

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

APRIL 2025

Vale Avis Przibilla



Avis Mary Jordan was born in Riverton on November 21st, 1923. On completing her education at Riverton Primary & Riverton High School, Avis became the first female telephonist in Riverton. In 1941, she was invited to join the staff at the post office, becoming the first female post office clerk.

In addition to her work at the post office, Avis played an important role in World War II, thanks to the nearby Service Flying Training School at Mallala. A spotting shed was established in Riverton, where newly graduated pilots would undergo advanced training before being sent to other bases for specialist training. Avis was responsible for receiving and processing the details of each plane that flew over Riverton, managing the information through the post office.

Avis married local farmer, Malcolm Przibilla, in 1943. She loved living on the farm, enjoying nature and caring for the animals. Son, Graham, was born in 1948.

Avis, a talented pianist, played for the Red Cross dances held in Rhynie, Riverton, and Tarlee on Saturday nights. Later in life, she continued to share her love for music by performing duets with Mrs. Duldig in local skits and playing at the Senior Citizens' Home.

Following the sudden death of her husband, Malcolm, after 50 years of marriage, Avis continued her community involvement, remaining an active member of the CWA and volunteering at the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home and the Riverton Hospital,

Avis's dedication to her community was recognized in 2013 when she was nominated for and won the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award. She was both humbled and delighted by this honour.

Avis spent her last years as a resident of the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens Home (now Walara Gilbert Valley), where she passed away peacefully on 4th March 2025, aged 102.

Avis lived a happy and fulfilling life. She was born, raised, lived, and passed away in Riverton, and she wouldn't have had it any other way. She will be fondly remembered by family & friends.

Condolences to the Przibilla family.

Accolades for Alfie



Renowned local artist, Robert (Alf/Alfie) Hannaford AM, has been recognised by Flinders University for his longstanding achievements in art and conservation.

Well known by the local community for his drawing, painting & sculpting, many may not be aware of Alf's love of and commitment to Australian native flora and fauna. Alf was the visionary and founding member of the Bushland Conservation Company and Hesters Conservation Company which aim to preserve biodiversity by buying land on Kangaroo Island and elsewhere in South Australia, and planting regional flora.

Mr Hannaford has been named Doctor of the University honoris causa from Flinders University in recognition of his contribution to the art world across 60 years and for his ongoing commitment to conservation in South Australia.

(Thanks to Plains Producer for sharing information)



An example of Alf's painting is a portrait of the former Premier and Member of Parliament,

Hon. Dr Dean Brown AO, which was unveiled recently in The House of Assembly. The unveiling ceremony was attended by Speaker Hon. Leon Bignell MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Josh Teague, and members of Parliament, alongside Brown's family and the artist.

LEST WE FORGET
ANZAC DAY
FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2025



Riverton RSL
ANZAC DAY Dawn Service
Community March
Form up at Riverton IGA
March off at 6:00am
Dawn Service
Commencing at 6:15am
Scholz Park, Riverton
Followed by breakfast
(gold coin donation)
For more information contact
President Daryl Mullan 0411440927

A Night to Remember: 2025 Riverton & District High School Presentation Ball

On Friday, March 21st, the Year 12 students of Riverton & District High School were formally introduced to the school community at the much-anticipated 2025 Presentation Ball. Held at the elegant Hewett Centre, the evening was a celebration of tradition, elegance, and the exciting year ahead.



Dressed in stunning gowns and sharp suits, the students took to the dance floor, showcasing their grace and teamwork in beautifully rehearsed dances. The atmosphere was filled with joy as proud families, friends, and teachers looked on, sharing in the special moment. Addressed by two former teachers, they shared special memories of their time with the group and gave advice on the windy path futures may take.

Beyond the formalities, the night was about connection—cherishing friendships, celebrating achievements, and looking forward to the future.

Nikki Giles

Teacher/Coordinator



RPS
Principal

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Riverton Primary School community for the warm welcome I have received in my first few weeks here. For those who were unaware, Melissa Claridge will be working as the

Education Lead - Schools for 3 months and I will be in the Acting Principal role.

My previous leadership roles include Principal of Pinnaroo Primary - 6 years, Deputy Principal of Kapunda Primary - 10 years, Deputy Principal of Tanunda Primary & Disability Unit - 6 years as well as Acting Principal roles at Balaklava, Greenock and Kapunda.

I look forward to working with the wonderful staff and students of RPS and the wider community. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself and have a chat.

Kind regards,

Nick Wuttke



Riverton Kindergarten and Rural Care

PLAY • RELATIONSHIPS • COMMUNITY • SUSTAINABILITY



PLAYGROUP

ALTERNATE MONDAYS
DURING TERM

Freeplay
relaxed
socialisation
free play



PRESCHOOL

TUES, WED AND
ALTERNATE THURS
DURING TERM

Led by a qualified teacher
Early entry
Play based curriculum



RURAL CARE

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Long Day Care
Learning through play
Integrated with preschool
OSHC

WELCOME



Our play group coordinator facilitates the playgroup we share with Saddleworth ELC. They support families and children, by providing experiences you can replicate at home and they are able to give you information to local support when needed



Preschool encourages a rich and relevant play-based curriculum that supports the development of the whole child. Children are eligible for preschool in the year before they begin school.



Rural Care is a long day care funded by the Department for Education. Offered in smaller communities that are unable to sustain viable childcare options. Rural Care provides after School and Kindy care also.



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Health Minister Visit



On a recent visit to Riverton Hospital, Health Minister, Chris Picton, met with staff, patients and residents, including Carmel McInerney (pictured).

Carmel was born at Riverton Hospital, served as its Matron, and now calls it home in aged care. At 99, she's as sharp as ever!



Walara are pleased to welcome our new Director of Care, Jory McDowell, to Walara Gilbert Valley. Jory commenced with us in early March.

We are also excited about the recent completion of the last of our refurbished rooms, to the front of our facility.

With several new double rooms, and more rooms overall now available, if you would like to register your interest in accommodation, and come in for look, please contact Jory on P 88472 307. Further information can be found on the Walara website <https://walara.au/>.

Easter Service Times 2025 Gilbert Valley



Anglican

Good Friday: Holy Trinity Riverton 10am
Easter Day: Belvidere 9.30am
Holy Trinity Riverton 10am

Baptist

Good Friday: Saddleworth 9am
Easter Day: Tarlee 10am

Catholic

Holy Thursday: Riverton 7pm
Good Friday: Saddleworth 11am Stations of the Cross (outside)
Riverton 3pm Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday: Riverton 7pm Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday: Riverton 9am

Lutheran

Good Friday: Saddleworth 10am
Easter Day: Dawn Service Carlsruhe 6.30am
Followed by Breakfast

Uniting

Good Friday: Saddleworth 9:30am
Easter Day: Auburn 9:30am
Tarlee 9.15am



Remaining work continues to the front reception, lounge room extension, and front verandahs over the coming months. In the middle of 2025, when the entire refurbishment is completed, there will be an official opening to which the community will be invited to attend. Once again thank you to the community for your support of this project over the last 21 months.

In terms of Covid management, we remind the Gilbert Valley community of one of the strategies adopted by Walara recently. When there are significant cases of Covid in the community or prior to and after public holidays (e.g. Easter), staff and visitors to Walara will be requested to conduct a Rapid Antigen Test prior to entering the facility. To date this Infection Prevention and Control strategy has assisted in increasing awareness and protecting the residents and others by identifying any infection risks during these times. We thank you for your patience and understanding during these times.

I look forward to experiencing some rain over the coming months and with the footy season recently kicking off, all the best with your footy tips. Supporting their favourite team is something the residents of Walara really embrace and get in the spirit of.

We are thankful for being able to contribute to The Local Rag and matters of Walara.

Robert Veitch
CEO



The Lion's Den

Following a suggestion from one of the members of the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley that we investigate the formation of a Leos Club, information has been obtained and a presentation received from the Leos Chair for this Lions district, Annette Slater, which has convinced us to proceed with this worthwhile youth project.

"What is a Leos Club?" I hear asked. It is a group of young people aged between 12 and 18 years who will meet once a week for about an hour with an adult adviser from our Lions Club. They will form their own management team of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and create their own

community projects based on their interests and abilities. There is a huge range of suitable projects already used elsewhere which are likely to generate some enthusiastic discussion.

The value of being a Leo member is the experience of working in a team, learning new skills, developing community projects and enjoying the successful outcomes of their endeavours. There is no cost involved in being a member of this Leo Club.

Expressions of interest are already being received, and we invite further enquiries as we build up to the minimum of ten members to enable the club charter to proceed. Please contact Jodie Stone on 0417722492 for any Leo information.

For further information on the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley please email info.gilbertvalleylions@gmail.com or leave a message on 0419672073

**RIVERTON
Country
Market**

**1st Saturday of each Month
9am - 2:30pm
Riverton Community Hall**

**rivertoncountrymarket@gmail.com
Cindy 0412 805 390**

Riverton School Community Library

April 2025



TLR Library News



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A wonderfully rich and creative experience was shared by seventeen young people who participated in our latest *school holiday program* in January. Our facilitator - local artist Gilli - inspired them to create beautiful artworks around the theme, 'Love the World, Paint the Planet'.

Their artworks were displayed in the front window of Gilli's gallery, in the main street of Riverton - opposite the IGA. We are so lucky to have such talented artists willing to share their knowledge and inspire the next generation.

Get in early to **register** for our **next April holiday program** with Gilli!



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For all who seek
new experiences
entertainment
knowledge
support
and community.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Build a Book

For kids aged 4-12 years

WHEN: Wednesday 10th April 2025

TIME: 10am-12.30pm

Riverton Community Library



Free activity - donations appreciated
To book your place please email or call your
children must be accompanied by an adult



Come in and check out
our lovely Mello Mat area!





Gilbert Valley Basketball Association, Grand Final



The GVBA 24/25 season came to a close on March 11th with our junior teams taking to the court in our Grand Final matches.

The evening commenced with a thrilling U12s match which saw the Suns defeat the Jets by a nail-biting 2-points. Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the match was awarded to the Jets, Aldo Muller.

In the U14 Boys competition, the Magic defeated an undermanned Jets team, 59 – 38. MVP was awarded to Angus Hart from the Jets.

The U16 Boys match was another closely fought battle with the Magic clawing back a win from the Jets, 51 – 48. The MVP and Craig Mashall Memorial Trophy was awarded to Bailey Prizibilla.

In the U18 Boys match, the Jets defeated the Bucks, 45 – 22. MVP was awarded to Mitchell Noll.

Temika Hier
Junior GVBA

Riverton Bowling Club

As a rather warm March comes to an end, a very successful season of bowls for the Riverton Bowling Club is also drawing to a close.

Saturday Pennants.....2 teams played this year, the club fielding a Division 1 and Division 3 team. Both teams were successful in making the finals. Division 1 defeated Owen in the first semi final, but were over run in the 2nd half of the preliminary final against Hamley Bridge to finish 3rd.

Our Division 3 team took all before them during the minor round to finish top coming into the finals, only to lose the 2nd semi final to Wasleys. However, like all good sides they rebounded to win their preliminary final, then came out all guns blazing in the grand final to record a comfortable victory. A fantastic effort by this side and the club are very proud to have a premiership team this season.



Thursday Pennants....3 teams were fielded in the Thursday competition, and at the end of the minor round our 3 teams finished 3rd, 4th and 5th in the 2nd division, so the selectors did a pretty good job of picking even teams! This saw an all Riverton semi final, with the Whites defeating the Blues in a high quality final. Riverton White then won a close preliminary final against Burra Gold, only to lose the Grand Final to Saddleworth by a few shots. Once again, an outstanding effort to play in a grand final.

Night Owls....Neville Hier once again organised our Night Owls team to play in the Mid North Association. Close to 30 players were used during the year and, to the credit of our team, we are always competitive with no pennant bowlers, playing teams with up to seven Division 1 bowlers. Neville won't be organising next year, so we are looking for someone to take on that role.

Bowls is a great team sport but we do play individual championships as well. Club champions this year are as follows.

*Women's Singles winner Cath Greenslade,
runner up Ann Harrip*

Women's Pairs is still to be completed

*Men's Singles winner Matthew Greenslade,
runner up Gary Davis*

*Men's Pairs winners Wayne Molineux, Leon
Schwarz,*

runners up Andrew Clark, Gary Davis

Night Owls Singles Lachie Riechelt

The Women's Association Championships have also been played and Riverton tasted success in two events. The Fours team of Jodie Stone, Cate Aitchison, Enid Passehl and Ann Harrip beat a very strong Robertstown team in the final, and mother and daughter pair, Jasmine and Cath Greenslade, defeated past winners, Ang Rohde and Yvonne Molineux, in a high quality final.

Socially our fortnightly teas have been a great success with bowlers and non bowlers alike enjoying good food and company. Annual Business Bowls saw twelve teams competing over two weeks where there were a few good bowls but a lot more fun!

A relaxing end of season dinner was held on Saturday 29th March to finish a very busy and successful season. The club is always looking for new people to get involved, be it playing or just on the social side. The club is always open and available!

Matthew Greenslade
President



Gilbert Valley Cricket Club

The 2024/25 cricket season has come to an end for the Gilbert Valley Cricket Club. The club had a successful season with 5 out of a possible 6 grades playing in finals. Greg Callery's U14's and Sam Goodfellow's U12's made the grand final, but couldn't quite get the win. Players in both teams can be proud of their efforts to make it that far. The club feels it is in a strong position with good junior numbers and looks forward to seeing these kids progress into senior cricket.

The club held their windup on Friday 14th of March at the Saddleworth Oval, with good attendance from players, parents, sponsors and life members. President, Tom Vater, thanked all volunteers for their efforts, particularly the coaches, the people who help with the turf wicket and maintaining the oval and surrounds, as well as all sponsors for their generosity. Coaches and captains gave a rundown of the season and presented trophies.

Trophy recipients were

Club Awards

Don Molineux Club

Person – Riley

McInerney

Ivan Button Most

Promising U21 – Billy

Nicholls

Craig Marshall Fielding

Trophy (A2) – Billy Nicholls *Riley McInerney*

HM McKeough Cricketer of the Year (A2) -

Tom Connell (absent)

M Busch Cricketer of the Year (A4) - Dylan
Busch

A2

Batting – James Vandeleur

Bowling – Tom Connell & Tom Vater





Billy Nichols & Dylan Busch

A4

Batting – Dylan Busch

Bowling – Hamish Behn

Captains – Nathan Busch

U16

Bowling – Billy Nicholls

Coaches Award – Ryan Philp

U14

Batting – Bryce Heidrich

Bowling – Hudson Callery

Coaches Award – Sam Mullins

U12

Batting – Harrison Norman

Bowling – Harrison Norman

Coaches Award – Kaeden Robb

Tom Vater

President



RSMU Football Club

Welcome to the 2025 season on behalf of the mighty RSMU Hawks. We welcome new and returning members to the nest for this season which is looking like an eventful year across the board. We are always looking for new members and volunteers, so if you are keen to get involved, don't be afraid to show your face around the club on a Thursday night or Saturday. It's a great opportunity to get out of the house, catch up with new or existing friends and watch some quality games of footy.

Former recruit, now local Jake Birchmore, and club veteran, Bradley Koster, will be leading the A Grade and B Grade squads respectively in hopes of achieving ultimate glory come September. A successful pre-season campaign has seen solid numbers on the track and will hold the group in a strong position as we head towards the first match Anzac Day weekend.

Returning recruit, Lochie Hoile, has taken the reigns of the U17's for this season. Lochie will be a great asset in this position with a wealth of experience at higher levels including a stint at Woodville West Torrens. With numbers looking good, it will be a great opportunity for the group to learn and develop in 2025. Lochie is sure to pass on his passion and game knowledge to the young group, holding them in good stead moving forward.

Kim Hart will continue as U14's coach this season. Kim will hope to take the group one step further in 2025, narrowly missing out on ultimate success last season. The quality of football shown by the young group last season is a testament to the coach's abilities to develop and bring out the best in all players. They were extremely exciting to watch and it's sure to be a similar story this season. If you have a morning free on a Saturday, it would be great to see you out supporting the future of the club bright and early as you won't be disappointed!

Matt Norman and Mark Neumann will take on the role of U12's coaches (for children turning 10,11 or 12 in 2025). Dylan Busch and Frank McInerney are looking forward to coaching the U9's (for children turning 7,8 or 9 in 2025). It has been great to see an abundance of players in the lower grades in the last few years as it holds the club in a strong position. We look forward to seeing the children move through the ranks over the coming years. There are always jobs to be done on a Saturday with the early games to ensure they

run smoothly, so don't be afraid to show your face and lend a hand.

For the real little ones, Ben McInerney will be taking the Auskick sessions this season. Children turning 5 or 6 are eligible and it is a great way to dip their toes into footy.

We are always looking for more players across the board, so if you are interested, don't be afraid to come out for a kick and a catch on a Thursday night!

We recently held a junior launch which was well received by all involved and looks to have been thoroughly enjoyed. The sausage sizzle and bouncy castle were a highlight for many!

We also had the privilege of hosting the AFL, AFLW, SANFL and SANFLW premiership cups as well as a junior clinic run by the SANFL. It was a great opportunity for young and old to get up close and personal to pieces of silverware many only see on TV. These are the sort of opportunities along with many social functions when you get involved with a great club like the RSMU Hawks.

We look forward to another successful year at the mighty Hawks!

President – Steve Ball

Local Henry Ball dreams about September success during the Gather Round Premiership Cup Tour and Junior Clinic recently hosted at Riverton Oval.



Riverton Golf Club

The opening of the 2025 season will be on Saturday 3rd May.

12 noon registration for 12.30pm start – 18 hole Ambrose competition.

Anyone who is interested in playing golf will be very welcome. Make up your own team of 4 or just come along and we'll organise a team for you.

For more information, contact Al Hartwell (secretary) - 0437691812

Women's 9 hole competition is played on Tuesday afternoons. Registration 12.45pm for 1.00pm start. The season will commence on Tuesday 6th May.

For more information, contact Rae - 0428352918 or Ann – 0448164649

Hopefully by the time the season starts we will have had excellent opening rains to green the course.



RSMU NETBALL CLUB

And just like that, we're already in April, and the 2025 Netball season is off to a flying start!

Pre-season training started in mid-February for the Senior and Intermediate Junior grades, with a few new and returning players this year which is always exciting. Whilst our numbers are looking healthy, there is always room for more!

It was great to see many new and returning families attend our *Junior's Season Launch* that we held alongside the RSMU Football Club in mid-March, with plenty of fun and

games, a few skills and drills, mouthguard fittings (thanks to Kapunda Dental team!), and a community BBQ to top it off!

Our Junior numbers are currently looking strong which we're thrilled to see (again, always room for more!), and we also have a healthy MiniHawks (NetSetGo) contingent too, which is fantastic sign for our Club succession!

This year, we have an incredible line up of experienced and passionate coaches to help develop all our players:

A1 – Sarah Noack

A2 – Sarah Allen

B1 – Cath Greenslade

B2 – Simone Hier

C1 – Nikki Hannaford

C2 – Matt Greenslade

17Us – Sarah Noack and Jess McInerney

13Us – James Vandeleur and Joeline Anderson

10Us – Kerry Heinrich, Lucy Smith and Sophie Wood

MiniHawks – Kasey Ball

We're again thrilled to partner with our community again through our sponsorship opportunities.

If you or your business would like to support our Netball Club to enhance our community facilities and programs, please reach out to Emma Zanette (netballsponsorship@rsmu.com.au) for more information. Every little bit helps, and your contributions make a big difference for our current and future members.

If you or your family member would like to join our club as a player or volunteer, please feel free to email me at netballpresident@rsmu.com.au, or see the information below and registration links.

We can't wait for a fantastic 2025 season ahead. Go Hawks!

Follow the RSMU Hawks on Facebook > <https://www.facebook.com/rsmufootballandnetballclubs>

KEEN TO PLAY?

Registrations for Senior and Junior Competition Players are still open! (Must turn 7 in 2025 calendar year to register play in competitive netball) > <https://bit.ly/RegisterToPlayForHawks2025>



Register your Child for *MiniHawks* for ages 4-6 in 2025 (born in 2019/2020/2021) > <https://bit.ly/MiniHawksRegistration2025>



Paige Rowett
President
RSMU Netball Club
www.rsmu.com.au

Cuzz's Corner

Cuzz was shearing north of Hawker in the Flinders Ranges, but the sheep were bloody rough and Cuzz was having a lot of trouble with one of the rams.

The cocky said, "Playing up is he? When you finish shearing him, hang onto him and I'll put a tag in his ear and he won't be here next year."

Cuzz replied, "You can put a tag in my ear too, because I won't be here either." (True story)



In drought, Dad and Dave fall on hard times. They decide to go to the local bank to ask for a loan to buy a new pump for their dam.

The day they go to the bank there is a raging dust storm.

The bank manager says, "I should be able to lend you the money, but I'll need to come out to the farm to have a look around."

Dad says, "No need to come out. Just look outside; half the bloody farm is going past your window now!!"

Dave decided to take Mabel to the Snake Gully Cafe for lunch.

Dave looked at the menu and said, "They've got sheep tongues on the menu Mabel. I think I'll have that. What about you?"

Mabel said, "No Dave, I couldn't eat anything that came out of an animal's mouth."

"What would you like then, Mabel?" asked Dave.

Mabel replied, "I think I'll have an egg."

IS KITTY HEADING FOR THE ALTAR?

Even though Kitty was quite contented,
Well, she was settled as anyone can,
She felt she would be much happier,
If in her life there was a man.

Eyeing off men wherever she went,
Seemed to be one of her unsuccessful capers,
So she sent off an ad to the classifieds -

Lonely Hearts section of the paper.

She was known for being slightly sceptical,
She was amazed to get five varying replies.

To Kitty, whose ego had its ups and downs,
This was a very pleasant surprise.

She selected three possibilities,
However, only two got to be "MAYBE".
The other, it just so happened was
From an extremely optimistic lady.

The "BIG WINNER" - (Kitty's choice of words),
Was a slightly older man called Clive.
His age didn't bother Kitty at all,
As she was already past sixty-five.

They kept intouch by texting at first,
Then came phone calls and emails.
They learnt about each other's loves
With an assortment of stories and tales.

Who is to know if anything will evolve
From a small ad placed in the local paper?

Sadly there are no juicy details as yet,
Perhaps they'll come to light later.

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Riverton Community Management Committee

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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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