In terms of promoting Riverton to visitors, there are a couple of projects on the go. A small set of postcards has been developed

and will soon be printed ready for purchase through the Riverton Newsagency and the History Centre, when open.

The Committee is also starting to investigate the possibility of developing a "Walk the Town" App. We'd love your input into this exciting project if you would like to join in.

Sadly, at the present time, there are no Riverton Markets being held ... the Committee is working hard to restore this activity for the town – we will keep you informed on the progress of this.

The Christmas decorations have been put up along Torrens Road and with much appreciated help from donations received from The Riverton Hotel, all new Christmas Lights have been erected, along with solar power lighted Christmas trees - we are sure you will get a lot of pleasure from them. Come along and enjoy the Christmas Carnival on 21 December – we look forward to seeing you there.





## Riverton Kindergarten Celebrates

On Friday 2nd November, families and community members were welcomed at the Riverton Kindergarten, to celebrate their achievements in creating a new nature play area and indigenous garden. All visitors were able to enjoy a sausage sizzle, Lions' donuts and being able to take time out to chat together in the peaceful surroundings while the children played.

Our philosophy at Riverton Kindergarten is based on play, relationships, community and sustainability and this celebration certainly encompassed all of these.

Our curriculum requires that we provide learning in natural, outdoor environments, in all weathers and we certainly have the ideal outdoor space to do this at Riverton. Our children came up with the ideas of what to include in our new play space:- 'a nest', 'a lions' den', 'big logs to climb on', 'big tyres', 'dirt to dig in', 'lots of leaves to play in', 'a crocodile cave', 'dinosaur bones', 'some burrows to hide in', lots of plants to make it beautiful', and then mapped out where these should be placed.

Thanks to parents, families, educators, community members, Lions, businesses, all who got behind this project in so many ways with ideas, labour, machinery, goods and donations, the children's ideas were able to be realized.

What a magical environment, a play space where inspiration and creativity can take root, where curiosity and spontaneity can be realized and where our children can develop the life skills to become confident, resilient and able bodied adults.

This is an ongoing project which will develop and mature over time. Who knows, one day the children of today might be saying to their children "Do you know, when we were at kindy back in 2018, we planned this!"

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way, big or small. This is an achievement to be proud of!

Community spirit is alive and well in Riverton!

Sue Murphy





## STAY SNAKE SAVVY

That bite of summer came early this year and with that heat, came snakes, and many sightings have been reported. Here are a few facts for you to digest about snake bites.



The urban myth that, ***“if you are bitten in the yard you will die before you can walk from your chook pen back to the house,”*** is a load of rubbish.

While not new, the management of snake bite (like a flood/fire evacuation plan or CPR) should be refreshed each season.

Let's start with a Basic overview.

There are five genus of snakes that will harm us (seriously) Browns, Blacks, Adders, Tigers and Taipans.

All snake venom is made up of huge proteins (like egg white). When bitten, a snake injects some venom into the meat of your limb (NOT into your blood)....This venom can not be absorbed into the blood stream from the bite site. It travels in a fluid transport system in your body called the lymphatic system (not the blood stream).

Now this fluid (lymph) is moved differently to blood.

Your heart pumps blood around, so even when you are lying dead still, your blood still circulates around the body. Lymph fluid is different. It moves around with physical muscle movement like bending your arm, bending knees, wriggling fingers and toes, walking/exercise etc.

Now here is the thing. Lymph fluid becomes blood after these lymph vessels converge to form one of two large vessels (lymphatic trunks) which are connected to

veins at the base of the neck.

Back to the snake bite site. When bitten, the venom has been injected into this lymph fluid (which makes up the bulk of the water in your tissues).

The only way that the venom can get into your blood stream is to be moved from the bite site in the lymphatic vessels. The only way to do this is to physically move the limbs that were bitten.

Stay still!!! Venom can't move if the victim doesn't move.....Stay still!!

Remember people are not bitten into their blood stream.

In the 1980s a technique called Pressure Immobilisation Bandaging was developed to further retard venom movement. It completely stops venom /lymph transport toward the blood stream. A firm roll bandage is applied directly over the bite site (don't wash the area).

Technique:

## KEEP THEM STILL

### Step 1:

**Apply a bandage over the bite site, to an area about 10cm above and below the bite.**

### Step 2:

**Then using another elastic roller bandage, apply a firm wrap from fingers/toes all the way to the armpit/groin.**

**The bandage needs to be firm, but not so tight that it causes fingers or toes to turn purple or white. (about the tension of a sprain bandage.)**

### Step 3:

**Splint the limb so the patient can't walk or bend the limb.**

## DO NOTS:

Do not cut, incise or suck the venom.  
Do not EVER use a tourniquet  
Don't remove the shirt or pants - just bandage over the top of clothing.  
Remember movement (like wriggling out of a shirt or pants) causes venom movement.

**DO NOT** try to catch, kill or identify the snake!!! This is important.

In hospital we NO LONGER NEED to know the type of snake; it doesn't change treatment.

5 years ago we would routinely do a test on the bite, blood or urine to identify the snake so the correct antivenom could be used. BUT NOW...we don't do this as often. Our newer Antivenom neutralises the venoms of all the 5 listed snake genus, so it doesn't matter what snake bit the patient.

## Read that again- one injection for all snakes!

Polyvalent is our one shot wonder, stocked in almost all hospitals, so many hospitals no longer stock specific Antivenins. Regional differences (Tassie, Victoria, south of Perth, outer islands) use region specific antivenoms.

Australian snakes tend to have 3 main effects in differing degrees.

**Bleeding** - internally and bruising.

**Muscles paralysed** - causing difficulty talking, moving & breathing.

**Pain** - In some snakes severe muscle pain in the limb, and days later the bite site can break down forming a nasty wound.

Allergy to snakes is rarer than winning lotto twice.

Final tips: not all bitten people are envenomated and only those starting to show symptoms above are given antivenom.

**Did I mention to stay still.  
Call help (000 or 112)  
You need hospital!!!**

**Please be aware in coming weeks there will be new parking arrangements on Charles Street Riverton.**

**At the corner of Torrens Road lines will be marked, allowing for parallel parking only, in place of current angle parking.**

**This is for safety reasons due to frequent unloading of large trucks.**

## RIVERTON COMMUNITY HALL BOOKINGS

### PLEASE NOTE

**ALL BOOKINGS FOR THE RIVERTON COMMUNITY HALL CAN NOW BE MADE AT THE RIVERTON HISTORY CENTRE.**

**THE OPENING HOURS ARE**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

**PHONE (08) 8847 2705**

**EMAIL [famhist15@rbe.net.au](mailto:famhist15@rbe.net.au)**

## HELPERS NEEDED



*We have an amazing, but small, group of volunteers who help keep Riverton looking beautiful.*

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.



# RIVERTON COMMUNITY MARKET

The Riverton Community Market has been closed until further notice.



## WHY?

Thanks to the hard working past committees, we have had a very vibrant and successful market in our town. As with many volunteer groups, people move on and the organising becomes too much for just one or two people and sadly the group can no longer continue.

## WHO SUFFERS THE MOST?

1. Many different people are affected by a regular event coming to an end,
1. Local community members who look forward to visiting the markets for a regular social outing.
2. Local groups such as the Lions Club & the Scout Group who rely on the market for raising vital funds to help them keep going.
3. Local businesses have increased trading on market days.
4. The stall holders who earn an income from attending community markets all over.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?



The Riverton Community Management Committee will hold a public meeting in the **Community Hall Supper Room on Tuesday 5th of February at 7:00pm.** Any persons interested in raising a committee to organise the running of the market on a volunteer basis would be welcomed. The commitment is not onerous if there are enough people to help share the load.

If you feel you have the time and inclination to restart a cohesive market committee for the sake of the Riverton and wider community, please come to the meeting and raise your hand.



**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 at 7:30pm.

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.

Contact:

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Vicki Nurse, [vicandjim@bigpond.com](mailto:vicandjim@bigpond.com)

Kaye McInerney, 88472193 or email [jvmkmcinerney@outlook.com](mailto:jvmkmcinerney@outlook.com)

*On behalf of Riverton Community  
Management Committee.*

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