

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2022

AVIS CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY



Avis Mary Przibilla (nee Jordan) was born on Tuesday 21st November 1922 at Mrs Flynn's Lying In Home at Riverton, a maternity home before the Riverton Hospital was built. She was the eldest child of Fred & Florence Jordan, with three younger brothers, Bill, Ron & Max.

Avis excelled in primary and high school, being dux of her class. She became the first female telephonist and postal worker at the Riverton Post Office.

Avis was a very talented pianist, playing for the Red Cross dances held in Rhynie once or twice a month. She played piano and volunteered regularly at the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home and many other special occasions. She loved performing in the Melody Makers in skits, playing the piano and duets with Mrs Duldig.

Avis and best friend, Vera Hannaford, frequently visited the patients and residents in the Riverton Hospital.

Avis married Malcolm Przibilla while he was on a 10 day leave from the army on 3rd March

1943 and their only son, Graham, was born on 16th April 1948. Malcolm passed away on 18th October 1992. Avis enjoyed living on the farm and loved nature and animals.

Avis's family includes son, Graham, daughter in law, Denise, three grandchildren, Skye, Jason & Sam, and their partners, Daniel, Amanda & Tayla. She has nine great grandchildren, James, Billy, Maya, Zara, Max, Connor, Riley, Milly & Aubree.

She currently resides in the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home where she is well looked after.

Avis celebrated her milestone birthday with family and friends at her son & daughter in law's home on 20th November.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY – HELD 15TH OCTOBER 2022

After many delays and with restrictions on dancing and socialising being lifted, the Riverton Community Management Committee were finally able to hold their 'Dance the Night Away' event on 15th October at the Riverton Town Hall.

After receiving funds from CGVC via a Drought Communities Stimulus programme launched by the Federal government in late 2018, RCMC decided to use a portion of the funds received to hold a community event to support local business and bring people together for long overdue night of dancing and fun.

Over 100 people attended the BYO supper and drinks event and danced the night away to a great repertoire of songs played by band, Urban Cover. There was a huge lucky ticket draw with \$50 vouchers to spend at local businesses up for grabs along with a myriad of other prizes ranging from wine, toiletries, chocolate, chicken packs, and everyone walked away with a prize!

The night was a great success and it is hoped that similar events may be held in the hall in the near future.

Special thanks to Cassy Griffiths who did a phenomenal amount of work leading up to the event to ensure its success. Thanks to Bronwyn at Sassy Lass for being a selling point for the tickets and also everyone who helped set up and clean up the hall.

To everyone who came along and supported the event, a special thank you to you too!

Jackie Bruce
For RCMC

Council Elections

The following were elected in the recent Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council Elections: -

*Mayor - Allan Aughey
Councillors - David Willson, Ann Alder,
Ian Burfitt, Malcolm Bartholomaeus,
Leon Bruhn, Tania Furler, Brian Koch,
Elizabeth Calvert and Jeannine
Naughton.*

Riverton Welcomes New Park Managers

Darren & Louise, new managers Riverton Caravan Park, moved from Darwin about 8 weeks ago. Louise said, "We are really enjoying the town. It's a lifestyle change for both of us. It's nice to be in Riverton where Darren's family have been living for 30 years. Things are going well and the people of Riverton are making us feel very welcome.



DANCE *The Night Away*



2022 Riverton Christmas Parade & Party

**BBQ * MUSIC * DONUTS
Kids activities & more!
Friday 16th December**

*Leaving the oval at 6pm, the parade will
travel in the reverse direction along*

**Oxford Tce - Washington Rd - Swinden St - Masters St -
James Pl - Moorhouse Tce - Swinden St - Horner St -
Frederick Pl. (see parade map)**

*Position yourselves in your own front
yard or at any location situated
along the route.*

*After the Parade, join us for a free
sausage sizzle at Scholz Park along
with a guest appearance from*

Father Christmas

*Winners of Raffle, Colouring in
Competition & Best Decorated
House to be announced.*



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R&DHS 2022 Presentation Ball



On Friday 4th November, Riverton and District High School held their Year 12 Presentation Ball. Over 150 people were in attendance to celebrate and enjoy the night with the graduating students of 2022. 22 students were presented on the night, which was followed with the Military Two Step and a special person's dance in front of all 150 guests.



We were fortunate to have Paralympian and World H4 Road Cycling Champion, Grant Allen, as our guest speaker. He spoke about his upbringing in Auburn, his setbacks throughout life, how he overcame

hardship and how a positive and 'can do' attitude helped him achieve what he has so far.

The night was catered for by the Hotel Central, with an array of delicious options available for guests. Thank you also to the wonderful RDHS P&F and also the staff who helped set up for the evening.

The event was a fantastic way to celebrate the students' last 5 years at RDHS and a great way to end the year.

Matt Norman
Wellbeing & Sports Coordinator



Children and educators at Riverton Kindy have been grateful for the generosity of our Men's Shed members for coming to our assistance and building a boot rack for keeping our boots neat, tidy and easy to find. The boot rack has been particularly handy this year as the rubber boots have had a real work out, with all the wet weather giving us lots of puddles and wet grass. Men's Shed have also rejuvenated our balancing boards by sanding and varnishing them.

The fourth term has been busy with kindergarten children off to transition visits to the schools they will be attending, and next year's kindy children having transition visits to the kindy. We have also welcomed new families to Rural Care.

Children are having fun with lots of Christmas activities added to their learning for the last few weeks of the term.

Mel Sinkinson
Acting Preschool Director



RPS Term 4 Wrap up



TERM 4 2023 – the school term where ‘blink and you’ll miss it’. A term jam packed with not only the very important Literacy and Numeracy but also.....

- * Welcoming our Kindy friends for their transition visits
- * Watching our Year 6 students go off on their secondary school transition visits
- * Visits to the Riverton Hospital and Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Homes to interact with our older members of the community
- * School Sport (SAPSASA) events in Adelaide – Cricket (Hudson Callery) and Tennis (Flynn Parkinson, Georgia Dixon, Henrietta Pedler and Bailey Przibilla)
- * Annual Year 6 camp to Port Vincent – We all want to go on that camp.
- * Bike Education visit
- * Year 6 Graduation
- * Whole School Excursion – This is going to be a jam packed day with a visit to Blyth Cinemas for a movie, return to Riverton Rec Ground for a Sausage Sizzle, time on the playground and free swim time in the Riverton Pool. Many thanks to everyone who supported our SRC Thermomix Raffle and congratulations to the winner of the raffle, Kaye McInerney. Funds raised from this raffle have gone towards the Whole School Excursion.
- * And, of course, some Christmas activities. Who doesn’t love getting that **‘made with love by your child decoration for the tree’?**

From all of us at Riverton Primary School, we wish you all a happy, safe and enjoyable Christmas, New Year and Summer Holiday break.

**Cheers
Mandy**

SOCIAL GROUP VISITS EUDUNDA

The Gilbert Valley Social Group visited Eudunda for their September outing and had a most enjoyable visit. Private cars were used to transport the members, stopping at the Colin Thiele Gardens for Morning Tea and meeting up with our Guide for the morning.



Our Guide, Marcus, talked of the gardens, the nearby older homes and businesses, before taking everyone to the silos to see the paintings.



Next came a visit to the very interesting Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery in the main street, where we were given a very comprehensive tour of the heritage of the area. The collection showcased family history, churches, businesses, agriculture and memorabilia from yesteryear, spanning the history of the town and outlying districts from the 1840’s to the present. (I was thrilled to find photographs and history of our Best Man’s family there!)

Lunch was at the Eudunda Club, where they opened specially to cater for our group. We were given an a la carte menu to choose from, and it was an excellent meal, with good company and service.

The Gilbert Valley Social Group meets the first Tuesday each month at the Riverton Community Hall Supper Rooms at 10 am, with different activities each month. October Meeting will have a Quiz (with Prizes), November will be our Melbourne Cup Meeting, and December will be the Christmas Meeting. The Group welcomes any new people to attend – male or female, and if you would like further details, you can phone Val 8847 2044, Glenys 8847 2666 or Carolyn 9947 2069.



The Friends of the Women's & Children's Hospital
Charitable organisation

Carolyn Evans

The Tarlee/Stockport Auxiliary held a fundraising function for Melbourne Cup at the Hotel Central in November. Beautiful floral table decorations and the latest season's fashion on display greeted sixty guests who were treated to an afternoon of raffles, sweeps, wine wall, a fashion



parade from Sassy Lass and accompanied by a delicious two course lunch.

Many local families over the years have availed of the services provided by the Women's & Children's Hospital and this small but passionate committee see the value in raising funds to help purchase valuable equipment and provide essential programmes.

The committee was very grateful for the

support received from local businesses with prizes for the day along with the generous efforts of Bronwyn Campbell and her Sassy Lass boutique team of models and mannequins who gave the crowd a preview of the coming summer fashions.

Prizes for best dressed on the day went to



Shevahn Robinson of Rhynie and best headwear to Alicia Branson of Tarlee.

President, Jackie Bruce, secretary, Annie Nicholls, and the whole committee were pleased for the opportunity to be able to host this function in its third year running with the day raising over \$2400. The Auxiliary had also been running a major raffle in the previous months and this was also drawn on the day. Proceeds from the raffle raised a further \$1074.00.

The committee would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their support of our fundraiser: Hotel Central, Sassy Lass, Emporium Café, Four Leaf Milling, Quercus skin care, Pure Grace Handmade, Coffee Palace Gallery, A Joyful Bunch, Tiny Nest, Mickelloo, Kristin Griffiths, Janine Callery, Di Dawson and Audrey Hill & family.

Thank you also to the wineries who helped make the wine wall a success: Claymores, Greg Cooley, Hill River, Kalleske, Kies, Pauletts, Pikes and O'Leary Walker.

The committee would also like to thank everyone who attended the function and supported this worthy cause.

Jackie Bruce

President Tarlee/Stockport Auxiliary of The Friends of WCH.

Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Homes

A good attendance of 71 people attended the Annual General Meeting at Riverton Institute on 26th October.

Chairman, Ian Rowett, advised that the minimum number of beds for an Aged Care facility to be viable was 60 beds.

The 27 bed facility at Riverton would not be viable long term if it did not amalgamate.

Hamley Bridge Aged Care (48 beds) and Balaklava Mill Court (40 beds) completed an amalgamation effective from 4th October and are now known as Walara Inc.

Chairman of Walara, Malcolm May, and Chief Operations Officer, Rob Veitch, answered a number of relevant questions

from the floor regarding the management

and staffing if amalgamation went ahead. A Notice of Motion was carried;

“That Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Homes (Riverton) Inc amalgamate with Walara Inc pursuant to Section 22 (1) (a) of the Associations Incorporation Act.”

Walara were formally notified after the AGM of GVSCH desire to amalgamate.

They carried out a due diligence process and their Board have agreed to amalgamate subject to external funding from the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care. (Structural Adjustment Fund) The GVSCH Board has handed over day to day management to Walara.

There are still a few bridges to cross but, if everything goes to plan, amalgamation could be in place by 1st March 2023.

GET BEHIND THE WHEEL

We are committed to serving our community and wider districts, but are always looking for new recruits to expand our team of volunteers. With the ability to commit to volunteer hours that suit your lifestyle, regular training opportunities and a friendly and supportive crew, this is the ideal volunteer role to give back to your community.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

Duane Dutton – Riverton VTL – 0409 430 044

JOIN US!





**Don't miss this great
Christmas get together,
with the wonderful S.A.
POLICE Band.**



TARLEE CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT BAND OF THE S.A. POLICE

**On Sunday 4th
December 2022**

**TARLEE COMMUNITY
HALL**

7.p.m until 9 p.m

**JOIN THE S.A.
POLICE BAND AS
THEY PLAY AT THE
ANNUAL TARLEE
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
EVENT.**

ENTRY IS FREE

**FOLLOWED BY A
COUNTRY SUPPER.
PLEASE BRING A
PLATE TO SHARE.**

Rhynie CFS recognises long service



For 36 years Trevor Overton has served as a volunteer fire fighter in the Rhynie CFS (joining in 1986), and for about the last 20 years as the Administration Officer. He has attended numerous incidents of fire, floods and storm damage, as well as motor vehicle accidents, including the Pinery Fires. To recognize this service the brigade members presented Trevor with a memento to show their appreciation. An old brass hose nozzle was polished up and mounted on a wooden block with a brass inscription. The photo shows some of the other long serving members of the brigade with Trevor at the presentation.

Riverton History Centre



21 Torrens Road, Tel.: 8847 2705 –
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Have you visited Riverton History Centre in recent times? Are you aware of what services it offers?

Run by volunteers, Riverton History Centre is housed in the Council Office building, entrance via Charles Street. It is open Wednesday to Friday, 10 am – 3 pm.

Riverton History Centre houses a library of published local history and family history

books, research folders on Riverton and neighbouring localities, history and family histories, a photographic collection, and cemetery records for many cemeteries within the Gilbert and Upper Wakefield districts, amongst other items.



Its volunteers are available to undertake research on a range of topics e.g., family histories, land title searches for houses and properties, etc; just contact us with the details being sought.

So, why not come down and visit us at the Riverton History Centre? Is there a query that you have been yearning to have answered? Perhaps we may be able to help you.

By the way, new volunteers are always welcome – whether you have a few hours a week to spare on administrative tasks or wish to become a project person where time is not specific and can fit around your busy schedule.

Lastly, but not least, do you have a family history item, local history books or are in possession of historical records for an organisation that may no longer exists? Have you ever wondered what you could do with that item? If so, feel free to visit us; we may be interested in adding that item to our growing collection of resources.

John Glistak



RIVERTON COMMUNITY HALL

Local residents are often asking what is happening with the Hall. Actually, it is a very busy location in many ways.

By now, everyone is aware that the ANZ ATM has been relocated to the northern wall of the Hall and is receiving a growing number of visitors. The Supper Room is used regularly every week for meetings and/or by the local craft/quilting group. Its usage has increased significantly as this year has progressed. Even the Hall, after a period of minimal use during recent COVID restrictions, has attracted several functions over the past couple of months with more bookings on the horizon early next year.

But what about the safety fencing around the front of the Hall, I hear you ask?

Several months ago, structural defects were identified in the upper front wall of the Hall. That area has since been examined by a structural engineer who is currently preparing a report for CGVC with recommendations of how to remedy the problem. In the meantime, a safety fence was erected in front of the Hall to safeguard passers-by should any part of the upper wall give way at any time. Access to the upper room of the Hall has since been restricted to CGVC staff only.

At the same time, defects were identified in the stage floor. The area under the stage has since had its contents removed and metal supports have been installed there to support the stage floor. A decision will be made shortly as to what repairs will

be needed to bring the stage floor up to the required standards. In the interim, the stage area remains usable with all planned activities for that section being closely monitored for suitability.

You may also recall that, in 2021, CGVC undertook the Strategic Review of the Riverton Community Hall, which involved extensive community consultation at the time. After much discussion, CGVC approved the plan and is working towards the refurbishment of the Riverton Community Hall. CGVC has recently advised that Philips Pilkington Architects have been appointed to undertake the design works for the refurbishment of the Riverton Community Hall. Council has budgeted for design works at this stage and funding the refurbishment will need to be part of future budget deliberations and sourcing grant funding.

A meeting with members of RCMC and the Hall Committee will take place shortly to meet the architect and discuss potential design opportunities.

The Hall is a busy place after all.

John Glistak
Chairperson RCMC



Jingles Garden has had a makeover with 4 new raised garden beds. Riverton Hotel Community Grants provided the funding and Jingles Garden is very appreciative of their support.

The raised beds are set up and ready to go. They contain composted soil and watered with a dripper system and it is right time to plant a wide range of summer veggies. The beds are 0.5 metres high and make gardening much easier for people with reduced mobility or persons who don't like bending.



New gardeners are most welcome to join the Jingles Garden group. There are spare plots and there is no cost to join. The only thing that people supply is their own seeds or seedlings and a bright, cheerful smile. The cost of veggies is predicted to increase rapidly over the next few months, so growing your own fresh veggies makes a lot of sense. If you haven't gardened before, that's not a problem because members of Jingles will provide support and help.

For enquiries or more information contact Leon Schwarz 0476913612




22/23 SUMMER SEASON

14 NOVEMBER 2022
TO 31 MARCH 2023



OPENING TIMES	ADMISSION
Monday to Friday 6:00am – 8:30am / Lap Swimming 3:30pm – 7:00pm / General Admission Weekends & Public Holidays 2:00pm – 7:00pm / General Admission School Holidays 2:00pm – 7:00pm / General Admission	Casual Admission Adult 16Y+ \$6.50 Concession / Child 4Y – 15Y \$5.10 Infant / Toddler 0Y – 3Y FREE Family \$20.25 Spectator \$3.20 Membership / Season Pass Adult 16Y+ \$170 Concession / Child 4Y – 15Y \$136 Family 15 admissions, max 1 adult \$265

If the forecast on www.bom.gov.au or www.weather.com.au is 25°C or below the facility will not open for the afternoon session.
Closed Christmas Day

**FREE ADMISSION
ON THE LAST SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH**

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thevalleys.com.au/riverton-pool
08 8847 2251

WHO WILL WEAR THE RED HAT?

In a little town in New South Wales,
A respected local icon passed away.
He was known for Repertory and Musical Theatre
And a very special role he liked to play.

Each year as part of The Christmas Parade,
Travelling regally upon the most popular float,
The elderly gentleman would wear a white beard,
Red hat and matching pants and coat.

The chaps who were asked to take over all
said no,
At a special meeting of the townsfolk.
One old dear in the centre of the room,
Suggested they should approach that politician bloke!

The chairman looked up and thanked her,
For in Australia most people now knew,
The poli was renowned for wearing a number of hats
And mid-year he had lost quite a few!

The secretary typed a carefully worded letter,
Then posted it the very next day.
She only used one pensioner stamp
And did not bother with Priority Paid.

The committee and some locals anxiously waited,
The days and the weeks passed by.
After a period of almost a month and a half,
They gave up on expecting a reply.

Nora who was always up for some fun
Volunteered to take on the task.
Everyone knew she liked a good time
And *never* let an opportunity pass.

The local dry cleaner gathered up the costume
Saying, 'I will take this lot with me.'
Three days later he returned it to Nora
All spruced up - like new - and for free.

Her hair dresser refreshed the beard and the wig,
Nora was more than happy about that,
And when the poli's face appeared on the TV News,
She said, 'Guess what buster - I'll be wearing the red hat!'

Neale
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*Thanks to TLR for printing my poems.
A Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy
2023
to all.*

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

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.

RCMC would like to acknowledge and thank ValleyTech for ongoing help and support with the publication of

The Local Rag.

THE LOCAL RAG

The Local Rag is produced every other month.

Any articles or information from Community Groups, Local Schools, Sporting Clubs or other points of interest are welcomed.

All articles & information is required by the last Friday of January, March, May, July, September & November.

If you have something you would like to be included contact details are below.

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

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