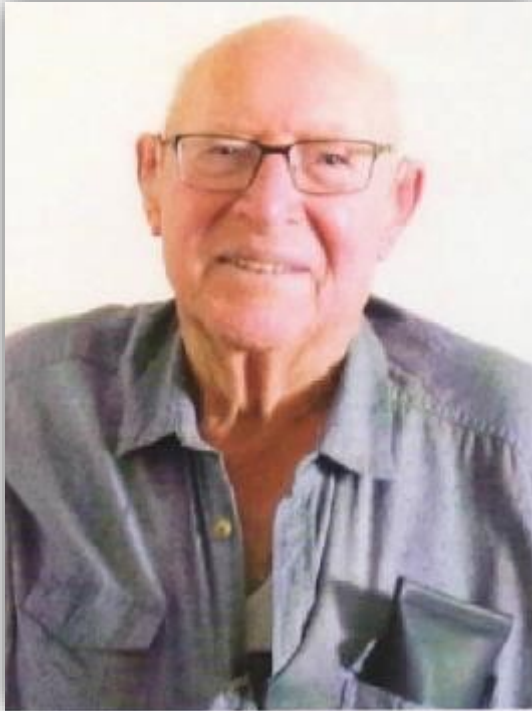


THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

JUNE 2024

Vale Eddie Pearce



On the 15th April 2024 I was honoured to attend the funeral of Eddie Pearce, representing the Riverton RSL Sub Branch. Eddie was the last surviving WW2 veteran from our Sub Branch. A eulogy was presented by his cousin, Don Bursill, who outlined his life. Despite having a difficult start to life, Eddie lived a full and productive life as a successful farmer and businessman across the state, and was well respected by those he came in contact with. In WW2 he enlisted into the Army, tragically, at that time, his three elder brothers, who were already in the army, were listed as 'killed in action'. The government policy at the time dictated that he could not be posted to overseas service, so Eddie served his time in northern parts of Australia.

A eulogy was also presented by Allison Freer on behalf of the Walara Gilbert Valley Homes, where he spent his latter years. Clearly, he was well liked and respected by staff and the residents of the homes.

However, Eddie never lost his larrakin spirit, as Allison recalled the exploits of the "Three Amigos", Eddie Pearce, Clyde Atkins and Ross Schultz, usually on their gophers in Riverton.

Eddie's WW2 uniform is on loan to the RSL and is proudly on display in our museum.

Grant Hovey

on behalf of the Riverton RSL Sub Branch

Deli Reopens



Welcome to the Hayhurst family, Steve, Jessica, Kira, Jacob & Brianna, from Hamley Bridge, who recently took reopened the Riverton Deli & Takeaway.

The Hayhurst's are a young family of five who love camping and going on adventures. As a family they are wanting to try something new as well as support the local community. Jess, Kira, and Brianna have experience within the hospitality industry already. They're hoping to pass down some of what they know to Jacob. The Riverton Deli and Takeaway is his first real job.

Steve has left 30 years of manufacture/winery work and has decided it's time to take on a new challenge. Jess has been a photographer for the past 15 and a half years. She has also decided to make a change. Jess now works in real estate

Monday to Friday and then with her husband, Steve, Saturday and Sunday at the Deli .

Goods Sold: Pies, pasties, cakes, pizza, fish and chips, yiros, salad rolls, schnitzels, burgers, and a whole lot more.

Opening hours:
Tuesday - Friday - 7.30am - 5pm
Saturday & Sunday - 8am - 2pm
Mondays closed

To contact the deli, phone: 0437 750 557

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

South Australian Ambulance Service (SAAS) would like to note the outstanding contribution of local volunteer team members at Riverton, including Trevor Haydon, 40 years of service, John Vandeleur, 40 years of service, and Barbara Gray with 30 years of service.

This length of service is a tribute to the team at Riverton and the local community who support SAAS through volunteering.

John Vandeleur has also received the Premier's Certificate in recognition of outstanding service as the Riverton Team's Training Coordinator.

SAAS has launched its volunteer recruitment campaign, 'Answer the Call' and is looking for some more volunteers in our region.

Around 1200 SAAS volunteers already provide professional ambulance services in 77 locations across the state including at Clare, Riverton and Hamley Bridge.

The Clare, Riverton and Hamley Bridge volunteer teams respond to the community for chest pain, breathing problems or pre-existing medical conditions, and on occasion, trauma cases.

SAAS volunteers are called on during times of need and have excellent standing in regional communities. By joining SAAS you'll get free qualifications, Ambulance Cover and be reimbursed for travel and childcare.

To find out more go to

www.saasambulance.sa.gov.au

or call 1300 175 584 (during business hours).

Pictured below are Barbara Gray, Trevor

Haydon and John Vandeleur with Operations Manager Jarred Gilbert, Regional Team Leader, Joe Knowles, and Director Rob Tolson.



RSL K9 Project

Members of the Riverton RSL and the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley gathered recently at RSL House to hear a presentation by the Royal Society for the Blind representative, Wendy Lucas on the Operation K9 veteran support dog project.

Both the RSL and Lions have agreed to raise funds to complement the efforts of 'Ronnie' McInerney and the Riverton Swimming Club who started fundraising earlier this year.

"The benefit of a trained support dog to the veteran suffering from PTSD is incredible," Wendy explained. There are veterans who could not manage going to their post box in the front of their house but are now able, with a support of their dog, to go for walks and visit friends. Some recipients have been able to have their medications reduced and have been able to live a normal life again.

It is hoped that \$2000 can be raised by the end of June.

Pictured is George who is about to leave basic training to start his specialised assistance training, after which he will be allocated a veteran, always under the watchful eye of the dedicated OP K9 staff.



Michael Johnson JP
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer
& Projects Coordinator

Riverton RSL Sub Branch

HOUSE NUMBERS AN OBSERVATION

Take the time to check that your house number is clearly marked.

It could save a life during an emergency.

Just walk outside and look back from the street.

Now imagine that you're an Emergency Services Officer. It's dark & time is tight. Is your house number clearly visible?

Emergency Call : 000





As many readers are aware, TLR is produced by two community volunteer members, one of whom works full time and the other, a retiree, who still helps on the family farm.

TLR is published each even month of the year as early as possible in the month. However, the date of publication may vary depending on other commitments of the volunteers involved. We trust that readers understand.

Articles from community groups are always welcome. If you wish to contribute, please email either Kaye (jvmkmcinerney@outlook.com) or Cassy (griffithsag@bigpond.com) by the last Friday of each odd month of the year.

Recently, there have been some community groups who have chosen to submit regular articles (e.g. Walara Homes, Community Library, Cuzz's Jokes). If you would like to submit a regular article, please email Kaye (jvmkmcinerney@outlook.com) & she will give you a gentle reminder when articles are due.

Please email us with any comments or articles. We reserve the right to accept and/or edit articles submitted.

We hope you continue to enjoy TLR.

Kaye & Cassy

GILBERT VALLEY SOCIAL GROUP VISITS MONARTO ZOO

Thirty-five people undertook a trip to Monarto Zoo on Tuesday 4th June, leaving Riverton at 9am.

It was a great day of camaraderie, with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. Lunch was at the Café at Monarto, followed by a 2 hour Safari Tour of the Zoo, where we were treated to a feast of exotic animals. Everyone was allowed to alight from the bus at the waterhole, where they could view the giraffes and eland up close.

Arriving back in Riverton at 5pm, it was voted a most successful outing.

The GV Social Group meets the first Tuesday each month at the Riverton Community Hall Supper Room at 10 am, unless otherwise programmed. Anyone is welcome to attend.

If anyone would like further details about this group, phone Glenys on 8847 2666 or Carolyn on 0418 833 976.

Carolyn
Evans





Short History of Rhynie CFS up to 4th August 1991

The early days of fire fighting equipment in Rhynie consisted of several 44 gallon drums of water and a hand operated pump, which was stored on a stand adjacent to the Rhynie School. I have been told that in the event of a fire the pump and drums would be loaded onto a local farmer's truck or utility. Back in the 1940's, a local identity, Jock Keenan, resided next to the school and operated a carrying and fuel business, and his truck was used many times as the Rhynie Fire Truck.

Around 1953/54, a group of Rhynie farmers and residents took it upon themselves to form a committee to try to upgrade the fire fighting equipment in Rhynie. After several meetings it was decided that interested rate payers would each donate 10 pounds, and a two wheeled trailer would be constructed, consisting of a 200 gallon tank coupled to a centrifugal pump and powered by a Cooper motor. This unit proved to be quite

satisfactory and after several years of service the motor became quite unreliable. With the help of Council, this pump and motor were replaced with a Villiers, which is still in operation on the farm of Eugene Willis, Tarlee.

Ratepayers concerned in this project consisted of names like, Kirk, Belling, Jenkins, Uppill, Kemp, Crouch, Bowden, Glynn, Hudson, Plew, and Giles, who were guided by the expertise of Mr Max Wright, who then owned the Rhynie Garage, at which this unit was constructed.

In 1982, another generation of farmers came along and decided to replace this trailer with a Landcruiser 4 x 4 unit, to look after the hills area of Rhynie. After a meeting on 13th July, at the Rhynie Hotel, with our then RO (Regional Officer) Menadue, where he suggested that a small 4 x 4 truck be obtained and suitable body be built to suit our needs. After consultation with Riverton District Council and Regional Office, a 1974 International D1310 4 x 4 was purchased. This truck was dismantled and a new body engineered and fitted out with the help of Gilbert Valley Industries along with many hours of labour by local members. This unit was equipped and fitted with a second hand Robin Pump, which was given to us by Riverton CFS Brigade. The total cost of this unit was approx. \$11,350.00.

After spending many hours building this unit, our members became very attached to our lovable Inter Fire Unit, but progress seemed to be heading our way, and it seemed that we were about to replace our truck, after seven years of service to our local community.

As the CFS has now implemented a truck replacement program, our Inter unit has now been replaced by the new Hino 2 x 4 fire unit. I am sure that our members are justly proud of this unit as they were of our last truck, and will look forward to protecting our community with this new truck.

L. J. Crouch - Captain

Greetings
readers!

It is a pleasure that we provide an update on the Walara Gilbert Valley Redevelopment. This week 2 of the redeveloped rooms again became available for use, making a total of 7 rooms redeveloped and occupied.

A further 5 rooms have been totally demolished internally and external footings being poured for expanded verandahs (refer below).

By the end of May 2024 \$2M of the \$6M redevelopment will have been spent with the next couple of months seeing the construction of the 4 new external rooms and completion of the 5 rooms mentioned above.



We are excited by the community interest and demand for the rooms which are being filled as soon as they are redeveloped, and we have a waiting list for the new rooms being constructed.

The recruitment of International Nurses is continuing across all Walara sites and we anticipate the arrival of the next Registered Nurse in the coming weeks.

Across the other Walara sites I am able to report the completion of the Walara Hamley Bridge \$3.5M redevelopment with all 52 rooms now occupied.



In Balaklava we have secured an additional \$1.8M grant to construct staff accommodation. This is timely with the extreme shortage of residential accommodation in our region.

Should you have any questions on these or other Walara matters please do not hesitate to contact Nino Di Sisto – Walara Chief Executive Officer ceo@walara.au.

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

7-14 JULY 2024

Who's eligible? All school students attending a school in the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council area. Entries will be judged in groups – Junior PS (Reo – 2 Upper PS (3 – 6), Junior HS (7-9), Senior HS (10-12).

What's the format? Either **written** (max. 200 words) in any style e.g. poetry, letter, story etc., OR **visual** (max A3 or shoebox size) in any style, e.g. 3D diorama, comic strip, weaving, painting, drawing, model making etc..

Anything else? All submissions must have a typed (size 16 simple font) A5 sized label included separately. The label needs to have your name, year level, age group, school and a 20 word (max) statement explaining your entry.

What's the theme? **Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud.**

How do I submit? Entries can be submitted at the Riverton School Community Library, Saddleworth Library, Clare Library or Clare Council offices.

Last day to submit entries? **26 July 2024**

Entries will be judged and winners announced at the NAIDOC Dinner, Saturday August 3rd.

AN INITIATIVE OF THE CLARE NAIDOC COMMITTEE

Scholz Park Donation



The Scholz Park Committee was thrilled to receive a donation of a Drover's Wagon from Bill Marshall on behalf of the Marshall Family.

The wagon has been in the Marshall family since 1954. It has travelled numerous back roads throughout the Mid North, Riverland and Yorke Peninsula, bringing mobs of sheep down from Orroroo, Peterborough, Jamestown and many more.

Norman Marshall would have 1,500 to 2,000 sheep on the road at a time with some jobs lasting three, six or nine months depending on feed and water. It was last used in 1988 to bring 1,000 sheep down from Peterborough for the Bicentenary.

Bill Marshall has spent the last 4-5 months rejuvenating the old wagon so that it can be placed on display in our museum.

Our thanks and appreciation go to him and his brother, Peter, for their efforts.

Greg McLeod.



Riverton RSL ANZAC Day

Riverton RSL conducted the recent Anzac Day Service. This day was very well

attended by approximately 300 people, which was a great attendance. The service was followed by a light breakfast, served on the verandah of RSL House, which was also well attended. A special thanks to Rob Oakley and his team, who volunteered to cook the Breakfast; job well done!



The bar was also well patronised on this day, so overall it was, again, a very successful day.

Thank you everybody that attended.

Car Boot Sale

The RSL also held a Car Boot Sale in Scholz Park on Sunday 26 May, which was reasonably attended. We had ten stall holders/sellers for this event. We also ran a BBQ during the day, which was enjoyed by everyone.

This was the third time the RSL has run this Boot Sale and, possibly, we will have another one at a later date.

Thank you to all the stall holders/sellers for their patronage and efforts, on the day.

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!

A photograph of a green and white Riverton VTL van. Two people in green uniforms are standing next to the van. The van has "rivertonvtl" written on the side.

FINDING OUT

If you don't ask you may not find out,
If you don't find out you may never know,
So keep on asking all about it
As along life's path you go.

Some things may be worth remembering
Other things, well they might not,
But if you have a good memory,
One day you will know quite a lot!

It could be said any number of times,
By a multitude of friend and relations,
If you ask too many questions you'll become,
"The Minister for Useless Information!"

When knowledge is thrust upon you,
Store it away in your memory bank.
In years to come, I guarantee,
You'll have lots of folks to thank.

Never would I pry into personal matters,
Such as when you first were kissed,
But one question I simply have to ask is ...

Who is Taylor Swift?

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Cuzz's Corner

ATO mission statement
We've got what it takes to take
what you've got.

When you see a married man
talking to himself, you know he's
just reliving an argument he's
already lost.

Yesterday I saw a book titled,
'How to solve 50 percent of your
problems', so I bought two.

Whatever you do always give
100 percent, unless you are
donating blood.

What do hospital gowns and
insurance have in
common?
You think you are
covered,
but you're not.



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

New to the area?

Feeling lonely or socially isolated?
Maybe you just want to meet new
people?

Why not come along and join our
Community Coffee and Chat table?
Tuesday mornings at 10.30am

All welcome to come along!

EMPORIUM BAKEHOUSE



Riverton School Community Library

Term 2 Week 4



Newsletter

NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN ENTRANCE

"A **HUGE** **thankyou** to the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley Inc. who have been helping out the Riverton School Community Library, by continuing the restoration of our Community Entrance Garden beds. This project was started by Friend of the Library, Roz Rowett.

During the last school holidays, Lions volunteers met for working bees, where they were busy raking leaf matter away, pruning trees and shrubs to expose pathways, installing an automatic watering system and planting new plants. Ongoing paving works will happen next school holidays.



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Farewell Elaine!

In August this year, Elaine will be taking some Long Service Leave, after which we will be farewelling her, as she has decided to retire. It will be very sad to say goodbye to one of our longest serving library staff members! Make sure you pop in this term to say farewell in person and thank her for her tireless service to this community.

Last Friday, Lions members met with Teacher/Librarian Sue Packer (2nd from R) and Community Library Assistant Elaine Kerrison (1st on right). Lions members include, R-L, Lion Stuart Paxton, Lion Martyn Gill and Lion Gwyn Morgan. Absent: Lion Tracey Wostikow and Lion Paul Baker.

Lion Stuart also presented the library with a battery operated blower to assist with leaf control on the pathways. This will be an ongoing project to assist the Riverton School Community Library.

Total value to date \$468.90 including the blower. All purchases from Riverton Hardware. **THANK YOU!!**





WHAT'S ON IN OUR LIBRARY...

We have a range of community activities offered through our library. If you're interested or have any questions, feel free to ring for more info on **88472414**.

- **Garden Group** meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the library space.
- **Chair Yoga** and **Meditation** is offered in the library every Wednesday of the school term from 3:15 onwards (\$5 charge for each)
- **Children's Uni** registrations now open
- Next **Friends of the Library** meeting **11th June 5pm**
- **Riverton Kindy** visits for **Storytime** have started for Term 2.
- **Bookclubs!** Ask our friendly staff about these.

We have lots going on - come on in and have a chat if you're interested.

SUE, ELAINE & SHANNAI



**Riverton School
Community Library**

 **Libraries
SA**

ph 88472414

Riverton Community Management Committee

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

Committee Members -
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
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