

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY JUNE 2021

RPS Biggest Morning Tea

In 2010, Riverton Primary held their first Biggest Morning Tea which raises funds for Cancer Council. Don't ask me why we chose this particular fundraiser because I honestly can't remember but this event has been the major annual fundraiser for the school. In the Riverton Community the words – Biggest Morning Tea and Riverton Primary School - have become synonymous.



2020 threw us a 'curve ball' with Covid-19 restrictions determining how we would be able to still raise much needed funds without holding our usual Morning Tea gathering, so we registered online for the very first time. Even though that 'curve ball' has straightened slightly it hasn't straightened enough to allow us to hold our usual Community Morning Tea in the way we were accustomed to, with members of the community joining us for a sit down cuppa and cake at school.



This year we again registered online but also wanted to work out a way to interact with the community once again – and the way we did that was to hold an old fashioned 'trading table/stall' in front of the Riverton Hardware

and have plates of home baked goodies for purchase for \$5 per plate. This was extremely successful and in hindsight we probably could have had an extra 20 plates available on what we had already prepared - we will keep that in mind for next year. My sincere thanks to the staff of Riverton Primary who, on top of everything else they do, support this fundraiser by baking. Parents are not asked to contribute food – all we ask is that parents/students give a small donation.

Our students were treated to a specially made biscuit and hot milo on Wednesday. Many thanks to teacher, Shannon Fuss, and her sister, Dempsey, (check out *Creations by Demps* on Facebook) for making and icing the biscuits.



To say we have been blown away by the support shown to us each and every year by the Community is an understatement. It is hard to find the words to express how grateful we are. Over the 12 years we have raised a total of \$10,521.05. This total includes the amazing amount we raised this year of \$1,808.

So to our amazing Community – ***You are: Awesome, Generous, Amazing, Admirable, Kind and we are Grateful, Blessed and Thankful.***

Mandy, On behalf of Riverton Primary Staff and Students.

Adelaide Guitar Festival

The Riverton Community was very fortunate to have been chosen to host a recent Guitar Festival On The Road concert held in the Community Hall, and it was very encouraging to see such a great attendance.



The Guitar Festival this year introduced music from classical, jazz, rock, blues, roots and flamenco. Not that we got all of those at our particular concert, but there was a good variety of performers, including the Artistic Director and acclaimed husband and wife duo, guitarist Slava Grigoryan and Sharon Grigoryan playing cello; one of Australia's jazz guitar giants, Hugh Stuckey; guitar/banjo and country/pop/folk vocalist,



Taylor Pfeiffer, and storyteller, guitarist and vocalist, Kelly Menhemmett.

Many thanks indeed to the hardworking members of the Riverton Community Management Committee, and The Emporium Bakehouse for their 'pop up shop' selling tea, coffee and cakes.

It was an enjoyable afternoon and, as it's now to be a yearly event, we look forward to seeing the talent offered next year.



**Riverton Community Hall
Community Meeting**
Sunday 27 June 2021
2pm – 4pm

Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council is planning for the future and would like to hear your thoughts about the Riverton Community Hall.

Members of the community are invited to attend a meeting about the future of the Community Hall and discuss what is needed and wanted for the facility. All welcome.

For further information contact
Maz McGann on
mmcgann@internode.on.net
or 0438 807 973

CLARE & GILBERT
VALLEYS COUNCIL

THE RIVERTON COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR

GRANTS

FROM LOCAL INCORPORATED ORGANISATIONS

Application forms are available from

The History Centre

21 Torrens Road, Riverton

All applications must be made by

July 15th , 2021

and returned to Secretary Alan Hartwell,

1 Gordon Street, Riverton.

Successful groups will receive their Grant monies at a date to be advised at the History Centre.

PICK UP THE POOP!!

Despite reminders, some dog owners are still not picking up their dog's litter from the footpath or private gardens.

If this is pertinent to you, please take note and be more responsible.

Doggy Poo' bags can be found at the oval, Duck Pond & the public sign next to the pharmacy.

Section 45A(6) of the dog and cat management act 1995 states that a person who owns or is responsible for the control of a dog (not being an accredited assistance dog) is guilty of an offence if the dog defecates in a public place and the person responsible for the control of the dog does not immediately remove the faeces and dispose of them in a lawful and suitable manner.



Expiation fee: \$210. Maximum penalty: \$1250. (IF PROSECUTED)

22TOO PRESENTS

Clare Valley
Come and
try

FREE come and try programs for kids aged 1 - 15 years old, including gymnastics, junior parkour (ninja warrior), circus skills, acrobatics, and animal yoga

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

WHEN:

July 22 and 23

WHERE:

The Valleys Lifestyle Centre
180 Main North Road
Clare SA 5453

BOOKINGS:

www.22Too.com.au/clare



LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
(Incorporated in South Australia)



FREE
SKIN CANCER SCREENING
AVAILABLE ON

SATURDAY 26th June 2021
SUNDAY 27th June 2021

at
Scholz Park, Riverton

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
SATURDAY TIME 9.00am – 4.00pm
SUNDAY TIME 9.00am – 4.00pm

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Mobile 0497 741 592

PLEASE CALL TO SECURE YOUR
APPOINTMENT

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A community project of the
Lions Club of Gilbert Valley

RIVERTON RSL SUB-BRANCH



April and May are as always, one of our busiest periods for the year!

We were honoured to be able to deliver **"The Ode"** at the ANZAC football match at Riverton on April 24th and to provide and present ANZAC medals to the selected Football and Netball recipients, congratulations to both of you!

Happily we were also able to deliver a complete **Dawn Service on ANZAC Day** and it was most gratifying to see among the estimated 200 people present, so many "YOUNG" family groups.

As always we are grateful to the Riverton Schools and the Scouts for their involvement and along with all people who made the effort to attend, thank the group of "RSL Supporters", who willingly cook our sausage sizzle each year.

The RSL relies entirely on your support for our continuing existence. All donations collected from Badge and Poppy days are passed on to the RSL State branch in Adelaide, so our Sub-branch relies entirely on bar sales and raffles for its funding.



What happens at the RSL?

First Wednesday each month -	2:00pm	-	Monthly meeting.
First and third Friday each month	5:00pm to 8:00pm		Drinks Night
Second and fourth Friday each month	1:30pm to 3:30pm		Community Bingo.

These events are not restricted to RSL members and all community members are welcome.

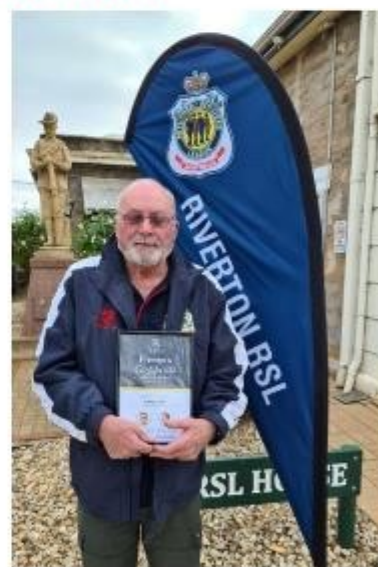
(You do not have to have Military Service to become an Affiliate member of the RSL!)

CONGRATULATIONS!

The first week in June each year is recognised Nationally as **"Volunteering Week"**, where communities and organisations are requested to acknowledge the work done on their behalf by Volunteers.

Outstanding contributions are recognised by the State government with the presentation of a **"Premier's Certificate"** to outstanding volunteers.

We are proud to congratulate **Michael Johnson**, secretary/treasurer of the Riverton RSL Sub-branch, on being awarded this Certificate for his ongoing contribution to the Returned & Services league (SA), the Country Fire Service, Legacy SA & NT, St Vincent de Paul and to the community as a Justice of the Peace.



CONGRATULATIONS MIKE!! A recognition long overdue!

Garry Wellington OAM
President
Riverton RSL Sub-branch
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RIP Bailey



It is with a very heavy heart I let you all know that our dear Bailey has passed away. There was never a more loyal and dear friend to us all as Bailey. Almost twelve years ago he came to Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home as a two year old Greyhound ex racing dog.



His trainer was keen for him to have a good home as racing was not for him. Apparently he used to just stop on the track and look around.

He came to Gilbert Valley homes and settled in. He knew his job and every day visited the Residents, providing comfort and affection. Bailey had a heart full of love which he freely gave.

He will be so sadly missed.

Lesley Smith
Recently Retired
Director of Care
GVSCH



Debut Novel for Local Author

Gilbert Valley local, Portia Stanton-Noble, has just had her debut novel, 'The Big Red Dry', released by UK publishers Austin Macauley. The author describes the novel,

which is set in a fictional small South Australian town, as a murder mystery book with dramatic, comedic and romantic elements mixed in. She wrote it over twelve months with the intention to entertain readers.

Portia was born and raised in Melbourne, Victoria, to Estonian parents who migrated to Australia after World War II. She has lived around the Barossa Valley and Gilbert Valley regions for the last nine years. She wanted to be a writer from the young age of 8, and this book is a lifetime dream fulfilled. In her spare time, Portia is busy working on her next book projects, which will include the sequel to her debut novel, 'The Big Dead Dry'.



Portia's novel can be ordered through Dymocks, Angus & Robertson, Amazon, Ebook, Bookery, The Nile, Abbey Bookstore and Booktopia. She will be selling copies and signing books at her Author Talk for Clare Library on Thursday 24 June at 6.30pm, in the Barbara J Long Room.

Owen Silo Art

Well known for his portrait painting & sculpting, Robert (Alfie) Hannaford has recently added another dimension to his long list of public art work.

Designed by Alfie, Owen Silos are the eighth in South Australia to be painted. With the theme "Wheat bags to Sand



bags", the mural depicts the journey of many of the district's young farmers during WW1 from their fields of wheat bags to the completely alien world of sandbags in Gallipoli and France.



This is Alfie's first silo art design while for painter, Cam Sale, it is his third silo art, the others being at Devenish (Vic) & Kimba (SA). Alfie initially painted a concept design on poly pipes, to mimic the curvature of the silos. Cam then placed a grid pattern on the small design to enlarge and apply it to the silos.

Alfie was on hand during the painting to both supervise and complete some of the painting personally.

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

Cuzz's Corner

"It was that cold where we were," boasted an Artic explorer, "that the candles froze over before we could blow them out."

"That's nothing," said his arch rival, "Where we were, when the words came out of our mouths in pieces of ice, we had to fry them to see what we were talking about."

Tax Time.

My tax agent is so considerate and compassionate, he's the only accountant I know with a recovery room.

ATO mission statement:

We've got what it takes, to take what you've got.

A guy walked into the tax agent's office with a huge bandage on his nose.

"Had a accident?" asked the tax agent.

"No," answered the client, "I've been paying through it for so long, it gave way under the strain."

The Small Beautiful

In cities they make big plans and big money changes hands. Deals are made at expensive restaurants and sometimes it's uncertain who will really be paying the bill. A hotel goes up, a stadium is built and the movers and shakers move on to the next big thing.

Things are different in the country where bright ideas, innovations and new initiatives show themselves in the minor key, and much of what is said and done is unloud and unheralded. Change is subtle but significant in our local community. Someone moves in and sees a possibility of improvement or renewal, the old is slowly replaced by the new. There is no place for the wrecking ball here. A chance conversation at the pub begins a new way of thinking about an old problem and an experiment leads to a valuable solution. Sometimes there is more money around than at other times, and as prosperity washes through the town like a benign invisible river, new hopes for the future arise. Possibilities replace problems in our day to day thinking.



It may have been a country boy that coined the phrase "small is beautiful"...let's call it the "beautiful small" because it's often in the small things that we see signs of promise, and we all know the power and the potential of a seed..nothing of benefit grows without a seed. Often the seed is sown out of sight for fear that our hopes may come to nothing, but we set aside that fear in hope of a harvest.

There are some beautiful seed signs in our Riverton community, don't miss them! The old dentist shop next to the IGA is being painstakingly restored and improved. The original red brick facade has again been revealed after many hidden years. The work of restoration is being curated by Oliver and Rachel who hope to establish a furniture restoration business there in the near future...pop buy and encourage them in their endeavours.

The Central Hotel continues to thrive as a go to place for celebrations, special events and day to day catch ups. The word is spreading and the hotel is attracting some interesting out of towners and that can only be good news for the town in general. So if you want to improve your eight ball skills (and who doesn't?) or if you want to debut as a live performer get along and join the fun.



And talking of the small beautiful, a lot of spade work has gone into the underrated Rattler Trail. I don't know who has been involved in planting and replanting of this emerging green corridor, but here is a shoutout to your kind work. The Chinese have a saying that "the best time to plant a tree is ten years ago" and there is wisdom in that. But it's never too late to start! The planting of the Rattler trail is a wonderful and generous investment into the future and into the experience of walkers and cyclists yet to visit our town.



So when we see small changes don't think little of them or treat them cynically, because the beautiful is often small.

Sid Wrangles, Thinker in residence.

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, & 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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Kaye McInerney, 88472193 or email jvmkmcinerney@outlook.com

*On behalf of Riverton Community
Management Committee.*

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