

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2020



Riverton Community Management Committee and Christmas Carnival Committee have again put up lights, decorations and Christmas trees along the main street. Thank you to the Riverton Kindy children who have added decorations to the wooden pallet trees.

CARNIVAL WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Sadly, due to the uncertainty of Covid restrictions, the Riverton Christmas Carnival Committee has decided not to host the usual carnival this year. However, to promote the Christmas spirit in the community, an alternative program is planned, so still

**SAVE THE DATE,
Friday December 18th.**

In a mini pageant, a small parade of vehicles will drive around the town, with Father Christmas/Santa offering an ice cream to children and a small bag of biscuits to the elderly.

Obviously, it will be impossible to drive up and down every street, so those not living on the designated route are encouraged to find a viewpoint and set up on a street corner or along the footpaths of the specified streets.

In this way, families will be able to stand outside in their front yards, keeping cool under the sprinkler if hot, or along the route, while still social distancing.

For those living out of town, it is suggested that they either find a spot along the route or form a ring of cars around the oval (as at football matches). The parade will finish with a lap of the oval and families can stand in front

of their vehicle to receive their goodies.

It will be important that children do not run out onto the street or oval to greet Father Christmas. His helpers will make sure that no one misses out.

In all cases, social distancing will be necessary and the responsibility of all adults.

Best Decorated Houses Competition

Christmas Carnival Committee is offering prizes for the four houses whom they judge have embraced the Christmas spirit by decorating their house and/or front yard.

Primary School Colouring Competition

Students are reminded that entries close at 9am on the last day of school or kindy. Individual winners will be advised personally.

**Everyone is encouraged to join in and celebrate the festive season.
We hope to see you on the 18th!**

*RCMC would like to
wish the Riverton
community a very
Merry Christmas
and a safe and
Happy New Year*



2020 Riverton Christmas Parade

Friday 18th December 7:00PM

From the northern end of Frederick Place the parade will travel along a designated route.

Please position yourselves in your own front yard or at any location situated along the route.

People from surrounding areas can park around the town oval at a safe distance and remain in your cars.

All of the kids will be able to see
Father Christmas and his helpers will
distribute some treats.

We ask that you observe
social distancing rules and
stay at least 1.5m apart.





Vale Vera

It is not the custom to include births, deaths & marriage notices in The Local Rag but, in Vera's case, we are making an exception.

Vera Hannaford passed away on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020. Vera, aged 102, was the matriarch of the Hannaford family and well known in the community.

She leaves behind 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.



Granddaughter, Nikki Hannaford said, "She was an amazing woman, talented and able to turn her hand to anything. She loved her family and was fiercely proud of their achievements".

Condolences to the Hannaford family.

Playground Update

The area is prepared, the holes are dug, the equipment has been delivered and installation is well under way.



It is hoped that the new flying fox, basket swing and adult exercise equipment, an initiative of Riverton Community Management Committee, will soon be ready for use by the public. Keep a lookout as you drive by or visit the playground.



Over the next couple of weeks the Christmas Carnival Committee will keep a close eye on the houses in and around the Riverton area.

If your house is decorated for either day or night it will be in the running.

The best decorated Christmas Houses will be announced on the night of the parade



Riverton in a time of Challenge and Change

I remember in the early days of Covid the fear and anxiety that settled on our community. People didn't quite know what to expect. We all asked the question ,What was this leading to? It was a time of disruption especially for those who keep the commercial pulse of the life alive. Our beloved coffee shop closed, the deli was shut indefinitely and our newsagency after stirring service went the way of so many regional newsagencies and flipped the closed sign on nits door for the last time. Other losses were to be added to the list the magnificent two storey central hotel as well as the anz bank. And the loss of business means inevitably the loss of jobs. The town was beginning to resemble a ghost town.



It was on a particularly cold overcast and drizzly winters morning as I walked around the town I passed the old Decisions Take Away..and the shop looked particularly forlorn and unloved. Somehow the premises suggested that perhaps Riverton was losing another important part of it's commercial heart. For one thing is clear that once business premises become residences they rarely return to their business use and vital services, resources and perhaps as important atmosphere is lost. Often

tourists and travellers find fewer reasons to pump the brakes and stop on their way to the Clare Valley and beyond. So many small towns go this way... there are no shops in Mintaro and it wasn't always so.

So what of Riverton? I remember the statesman like Leo Redden said that Riverton has always managed to keep its pilot light alive. I think his sage words have been proved to be true during the covid times. It has been during these testing times that that the very impressive and unexpected re-birth of the Central hotel has taken place. The power of work undertaken by the new owners Harry, Greg and Jannine has given foodies and drinkers a new groove. The interior is classy and the landscape an enrichment to the townscape. We wish them well on their new enterprise.



And talking of new enterprises what an unexpected surprise it was to see a business begun in 1874 given a wonderful makeover and a brand new life. The Riverton Deli Full Circle has gone back to its roots and is provisioning our community with a range of quality groceries with a focus on S.A. product. I like the slightly retro vibe they have there and admire the bold enterprise undertaken by Em, Ali and Tay. May you prosper in your endeavour.

So against a background of challenging times we have all faced low points and the challenge is this can we turn a low point into a grow point? That is what seems to be happening in our small community, we are growing again.

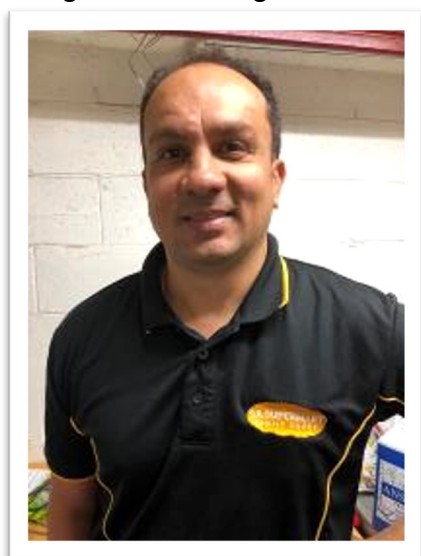
I don't know what the commercial future of Riverton will look likebut if you are a butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker, artist or antique dealer you might bring your creative talents and help keep the pilot light burning brightly in our town. ***Sid Wrangles Thinker in residence.***



Here's a shout out to all businesses, new & old, operating in and around Riverton. Thanks for servicing our community and we encourage the community to support you by shopping locally.

RIVERTON IGA

Introducing & welcoming new owner, Amit.



RIVERTON DELI & CONVENIENCE STORE

Well done Em, Al & Tay for their initiative in reopening the deli, even if only for a short time. Good luck to Carly & Alicia who are opening soon as Riverton Deli & Convenience Store.



Riverton Community Management Committee

AED TRAINING



AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators), when used within the first 3-5 minutes of a person suffering a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) can dramatically increase a victim's chance of survival from what is currently less 5% to as much as 70% and higher with a defibrillator on the scene. AEDs were designed to be used by virtually anyone with little or no experience.

Following is a list of AEDs in Riverton:-

***Riverton Community Hall
Riverton Hotel
Riverton Caravan Park
RSMU Football Clubrooms
Riverton Bowling Club
Riverton Primary School.***

Despite being easy to use, Riverton Community Management Committee is planning a training session for those who may be interested in learning about and practising using an AED.

An introductory session will be run by SA Ambulance Officer, John Vandeleur, early in 2021.

Please register your interest in attending by emailing Kaye McNerney (Committee Member RCMC) at jvmkmcinerney@outlook.com.

Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Homes Riverton

The AGM of the GVSCH held on the last Wednesday of October 2020, was rescheduled at the last minute to the Riverton Catholic Parish Centre, in keeping with the very turbulent COVID-19 year! The AGM is usually held in the Activities Room at the home, but health directions regarding Aged Care facilities disallowed a public meeting to be held on site.



Approximately 20 community members attended, including members of the board. At the general meeting following, Mr Ian Rowett was elected Chairman for a sixth term, and Mr Matthew Greenslade elected as Vice Chairman.

Other board members are Steve Ball, Jill Behn, Deb Callery, Bev Devries, Grant Griffiths, Gary Fuss and new members in 2020, Grant Hovey and Fran Pagdin. The contribution over a number of years of Mrs Chris Connell, who did not seek re-election, was acknowledged with thanks, also to Louise McLeod who resigned mid year.

Ian Rowett introduced Mr Stephen Ruediger acting CEO, following a recent staffing review at Balaklava Mill Court Homes, which provides executive and administrative services to GVSCH through a services agreement.

The Friends of the Homes again held several successful fundraisers over the year enabling them to contribute funds for residents' benefits. This year funds were used to support the purchase of a new king size bed, with the balance of the

costs met by a grant from the Riverton Benevolent Fund.

Lesley Smith, Director of Care, gave a comprehensive report, including expressing thanks to all funds donors, which has ensured the bed replacement program continues.

Ian Rowett noted high occupancy is the key to keeping finances in the best position. The many and varied additional requirements of Aged Care in a COVID-19 world has changed staff and impacted costs. Commonwealth government subsidies were received in support of recognition of these impacts and the financial position remains sound.

A proposed amendment to the constitution was passed as per the articles of the constitution. The amendment, regarding investment procedures was advertised with notice of meeting published in the local press and in business windows advertising the AGM.

The homes have 27 beds offering both high and low level care needs, as well as managing 18 independent living units at Riverton and the 6 James Masters units at Saddleworth. There is a short waiting list for all of these facilities.

For further information contact Ms Lesley Smith 0418 574574

RIVERTON COMMUNITY GARDEN – JINGLES GARDEN



Riverton Community Garden, also known as Jingles Garden, is located on the eastern side of the town, behind the former Railway Station Goods Shed. The garden commenced in 2007 and early development was carried by the late Leo Huckauff, the Superstars group for young

people living with a disability and a Year 2 class from Riverton Primary School. Leo was extremely dedicated and spent many hours and days developing the site and growing many different vegetables.

The garden has been established with many garden plots, raised garden beds, chook shed, fruit trees and grapevines. Most of the garden is watered by a dripper system with auto timers which were established by Meg Smyth, a passionate gardener for many years.

Jan Douglas has been growing beds of Chrysanthemums for the last 10 years and the beautiful flowers with an array of colours have been sold for Mother's Day at a stall in the main street. Jan planted the Chrysanthemums from a selection of plants taken from Clare and the sale of flowers raises funds to maintain the garden.



Paul Jury has been a prominent person at the garden in recent times but in general the number of people gardening and the interest in the community garden has waned. Recently a big tidy-up has taken place and there are vacant garden beds ready to be used.

New gardeners are most welcome, no experience is needed. The group gardens on Tuesday from 9.00am – 11.00am. There is no cost, there are plenty of tools and equipment, just bring your own seeds/seedlings. The garden area is not locked and people can work/maintain their plot whenever convenient.

For more information contact Leon Schwarz on 0476913612.

RIVERTON SATELLITE WASTE TRANSFER STATION



CLARE & GILBERT
VALLEYS COUNCIL

15 Bruce Rd, Riverton

**OPENS -
SUNDAY
15 NOV, 2020**

Operating hours: Sundays (each fortnight, from 15 Nov, 2020)
10am - 2pm

COST: FREE for residents & ratepayers with Council Waste Transfer Card - domestic volumes only (eg 6x4 trailer or utility tray)

SEGREGATED BINS:

- General Waste Bins
- Cardboard & Paper Bin
- Open Top Skip Bin for larger items of general waste (timber, steel, etc)
- Open top skip bins for green waste

**ALL WASTE MUST FIT IN BINS -
WASTE MUST NOT BE LEFT OUTSIDE THE BINS**

WASTE NOT ACCEPTED:

• Chemical drums	• Concrete
• Batteries	• Tyres
• E-Waste	• Hazardous Waste
• Oil	• Commercial Waste Quantities
• Mattresses & Large Furniture Pieces	

Enquiries: admin@cgvc.sa.gov.au or T: 8842 6400



Do You Need Transport??

If you do not have your own independent transport,, Mid North Community Passenger Network (MNCNP) may be able to help.

The Mid North Community Passenger Network is a not for profit regional based community service, which aims to make a difference for those who are unable to organise their own transport to specialist and medical appointments and social outings within the Mid North region and Adelaide.





If you have not used our service before we will need some information which stays confidential to accommodate any needs you may have.

MNCPN offers the following options:-

Community Car Service The network car service is available 5 days a week locally and to Adelaide. The network has 8 cars in the fleet based at each major township.

Wheelchair Access The wheelchair access vehicle is also available 5 days a week.

Both vehicles can be used for transport to medical and specialist appointments, shopping centres, hairdressers, banks, chemists, visiting friends, or attending functions. (Conditions apply). Medical appointments are priority.

Medical Bus Service. If you have a medical appointment and are unable to access other public transport due to constraints, the Network provides a service that runs 4 days per week to any metropolitan medical or specialist rooms. (No service on Thursdays or public holidays)

Shopping Bus Service This is a general public transport service but bookings are essential. The bus travels from Riverton to Clare (via Burra) every 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.

Volunteers The volunteers for the network are fully accredited and provide a professional and friendly service. If you want to join the network as a volunteer driver please contact the number below for further information.

Costs vary according to the service provided.

For Registrations & Bookings:-

www.passengernetwork.com.au

Phone 08 8842 1677

Mobile 0400691167

email cpn@ccgvc.sa.gov.au

Strategic Planning Sessions

On 20th October 2020 Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council hosted an afternoon and an evening session in the supper room of the Community Hall to canvas community opinions on items to be included in forthcoming 10 year Strategic Plan Budgets.

Council CEO Dr Helen Macdonald and Andrew Christianson attended and Dr Ann Alder co-ordinated both sessions, which were each attended by over 20 people.

Small working groups of residents put forward many suggestions for projects and community activities, which could, in either the short term or long term, add to our future planning directions in Riverton.

RCMC will be reviewing all of these suggested topics during 2021 and assessing the viability and affordability of community proposals.



Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council have engaged Mary Hajistassi from Red Cross Australia to conduct a series of five workshops in Clare, Auburn, Riverton, Manoora and Stockport under the heading Community Resilience Workshops.

The topic relates to preparedness for natural and social disasters which could impact on our community.

The introductory session was held on Wednesday 28th October and it was planned to follow one each month but COVID-19 restrictions intervened.

The next dates planned for Riverton are scheduled for Monday evenings at 7:30pm in the Supper Room at the Community Hall. Please put the following dates into your diary.

February 8th
March 1st
March 22nd

RCMC would encourage **ALL** residents to come along on Monday February 8th, at 7:30pm to the second workshop. It is not important if you missed the introductory session. Your input and local knowledge would be appreciated and valuable to our community to plan for the present and the future.

Gaynor Bottcher
Chairperson RCMC.

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.

Cuzz's Corner

I am dreaming of a white Xmas.
and when all the white is gone, I
will start on the red.

To everyone that received a book
from me for Xmas they're due
back at the library next Monday.

What do sheep say at xmas?
Merry Christmas to ewe.

One Christmas Dad gave me a
box of broken glass, and my
brother a box of bandaids and
said, "You two share."

Don't forget to pick up a bottle of
wine for your parents on Christmas
Day. After all you're the reason
they drink.

My wife asked me to buy organic
vegetables from the produce
market for Christmas lunch.

When I got there I asked the
gardener, "These vegetables are
for my wife, have they been
sprayed with any poisonous
chemicals?"

The gardener said, "No, you'll
have to do that yourself."

Need a JP?

Listed below are Justice of Peace based in
Riverton.

Name	Phone
Barter, Dennis James (Mr)	88472311
Hallett, Kent Leon (Mr)	
Hornhardt, Quentin Jerome (Mr)	88472057
Johnson, Michael Kenneth (Mr)	0417835148

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,
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:

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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