

THE LOCAL RAG

RIVERTON COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2025



Hope you are doing well and enjoying the rain that we've had more recently.

Since my last communicate there have been many activities occurring at Walara but this edition focuses on the Official Opening of the Walara Gilbert Valley redevelopment and upcoming AGM.

Redevelopment

With the Walara Gilbert Valley refurbishment official opened on Friday 25 July 2025, it was great to see so many residents from the community, residents, staff, and Alice McDonald Director, Department of Health & Aged Care (DHAC) Adelaide, Federal Member for Grey, Tom Venning, State Member for Frome, Penny Pratt, and State Member for Light, Tony Piccolo participating in the celebration and to recognise the significant contribution of James Huppatz on behalf of the Huppatz family in the official opening of their respective new wing.



Left to right – Tony Piccolo MP, Malcolm May – Walara Board Chair, James Huppatz (Huppatz family), Alice McDonald (DHAC), Penny Pratt MP, & Tom Venning MP

Following the speeches and ribbon cutting, plaques were unveiled, tours of the refurbished facility conducted, and then a sumptuous afternoon tea and hot cuppa enjoyed by the many guests who attended, along with some of our valued residents at Walara Gilbert Valley. The \$6.8 million redevelopment, which commenced in mid-2023, has seen an increase in bed numbers for aged care in the area from 27 to 35. Please note the new entry will be in use from Thursday 7 August, with additional details to follow directly to residents' families.

The occupancy at Walara Gilbert Valley is currently above mid-range, so with our new rooms recently completed, several vacancies

A poster for the Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony. It features a dark background with a blue banner at the top that says '- 18th August -'. Below the banner is the Australian flag on the left and the Vietnam flag on the right. In the center, the words 'VIETNAM VETERANS DAY' are written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, there is a row of colorful vertical stripes representing the Vietnam flag, with a small circular emblem in the center. At the bottom, the text 'Riverton RSL Sub-Branch Vietnam Veterans' Day Commemoration Ceremony Monday 18th August 2025 11.00am Scholz Park, Riverton' is written in bold black text.

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Commemoration Ceremony
Monday 18th August 2025
11.00am
Scholz Park, Riverton**



accommodated soon. Further information can also be found on the Walara website

<https://walara.au/>

AGM & Membership

Walara will be holding its Annual General Meeting in October 2025. This is advanced notice for community to register as members (existing Members do not need to reregister). Please contact the CEO, via ceo@walara.au if you require an Association Membership Registration Form.

We continue to be grateful for the opportunity to contribute to The Local Rag with matters of Walara.

Robert Veitch
Chief Executive Officer

exist. If you know of anybody who would like to register their interest in accommodation in the future, please have them contact Admissions on P 8528 2276. Should the situation be urgent please contact us, as the person needing aged care may be able to be



COMING SOON ! FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING Hosted by the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley



**Sunday 24th August 2025 and located at Scholz Park, Riverton
From 9.00am to 3.30pm**



Bookings for persona 18 years+ are essential please call 0419672073

Lions BBQ trailer on site for the day



CLARE & GILBERT
VALLEYS COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: 29 June 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hall refurbishment to go ahead



The Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council has been awarded a \$770,000 grant through the South Australian Government's Enabling Infrastructure Program to refurbish the Riverton Community Hall.

This funding is part of the \$15 million Thriving Regions Fund, which supports infrastructure projects that strengthen regional communities.

The Riverton Community Hall, established in 1874, is a cherished civic space that has served as a hub for community and cultural activities.

Despite its historical significance, the hall has faced structural and accessibility challenges, including termite damage, outdated facilities, and non-compliant amenities.

In response, the Council engaged Phillips/Pilkington Architects to develop refurbishment plans aimed at modernising the hall while preserving its heritage character.

Proposed upgrades include structural repairs, kitchen and restroom renovations, improved accessibility and enhanced performance infrastructure.

Community consultations emphasised the importance of maintaining the hall's historical integrity while enhancing its functionality.

"The Riverton Community Hall has long stood

as a symbol of civic pride and community spirit," Mayor Allan Aughey OAM said.

"This significant investment by the State Government recognises both the historical value of the hall and its continued role as a vital gathering place for our residents.

"The refurbishment project will ensure the hall is not only preserved for future generations, but also made fit for contemporary community use.

"On behalf of Council, I extend our sincere gratitude for this support, which reflects a shared commitment to strengthening the social fabric of our regions."

The Council's commitment to the Riverton Community Hall refurbishment reflects a broader strategy to invest in facilities that foster community engagement and support regional development.

The refurbishment project is expected to commence within six months and be completed within two years, aligning with the grant program's requirements.

This initiative will revitalise a key community asset, ensuring it continues to serve as a vibrant venue for events and gatherings in the Riverton area.

ENDS

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GATHER AND GROW TOGETHER

Come and experience a nurturing community where we can grow in faith and deepen our connections. Be a part of discussions about the deeper and important things in life, and enjoy uplifting fellowship in a welcoming atmosphere.

Fortnightly Women's Study

Commencing Friday 1 August 2025

Saddleworth Lutheran Church Hall

10:30am - 12:00pm

Next session Friday 15 August 2025

Facilitator: Bronwyn Przybyla

Please call **0414 520 613** (after 4pm)
if you want to join us or would like to know
more.

You don't need to be a "Church-goer"
or even a believer.

Come along just as you are.
Any stage of life. Any age. Any background.



Pop-Up Pianos

Piano+
Piano Plus Australia

Community Concerts

To celebrate the year of the piano and the new ABC series,

The Piano, the ABC and Piano Plus Australia have delivered

up to 20 pre-loved pianos donated by organisations and

the general public to towns across the country and our community has received one of these.

To mark this piano's arrival, the Lions Club of Gilbert Valley,

the custodians of this asset, will be hosting a free musical afternoon including afternoon tea.

Date: Sunday 21st September 2025

Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Location: Riverton Community Hall Supper Room

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



Riverton School Community Library

August 2025



TLR Library News



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



WE ARE OPEN!

As you may be aware, we had to suddenly close our lovely old library building in the last week of last term. The timing and speed of this closure was out of our hands, so we sincerely apologise for any disruption or inconvenience it may have caused. As we also had not yet appointed our new CLA and I was on Year 9 camp that week, our wonderful High School staff, in particular our School Support Officers, stepped in to facilitate the challenges this week provided. This included our very successful Liz Harfull Author Event, (which had to be held in a different space) and the complex logistics of moving our whole library to a new space, on site. I want to thank Lisa-Lee Anderson and Julie Johnson in particular for their efforts during this time, along with our new Principal, Joelene Anderson. Griffiths also played a huge role in carefully relocating and managing the heavy lifting!



From
this...

To this!



During the two week holiday break, we worked feverishly to ensure that our library was back up and functioning in time for Week One of Term 3. Whilst it is a smaller space, we are very happy to provide a warm, flat (!) safe space for you to now call your Community Library. **Our new entrance** is just a couple of school gates down from the old entrance, so we are still on Frederick Place; look for the flag during our usual opening hours. Our **After Hours Returns Box** is also situated where you can access it easily from Frederick Street.

Our Non-Fiction collection could not fit into the new space, but you are able to borrow it via requesting a hold through our PC catalogue in the library, or on the Libraries SA App. We look forward to you next visit, when you can see our new space and meet our friendly staff - Community Library Aide, Natasha and Sue, Teacher Librarian.

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Trophy Returns Home



On Saturday 26th July Mr Philip Duigan, President of the Dashwood Gully Cricket Club, Kangarilla, travelled to Riverton football oval to find a final resting place for a football trophy, initially from Marrabel Football Club, dated 1939, that his family had in their possession.

The trophy had gained some notoriety as a defacto trophy for a Centenary Boxing Day cricket match at the Duigan property, Pakhurst Estate, Kangarilla, in 1999. The match was something of a re-enactment with period dress worn by all 22 players, with somewhat modified rules. Due to the significance of the Centenary match, it was decided that a trophy was needed. A member of the club discovered the trophy (pictured) in an antique shop in Ballarat and thought that it was appropriate for the occasion.

Philip Duigan rediscovered the trophy while decluttering and thought that it should be returned to either the Slattery family or Marrabel Football Club.

Through researching Riverton via the internet and finding Kaye McInerney as one of the editors of The Local Rag, a phone conversation began the following story.

The story began with the Marrabel Football Club in 1939. The "Fairest and Most Brilliant" trophy that year was presented to W (Bill) Slattery by Mr HS (Harold) Rowett ESQ of Marrabel. Bill Slattery had also played league football for North Adelaide.

He lived at Waterloo with his wife, Jean, in a

house and farm just north of Waterloo. They didn't have any children and there are no known descendants to whom to return the trophy.

Bill was a fine athlete and quite a character. Not unlike a lot of those with an Irish history at that time, he didn't mind a drink (or two) and was known to have bet on anything that moved.

Presenter of the trophy was Harold Rowett, a former player and administrator at Marrabel Football Club.

As many know, Marrabel Football Club no longer exists as an individual club. Saddleworth and Marrabel football clubs amalgamated in 1964 and Saddleworth/Marrabel amalgamated with Riverton in 1976, now called RSMU or the Mighty Hawks.

President of RSMU Football Club, Steve Ball, received a phone call late Friday night that Philip Duigan was coming to the game at Riverton next day to reunite the trophy with its rightful owners. Consequently, there was only time for a quiet, personal handover of the trophy which I believe suited Philip well.

Philip, his son, Henry, and grandson, Malee, met with RSMU President, Steve Ball, Harold Rowett's grandson, Ian, and great grandson, David, both of whom have been and are still actively involved in RSMU (see photos). Later, Mitchell Rowett, Harold's great great grandson, a talented young junior and future star for RSMU, was also able to have a photo with Philip.

The trophy will be refurbished and remain in the RSMU Clubrooms at Riverton.



JINGLES GARDEN

Members garden in their allocated, individual plots.
They also grow chrysanthemums, berries,
fruits and vegetables in other plots where
surplus produce is available for sale.

Members meet on Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.30am
New members are welcome!

Enquiries, Contact the Coordinator:
Leon Schwarz Ph 0476 913 612

Jingles Garden is a sub-committee of Riverton Community Management Committee

Friends of the Women's and Children's Hospital
Tarlee / Stockport Auxillary

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Save the Date

Tuesday 4 November 2025
Riverton Recreation Ground

More information to come soon
For enquiries, contact Jackie on 0439 848 719





Tarlee Celebrates Strength in Community with Collaborative Art Project

By Alex Roberts

If you were walking past the outdoor dining area of the Tarlee Bakery around 1:30pm on Monday 23rd of June, no doubt you would have felt the buzz of excitement around the unveiling of the incredible mosaic that now hangs proudly for all to marvel at. Tarlee has once again proven that when regional South Australians come together, remarkable things happen.

In a heartfelt celebration of teamwork, creativity and generosity, community members gathered to recognise the many hands that brought a unique new feature to life in the heart of town.

Six Months of Passion and Purpose

What started as a simple idea grew over six months into a vibrant symbol of Tarlee's spirit. The idea of creating something as a thank you for Scott and Shannon Mullins and all they do for the community, resulted in something truly spectacular. The project, spearheaded by a dedicated group of local women known as the *Tarlee Mosaic Group* — Alison Brandsma, Sue Decristofaro, Rosemary Dunn, Tracy Butter and Pam Hill — became a labour of love, fuelled by patience, encouragement, and shared wisdom. Their commitment to the community was acknowledged with sincere thanks.

The installation, rich in history and personal meaning, incorporates tiles, mirrors, crockery,

and jewellery — items donated and repurposed to reflect the charm and stories of Tarlee's past.

Bringing It All Together

Gavin Dunn engineered the stainless steel frame to support the giant artwork and essential forklift support needed to delicately move the two pieces into place. Ian 'Chippa' Andrews and Peter Dunn, were also part of the team charged with the hands-on installation process.

Sue, Rosemary and Gavin, all spoke to the crowd giving an insight to the hours of work that went into the project as well as thanking the many people who helped the project come to life; Raylee and Paul Vokes, Merran and Brenton Riddle and the Tarlee Hall and Community Services Inc.



A Broader Message

Tarlee Hall and Community Services Inc Chairman Andy Theobald opened the event welcoming everyone to the celebration. Clare and Gilbert Valleys Mayor Alan Aughey gave an entertaining address to the crowd highlighting the importance of small communities in regional South Australia reminding us that there is **"Strength in community — we are better together."** Member for Frome Penny Pratt and Councillor Ann Alder were also among the guests in attendance. Mayor Aughey had the pleasure

of unveiling the mosaic to the crowd brimming with anticipation and collective admiration.

In true Tarlee fashion, the project stands as a reminder that when we work as one, we not only build something beautiful — we build lasting friendships and a stronger future for all.

The mosaic can be visited during Tarlee Bakery's opening hours. Children can also be involved in a 'Spot The...' activity by collecting the sheet and pencils from the inside the bakery.



A poster for the Clare Valley Country Cabinet 2025. It features a photograph of a vineyard at sunset. The text on the poster includes "CLARE VALLEY COUNTRY CABINET 2025", "Bringing communities and government together", "Come and have your say", "Join the Premier of South Australia, ministers and members of the state government to discuss what matters most to you.", "Come along to a free community BBQ and forum.", "Sunday 24 August 2025, 3-5.30pm", "Clare High School", "Elliot Street, Clare", "BBQ 3pm", "FORUM 4pm", "Scan to register now", a QR code, and logos for SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Government of South Australia, and the website countrycabinet.sa.gov.au.

A festive poster for the Riverton Christmas Carnival & Parade. It features a cartoon illustration of a gnome with a red and white polka-dot hat and a white beard. The text on the poster includes "Ho! Ho! Help!", "Riverton Christmas Carnival & Parade Committee urgently needs people to assist with organising the parade and activities that follow.", "The annual Christmas Parade & Carnival is held in December and enjoyed by the entire community.", "Many hands create light work", "If willing to help, please contact", "Cassy Griffiths 0429472534". The poster is decorated with holly leaves and red stars.

August SALA Exhibitions

The South Australian Living Artists (SALA) started in 1998 with the idea to better connect artists to audiences with about 50 exhibitions. This year South Australians can be proud to be supporting the biggest open access visual arts exhibition in the world with over 700 events exhibiting over 10,500 artists, ranging from emerging, established and internationally recognised artists.

Riverton residents are invited to visit the following exhibitions (details below).



SALA Young Creatives in the Riverton Library

This August, the skilled and talented students of Riverton and District High School are featured in a display in the Community Library for South Australian Living Artists (SALA) festival. There are works in both the Visual Arts and Design and Technologies learning areas from years 8 to 12, from tasks that are as diverse as portraiture and furniture making. Come along and see the work while exploring our new



library space!

The library is open on Tuesdays from 2 to 6pm, Wednesdays to Fridays 9am to 5pm and Saturdays 9 to 11am.

James Butler and Leanne Hamilton-Kinnear

Tarlee Mosaic Mural (See separate Article)

A huge mosaic visual depiction of Tarlee, showcasing the beauty of hidden treasures and history of Tarlee can be seen at the Tarlee Bakery, 50 Gilbert St, Tarlee. Open Mon – Sun 9am – 3pm

Birds of a Feather SALA @ Three Valleys Gin

68 Torrens Rd Riverton Every Sunday in August from 11 to 4 pm

Three Valleys Gin is delighted to be hosting an exhibition this year for SALA. The exhibition highlights artworks from our distillers as well as their close friends, demonstrating that their creativity extends beyond the bottle! The artwork presented is varied, some thoughtful, asking questions of construction and process, some playful and others quirky. The artwork is nevertheless approachable and affordable. What binds our artists and distillers all together is the passion to create and reflect, they are all birds of this feather.

The artwork is displayed in the distillery door, central hallway and the old formal room – art nestled within a domestic setting, within Glenferrie house. There are paintings – acrylics, oils, watercolours, lino prints, AI generated images, cards and mini-prints with birdlife as the dominant subject.

So, come and enjoy the distiller's product at the bar and their creations on the wall. To celebrate the event, Three Valleys are releasing a 200ml celebratory SALA @ Three Valleys gin – only available at the distillery door.

Robert (Alf) & Alison Mitchell Hannaford



This year The Light Gallery in Riverton, displaying works of Robert (Alf) Hannaford & Alison Mitchell Hannaford, will not be open during SALA. Instead, Robert and Alison will be part of the ILA, Immersive Light and Art display at Lv1, 63 Light Square, Adelaide, open from August 7-28, Monday, Friday – Sunday, 11am – 4pm.



With the title, *Coffee, Turps and Devotion*, this exhibition brings together recent drawings, paintings and sculpture by two local accomplished and highly respected artists at the Light Room Gallery at ILA. If you are visiting the city or have friends who live in Adelaide, this will certainly be an exhibition worth visiting.

Tuesday mornings at 10.30am

All welcome to come along!

EMPORIUM BAKEHOUSE



Blacksmiths Competition

Organised by the Artist Blacksmiths Association from Adelaide. Visitors will be able to watch 9 Blacksmiths working over 3 x 1 hour sessions. Completed work will be on display outside.

Hosted by SCHOLZ PARK MUSEUM

Local residents from Riverton and the surrounding district will be able to register for a **FREE BBQ** sausage, donut and coffee or soft drink on the day.

The BBQ, Donuts and Soft Drink will be provided by the Gilbert Valley Lions Club. The Coffee will be provided by the Emporium Café.

Scholz Park Museum, RSL museum and some other businesses will be also be open to visitors.



Date:

**Sunday 28th
September 2025**



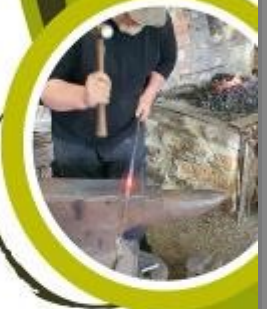
Time:

**12.00pm -
4.00pm**

Register on the day or contact, by email:

Grant Hovey - granthovey@bigpond.com

Greg McLeod - gmcLeod@primus.com.au



Riverton Bowling Club Seeking members for Thursday Pennants & Saturday Pennants



rivertonbowlingclub@gmail.com



Riverton Bowling Club



The Three Valleys Story

Three Valleys came into existence, like many good ideas (and perhaps some bad ones) over a long lunch with friends. We were/are all looking to retire in the next five years, but wanted a project to retire into – and a new challenge. We all like a good gin, and thought why not give it a crack!!

We have 15 in our Three Valleys family, with a range of various jobs (or past jobs) and we all have been able to add differing skills to the venture. Carlo, our mechanical engineer helped us construct and install a still that has yet to explode (don't worry – we have been inspected and been passed by WorkSafe SA!), Justin the winemaker from Reilly's wines who impressed on us how the mouthfeel is all and Sonya who has a super palate – a particular gift that enables someone to be able to detect the different flavours that make up a wine – or a gin. Gerry, Sabine, Sonya and Steve became our distillers – who have the right combination of flair and science, with Chris and Phil will join them in training this year.

Peter and Carolyn had recently bought Glenferrie in Riverton, which contained the previous owner Chris Klæbe's pride and joy – a 5 car shed. An idea started to germinate... When the Three Valleys family came up to Riverton we all felt the charm of the town and the house and decided to base our gin venture here, and re-purpose the shed into a distillery. We wanted our gins to reflect the history and the region – the three valleys of Clare, Gilbert and Barossa.

Our first gins were inspired by the Rieslings of the Clare and Barossa, and the Gilbert Valley was represented by the Assassin, named after the assassination of Percy Brookfield at Riverton in the 1920s (well we could hardly call it The Percy). Since the initial three we have made another three – and have whisky maturing in barrels!

Whilst our distillers have been tutored by other distillers in town, and have done training through Adelaide University the making of gin has been a fascinating and interesting journey for all of us in the group. But, not without success – perhaps to our surprise our gins have won 5 silver medals and 2 bronze medals in gin competitions – not too shabby we feel for gin coming from the back shed!

The last Sunday of every month we open our distillery door for tastings and chatting. We are only small but Peter and Carolyn, assisted by Stan and Carmel and others from the group, would love you to pop in to your local distillery so we can share some gin and more stories!

Peter Bampton



Cuzz's Corner

A recently arrived immigrant was sitting at his home, terrified after watching a game of Aussie Rules Football.

His house mate came home and saw how scared he was, so asked what was wrong.

"I'm never going back to the Adelaide Oval again!!" said the new arrival, "After the game I saw thousands of people running around the car park yelling, 'We were robbed, we were robbed!!'"

One optimistic farmer in the County of Clare gave hot water to his hens.

He wanted them to lay boiled eggs.

My wife has just delivered twin boys and let me name them.

From her reaction I'm guessing 'Pete' and 'Repeat' wasn't the best choice.

If you're using public transport, never give up your seat to an old lady.

That's how my uncle lost his job as a bus driver.



AN OUTFIT FOR THE BRIDE

Kitty set off to the Op Shop
She wanted to buy a new dress
For her upcoming nuptials
And she knew she had to impress.

Hilma and Effie looked at each other,
They knew Kitty very, very well.
From past experiences they were aware,
Kitty was the customer from Hell.

'It is a wedding dress I am looking for,

'I was thinking of something in dark green.'

Effie suggested that it may be best
To select something in pale blue or cream.

'I don't want anything too fancy,' said Kitty,

'It's only going to be a little do
'To be held in my backyard so,
'I won't be inviting either of youse!'

A suitable ensemble was purchased,
Deep down Kitty wasn't so sure.
She decided to choose something else
And flung open her wardrobe doors.

After examining most of her outfits,
Slowly one after the other,
She decided on a dark green pants suit,
That had once belonged to her mother!

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Riverton Community Management Committee

Chairperson - John Glistak
Vice Chairperson - Leon Schwarz
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Treasurer - Ruth Stevens
Public Officer - Jackie Bruce

Committee Members -
Gary Davis, Di Schwarz &
Jodie Stone

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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