

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY FEBRUARY 2019

Christmas in Riverton

Main Street



Thank you to Riverton Community Management Committee, Riverton Christmas Carnival Committee and students from Riverton Kindy and Primary School for making the main street so colourful and festive during the Christmas season. Multi-coloured strings of lights on buildings and decorated palette Christmas trees were

new additions to the street decorations and live Christmas trees from previous years.



Town Carnival

Once again, the Christmas Carnival held at Riverton Oval on Friday, December 21st, 2018 was well attended by a large crowd of all ages from Riverton and surrounding district. Father Christmas, arriving by motor bike and in a side car, was greeted by a large number of children, eager to tell him their Christmas wish list and receive a bag of goodies. 135 children visited Father Christmas in his outdoor cave. Many children demonstrated their artistic skill and imagination by entering the Decorated Bike & Scooter Competition, a new activity at the Carnival. Regular activities such as face painting, the petting zoo, jumping castle, mini golf and games were popular as were new activities including henna tattoos and the Sticky Wall. The interesting vehicle

display ranged from a large tractor to vintage cars and motorbikes. Lucky winner of the giant Christmas Stocking was Val Greenslade. Local sporting and Gilbert Valley Lions clubs provided food and drinks, ensuring that no one went home hungry.

The Carnival Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way and would welcome new committee members in 2019. Watch out for notice of the AGM on social media and in The Local Rag.





Meals On Wheels Branch Celebrate Christmas with Clients.

The local branch of Meals on Wheels celebrated Christmas with their clients by taking them all out to a special Christmas Lunch, catered for by the Saddleworth Bowling Club. Life Members also came along for the festivities.

Everyone was treated to the traditional Christmas meal, and then Clients were visited by Father Christmas bearing gifts for them. It was a lovely afternoon, and they all enjoyed themselves.

Christmas Hampers

The local Branch also made up Christmas Hampers for the clients in Riverton, Saddleworth and Auburn, and distributed them just before Christmas. As there were no deliveries on the public holidays, the hampers helped to fill the gap for them.

Carolyn Evans
Secretary/Treasurer

Australia Day Pool Party



On Saturday the 26th January, the Riverton Memorial Pool threw an Australia Day party for the second year running. With perfect weather to host the event, kids and families from all over the town and the surrounding district enjoyed the

Australian tunes, pool, cricket and a sausage sizzle. We would like to thank the ladies from the Riverton & District High School Parents & Friends Committee for organising the barbecue.

Make sure you get down to the pool to enjoy the last of the warm weather before the season ends.



We have plenty of ice creams too!

Rhiannon Bruce
Lifeguard

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The annual Australia Day Breakfast and Award Ceremony at the Football Clubrooms in Riverton was again well attended.

For the first time, thanks to the Riverton RSL Sub Branch, this year the Australian Flag was raised prior to the Award

Ceremony and flew proudly until evening. A delicious breakfast was again cooked and served by the Gilbert Valley Cricket Club.

Roger Aitchison introduced our new Clare & Gilbert Valleys Councillor, Dr Ann Alder, who organised and hosted the Award Ceremony.

The *Dickie Birds* band entertained with a bracket of well known Australian songs.



Riverton resident, Ruth Stevens, was named Citizen of the Year and Stockport Community Group received the Community Event of the Year Award. Both were extremely worthy recipients and we extend our congratulations to them.



Funds raised from donations for the breakfast were allocated to Riverton & District High School and Riverton Primary School Breakfast Clubs. Dr Alder spoke about the needy in Australia and Mrs Elizabeth Harris spoke about the

importance and success of the breakfast clubs at both Riverton schools.

Local youth, Danyon Greenslade, concluded the speeches, giving a brilliant amusing speech about "What it Means to be a Young Australian".



Citizen Of The Year Ruth Stevens

Ruth Stevens moved to Riverton in 1973 and has been involved in numerous sporting and community groups ever since.

In 1974 Ruth commenced her netball career and membership for Riverton Netball Club, which she continues to this day. In addition to playing, she has coached too many years to count, including at least six teams to premierships. Other leadership roles in the netball club included secretary and umpires' coordinator. Ruth has filled the North Eastern Netball Association position as recorder. She is a B grade badged umpire who represents RSMU Netball Club by umpiring high level matches at local, association and state levels. Ruth was justly awarded life membership of RSMU Netball Club in 2000.

Ruth has also filled the roles of secretary and treasurer of RSMU football club. The Riverton Lawn Tennis Club, where Ruth has, once again, held many executive positions, has benefited greatly from her sporting and community passion.

In 2004 Ruth joined the Riverton Ambulance Service. In addition to the usual roles, Ruth was the driving force behind a number of recent improvements to the Ambulance Centre.

Ruth has been an active member of the Riverton Community Management Committee since 2006. She is currently treasurer, a position she has held for six years. Ruth has been instrumental in successfully applying for many grants and, in particular, took the lead in planning and implementing the town signs at the northern and southern entrances to Riverton. She is now investigating signs to welcome people entering the town from the eastern and western directions.

For nearly 25 years, Ruth has selflessly dedicated her time and energy for the benefit of the Riverton community, making her a very worthy Citizen of the Year (southern zone) for the Clare & Gilbert Valley Councils.

Congratulations, Ruth, on an extremely well deserved award.



RIVERTON – The Power of The Community

Margaret J. Wheatley, American writer, said that, "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering

what it cares about".

This insightful quotation for me captures the spirit at work in the Riverton community.

Three and half years ago, my wife and I left behind living in the fairly soulless suburbs of Adelaide, and took a leap of faith in relocating near Riverton. This time has been an interesting period for the community. There have been floods, fires, poor harvests and the loss of a petrol station. Many have been tested by things outside of their control. It would have been easy for people to surrender to despair or victimhood, but on the contrary, the community was not intimidated by loss, difficulties or the struggle that lay ahead. I describe this phenomenon as the Riverton Rebound. People rally, plans are made, collections are organised, old friendships renewed and the serious work of rebuilding begins. In a profound way the community rediscovers what it cares about, and that unspoken law that giving is a much greater power than taking, comes alive in our daily lives.

When I drive past the beautifully crafted "Welcome to Riverton" signs, I smile knowing that it is an honest, heartfelt welcome from a community that genuinely knows what it cares about.

Sid Wrangles
Finnis Point

The Times they are a changing

In the mid 1980's my then manager had a saying and philosophy.

"The only thing constant around here is change" and how true that has proven to be. Many things have changed in Riverton, and some would say, not for the better, doubtless most of us would agree.

In 2016 the Woorroora Freemasons Lodge closed, after 138 years in Riverton. Since the 1920's it resided at the corner of Frederick St and Jean Place. Many of you

would have been aware of its existence as perhaps your father or grandfather was a member. Others may not have known what it was, but observed that every month a bunch of men, dressed in penguin suits, arrived, went inside and sometime during the night left it empty again.

The building is now a private residence, and to their credit the present owners have kept the façade, including the centenary stone and plaque on the Frederick St boundary. At their request an interpretive sign has now been placed adjacent to the stone. Much of the furniture and items from the Lodge have been set up as a display in the Scholz Park Museum. When you go for a walk around town, stop and have a look at the stone and sign. When the Museum is open, usually the 4th Sunday in the month, call in and have a look at the display; it is part of our history and heritage.

Grant Hovey. Scholz Park Museum



GAME. SET. MATCH.

Riverton calls time on the Easter tournament.

They say all good things must come to an end and the time has finally arrived. In its 90th year, the 2019 Riverton Lawn Tennis Club Easter tournament will be our last. It's been a tough decision for us and we know there will be some disappointed people..... perhaps none more so than us! But - we hope you'll join us for one last hoorah this year!

We have a couple of special things planned including a Saturday night dinner to reminisce on the ups and downs, chaos and camaraderie of the tournaments gone by. So clear your calendars, call up past players, sort your doubles partners and get ready to celebrate with us!

Stay tuned on Facebook for details and entry form coming in the next few days.
The RLTC crew x

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Riverton Kindergarten is full steam ahead for 2019! We are busily getting to know our new children and families, whilst reconnecting with others.

As it's the beginning of the year, I thought it may be a good opportunity to talk about the services we offer.

Riverton Kindergarten runs two programs:

Preschool (Kindy):

Children who are 4 before the 1st of May each year are eligible for 12 months of preschool before they commence school.

Currently, children can access 15 hours of preschool each week. Our sessions run on Tuesday, Wednesday (fortnightly) and Thursday.

Early Entry is available for children who meet the criteria.



Pre Entry is run in term 4 for children who will be commencing in the following year. If you know of any children who are

eligible for Preschool this year, please ask them to come and see us at the Kindy to enrol.

Rural Care:



Long day care and out of school hours care for children aged 0 – 12 years.

Operated by the Department for Education in isolated areas of South Australia
Childcare subsidy available.

Rural Care operates Monday to Friday from 8:00am – 6:00pm

Currently, we have no vacancies for under school aged children in rural care, however there are some available out of school hours places on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like to be placed on our waiting list, please contact Jane at the Kindy.

We also offer a **playgroup**, combined with Saddleworth Early Learning Centre, which is run on Thursday mornings during the school term. Please check out our Facebook group 'Riverton & Saddleworth Playgroup' for all the latest information.

Are you interested in volunteering?

Riverton Kindergarten would love to hear from you. We have an assortment of tasks that need completing such as library cataloguing, gardening and art work, among many other things! If you have some free time, or have any special talents you would like to share with the children, please contact Jane at the Kindergarten. (Please note: volunteers will need to have a DCSI screening, which can be organised at the Kindy).

Teacher Expertise at Riverton PS

At the end of 2018, Riverton Primary School farewelled Cath Greenslade, who will be taking up a leadership role with Bowls Australia. Cath has provided quality education and wellbeing support for students at Riverton Primary School for many years, with a positive impact on the educational outcomes of one of my own children. While I have been at Riverton Primary School I have appreciated Cath's work as an exceptional teacher with a strong focus on student wellbeing. We will still see her around at the school as a relief teacher, when she is available. She will be missed, but we wish her well in her new role.

A newly appointed permanent teacher is Miffy Mosley, who has been working in the South East but has family connections in our local community. She won the permanent junior primary teacher position through a tough panel process last year. Miffy, who brings her own 3 children to Riverton Primary School with her, has already shown that she has a good understanding of how junior primary students learn best, and is working with our R/1 class.

Our 6/7 class teacher this year is Hannah Rigden. I was delighted when Hannah, a new graduate teacher, who finished her teacher training here with Shannon Fuss last year, accepted the position with us for 2019, because I know she has been well trained. Hannah is setting up a positive visible learning environment for the class.

Hahmany Agars is also a new graduate teacher, with a passion for teaching languages. Hahmany, from the Eyre Peninsula is a specialist language teacher who will teach Spanish in both Riverton and Saddleworth primary schools in terms 1 and 2 this year.

Welcome Miffy, Hannah and Hahmany to Riverton Primary School. I am looking forward to working with this strong teaching team in 2019.

Cheryl Glenie Principal.



New RPS teachers Hahmany, Miffy and Hannah

LIKE A LAUGH?

Local Riverton resident, David Cousins, regularly publishes jokes in local papers. David, having grown up on the land in the Mid-North of South Australia, spent 6 years shearing and many years on the road as a sales representative for Golden North and Farmers Union. This took him all over South Australia, regional Victoria and New South Wales and gave him the opportunity to meet many people of different backgrounds, cultures and experiences as well as many characters along the way. There was always a joke to tell or listen to. David pays special tribute to his late grandfather as he has inherited some of his grandfather's ability to remember jokes. He recalls jokes he learnt along the way from memory, mates, family, colleagues and word of mouth.

If you like a bit of humour, read on.

For those who don't understand the game of test cricket, here is a simple explanation.

*Rules of cricket: In and Out.
You have two sides, one out in the field and one out.*

Each person that's in the side that's in, goes out, and when he's out he comes in and the next person goes in until he's out.

When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out. Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

There are two people called umpires who stay out all the time and they decide when the men who are in, are out.

When both sides have been in and all the men have been out, and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that's the end of the game.

Hope that makes it clear.



The recent heatwave has left some of our usually beautiful trees around the town looking rather thirsty. If you have a tree or shrub in front of your place the odd bucket of water at the end of a hot day will do wonders towards keeping Riverton looking great.

Many thanks RCMC.



EASTER ART SHOW FOR RIVERTON AND SURROUNDS

The Valleys Art Group will be holding an Art and Craft Show at the Riverton Community Hall on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All Art will be for sale, and the community is encouraged to come along and have a look.

Artists come from all over the Mid North and as far south as Adelaide, and there will be a People's Choice prize for the artist who the public feels has done the best painting in the exhibition. Voting slips will be given to all people attending.

The Art and Craft Show will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on both Easter Saturday and Sunday, and from 10 am – 2 pm on Easter Monday.

Anyone can enter the Art and Craft Show, and entry forms are available from Carolyn Evans

Clare Valley for the last few years.

Steps Ballet has opened in the Mid and Upper North with schools now in Burra, Kadina, Melrose, Blyth-and Watervale.

Underpinning the school is the Royal Academy of Dance, London. Valda is one of 11,000 teachers throughout the world to enter students for RAD examinations. RAD qualifications give students recognition and excellent opportunities for their future, with the ability to reach a standard recognised on the world stage.

There is also the option of just joining for the love of dance without the pressure of sitting exams.

For further information you can contact Valda on 0438830461 or on a Tuesday at the Town Hall.



Dance Lessons In Riverton

Steps Ballet Academy started classes here in Riverton last week with an enthusiastic group of students.

Valda Ryan-Inglis, principal of the school, is very excited to bring the school to Riverton.

Shaun and Valda moved to Riverton recently from Adelaide. Until this year Valda has been travelling to teach in the

New Green at Riverton Bowling Club

Riverton Bowling Club members are delighted that the new artificial green has been completed this week to replace the green which was damaged by the impact of golf balls. It has been a difficult season not being able to play any home games and the extra travel and inconvenience has taken its toll.



The new green is fantastic to bowl on. It's soft under foot, bowls at about 14 seconds with true draw across the green, a credit to the workmanship of the team from Berry Bowling Systems who carried out the installation.

Riverton Bowlers will be able to play the final 2 games of the season at home using the new green. Opposition teams will also be keen to play on the new surface and try out a green which is different to any other artificial green in the district.



Riverton Bowling Club will hold an 'Opening of the Green' on Sunday 17th March commencing with a sausage lunch at 12.30pm, then social bowls throughout the afternoon. Community members are most welcome to attend and can join Club members for a roll of bowls. More details are available on the Club's Facebook page.

Riverton Community Market

Approximately 25 people attended a recent public community meeting, hosted by the Riverton Community Management Committee, to discuss the future of the Riverton Community Market.

Following a lively and positive discussion, it was decided that those people interested in forming a voluntary committee to investigate the reopening of the market would meet on **Monday, March 5th at RSL House, Torrens Road, Riverton at 7.30 pm.**

If you feel you can help in any way, big or small, please come along and/or consider joining this group as many hands make light work.

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
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
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