

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

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Information about the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Annual Business Plan

The following provides a snapshot of the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council's 19/20 Annual Business Plan and highlights activities specifically for Riverton, which I hope you will find helpful.

This summarises the services, programs and projects that Council proposes to deliver - you can see there is a focus on core services such as road reseals and re-sheeting, footpaths, stormwater, drainage and wastewater management and continued support in the areas of health, buildings and planning. For full details I encourage you to access the full Business Plan on the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council website.

Installation of Riverton Caravan Park solar panels.

Development and operation of a Riverton Waste Transfer Station.

Upgrade of the Riverton Pump Station (CWMS).

Operation and maintenance of the Riverton Swimming Pool.

Support for Riverton History Centre and building and continuation of the Built Heritage Grant Program.

Support for ongoing improvement of visitor facilities such as the Riverton Recreation Park and financial support for Rattler Trail.

Support for the Riverton Community Management Committee, the Riverton Town Hall and the Riverton library.

Support for the Mid North Community Passenger Network including replacement of one vehicle.

A number of road and footpath activities are planned - I encourage you to access the full Business Plan for details of the individual projects.

Sealing roads/intersections works include: Gilbert St from Torrens Road to Swinden St;

Moorhouse Lane; and Railway Tce from Mill Street to end of seal (south).

Rural Sheeted roadworks include: sections of the following roads: Ettrick Rd, Finnis Point Rd, Leeward Rd, Ryelands Rd, Gants Hill Rd, Hesters Rd.

Footpath works include: sections of the following roads: Masters St, Gilbert St, Swinden St, Paul St, Moorhouse Tce, Swinden St, Frederick Place, Oxford Tce.

Support for a range of community wellbeing projects includes a Youth Development Officer and continued collaboration with the Youth Advisory Committee; the implementation of a Community Events Grants program which provides grants across the Council area; the employment of an Arts and Cultural Events Coordinator (subject to Country Arts SA funding); and continued support for the Christmas and Australia Day events. The Star Club Officer will continue the work towards a healthy and active community.

Street cleaning, rubbish collection, the Riverton Cemetery and the Stormwater and Community Waste Water Management Schemes are services that will continue to be provided.



The Council will continue to communicate its decisions and activities through a website newsletter and facebook, which are updated regularly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information, Councillor Dr Ann Alder, aalder@members.cgvc.sa.gov.au

Riverton Area Quilters



Riverton Area Quilters' April sewing day was designated for sewing laundry bags for Defence Forces personnel serving in Australia And overseas.

Aussie Hero Quilts and Laundry Bags, Is an Australia wide project started by Jan-Maree Ball who has travelled to quilting exhibitions and conferences Australia wide to encourage people to support our Defence Forces in a practical way.

The standard Military issue laundry bags are white, blue or green so it is important that the Aussie Hero bags are very individual and distinctive and can be picked out from a pile of hundreds of laundry bags easily. They are made from any strong colourful fabrics, checks, stripes, novelty fabrics etc with a plain patch on the front for names or initials.

After hearing Jan-Maree speak at a quilting conference last year RAQ have sewn approximately 70 laundry bags to date and plan to produce more. Completed bags are forwarded to Jan-Maree who has set up a network to distribute them to Defence Force personnel.



RAQ meet each second Saturday of the month in the Supper Room at the Riverton Community Hall from 1pm to 5pm. Cost is \$4.00 with tea & coffee included. If you have an interest in quilting at any level, a complete beginner to experienced, you are welcome to

come along and enjoy the company of other quilters who are happy to assist with your project if needed.

Contact Bronwyn Palmer 88472750 for further details.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, December 20

5.30 - 8.30 pm



ANNUAL RIVERTON CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL



Don't miss this free community event.

Mark it on your calendar NOW!

Emporium Impresses!

Is it the wonderful aroma of a freshly brewed coffee that draws you into the Emporium, or perhaps a sudden hankering for a morning fresh iced donut or just the possibility of running into a friend for a catch up? For me it's definitely the enticement of my favourite cup of cheer..a mug of luscious, lipsmacking ,life restoring latte!!



'The Empi' as it is affectionately known by some of the more hard core coffee

afficianados has become our place to exchange news, celebrate birthdays, sporting victories....and commiserate over our losses. It is our sanctuary our fleeting escape from the daily grind.

It's difficult to conceive of life in Riverton without The Empi`. This grand old girl has had a distinguished past as a clothing store and a homeware store but like a fading aristocrat fell on difficult times ...But she is back in all her resplendent glory. at the heart of the community doing what she has always done serving the public.

Well done to Sheridan and her hard working team who make the place feel like a second home. Perhaps for some of us our only home! As one patron said it is hard to imagine life in Riverton before the Emporium...how did we get by without it?

So once again thank you to Sheridan and your wonderful staff for providing that wonderful aroma of hospitality and welcome..regardless of how our day is going.

P.S.Did I mention how good the coffee is?

*Sid Wrangles
Thinker in residence.*



RIVERTON RSL SUB – BRANCH 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Riverton RSL Sub – branch received its charter on the 16th September 1919. Over the past 100 years, the sub – branch has ebbed and flowed, but has always kept its doors open. The club was located in various buildings until 1958 when the current site was purchased from the ES&A Bank for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds.



The following events will celebrate the occasion.

Sunday September 15th

*Anniversary Luncheon in the Riverton
Community Hall*

Sunday September 22nd

*Rededication of the Memorial
Unveiling of a plaque in the Memorial
Garden
Unveiling of an updated WW1 Honour
Board*

*The following invited guests will take part
in the ceremony:*

*Mr Rowan Ramsey – Federal MP for Grey
Mr Geoff Brock – State MP for Frome
Mr Wayne Thomas – C & GV Council
Mayor*

Ms Cheryl Cates- RSL SA State President

*Also participating will be:
3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian
Mounted Rifles)
Barossa Light Horse who will parade*

*The ceremony will commence at 2.00pm
and will be held in Scholz Park.
All community members are invited to
attend this significant event in the
history of the town of Riverton.*

**Afternoon tea will be provided in RSL
House after the ceremony.**

Roger Aitchison (President)



You are invited to a free mental health awareness event
in the Riverton Town Hall on

15 October at 7 pm.

Tom Downie, pictured left, a former Greater Western Sydney ruckman will share his journey of hope, recovery and resilience in the face of a mental health condition, talk about what Beyond Blue does and how you can seek help or support a friend or family member who may find themselves in a difficult position.

Tom hopes that sharing his story will help people who might be suffering to know they are not alone. He said recently: "We can all go through our bad times and it can feel that there is no reason to look up and look to the future, but I realised that this certainly wasn't the case when I became more open about what I was going through".

Hosted by the RCMC in collaboration with Beyond Blue.
Funded by the Federal Government Drought Communities Programme



Frome Electorate Office

Hon Geoff Brock MP, Member for Frome



RIVERTON - LISTENING POST

Meet your State Member of Parliament

Geoff welcomes the opportunity to visit towns in his electorate, and meet with the constituents in their local region.

Many people in the region do not have the resources to visit Geoff at his Electorate Office in Port Pirie and this gives those people an opportunity to meet face to face with their local State member.

If you wish to meet with Geoff to discuss issues concerning you or the Electorate of Frome you are encouraged to make an appointment.

When: Tuesday 17 September 2019

10.30am – 12.30pm

**Location: Supper Room
Riverton Community Hall**

RING 8633 1210

TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT

Frome Electorate Office - Shop C, Ellen Centre, Port Pirie

www.geoffbrock.com.au



Postal Address: PO Box 519, Port Pirie SA 5540
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WANTED

Ian & Judith UPPILL retired farmers from "ROSE FARM", Rhynie are about to publish a Family History Book & would like any personal snippets of memories of people who have resided there; George & Mary Rose, blind Aunt Rose, Uncle Dave & Uncle Will, then Ralph & Olive, Bob & Jean, Ian, Jennifer & John Ian & Judith, Nigel, Brendan & Simon. We have recently visited Riverton History Centre & visited some former neighbours collecting some very special stories & photos. These Families see each others children grow up, share celebrations & the sorrows of the loss of loved ones. These will be included in a section of the book highlighting the relationships between the farming families who shared many hardships throughout the years. If you have a snippet to share please contact Ian & Judith Uppill, No 7, 161 Main South Rd., Yankalilla. 5203. or phone 85583930 or email iuppill3@bigpond.com as soon as you can. Thank You for your interest & help.

MEALS ON WHEELS CELEBRATES VOLUNTEERS

Gilbert Valley Branch of Meals on Wheels invited their volunteers to a Luncheon held at the Riverton Community Hall Supper Rooms. Sixty Volunteers from Riverton, Saddleworth and Auburn participated, and was catered an excellent meal provided by Scholz Park Museum Committee.

Following a delicious lunch, the Branch held their Annual General Meeting, which resulted in the following being elected:

President *Jill Behn*
Vice President *Trish Schmerl*
Secretary *Carolyn Evans*
Treasurer *Carolyn Evans*
Client Services Officer *Judy Laurence*
Vice Client Services Officers *Jill Behn*
and Louise McLeod
Volunteer Coordinator *Glenys Furniss*
Vice Volunteer Coordinators *Pat Ablett*
and Trish Schmerl
Committee *Pat Slattery, Gaynor Bottcher*
and Diane Schwartz

Next came the Award Ceremony to Volunteers who had reached marked levels of service, and these were presented by Jill Behn and Glenys Furniss to the following Volunteers:

1 Year Service

Albert & Elizabeth Calvert, Barbara Gray,
Katie I'Anson, Bob Maguire,
Patricia Ritchie

5 Years' Service

Gary & Adrienne Cronin, Colleen Grace,
Stephnie Morris, John Williams

10 Years' Service

Ron Bevan, Gaynor Bottcher,
Gwenda Hasse

15 Years' Service

Colleen Allen, Ivan & Pat Milde,
Peter & Hulda VanBeusichem

20 Years' Service

Margaret Prime

30 Years' Service

Ann Harrip (backdated to 2016)

35 Years' Service Georgie Mould

45 Years' Service Barb Noack and Ruth Schmidtke



Gilbert Valley Branch also received a 45 year Plaque.

Carolyn Evans, Secretary



COUNTRY CARERS - QUILT MAKING

It's getting cold now, just like in 1998 when a member of the Riverton Lutheran Ladies Guild suggested that they might like to make a quilt or two to give to a struggling family to keep them warm and cosy



through the winter season.

This suggestion started an industry that hasn't stopped and it is anticipated that by the end of this year the Guild would have supplied upward of 500 quilts to needy people.

The first quilts were very basic but now they have become quite sophisticated and very appealing. The quilts have no fancy stitching as can be produced on a special quilting machine but they serve the purpose of keeping people warm on a cold



winter's night.

All the material used has been donated by various people and groups. Thick wadding is purchased by the Guild and other church members stitch our logo and

maker's name which are added to the quilt when it has been completed. We wish to thank all that have helped in anyway.

Stages in making our quilts;

*Material received is washed and ironed
Next it is cut into suitable squares,
rectangles etc...*

*Pieces are arranged to make a pattern
for the front of the quilt*

*The pieces are then collected up in
strips and put into bags and labelled
The strips are sewn together to make
the face (front) of the quilt. This is
generally done by various members at
their home.*

*The front is brought back to the Guild
headquarters where the wadding is
inserted and a back and logos are
added.*

*The quilts are then given freely to
individual people, hospitals, aged care
homes and Lutheran Community Care
(LCC) for distribution.*



If anyone is interested in assisting with producing the quilts, we would certainly love to hear from you as our membership is in decline and we would sincerely like to continue with our project.

Brian Prime

(on behalf of Country Carers Quilting Group)

BALLOONING AT RIVERTON

Extract from Kapunda Herald -
1909.

"RIVERTON, January 28. For some days much excitement has been apparent in this community, and one only has to ask the smallest child to find the reason, as' the town has been literally covered with picturesque advertisements announcing a visit of a ballooning company under the direction of . Messrs O'Donnell and Beebee and others, with the assistance of the 'famous Rinaldi and Sepbe, aeronauts. It was a matter for congratulations that this town should be so honoured as it was, and the thanks of the residents who witnessed this unique sight on Wednesday afternoon (some came many miles to see the balloon, and visitors were in force from Saddle-worth, Marrabel, Auburn and Undalya) are due to Mr James Wilson, who had been instrumental in getting the ballooning party to visit Riverton. Half a dozen uniformed officials were buzzing about for half a day, and the sight of them made the populace realise that there was something more than talk about.

At the Recreation Park, an ideal spot for aeronauts, a busy scene was begun in the morning, operations being in progress for the inflation of the traveller to the heavens. The excavation of the trench by which the hot air is conveyed to the balloon being the cause of the little army of workmen. At dinner time people from all around the district flocked in, and by 3 pm about 1,500 people were present. Owing to

a fresh breeze the inflation was not completed until after 5pm, but the arranging of the job kept the crowd in good humour, and keenly interested at that. A lull in the wind, and the hot air was soon got into blast, and the huge envelope was filled in about half an hour. All was ready and everybody breathed heavily owing to the uncommon excitement.



A pistol shot and all hands let go, and away sailed the "City of Adelaide" rapidly up thousands of feet. When about 4,000 feet above earth Rinaldi, who had taken on the parachute job, cut away and gracefully descended to terra firma within a distance of about a mile from the spot where the ascent began. Having landed in a grass paddock he soon got clear of his entanglement, and within a quarter of an hour he had returned to receive the plaudits of the crowd who had witnessed his daring. The promoters and management expressed themselves pleased with the satisfactory ascent. The experience was enjoyed by all, and was a sight. The like of which many will never witness again."

**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, Gary Davis,

Bronwyn Campbell,

Sharron Lewis, David Cousins

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.

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:

Cassy Griffiths, 0429472534 or email griffithsag@bigpond.com

Vicki Nurse, vicandjim@bigpond.com

Kaye McInerney, 88472193 or email jvmkmcinerney@outlook.com

***On behalf of Riverton Community
Management Committee.***

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