

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 2022

Australia Day Celebrations

Well, Covid 19 has at last impacted more directly on our daily lives in the southern region and, because of this, we had an abbreviated Australia Day event in Riverton.

Leon Schwarz, a Riverton resident, was presented the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council 2022 Australian Citizen of the year Award for the southern region. He has had a lot to do with the Rattler Trail - a very recognisable and treasured asset in this area as it winds through the landscape and provides a good showcase of our region's beauty. His interest in the trail began after a flood a few years ago when he and others put in a significant amount of work to restore the damaged trail. Following this, a state government grant allocated \$150,000 to redevelop the trail and Leon and a couple of others again did a significant amount of work, although some years later more floods meant more repair work! In the last couple of years Leon has raised many trees and, with others, has planted them and spends a lot of time on routine maintenance, keeping the trail weed free, trimming and clearing fallen branches.

Many of you will remember that for many years Leon ran Little Athletics and was involved in the Hockey Club. Leon has also been president of the Riverton Bowling Club. For those of you who wander around the backblocks of Riverton you might have noticed significant improvements to the Jingles Community Garden - Leon has been the driving force behind its rejuvenation. It is looking quite lovely there and we look forward to a new fence which is to be installed soon thanks to a Council grant.



Towards the end of 2020 Riverton was facing three big hurdles - a drought, an overwhelming 40+ heatwave and the dreaded backdrop of Covid 19. Well, that certainly didn't stop a small group who organized our Christmas Pageant. The 2020 Christmas parade was one of the happiest events that we experienced in the community throughout that year. Trucks, water bombing, clowns, horns tooting, bubbles, tinsel, old cars, new trucks, elf costumes and of course THAT man in THAT big red tractor. It was just so exciting to watch the parade as it passed through town, and it was so lovely to see the kids nearly bursting with delight. Thank you so much to those who hurriedly put this event on for us - your efforts for the community are so very much appreciated. It was a great pleasure to present the Australia Day

Community Event Award to the Riverton Christmas Pageant Committee - Gayle McInerny, Kaye McInerny, Roz Rowett and Gaynor Bottcher.

We also acknowledged the fantastic efforts that the Gilbert Valley Lions Club have made at the Riverton Cemetery. The Club's members, Stuart Paxton and others, have worked hard there and it looks fantastic: a beautiful and tranquil place. Thank you.

Thank you to those who helped with setting up for the event, really appreciated. Dr Ann Alder, Councillor Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, 0418 418 968 or Aalder@cgvc.sa.gov.au

Riverton Christmas Parade 2021



Lights flashing, horns tooting, Emergency Services sirens chirping- The 2021 Riverton Christmas Parade was on its way!

Forecast –a hot 37 degrees peaking at 6pm! Oh dear– but the show must go on. Luckily for us, we still managed to reach 37, but thankfully it was overcast with a bit of breeze. Couldn't ask for better under the circumstances. Did it keep our community away – not a chance!!!!



The procession of vehicles led by Ramsey Bros included the Police, 2 CFS trucks, The Ambulance, Gilbert Valley Homes bus, Old style cars and utes, sports cars and fancy cars, an RTV with Plucka Hawk from RSMU, a Bobcat full of presents, a Prime Mover Reindeer, and Father Christmas in a Merc followed by his Tractor and Spreader sleigh. And we can't forget the elves, helpers and clowns, riding bikes and scooters.



The procession looped up around the back streets of town to pass the hospital and the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home, with a majority of the residents setup out the front to enjoy the unique line up. People set up along the route on the footpath or in their front yards with food, drinks and even a blow up pool in one. One group of boys watched the parade from four locations, cutting through the streets ready to watch it again. The procession was done and dusted in around half an hour and some vehicles decided to do an extra lap or two of Scholz Park at the end – love the initiative!!



The decorations on the vehicles were even bigger and better than last year, with everyone involved making extra effort for 'wow' factor. Special mention to Andrew and Renae Callery from Vin Callery Transport. Their Prime Mover was decorated in spectacular fashion and they did a fabulous job. Ramsey Bros sleigh was again a work of art and a great end to the procession. Plucka Hawk from RSMU came on board this year to spread some extra cheer. The kids at the football clubrooms always love a visit from Plucka and he didn't disappoint (it would have been pretty toasty in that costume).



When the committee first started to organise the event in November, the only extra thing Kaye McInerney wanted was a Christmas tree as part of the procession. A week out and it was still a much wanted part of the parade but not confirmed. However, somehow Mark and Kaye made it happen the day of the parade. It was a great addition.

With the weather forecast for 37 degrees, we met with our CFS crew the night before and got them on board to help cool down our spectators. Many people benefited from this refreshing spray down, which was a welcome relief from the heat.

This year we wanted to utilise our beautiful Scholz Park for anyone to come back for a free sausage, drink and an icecream from Golden North. It was very well attended by people of all ages and Scholz Park proved to be a perfect location in hot weather with plenty of shade.



The RSMU Netball club took on the challenge of keeping the community fed and hydrated and the small band of volunteers led by President, Sophie Browne, did a fantastic job. Great work ladies!!!

Our Gilbert Valley Lions Club never miss an event to supply us with the best cinnamon donuts; they always do a fantastic job. The Riverton Scouts set up a

lucky dip with lots of treasures and Ellie Bowden did a great job face painting, starting out at the Riverton Deli and then coming down to the park. Thanks to Carly Grant for organising this.



The highlight of the evening was Father Christmas arriving at Scholz Park. He came in and sat down and all the excited children (and even some 'oldies') sat down on the grass around him. He had plenty of time for each child, and some went up numerous times to chat with him.

There are so many thank-yous to a lot of our community to make this event a success. Our RCMC and Scholz Park committees helped set up, pack up and trouble shoot, our CFS provided ice and eskys, CGVC for their ongoing financial support, the RSL (Mike Johnson) for the music system, our Ambulance volunteers ready for anything, the Netball Club, everyone in the parade, and of course our community – you support us no matter what the weather!

This event couldn't happen without the Community Calendar. These businesses are the reason we could provide such a fabulous event for our community. Hang your calendar with pride, and support these generous businesses who support so many local groups through their sponsorship and donations.

We managed to change the event yet again due to Covid, and the 2021 Riverton Christmas Parade and BBQ was just what our community needed.

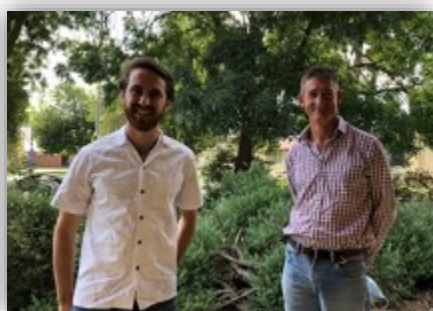
Gayle McInerney, Kaye McInerney, Roz Rowett, Gaynor Bottcher.

Riverton & Districts High School

RDHS is welcoming new members to our school community in 2022 – 59 Year 7 and 8 students, 5 new teachers and 3 new SSO's have been appointed to work with students in the classroom. We are really looking forward to having 185 students, 22 teaching and 13 support staff at the school – the largest group in many years.



*Mrs Vicky Mudge (Deputy Principal),
Ms Seema Rani (Maths and Science) and Mrs
Anyia Stephenson (Maths and Science).*



*Mr Hamish Morelli (Maths and Chemistry)
and Mr Aaron Fechner (Agriculture)*

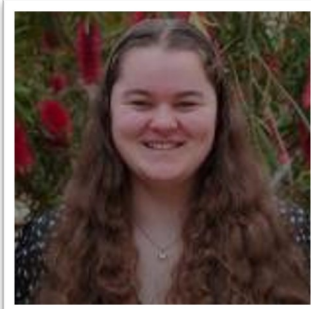


*School Services Officers – Ms Nicole Saunderson,
Ms Sarah Heinrich and Miss Tayla Case.*

Despite the year having a staggered start, we are all ready to begin learning on Wednesday 2 February. Year 7, 8 and 12 students will be in a face-to-face environment at school and Year 9, 10 and 11 students will be engaging with on-line learning classes from home.

ABC Heywire Winner

Riverton & District High School student, Savannah Kernich was one of 38 young Australians announced as 2022 ABC Heywire winners.



The Heywire competition is an initiative of the ABC in partnership with the Australian Government. Open to people aged 16-22 living in regional or rural Australia, Heywire encourages young people to tell stories about their life outside the major cities in text, photo, video or audio format. Over the past 23 years more than 11,500 young Australians have taken part. Winners' stories are then featured on ABC radio and abc.net.au.

Competition winners also score an all-expenses-paid week long trip to the Heywire Summit in Canberra where they undertake leadership workshops and meet with members of parliament, government departments and community leaders. The 'Heywirers' work together to develop ideas aimed at improving the lives of young people in regional Australia and present these to a panel at Parliament House.

Savannah submitted a video, as part of her English studies at school, about how she missed her big sister, Hayley, after Hayley moved to the city.

After being announced as a winner, Savannah's story was edited and made into a podcast which was aired on ABC radio.

Savannah is hoping that the trip to Canberra will still go ahead, despite Covid restrictions.

The script of Savannah's podcast is included below. The following link allows viewers to listen to Savannah's podcast.

https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/savannah_riverton_wa/13648306

Savannah's Story Script:

Even Indi the over-affectionate Labrador knew something wasn't right.

"When's Hayley getting home?" her big questioning eyes asked.

My older sister had moved away to study nursing in the city.

At first it wasn't so bad, no more bossing me around to do chores.

But as days turned into months, reality set in.

No more lying on her bed after school while she did homework, conversations that lasted for hours, car rides, cooking dinner, long walks around the town.

I always looked up to her.

She taught me how to be more open when listening to other people's perspectives.

She taught me that I don't need to get the highest grade to be proud of my achievements.

When our parents split and we moved from the farm to town, I didn't really know what to do, and she showed me.

I've always wanted to follow in her footsteps, but I couldn't this time.

I had the company of Mum at home, but I spent most nights alone while she worked shifts.

That's when I would feel the emptiness of the house and the loneliness of Hayley's room, lying quiet.

I loved visits to the city, we'd go out for dinner and spend hours talking in a restaurant — trying to forget that eventually Mum and I would have to leave her once again.

But COVID stopped that for a long while and it felt as if the world wanted to keep us apart.

I felt helpless.

Through every hardship in my life, every big change, Hayley was there to show me what to do.

This time, it was up to me to learn how to do things for myself.

I got a job, put my head down at school, and Hayley and I started messaging more often, video calling at night and while we did assignments.

Now we're closer than ever.

When I finish school I'd love to move to the city and live with her, but I know we'll be there for each other wherever we live.



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All Masked Up at RPS

As we roll into the 2022 School Year, we do so with a few extra regulations, those being mask wearing for all staff and strongly suggested for students from Year 3 – 6 and, of course, our usual social distancing and hand sanitizing/cleaning continues.



It will certainly be a different looking school for the first couple of weeks with only our youngest class and any students of essential workers or vulnerable students attending, but we are certainly looking forward to seeing those smiling faces and especially welcoming our new Reception children.

Mandy Clark
Administration/Finance

Cuzz's Corner

Two women were chatting.

"John asked me to make him the happiest man in the world and marry him."

The second woman said, "Oh, that's a tough one. Which one did you choose?"

A man and his wife walked past a fancy restaurant on Valentines Day.

"Did you smell that food?" she asked." Incredible."

Being kind hearted he thought, "What the heck, I'll treat her."

So they walked past it again.

I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but I turned myself around."

THE POISONED APRICOT RAP

Two young ladies called in for their tea,
The first thing that one of them said to me -

Was - 'We'll eat almost anything that you've got,
But please don't give us any apricots!'

The two young ladies used to live in a lane,
And the thought of an apricot brought them pain.
Their mother and her lover had been really bad,
They had fed poisoned apricots to their dad.

He'd eaten the apricots when he got out of bed,
And by morning tea time the fella was dead !
The two young ladies could not decide what was worse,
As mother had tried the poison on the animals first.

With so many loved ones now in their graves,
The two young ladies weren't sure how to behave.
They both knew for certain they would have to be good,
Or they may too, end up in an overcoat of wood.

The best thing they decided - without a doubt,
Was to make their own sandwiches - or just eat out!
For years and years and years they didn't eat fruit,
They were happy just to settle for a can of soup.

Making apricot pies became mother's favourite chore,
Some jokingly said - they were to die for.
She'd enter then in contests - but she never won a prize,
The judges wouldn't taste them - now wasn't that wise?

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Riverton's Anzac Ride and a Walk to Remember.

Sunday May 1st, 2022



We are looking forward to our inaugural community **A Ride and a Walk To Remember the ANZACS**. We hope you and your family and friends will be able to join us! This will be an opportunity for us to get together and both honour and celebrate those who served their country, often paying the ultimate price for our freedom.

The event will take place on Sunday May 1st, 2022 starting 10 am and you are invited to ride or walk the Rattler Trail from at Scholz Park to Auburn....or any part of the trail. Cyclists will be leaving Scholz Park Riverton at 10 am and walkers will be leaving at 11am.

If you are not up to the exercise, we would love you to come and join us at Scholz Park for a BBQ, live music and some kids' games from 12.30 onwards.

Everyone is welcome. So dust off the old trusted treadly at the back of the garage and join us in making this a day to remember!

From Leon Schwarz, Dave Cousins and Sid Wrangles

P.S. want to get involved or got some good ideas ..let us know.

Riverton's ANZ ATM

Riverton's ANZ Bank Branch officially closed for internal customers on 12 August 2020. However, the ANZ ATM remained in use.

With the subsequent sale of the former bank building to a private owner later that year, ANZ Bank commenced discussions with Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council regarding the possible relocation of the ANZ ATM within the township of Riverton.

Council approached Riverton Community Management Committee for a recommendation of potential sites for the ATM. The Riverton Community Hall was nominated as a suitable and desirable location.

ANZ Bank conducted an audit of the Riverton Community Hall and met with members of the Riverton Community Hall Committee and determined that the nominated site met all community and ANZ parameters.



Chairperson Riverton Hall Committee, Gary Davis, in front of existing ATM.

Subsequently, ANZ Bank presented a formal offer to Council for the installation of the ATM at the Riverton Community Hall. This offer was accepted by Council at its Meeting on 11 December 2021.

Council also agreed to allocate the rental fee provided by ANZ Bank for the ATM to the Riverton Community Management Committee to be utilised for the maintenance and/or improvements of the Riverton Community Hall.

The ANZ ATM will be located on the northern wall facing Elizabeth Street with the proposed installation date set down for early 2022.

John Glistak/
Chairman RCMC

The McInerney family would like to sincerely thank all CFS & community members who responded so quickly to help fight the fire on our property on Slape Road Riverton on Monday January 3rd 2022.

Unfortunately, an electrical fault in the baler caused the fire and the baler was destroyed. However, the prompt and efficient response of firefighters ensured that the tractor pulling the baler was saved and damage to land was minimal.

Again, many thanks & kind regards.

Jim, Kaye, Mark & Rachael
McInerney

JINGLES GARDEN VEGIES FOR SALE



Summer vegies are flourishing in both individual plots and “community” section of the garden. Two new gardeners have joined the group recently and only a few spare plots remain.

A stall will be set up on Friday mornings from 10.00am by the Deli to sell vegies from the ‘community’ section of the garden. There will be garlic, sweet corn, cucumbers and zucchini available immediately and in 4-6 weeks’ time the pumpkins will be ready.



Funds raised from the sale of vegies will be used for maintenance of tools and equipment. For further information contact Leon Schwarz 0476913612.

Gilbert Valley Cricket Club News

Cricket is back after the Christmas holiday break with players refreshed and keen to get back on the park.

The following players have represented our club in different carnivals.

Tyson Kimlin represented Mid North in SAPSASA.

Billy Nicholls and Boston Schwarz represented Barossa & Light in SAPSASA.

Billy Nicholls represented BLCA in SACA U14 carnival.

GVCC junior Billy Nicholls represented Barossa & Light in the SACA Under 14 carnival hosted by Fleurieu and Districts last week. B&L won 3 from 4 minor round games and, after qualifying 4th, they lost to the eventual winners, Adelaide Turf, in the semi final. Billy ended up with 7 wickets and batted twice being not out in both innings.



Robin Schwartz was recently awarded Citizen of the Year for the Central Area. Robin not only gives a lot of time and effort to the cricket club, but also other groups and organisations within the community.

Congratulations to them all.

Tennis News

The Riverton senior team is currently sitting in third position on the premiership ladder and looking to go deep into the finals series in March.

This season the juniors are combining with Saddleworth to put teams together so that the children can compete at their correct level of ability, with junior coordinator, Sarah Heinrich, and Saddleworth’s Tania Williams managing this well. After a hiatus during the

school holidays, players are keen to begin tennis again.

Tennis - A Family Affair



It was a special day for the Parkinson family when Andy, Jane and their children, Kate & Ben, all played in the senior Riverton Tennis team. As well as enjoying playing together, they helped the team to a 21-3 victory against Hilltown. Andy & Jane played together, winning in the mixed doubles, and between them, the family won 10 out of 11 sets they played.

Riverton Bowling Club News

We are now heading into the final round of minor round matches with all 3 Thursday Pennant Teams, both Saturday Pennant Teams and our Night Owls Team all in contention for finals spots in their respective Divisions.

Men's Singles Club Championship Semi Final and both the Women's and Men's Singles Club Championship finals were held on Sunday 6th February. There were some exciting match ups in these games and spectators enjoyed a great exhibition of bowls. Congratulations to Men's & Women's Club Champions for the 2021-22 season, Matthew & Cath Greenslade.

Congratulations to Neil Rogers and Cath Greenslade who won through the Region

to the final 16 knockouts of the State Singles, Neil winning both his round of 16 and round of 8 game but unfortunately not quite getting there in his semi-final and Cath getting through to the round of 8 but falling short by 1 shot of making it to the semi-final.



Congratulations also to Ann Harrip and Cath Greenslade who won the Mid North Thursday Pennant Pairs Championship and will now contest this discipline at the Region 8 Championships.



Fire Danger Season

With the fire danger season upon us please ensure that you are aware of the weather conditions daily.

Keep the area around your home clear of rubbish and other flammable materials. Make sure your gutters are free from leaves and debris.

Hot temperatures and high winds increase the risk of bushfires developing. On days of **HIGH** fire danger activate your emergency plan early,

The Primary School and Town Oval are **NOT** places of refuge.

You are responsible for your own safety.

Establish and follow your Emergency Plan, STAY INFORMED!

Riverton Community Management Committee

Chairperson - John Glistak
Vice Chairperson -
Secretary - Cassy Griffiths
Treasurer - Ruth Stevens
Public Officer - Jackie Bruce

Committee Members -
Kaye McInerney, Gary Davis,
Gaynor Bottcher,
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.

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*On behalf of Riverton Community
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