

# THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2020

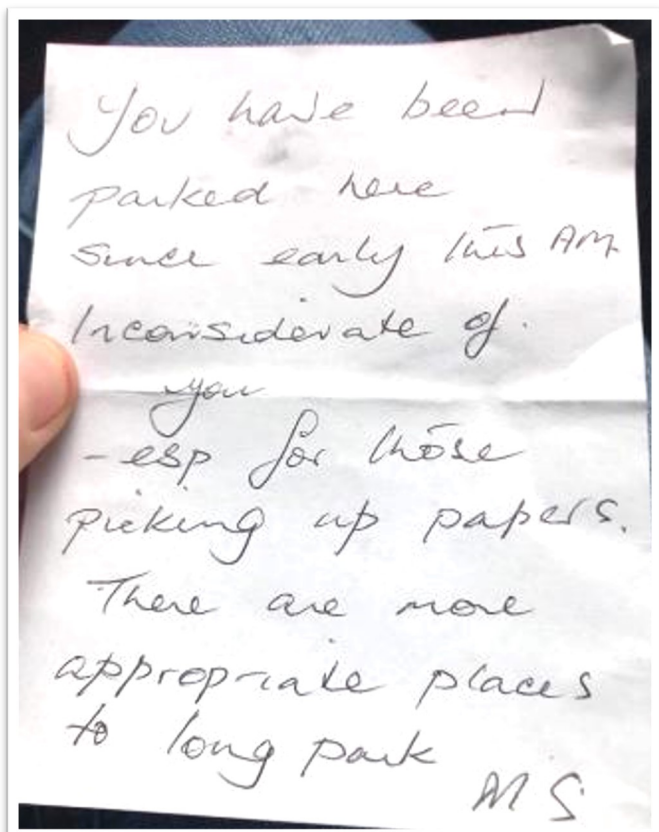
## Kindness Counts

The opening lines of Charles Dickens' book 'A Tale Of Two Cities' are

"it was the best of times, it was the worst of times" and this could be applied to our situation during COVID-19.

In these times, when most businesses are struggling, that an unknown person in our community would decide to insult a carload of people over where they parked seems unbelievable.

Take a look around our main street, currently several shops are closed and as a community we should be welcoming visitors with open arms. Instead a very unfriendly note was left on a car while people were spending money in several shops over a couple of hours. Torrens Road has no signs limiting parking time so it was merely someone's opinion that some "rule" had been broken.



This matter was brought up at the July meeting of Riverton Community Management Committee as it created a very negative impact on our town's reputation. If this happened to me somewhere else I was visiting I would be very annoyed and probably not return.

Our beautiful signs to the North and South of our town say "Welcome To Riverton" and as residents of this usually friendly town that is how we should be acting.

Please be kinder to one another and strangers, as many are struggling emotionally and economically at this time.

Gaynor Bottcher  
Chair, RCMC

## SA COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FROM WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST



Gatherings at private homes  
10 people maximum



Seated consumption  
of food and drink only

### Protect yourself and those around you



Keep your distance



Get tested if you have  
symptoms and stay home



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wipe surfaces,  
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## ANZ BANK CLOSES

The ANZ (originally ES&A) Bank began operating in Riverton in October 1881 in the building on the corner of Charles Street and Torrens Road, now History Centre & RSL. The current building at 23 Torrens Road was opened in 1915 and became the ANZ Bank in 1970. The premises were sold and leased back to the bank in 1990.



*Above Alan, Judy & Lyn, right Vicki*

Sadly, the ANZ will close permanently on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The ATM, which was installed in 2006, will remain open.

As well as being disappointed to see the Riverton Branch close, it is equally disappointing to say farewell to the friendly faces who have been serving the community for many years.

Agri Manager, Alan Hartwell, has been working in Riverton for 15 years and will continue to work in his current role.

Judy Mullins started working in the bank after leaving school, working for 14 years before leaving to have a family. Since returning to work, Judy has 'clocked up' another 24 years. That's quite an achievement!

Lyn Bruce has worked for the bank for 28 years, the last 13 at Riverton.

Both Judy & Lyn are planning to be 'ladies of leisure' and rest for a while before considering other options.

Vicki Schulz makes up the team. Vicki began working in Riverton 11 years ago, initially as a casual employee before being made permanent part time, working between Riverton & Clare.

The Riverton community has been well served by Alan, Judy, Lyn & Vicki over many years. On behalf of the community, TLR would like to thank them for their service and wish them all the best for the future.

The ANZ has requested the footprint only for the ATM to remain after April 2021, and this may help attract a new business to the premises. The ANZ Bank lease is until April 2021 unless new tenants can be found, in which case ANZ will allow the lease agreement to be broken.

The owner of the building is offering 6 months free rent to new tenants on a 3 year plus 1 agreement.

Please contact Cassy Griffiths, Secretary RCMC, (details on the last page) if you would like more information regarding the business lease opportunity.

## The Local Rag

A tiny group of 3 continue to work hard sourcing articles and information relevant to the Riverton Community and its surrounds. We aim to include a variety of different articles to engage as much of the local community as possible.



Community groups, sporting clubs and our education facilities are encouraged to submit



articles of interest to be included and all community members are welcome to submit an article they would like included.

During these current difficult times we feel it is imperative to continue to provide our community with a source of information to help everyone stay in touch and up to date with current happenings.

The Local Rag is produced bimonthly and emailed to a Riverton Community group of over 100 people. To help remain a cost effective production and to reduce the environmental footprint we would like to increase the digital circulation and reduce the number of printed hard copies.

If you are able to receive a digital copy rather than take a hard copy please contact Cassy Griffiths to be added to the email list, (details on the last page)

Hard copies will **definitely always** be available and are located at

- Riverton Post Office
- One Stop Take Away
- SASSY Lass
- Valleytech

### Five Generations Meet

A great great grandmother for the first time, 102 year old long time resident of Riverton, Vera Hannaford, was thrilled to meet the newest members of her family, twins William & Matilda.



The twins bring many firsts to the Hannaford family. They are the first children for Kasey (nee Ball) & Josh Jenner, first grandchildren for Nikki Hannaford & Steve Ball and first great grandchildren for Don & Bev Hannaford.



*Vera holding the twins with Kasey, Nikki & Don behind.*

Not surprisingly, there were lots of happy faces when the five generations met for the first time.

### Football/Netball News

The North Eastern Netball Association, including our local club, RSMU, made an early decision to cancel the 2020 competition due to Covid 19. However, following the easing of restrictions, some junior teams have recently begun practices.



The football association took longer to consider the options. Initially, they were keen to at least see juniors commence playing. However, after careful consideration, a decision was made to hold a shortened season for all grades. Individual clubs were given the option whether or not to participate and six of the eight clubs, including RSMU, chose to join in.



The shortened season began on 4th July and both players and spectators have been pleased to see footy face to face again.

### 36 Torrens Road—A life History

36 Torrens Road was originally purchased by tinsmith, Henry Snelling, in 1871. Next owner was Albert Darby, a farmer. In 1885, watchmaker Felix Raymond purchased the property followed by Stanley Germain Deer, also a watchmaker, in 1935. Harold Shephard ran both a newsagency & barber's shop when he purchased the building in 1957. Subsequent newsagents have been Paul & Carol Clements, Stewart & Sandra Twigden, Michael & Catherine Sandland, Bruce Tomlinson & Sharon Reichelt and finally, Helen & Tubby Taylor.



*Helen with her daughter & granddaughter, Rachel & Sasha Wilmott, on closing day.*

After Tubby's untimely death in 2019, Helen ran the newsagency alone, apart from a small amount of help by family & friends. However, this was an onerous task and on June 30, 2020 the newsagency closed for the last time.

On behalf of the community, TLR would like to express our thanks to Helen and wish her well for the future, whatever that may hold. We shall miss her friendly smile & efficient service in the shop but hope to see her around town to catch up for a chat.

### Newsagency News

Despite the Riverton Newsagency closing, as a service to the community, Helen has retained all accounts and is the distributor of all papers & magazines that were stocked previously.

Due to the closing of various newsagencies and businesses in the Clare & Gilbert Valley, Helen has been supplying to Saddleworth, Auburn Clare & now One Stop Take Away.

To ensure that locals are not disadvantaged, most of the newsagency services have been allocated to other local businesses:-

- Riverton One Stop Takeaway - Magazines & Papers
- Sassy Lass - Dry Cleaning
- Emporium Bakehouse - Cards
- Riverton Post Office - Stationery & Wraps

In addition, a local business is applying for the Lottery Agency.

Helen still has the property for sale, either as a business or residence with shopfront.

Due to a large quantity of merchandise, she has decided to hold "Open Days" in the near future, which will be advertised.

Helen would like to thank the community for their support, loyalty and friendship over the past seven years.

**Well done, Helen, and once again, thank you for your continued support of our community.**



## Information about the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council 20/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget

### What's happened around town lately?

Anyone driving and walking around Riverton in the last few months will have seen lots of activity going on in Riverton: Bitumen roadworks in Gilbert Street and Railway Tce. Footpath and kerbing works in Frederick Place, Masters, Oxford, Paul, Swinden and Gilbert Streets. Road re-sheeting of Ettrick, Gants Hill, Hester, Leeward, Bruce and Ryelands Roads. There were a few small footpath and kerbing jobs done – Torrens Road, Washington Road, Gilbert Street. Some culverts repaired. Some new trees planted.



There were two fantastic projects. One was the new kerbing and footpaths for Moorhouse Tce from Torrens Road to the hospital. The other was the construction of footpaths, kerbing and road sealing of Moorhouse Lane. I encourage you to visit Moorhouse Lane to see the fantastic job done in what was previously a very sorry situation for residents for many years.

The Riverton Transfer Station has been constructed and will be opening soon (September-ish).

There has been new and upgrades of facilities for the Riverton Caravan Park and Recreation Grounds, and renewal of the Community Wastewater Management system pump station. The Riverton War Memorial Swimming Pool, Riverton History Centre, Riverton Library, Riverton Caravan Park, Riverton Recreation Grounds, the Rattler Trail, town buildings (including the Town Hall, RSL and Doctors House) have been supported.



Community wellbeing projects have been a strong focus, such as a Beyondblue Mental Health Awareness Event, Youth Development Officer, the Star Club Officer as well as the Christmas and Australia Day events. The Open Space and Recreation Strategy was completed. Our peak body, the RCMC received ongoing support and a Community Asset Grant funded row markers at the Riverton Cemetery.

### Recovering from drought and covid-19

Council was fortunate to receive two rounds of Drought Communities Funding. For Riverton, funding to assist our economic recovery was directed to local employment in maintaining the Town Hall and RSL Buildings. Soon you will see new adult outdoor gym equipment in the Recreation Ground, which is an exciting project being organised by RCMC.

The Elected Members are acutely aware of the significant issues facing our community as we slowly emerge from the COVID-19 Health Emergency. Some Councils are helping through a rate relief program.

The Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council's focus is directed towards complementing national and state government initiatives at the local level. Significantly, our Council has executed an assistance package for those sectors of the economy that have been specifically and significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This assistance involves a range of relief packages which were implemented for eligible businesses and individuals, including grants and rate relief for the fourth quarter of general rates and all service charges (if applicable). Support grants are available for sporting clubs. In addition, rate relief was available for residential ratepayers who had lost their job because of the COVID-19 Health Emergency.

In addition to the above, an amount of \$300,000 has been set aside in the 2020/21 Council budget for a post emergency economic stimulus program. This essentially represents what a 2.9% general rate increase is being used for: as each 1% represents \$100,000. You should note in the Annual Business Plan page 24 that, considering an increase in valuations, the primary production rate increase is only 2.4% (not 5% as quoted by some). I encourage you to explore the Council covid-19 assistance package further at <https://www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au/community-information/latest-news/relief-packages-for-those-impacted-by-covid-19>.

#### What is in store for next few months?

The Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council's 20/21 Annual Business Plan summarises the services, programs and projects that Council proposes to deliver in the forthcoming year. You can see there is a continued focus on essential services such as roads, footpaths, stormwater, drainage and wastewater management and continued support in the areas of health, buildings and planning. Managing Council's statutory responsibilities in health, building and planning assessment will continue. The Community Wastewater Management System will get some more upgrades and there will be a new Niche Wall built at the Riverton Cemetery.

Some special projects in the next few months include the implementation of a *Tourism Experiences Roadmap* where we will see enhancements to the Rattler Trail. A little bit down the road at Tarlee we will see a huge re-vamp of the Information Bay –new signage, street furniture, landscaping and public art. Council is in the midst of developing a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

#### Council consulting you on issues

There has been a lot of conversation in the community about a plan to sell key community buildings.

A Council principle is that people have a right to be informed about issues affecting their area and their lives, and to influence Council's decisions. I'd like to reassure you that there has been no discussion by Council about this matter to date. No decisions will be made without inclusive consultation with the community.

#### Staying informed

Here are some of the ways that Council advised about the draft budget and Annual Business Plan:

- Printed copies were available at Clare (council office & library), Riverton (Community Library), Saddleworth (Community Centre and Library)
- An A4 poster was posted on noticeboards
- Plains Producer articles on 17 June, 24 June, 1 July and 8 July
- Council Newsletter publications on 24 June, 1 July and 8 July
- Council Facebook on 17 June, 24 June, 6 July
- Council website with links to documents and the "LetsTalk" forum
- There were a few "shares" on various social media forums, including 'Riverton Community' facebook.
- Thanks to Gaynor and Sheron who hand delivered copies of the draft documents to some Riverton businesses and residents.

For full details of the full Business Plan please access the Council website at [https://www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0023/717080/20200723-Annual-Business-Plan-2020-2021-Adopted.pdf](https://www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0023/717080/20200723-Annual-Business-Plan-2020-2021-Adopted.pdf). Copies are available at the Clare Council office and at the Saddleworth and Riverton Libraries.

Council regularly publishes a newsletter. Whatever format works best for you, a printed version or online, may I encourage you to ring Council (88426400) and ask how you can stay informed.

You can also contact me if you require further information, Dr Ann Alder, Councillor, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council. Email - [aalder@cgvcsa.gov.au](mailto:aalder@cgvcsa.gov.au); Mobile - 0418 418 968

# ENROL NOW IN PRESCHOOL



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

*Did you know that children who turn 4 before 1 May can start at a government preschool from the beginning of the next year?*

## **RIVERTON KINDERGARTEN IS NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR PRESCHOOL IN 2021.**

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR:

Jane Leslie

P: 8847 2109 | E: [dl.6669.leaderseschools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.6669.leaderseschools.sa.edu.au)  
5 Gilbert Street, Riverton SA 5412

## We're proud to announce our new name: **Nutrien Harcourts Riverton.**

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## 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.



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## RIVERTON HOTEL

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### Dining

Monday and Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday - Saturday  
12 - 2 Lunch, 6 - 8 Dinner  
Last Reservations 7.15pm

Sunday 12 - 2 Lunch 6 - 7.30 Dinner  
(Take away available all times kitchen is open.)

Dining in by bookings only  
(unless we have room for walk ins)

### Limits

40 people at one time Dining Room  
16 people in the Bar  
12 on the veranda

All patrons are required to be seated at a  
table when dining or drinking and seated  
away from the bar.

Gaming patrons must sign in and be seated  
when in gaming room

Patrons are also required to follow the  
1.5metre distance rule and use the provided  
hand sanitiser at different points in the  
hotel.



## **Riverton Community Management Committee**

Chairperson - Gaynor Bottcher  
Vice Chairperson - Gary Davis  
Secretary - Cassy Griffiths  
Treasurer - Ruth Stevens  
Public Officer - Jackie Bruce

Committee Members -  
Kaye McInerney, John Glistak,  
Bronwyn Campbell,  
Sharron Lewis, David Cousins,  
Di Schwarz, Fran Pagdin &  
Barbara O'Leary.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month currently in the supper room of the town hall 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:

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*On behalf of Riverton Community  
Management Committee.*

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